

# Best of Spain & Portugal Tours & Vacation Packages

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Spain and Portugal—two countries with rich histories and distinct cultures. Your affordable tour of Spain and Portugal reveals their fascinating highlights. In Spain, you'll overnight in Madrid, Granada, Cordoba, Seville, and Salamanca. In Portugal, you'll stay in Lisbon and Porto. Tour highlights include a guided visit to Toledo, a treasure chest of art and historical architecture. In Granada, enjoy an included visit to the fascinating Alhambra complex\*, built in the 13th century by Moorish kings. In Avila—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and fascinating walled city founded in the 11th century, you'll visit St. Theresa's Convent, the birthplace of St. Teresa. Admire the Moorish architecture in the historical city centres of Cordoba and Seville, both gems of Andalusia, and get to know Madrid, the elegant capital city of Spain, built on a plateau in the heart of the country. In Portugal, visit Lisbon with a Local Guide and see the Belem Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built to commemorate the expedition of Vasco de Gama, and Porto's cathedral, built on a panoramic terrace overlooking the port wine cellars on the banks of the Douro River. Enjoy guided sightseeing in the cities of Toledo, Granada, Seville, Madrid, Cordoba, Lisbon, and Porto. Our Local Guides - experts in the cities' histories and cultures - will highlight the unique sights and tell you about local culture and history. All of this and more—including an olive oil farm visit with tastings—await you on this fabulous and affordable Spain and Portugal tour designed for value-minded travel lovers.

To know more about the visas for this vacation, [click here](#)



## Tour Highlights

### Notes:

\*Entrance to the Nasrid Palace is not guaranteed



**World Heritage Sites** are designated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for having cultural, historical, scientific or other form of significance. The sites are judged to contain cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity.

The following UNESCO World Heritage Sites can be seen or visited on this vacation:

- Historic Centre of Oporto
- Alhambra and Generalife Granada
- Cathedral in Seville
- Historic centre of Evora
- Historic city of Toledo
- Old City of Salamanca
- Old Town of Segovia and its Aqueduct
- Old town of Avila with its Extra muros Churches
- Belem tower in Lisbon
- Cultural landscape of Sintra
- Guimaraes

## Meals

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Buffet breakfasts daily; 4 dinners, including a dinner at a local restaurant in Porto

## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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ARRIVE IN MADRID, SPAIN Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is for you to relax or start exploring Madrid, taking advantage of the CosmosGO app. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and travel companions.

🍴 Dinner

### Day 2

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MADRID–TOLEDO–GRANADA Drive south to Toledo. Spectacularly situated on a granite hill surrounded by a loop of the Tagus River, the ancient Castilian capital is a treasure-chest of masterpieces. Visit the walled Old Town with a Local Guide and marvel at the 12th-century Church of St. Tomé, known for its large painting by El Greco of The Burial of the Count of Orgaz. Later, cross the Guadalquivir River and head for the olive and orange groves that dot the rolling Andalusian hills. Overnight in history-steeped Granada at the foot of the Sierra Nevada.

Today's Distance: 298 mi/ 480 km

 Breakfast  Dinner

### Day 3

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GRANADA–CORDOBA Granada was the Moors' most treasured city, and they still mourn its loss in their prayers. With a Local Guide, visit the Alhambra Complex\*, built by Moorish kings. On the way to Cordoba, enjoy more idyllic scenery as we reach an olive farm, to learn about olives and enjoy a local olive oil tasting.

Today's Distance: 143 mi/ 230 km

 Breakfast

#### NOTE:

*\*Alhambra complex: Entrance to Nasrid Palace is not guaranteed.*

### Day 4

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CORDOBA–SEVILLE With a Local Guide visit the magnificent Mezquita, famous for its 850 pillars of porphyry, marble, and jasper. The Mosque-Cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage site since 1984), is arguably the most significant monument in the western Muslim world and an amazing building in its own right. The complete evolution of the Omeyyan style in Spain can be seen in different sections, alongside the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles of the Christian part. On to vibrant, festive Seville.

