



**DAYS 8**  
**FROM RM 4558**

#### DEPARTURE DATES

**Every Saturday**

#### EXPECTED HOTELS

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's "My Trip" page.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE

The high-speed trains included in your trip has a maximum luggage allowance of 20 k/ person.



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## CLASSICAL SPAIN

### 01 SAT. Madrid – Arrival.–

**TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS:** Transfer to the hotel. Evening transport to the Gran Vía district. Welcome to Madrid!

Upon arriving at the airport we will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. You can enjoy free time until the beginning of your tour. Please, check the informative posters placed at the hotel reception area which have all the information about the welcome meeting with your guide and fellow travelers. Towards the end of the day, we provide **transfers to the Egyptian Debd Temple, Plaza de España and Gran Vía**; a vibrant district where you can dine at your preferred restaurant: Indian, Chinese, Spanish and Middle Eastern are some of the options available.

### 02 SUN. Madrid.–

**TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS:** Madrid city tour. Stroll through the Retiro Park. Visit to the Las Ventas bullring. Evening transfer.

The morning starts with a **comprehensive tour** through the center of Madrid including the Paseo del Prado, Cibeles, Neptuno, the Gate of Alcalá, Plaza de Colón and Plaza Mayor. We then will visit Retiro Park, an oasis in the city center, where we will see the lake and the Glass Palace. A visit to **Las Ventas Bullring (admission included)** is next. This is one of the most famous bullrings in the world where we will learn about the tradition of the corridas at the Bullfighting Museum. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your own leisure. At sunset we will provide a **transfer to Plaza de Oriente**, opposite the Royal Palace, an elegant and bustling area with many restaurants serving different cuisines, such as local Spanish food, international and Chinese. Enjoy a pleasant dinner of your choice. At the end of the evening we will return to the hotel.

### 03 MON. Madrid – Granada.–

**TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS:** Lunch included. Entrance and local guide in the Alhambra (if you bought the trip with the entrance included). Evening transfer.

We leave Madrid in the early morning. We travel to the south across La Mancha, stopping in **PUERTO LAPICE**, a manchego village evoking the figure of Don Quixote. We will enter **Andalusia** via Despeñarros, arriving in **GRANADA**. **Lunch included**. In the afternoon, if you bought the trip with the entrance included, we will visit **with a local guide** the immense **Alhambra Palace** and its beautiful Generalife gardens, built in Arabian times. In the evening we

visit the **Albaicín district** of Granada, a World Heritage site along with the Alhambra, where you can enjoy dinner in the narrow winding streets of this captivating Medieval Moorish quarter. Tonight, you have the option to attend a flamenco dance show and the traditional neighborhood of Sacromonte.

**VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:** The number of people authorized to visit the Alhambra is limited by law. The number of places assigned to tour operators is small and we are only given the quota one month before arrival. Even if you buy the trip with the ticket included, we cannot guarantee a visit to the Alhambra (if these tickets cannot be offered, the Reales Alcáceres in Seville, which is similar, would be visited and a sightseeing tour with a local guide of the city of Granada would also be offered). If the visit to the Alhambra is very important to you, we suggest you purchase the trip without tickets (the lowest price) and book your tickets on-line from the quota for individuals on the heritage website <https://www.alhambra.org>.

### 04 TUE. Granada – Malaga – Marbella – Ronda – Seville.–

**TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS:** Costa del Sol and the Andalusian village of Ronda.

Departing from Granada and travelling towards the **Costa del Sol**, we will arrive in **MALAGA** and explore its historic city center, with its cathedral and the Picasso Museum. After this we will continue along the coastal motorway with beautiful views of the Mediterranean. Stopping in **PUERTO BANUS**, Marbella, a beautiful resort known as the playground of Europe's rich and famous. In the afternoon we will continue through the hills until we reach **RONDA**, a very beautiful white town with its large gorge that divides it in two. Then we will travel onward to **SEVILLE**, arrival sometime in the late afternoon.

