HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN & PORTUGAL (WINTER 2024 / 2025 – VALUE) <u>11 Nights / 12 Days</u>

HIGHLIGHTS:

SPAIN Madrid

- Guided City Tour
- Visit the bullring Las Ventas Plaza De Torros

Toledo

- Guided City Tour
- Visit a sword factory

Avila

• Photo stop at Walls of Avila

Salamanca

• Guided City Tour

Seville

- Guided City Tour
- Enjoy a Horse Carriage ride
- See the Flamenco show

Cordoba

- Guided City Tour
- Entrance to Mesquita

Costa de Sol

Visit Puerto Banus beach

Granada

- Guided tour of Alhambra Complex including Arab / Christian Palace
- Visit the Generalife Gardens

Valencia

• Guided City Tour

Barcelona

- Guided City Tour
- Visit Sagrada Familia

Montserrat

Orientation Tour

PORTUGAL

Porto

- Guided city tour
- Visit to an old wine cellar with wine tasting

Fatima

• Walking tour of Fatima shrine

Lisbon

- Guided City Tour
- Visit Sintra and Cabo de Roca

ACCOMMODATION

- 2 nights at Hotel NH / Holiday Inn / Secrotel / NH Ribera Manzanares or similar in Madrid, Spain.
- 1 night at Hotel Vila Gale / Axis Vermar or similar in Porto, **Portugal.**
- 2 nights at Hotel Mercure Almada / Lagoas Park or similar in Lisbon, Portugal.
- 1 night at Hotel Alcora or similar in Seville, **Spain**.
- 1 Night at Hotel TRH Paraiso / O Nice Caledonia or similar in Costa Del Sol, Spain.
- 1 night at Hotel Abades Nevada or similar in Granada, Spain.
- 1 nights at Hotel Exe Puerto de Sagunto or similar in Valencia, Spain.
- 2 nights at Hotel Front Air Congress / Fira Congress or similar in Barcelona, Spain.

MEALS

- Daily continental breakfast (Breakfast includes bread with butter, jam, cereals, juice, milk, tea and coffee)
- 10 Indian Jain / vegetarian / non-vegetarian dinners.
- 01 Local dinner.

DAYWISE ITINERARY

Day 01 Welcome to Madrid! On arrival. Later, we proceed to the hotel and check–in. Overnight in Madrid, Spain (D)

Note: Joining direct passenger / NRI can check-in on your own at the hotel. The standard check-in time is 1500 hrs. We may have to proceed directly for dinner or Packed dinner will be provided in case of late arrivals of flight or long queue at the immigration.

Day 02

Guided city tour of Madrid – Visit a Bullring – Guided city tour of Toledo – Visit a Sword factory

Today, we proceed for a Guided city tour of Madrid: Visit the largest bullring of Madrid – Las Ventas Plaza De Torros, see the old town, the city centre, church of San Francisco El Grande, the fountains of Paseo del Prado, Atocha station, and many more historical and modern sites. Next, we drive to Toledo. On arrival, we enjoy a guided tour: see the cathedral of Toledo, Puente San Martin, important squares and narrow winding cobblestone streets. Next, we visit a Sword factory.

Overnight in Madrid, Spain

(B, D)

Day 03

Visit Salamanca via Avila – Onto Porto, Portugal

Today, we first visit the city of Avila, where you shall get see the 'Walls of Avila'. Later proceed to Salamanca; known as the "Golden city" for the sandstone used in the construction of its buildings, it has the third oldest existing university in the world, one of the Top 10 cathedrals in Spain, and one of the most beautiful plazas in all of Spain. On arrival we proceed on a Guided Tour of Salamanca where see the: Ponte Roma, Salamanca University, Salamanca Cathedral and the Salamanca square. Next, we continue our journey to Porto in Lisbon. Overnight in Porto, **Portugal**

(B, D)

Day 04

Guided tour of Porto – Visit Fatima – Onto Lisbon

Today, we enjoy a guided city tour Porto. World-famous for its port wine, Porto is Portugal's second largest city. The historic centre of Porto was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1996. Here, also visit an old Wine cellar with wine tasting. Next, we proceed to Fatima, one of the most important pilgrimage sites in the world. On arrival, we proceed on an orientation tour of Fatima and visit the Fatima Shrine - the Basilica and Chapel of the Apparitions. (Shorts and Sleeveless not allowed). Later, we drive to Lisbon.

Overnight in Lisbon, Portugal

(B, D)

Day 05

Visit Cabo da Roca - Guided city tour of Lisbon

Today, we visit the town of Sintra and also visit Cabo da Roca – Western most end of the European continent. Then we proceed for a guided city tour Lisbon, see Praca do Comercio, Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Avenue Liberta and 25th April Bridge. Overnight in Lisbon, **Portugal** (**B**, **D**)

Day 06

Guided city tour of Sevilla - Horse carriage ride - Flamenco show

Today, we drive to Sevilla situated on the banks of the River Guadalquivir. On arrival, we enjoy a Guided city tour: See the Sevilla cathedral and Plaza Espana, followed by a horse carriage ride. Later this evening, we enjoy the traditional Flamenco show.

