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Experience historical sights alongside icons of Spanish art and literature. See masterpieces by Velázquez, the windmills of Cervantes's *Don Quixote*, and the famous Alhambra in Granada. From Madrid's Royal Palace to the Cathedral of Toledo to Seville's Alcázar, discover the many religious and cultural influences that have made Spain the eclectic country it is today.

Everything you get:

Round-trip flights



Comfortable motorcoach



European breakfast and dinner daily



Entrance to: Prado; Royal Palace; Toledo Cathedral; Church of Santo Tomé; Synagogue; Alhambra; Seville Alcázar; Seville Cathedral; With extension: St. Michael's Cave

You can add optional activities to your tour. Additional costs apply.

Day 1: Fly overnight to Spain

Day 2: Madrid

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport
- Take a walking tour of Madrid
- Visit the Prado

Day 3: Madrid

- Take a guided tour of Madrid:
 Puerta del Sol; Plaza Mayor
- Visit the Palacio Royal
- Optional: El Escorial and the Valley of the Fallen

Day 4: Toledo | Granada

- Take a guided tour of Toledo
- Visit Toledo Cathedral
- Visit the Church of Santo Tomé
- Visit a synagogue
- Travel to Consuegra
- See Don Quixote's windmills
- Continue on to Granada

Day 5: Granada | Seville

- Take a guided tour of Granada
- Visit the Alhambra
- Travel to Seville
- Optional: Seville Flamenco Evening

Day 6: Seville | Costa del Sol

- Take a guided tour of Seville
- Visit the Seville Alcázar
- Visit the Seville Cathedral
- Take a walking tour of Seville
- Travel to the Costa del Sol

Day 7: Costa del Sol

- Enjoy a free day on the Costa del Sol
- Optional: Morocco

Day 8: Costa del Sol

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Day 9: Depart for home

1-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 9: Gibraltar | Costa del Sol

- Take an excursion to Gibraltar
- Visit St. Michael's Cave

Day 10: Depart for home

Granada

Widely recognized as the world's premier example of Moorish architecture, the Alhambra is Granada's crowning jewel. Built as an all-in-one alcazaba (fortress), alcazarl (palace) and small medina (city), the Alhambra was home to the last of the Nasrid Sultans. Elaborately embellished in the 14th century and surrounded by lush green trees, Moorish poets described it as "a pearl set in emeralds." See the exotic mosaics, fountains, latticed windows, arabesques and ornamented courtyards that made this vast stronghold worthy of royal occupancy. Here, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella agreed to finance the historic voyage of Christopher Columbus.



Alhambra Palace Granada, Spain



Seville

City of bullfights, flamenco dancing, Don Juan and Carmen, Seville is the heartbeat of Andalusian culture. Follow narrow, twisting alleys through the Barrio de Santa Cruz with your local guide, where picturesque whitewashed houses, flower-filled patios and tiled benches are pleasant reminders of an unhurried lifestyle. Pass by Maria Louisa Park to admire the mosaics and fountains of Plaza de España, centerpiece of the 1929 lbero-American Fair. Visit the Moorish Alcázar and the grave of Christopher Columbus, inside Seville's Cathedral. And imagine the spectacle of a traditional Spanish bullfight at the Plaza de Toros, celebrated for its Baroque architecture and historical significance.

Plaza de España Seville, Spain

Madrid

Travel back in time to Spain's Golden Age! Your sightseeing tour takes you to the Puerta del Sol, the heart of this Spanish capital. At Plaza Mayor, you'll learn about this grand square's history of bullfights, royal weddings and public executions. At the Prado art museum, behold paintings like Velázquez's Las Meninas and Goya's paired canvases. Continue to the green gardens and monuments of the Plaza de Oriente before visiting the extravagant Palacio Real for a taste of royal Madrid. Wander the fabulous interior of this palace, which contains more than 2,000 rooms decked in extravagant frescoes, delicate porcelain wares and finely woven rugs.



Plaza de la Cibeles Madrid, Spain

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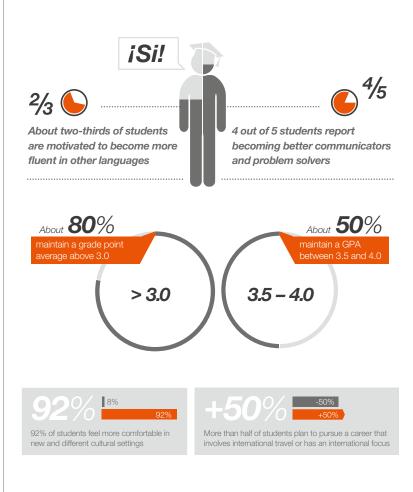
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