INSIGHT VACATIONS

Amazing Spain and Portugal





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Day 1 | Welcome to Madrid



While in Madrid, explore the elegant boulevards, expansive parks and varied architectural styles. Join your Travel Director for dinner at a local restaurant and enjoy the opportunity to get to know your fellow travelers over a delightful evening of good food and wine.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: The Westin Madrid Cuzco

Day 2 | The old capital of Toledo and on to Granada



Visit the fascinating city of Toledo, situated high above the River Tagus. This was Spain's capital during the Golden Era, where Arab, Jewish and Christian cultures flourished side-by-side through the Middle Ages. As Toledo is widely recognized as the European capital of Damascene Steel Art, here you will meet a local artisan in a Damascene workshop for a personal insight into this ancient craft, handed down by the Moors centuries ago. Then enjoy a walk within the city walls of Toledo, through the narrow cobbled streets, led by your Local Expert. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, housing El Greco's famous painting, 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz'.

Your journey continues to Granada.'

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Vincci Albayzín, Granada

Day 3 | The Alhambra Palace and Seville, City of Carmen



"Give him alms, woman, because there is nothing sadder in life than being blind in Granada," proclaims the inscription on the walls of the Alhambra. Bathed in the morning light, the Alhambra Palace awaits — a fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Explore this architectural masterpiece in the company of your Local Expert before visiting the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the serene summer retreat of the Nasrid rulers. Take a moment to unwind in the sunshine and admire the views over the town and its three verdant hills. Later, journey on to Seville, Andalucía's spirited capital, where orange-scented courtyards and sun-dappled plazas set the scene for the days ahead.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Meliá Sevilla, Seville

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Andalusian Evening & The Atmosphere Of Old Seville - Enjoy a delicious array of alluring Andalusian specialties in a local restaurant with wine included. Perhaps round off the evening with a stroll through the atmospheric squares and lanes of Seville's old quarter, which has a magical charm by night.
Adult: 69.00 EUR

Day 4 | Seville, the City of Carmen



Enjoy a relaxed start or choose to join one of two Optional Experiences: admire the architectural elegance of Pilatos Palace, or explore the Alcázar of Seville and nearby Plaza América, home to graceful pavilions from the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition. Continue exploring the city with a Local Expert and stroll through the atmospheric Santa Cruz Quarter. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world and the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. In the evening, take part in a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Cristina Heeren Foundation. Try your hand at flamenco during a lively dance lesson, then witness this expressive art form brought vividly to life in a passionate performance.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Meliá Sevilla, Seville

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Pilatos Palace and Plaza América Visit - Explore the fusion of Mudéjar, Gothic and Renaissance styles at Pilatos Palace. Wander peaceful courtyards, admire Roman statuary and ornate tilework, and learn how this 16th-century palace shaped Andalusian design. Afterwards, visit Plaza América, a showcase of neo-Renaissance and neo-Mudéjar architecture from the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition.
Adult: 57.00 EUR

Seville Alcázar and Plaza América - Visit the royal Alcázar, famed for its exquisite tilework and tranquil gardens. Discover centuries of Spanish history before continuing to Plaza América, home to elegant pavilions from the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition.
Adult: 57.00 EUR

Day 5 | Évora and on to Lisbon



Continue to the lively university town of Évora, one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Portugal, with architectural styles dating back to Roman times. Visit the fascinating Capela dos Ossos, a chapel decorated with 5,000 bones, before making your way to Lisbon, where an Optional Experience offers dinner in a family-run restaurant serving seasonal Portuguese seafood.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Inspira Liberdade Boutique, Lisbon

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

An Evening in the Heart of Lisbon - Meet your Local Expert at Restauradores Square and set off on a leisurely stroll through the heart of Lisbon. As you wander from Praça Rossio through the elegant Baixa district, you'll uncover striking sights and stories. See St George's Castle, the majestic Santa Justa lift, Lisbon's Cathedral and more. During your walking tour, take a moment to relax with an aperitif in one of the city's main squares.
Adult: 43.00 EUR

Seafood Dinner By The Tagus River - As evening light settles over Lisbon's tiled facades and broad plazas, join locals in a venerable neighborhood restaurant known for traditional Portuguese seafood. Seasonal dishes reflect the city's long Atlantic story, prepared using family recipes passed through generations in tucked-away quarters of the capital.

Adult: 76.00 EUR

Day 6 | Lisbon and the Age of the Discoveries



During your stay, a guided sightseeing tour of the city with your Local Expert takes you to visit the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years. View the Monument to the Discoveries and the historic Belém Tower. This fortress was originally set in the middle of the river, but is now left high and dry on the riverbank. Visit the National Coach Museum. With the afternoon at your leisure, consider joining an Optional Experience to the beautiful Portuguese Riviera.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Inspira Liberdade Boutique, Lisbon

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Excursion to the Royal Portuguese Riviera - Like the Kings of Portugal before you, travel along the Portuguese Riviera. With your Local Expert, see the glamorous resort of Cascais and the wealthy playground of Estoril, with its famous Casino and learn of the inspiring people who frequented Portugal's Golden Triangle. Finally, a visit to an impressive Royal Palace - all veritable jewels in the crown of Portugal.
Adult: 60.00 EUR

Fado Evening - Known as ''the soul of the Portuguese identity'', Fado is the emotive national song. Take in an unmissable performance of this UNESCO-recognized art in one of the country's famed Fado houses. To complete the experience, savor a typical Portuguese dinner with drinks included.
Adult: 83.00 EUR

Day 7 | Holy Fátima and Salamanca



Travel into the green hills north of Lisbon to visit Fátima, the most celebrated place of pilgrimage in Portugal. Visit the chapel commemorating the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three children in 1917. Cross the border, returning to Spain and continue to Salamanca, famous for its golden stone buildings and the handsome arcades of the Plaza Mayor. Across the River Tormes, see the Puente Romano with 15 of its 26 arches dating from the time of the ancient Romans.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Alameda Palace, Salamanca

Day 8 | Ávila and Madrid



Cross the rock-strewn hills of the Castile, to arrive at Ávila. Admire the impressive city still entirely enclosed within its 11th-century walls, a unique occurrence in Europe. Return to Madrid to explore more of the capital with your Local Expert. At a local restaurant, join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a lively dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Meliá Princesa, Madrid

Day 9 | Depart Madrid



Today, your remarkable journey comes to an end as you transfer to the Madrid-Barajas Airport. Take a moment to reflect on the unforgettable experiences, meaningful connections and enriching encounters that have shaped your travels.

Meals: Breakfast

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