Overnight in Seville, Spain

(B, D)

Day 07

Guided city tour of Cordoba - Visit Mezquita

Today, drive to Cordoba and visit Mezquita. The Mosque–Cathedral of Córdoba, officially known as the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption is a former Islamic mosque and a UNESCO world heritage site. Next, we drive to Costa Del Sol. On arrival, we visit Puerto Banus.

Overnight in Costa Del Sol, Spain

(B, D)

Day 08

Onto Granada – Guided tour of Alhambra Complex including Arab / Christian Palace - Generalife Gardens

Today, morning we proceed to the McArthur Glen shopping outlet (if time permitting) where you can enjoy great deals on designer labels. Next, we drive to Granada and on arrival enjoy guided tour of the Alhambra Complex including Arab / Christian Palace and Generalife Gardens. Overnight in Granada, **Spain (B, LD)**

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Day 09

Guided city tour of Valencia

Today, we drive to Valencia. On arrival, we enjoy a guided city tour: See the Plaza Reina, the stunning Cathedral, the central market and more. Also, see the City of Arts & Sciences, one of the more recent architectural landmarks of Valencia.

Overnight in Valencia, **Spain** (B, D)

Day 10

Guided city tour of Barcelona – Visit Sagrada Familia

Today, we drive to Barcelona. On arrival, we enjoy a guided city tour: See the Olympic Village, Montjuic, Placa de Catalunya, and many more beautiful sights. Later, we visit the Sagrada Familia - the yet unfinished minor basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Later, if time permitting enjoy some free time at La Rambla - the famous tree-lined central avenue of Barcelona with cafes and souvenir shops.

Overnight in Barcelona, Spain

(B, D)

Note: Entrance to Sagrada Familia depends upon the availability given by the Sagrada Familia officials and may not necessarily be done on this day. In such cases, the itinerary will be amended accordingly to cover all inclusions.

Day 11

Orientation tour of Montserrat

Today, we drive to Montserrat – a multi peaked rocky range which houses the virgin of Montserrat and Spain's first national park. Next, we drive back to Barcelona and spend Later, spend some free time at Barcelona beach. Overnight in Barcelona, **Spain**

(B, D)

Day 12

Fly back home with pleasant memories!

Today, we proceed to Barcelona airport for your flight back home. Kindly spare a few minutes to share your feedback with your Tour Manager. Your valued suggestions will be most appreciated. Arrive home with pleasant memories of your Spain and Portugal tour, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime. **(B)**

Note:

In major European cities, there are parking restrictions for coaches and it's not possible to stop at all the places during the city tour. Tour Manager will try his/her best to stop coach wherever possible for a photo stop

TOUR DATES

DEPARTURE DATES – 2024 & 2025			
OCTOBER 2024	28		
NOVEMBER 2024	4		
DECEMBER 2024	23		

Surcharges will be applicable during Peak and Event periods. Kindly check with your sales officer

Tour Cost (Per Person in USD)					
Twin/ Double Room	Triple Room	Child With Bed	Child Without Bed	Single Room	
USD 2290	USD 2290	USD 1825	USD 1450	USD 2810	

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Sightseeing and accommodation as per the above-mentioned itinerary.
- All transfers and extensive excursions with entrance fees (as specified in the itinerary) by a deluxe air-conditioned coach.
- Services of a professional, friendly and multilingual Tour Manager or a local Representative. (Subject to minimum 15 customers).

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International Air tickets required to participate in this tour.
- Visa, Insurance, Airport & Port taxes.
- Tipping is expected from anyone providing your service e.g., Coach Driver, Local Guides, Hotel & Restaurant staff etc. It is mandatory to tip a nominal amount of EUR 3 per person/per day. For the entire duration of this tour, which is 13 Days, the total Tips amount is EUR 39 per person to be paid to the Tour Manager on Day 01 of the tour.
- No porterage included.
- Any expenses of a personal nature such as porterage, laundry expenses, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, minibar, telephone calls, etc.
- Meals other than that are mentioned in your itinerary.
- Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in your itinerary.
- Private airport transfers, Cost of Suggested / Optional Excursions.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

• Multiple entry Schengen visa.