### 05 WED. Seville.–

**TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS:** Guided visit with local expert in Seville. Boat trip along the river Guadalquivir. Night transfer to the historic center.

After breakfast, a local expert will guide you on a **scenic visit of Seville** featuring the Cathedral and its famous Giralda (bell tower), the banks of the Guadalquivir River, popular neighborhoods of Santa Cruz and Triana and the beautiful Plaza de España. After the visit, we will include a **boat trip along the river Guadalquivir**, enjoying the panoramic views from the boat. Afterwards, you will



MALAGA

have free time to explore at your own leisure. At the end of the afternoon, we will go to the **historic city center area** (Calle Alfonso XII) where there are many different types of restaurants for you to choose from.

**06 THU. Seville- Zaragoza - Poblet - Montserrat - Barcelona.-**

**TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS:** High-speed train from Seville to Zaragoza; Monastery of Poblet, rack train to Montserrat.

Leaving Seville in the early morning, you will be transferred to the train station to take a comfortable **high-speed train to Zaragoza**. In a little under four hours, you will cover the 850 km between Seville and Zaragoza.

In **ZARAGOZA** you will join the group and have free time to visit this impressive Pilar Basilica and enjoy the city center. We continue to the **Monastery of Poblet**, surrounded by its walls in a beautiful site that is one of the best-preserved medieval monasteries in the world (**entrance and guided tour included**). We then proceed to the **Monastery of Montserrat** where you will go up the mountain on a **rack train** to see its fantastic scenery. Following this we will continue to **BARCELONA**, arriving in the late- afternoon.

**Note:** In the winter months, from November to March, due to the shorter days, we will not visit the Monastery of Poblet in order to reach Montserrat in the daylight.

**Note:** The guide will only travel on the train if the group is over 15 passengers.

**07 FRI. Barcelona.-**

**TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS:** Barcelona city tour. Spanish Village visit and evening transfer to Las Ramblas district.

Today we will explore Barcelona, an impressive city right on the Mediterranean Sea. Starting by an informative **city tour with a local expert** (note: If the group has fewer than fifteen people, explanations can be given by our guide.) We will also visit the city's historic central area with its Gothic neighborhood dating back to the Middle Ages. We will visit the area where the Olympic Games took place. We will also get the chance to see La Sagrada Familia Basilica, the masterpiece designed by the architect Gaudí.

Following this, we include the **entry ticket to visit Poble Espanyol** (meaning Spanish Village). This open-air architectural museum is situated in one of the most emblematic areas of Barcelona. Enjoy the Spanish craftsmanship and discover the architectural styles, traditions and folklore of the different regions that make up Spain. You will then have some free time to explore the city at your own leisure.

In the evening we provide a **transfer to Las Ramblas and the Plaza Catalunya** area for dinner, where you can choose from a wide variety of restaurants. We will return to the hotel in the late evening.

**08 SAT. Barcelona - Paris.-**

**TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS:** high-speed train to Paris.

After breakfast we will transfer you to the train station to catch the **high-speed train to Paris**. The train is comfortable and the journey takes you through wonderful landscapes. The train journey takes 6 hours 30 minutes.

**Note:** The guide will only travel on the train if the group is over 15 passengers.



BARCELONA



GRANADA

**THE PRICE INCLUDES**

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Boat:** Guadalquivir river in Seville
- **City tour in:** Madrid, Seville, Barcelona
- **Evening Transfer:** Debod Temple, Plaza de España and Gran Vía in Madrid, Plaza de Oriente in Madrid, Albaicín in Granada, Historic center of Seville, Ramblas and Plaza de Catalunya in Barcelona.
- **Ticket admission:** Las Ventas bullring in Madrid, Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens (if included in the tour) in Granada, Poblet Monastery, Poble Espanyol in Barcelona.
- **1 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Granada.
- **Train:** Montserrat.
- **High Speed Train:** Seville- Zaragoza.



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