



# Spain & Portugal 2024

Barcelona, Madrid, Lisbon,  
Fatima, Toledo, Merida,  
Obidos, Tomar, Evora, Bathala,  
Queluz and More!

*Experience some of the most renowned sites and cities that Spain and Portugal have to offer. Magnificent cathedrals, splendid royal palaces, Roman ruins, excellent museums, scenic beauty, fascinating history, great food, unique shopping and time for personal exploration, all combine to make this an adventure you will remember for a lifetime.*

## Day 1 June 6

### Depart for Lisbon, Portugal

Depart New Orleans airport for Lisbon, Portugal, a small country with an extraordinary variety of attractions, rich traditions and a people whose warmth is legendary.

## Day 2 – 6 Lisbon June 7 - June 11

### Lisbon, Fatima, Queluz, Obidos, Tomar, Nazare, Batalha

Arrive in Lisbon, the capitol of Portugal. On your city tour, experience the most famous sights that Lisbon has to offer including Belem Tower\*, and the beautiful Jeronimos Monastery, decorated with vaulted arcades and richly carved columns, it is considered one of the finest monuments of Portugal. The Barrio Alto and Madragora, the Baixa, the Praca de Comercio, Gubenkian Modern Art Center, the Cathedral and the Visigoth fortification of St. George Castle are among the many attractions of Lisbon.





During your free time in Lisbon, stroll down the wide, tree-lined avenues graced by Art Nouveau buildings, mosaic pavements and street cafes that lie in its heart. Explore the city's excellent art museums, go shopping, or walk the Baixa quarter or the Alfama district, Lisbon's oldest surviving quarter. Visit Queluz, the Summer Palace of the Kings of Portugal - a brilliant example of the Rococo in Portugal. Embark on an excursion to Obidos with its castle, 14th century medieval walls and pretty whitewashed houses. Another visit in this region will be Batalha\* and its Maria da Vitoria Monastery, a masterpiece of Portuguese Gothic architecture. Visit Fatima, a world famous pilgrimage site. Visit the Chapel of Apparitions marking the spot where the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to three young shepherd children. Explore historic Tomar\*, and visit the refuge of the Knights Templar with its unique Manueline architecture.

### Day 7 Merida June 12

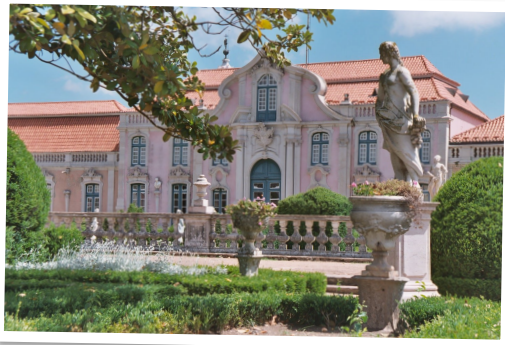
#### Evora, Merida

Transfer to Merida, Spain stopping for a visit in Evora\*, a UNESCO World Heritage site with the reputation of being a "living museum". Visit the Cathedral and the Roman Temple of Diana, one of the major monuments of the city. Merida originally lay at the crossroads of ancient Roman roads and has some of the finest ancient Roman architecture in Spain. During your tour of this city, visit the Roman theater the city's centerpiece and one of the best-preserved Roman ruins in the world\*.

### Day 8 – 11 Madrid June 13 - June 16

#### Madrid, Toledo

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Madrid, an elegant city that once ruled the world - Plaza de Espana, the monumental 'Puerta del Sol', Retiro Park, the Gran Via, a major city thoroughfare, the Castellana Avenue with its stately buildings, and more. Visit the El Prado Museum and enjoy the art treasures showcased in this museum - masters such as Velasquez, Goya, Titian, and Rubens. Enter the Royal Palace built by the Bourbon Kings, see its priceless art treasures, richly appointed rooms and lavish throne room. Travel to Toledo\* and visit the magnificent cathedral built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, see the Synagogue del Retiro and other points of interest. Visit the church of St. Tome and view El Greco's masterpiece, "The Burial of Count Orgaz". During your free time in Madrid, you may choose to visit one of the many museums, relax in Retiro Park, sample "tapas" in one of the many plazas or shop for Spanish crafts.







## Day 12 – 15 Barcelona June 17 - June 20

### Barcelona

Barcelona, site of the 1992 Olympics and capitol of Catalonia, is perfectly situated to make it the principal Spanish seaport. Barcelona is a city of broad avenues, striking architecture, lively nightlife and it has the reputation as the best place to enjoy Catalonian cuisine. On your panoramic city tour, see the Barcelona Cathedral, Casa Mila\*, the Christopher Columbus monument, and the magnificent beaches of the Costa Brava. Visit famous Sagrada Familia, an astounding cathedral still under construction and the famous Park Guell\*. From Roman ruins to Gothic architecture, to the style of Antonio Gaudi, you will marvel at the diversity of this wonderful city. Enjoy free time exploring Barcelona, walk its most famous street, “Las Ramblas”, lined with shops, cafes, and street performers, explore one of its many museums, sample the local cuisine or stroll along its beautiful beachfront.

## Day 16 June 21

Return to the United States taking with you the treasured memories of your remarkable experience in the countries of Spain and Portugal.

\*UNESCO World Heritage Sites or Cities

# Europe 2024 Spain & Portugal

June 6 - June 21

\$5,690.00\*

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