The cost of visa is not included in your package tour price. It would be best to check with the consulates or embassy nearest to you or travel agent for advice and information. Please ensure that your travel documents are ready in time for departure

Ticketing Requirements:

For this tour you would require confirmed air tickets to arrive into Madrid and depart from Barcelona. It would be advisable to check with your sales officer or local travel agent for ticketing

IMPORTANT NOTES:

HOTELS

- All hotels will be either around the airport area or on the outskirts.
- The hotel room size in Europe would be up to 16 18 sq. mts.
- Most hotels in Europe have only Twin beds. The double bed will be Queen size and not King size.
- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double room.
- For Child with bed: At times hotel don't have enough roll away beds, in that case they might give a double and a separate single room.
- A person 11.99 years and below is considered a child and 12 years and above, an adult.
- Hotel rooms may not be air conditioned / air cooled nor will fans be provided. Air conditioning / cooling in hotels are set as per European weather conditions.
- Functioning of Air cooling / Air conditioning in hotels is subject to official declaration of summer by the local authority.
- During heat wave in Europe air conditioning of the hotels and coaches may cease to function as they are not built for such high temperatures.
- Most hotels in Europe do not provide tea kettles in the rooms.

- Due to international events and trade fairs all throughout Europe such as the Air Show, music festivals, ice skating championships etc., you may have to stay in hotels further away from the city.
- In Switzerland the stay may be split in two hotels.
- Any damage caused to the hotel rooms / Coach during your stay shall be payable by the passengers.
- We also reserve the right to substitute a hotel of similar class if it is deemed advisable or necessary.
- In certain cities hotels have not started the buffet breakfasts yet and if the same does not change by the time the tours begin, we will either provide breakfast or the groups will be taken to an Indian / local restaurant for breakfast.

COACHES

- Most of your journey in Europe is by coach and hence you are requested to keep the coach clean.
- Due to hygienic reasons, it is not permitted to use toilets on the coach. However, the tour manager will make comfort stops during long drives.
- Eating & drinking is not permitted on the coach.
- One check-in bag and one handbag per person only, due to limited boot space on the coach.
- In major European cities, there are parking restrictions for coaches, and it may not be possible to stop at all the places during the city tour. Tour Manager will try his/her best to stop coach wherever possible for a photo stop.
- Coaches are non-wheelchair compliant. There are steps to board / alight from the coach.
- Due to private coaches being forbidden inside most of the European cities, as per EU norms to preserve them and to avoid getting them polluted and overcrowded, most of your sightseeing will be done by local buses and on foot.

MEALS

- Meals are pre-set and a-la carte is not possible.
- On certain days, a packed lunch will be provided.

SIGHTSEEING

- On certain departures, we may sometimes amend / reverse the itinerary. However, all the services / inclusions
 will remain the same.
- Generally, you will have to walk to sightseeing places, amusement parks and the airports sometimes for a long distance; however, the same will be timely instructed by the Tour Manager. It is advisable to carry a good pair of comfortable sports shoes. The tour manager and the driver will do their best to get you as close to the monuments as possible.
- The Eiffel Tower on certain Days due to strong wind conditions or being overcrowded or for security reasons may be closed.
- The lifts at the Eiffel tower are currently closed due to safety. Hence the visit to the tower is only allowed by climbing the staircase. In case there is no change in the same on tour customers will be refunded the amount for the same if they chose not to climb the stairs.
- Due to stringent security checks at the Eiffel tower, it may take up to 4-5 hours in the queue.

GENERAL

- On some occasions you may have to join another group in case the group does not have adequate members.
- A local representative or a driver may only be there to assist you during your initial part of the tour.
- Security alerts and random closures might affect the itinerary.
- Please take extra care of your personal belongings while on the tour, every country you travel to is prone to thefts and bag snatching. TCIL will not be liable for any loss of belongings / baggage.

- Disabled clients should carry their own wheelchair and should be accompanied by a qualified companion who is able to provide assistance to the disabled client.
- TCIL shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss, baggage loss, theft, injury, accident, death, breakdown or irregularity, which may occur in carrying out the tour arrangement, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine and any other cause whatsoever and all such loss or expense must be borne by the passengers. Insurance policies must be carried while on tour.
- The management reserves the right to claim any additional expenses incurred due to delays or changes in schedules of train, airplane, bus, ship or other services.
- The Tour Manager and the company reserves the right to amend the itinerary, alter, vary or withdraw any particular departure, excursion advertised. For the convenience of our passengers, we will sometimes amend the itinerary. However, all the services will remain the same.
- There are no refunds for any services i.e., meals, sightseeing etc. not utilized on your tour.
- All optional activities will have to be booked and paid to the Tour Manager on Day 01 of the tour. Payments to be made by cash in EURO only. (Credit or Debit cards not accepted).
- Optional tours are booked & paid on 100% non-refundable & non cancellation policy.
- GST will be applicable for all optional activities pre-paid in India.
- In case you decide to change the date of your return reservation once confirmed the exact amount payable to the airline will be advised once the same is confirmed.
- The images used in this brochure are for representation purposes only.
- Please refer to the Booking Form for detailed "Terms and Conditions".