Today's Distance: 93 mi/ 150 km

 Breakfast  Dinner

### Day 5

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SEVILLE Get to know Seville on the included city tour. The capital of Andalusia, vibrant Seville has much to offer: the cathedral, the beautiful La Giralda minaret tower, a symbol of Seville; and the Real Alcázar palace, with its extravagant Moorish architecture and opulent gardens. Fun fact: the Palace of the Kingdom of Naboo, from Star Wars, and the Palace of

the Kingdom of Dorne, from Game of Thrones, were filmed in Plaza de España and the Royal Alcazar of Seville.

 Breakfast

## Day 6

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SEVILLE–EVORA, PORTUGAL–LISBON Enjoy the scenery of the Sierra de Aracena before crossing into Portugal and the fertile plains of the Alentejo. Admire the forest of cork trees and make a stop to visit Evora, a delightfully attractive city. Among the highlights are the architecture of the white houses, the tiles and the balconies. The city, designated UNESCO World Heritage site, inspired the style in which some Brazilian cities, such as Salvador de Bahia, were built. Continue to Lisbon.

Today's Distance: 267 mi/ 430 km

 Breakfast

## Day 7

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LISBON Henry the Navigator made Lisbon the 15th-century “Mistress of the Seas.” You’ll see his monument, the Belem Tower, the Moorish Citadel, the impressive Black Horse Square, and other highlights on the guided sightseeing tour. Spend the afternoon at leisure in the Alfama’s tile-decorated streets or take an optional excursion to the scenic Portuguese Riviera.

 Breakfast

## Day 8

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LISBON–FÁTIMA–COIMBRA–PORTO Stop in Fátima to visit its world-famous Sanctuary, dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Continue to Coimbra, known for its university, one of the oldest in Europe, and to Porto on the northern bank of the Douro River. For the perfect way to round out your day, why not join an optional Douro River cruise and dinner?

Today's Distance: 224 mi/ 360 km

 Breakfast

## Day 9

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PORTO Discover Porto’s highlights on the guided city tour. See its historical cathedral and visit a Port wine cellar along the banks of the Douro River. This afternoon, consider an optional excursion to Guimarães, called the “cradle” of Portugal and a UNESCO World

Heritage Site. Tonight, enjoy an included dinner at a local restaurant.

 Breakfast  Dinner

## Day 10

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PORTO–SALAMANCA, SPAIN Enjoy the plentiful woodlands and mountains on your return to Spain via the scenic Douro Valley. Reach the ancient and beautiful university town of Salamanca in the early evening, the best time to take a stroll in the Plaza Mayor.

Today's Distance: 267 mi/ 430 km

 Breakfast

## Day 11

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SALAMANCA–ÁVILA–SEGOVIA–MADRID Journey to fortified Ávila with its many towers and visit St. Theresa's Convent before continuing to Segovia, a medieval town picturesquely set on a rocky hill. Some say that the beautiful castle inspired Disney's "Cinderella." Spend some time in Segovia before crossing the boundary between new and old Castile to arrive in Madrid.

Today's Distance: 168 mi/ 270 km

 Breakfast

## Day 12

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MADRID Built 2180 feet above sea level, Madrid, capital of Spain, is the nearest thing to Heaven, according to Spaniards. Discover the main highlights of this aristocratic city on the included guided tour.

 Breakfast

## Day 13

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MADRID Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

## Tour Director

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With Cosmos, there's no better way to get to know your destination than through the eyes of your Tour Director. Averaging over a decade... we'd like you to meet a Tour Director, who is representative of the type of expert that will be with you on your vacation.

## **JULIAN HIDALGO**

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Escorting tours for more than 20 years

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## **Accommodation**

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### **MADRID**

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### **PRAGA**

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Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

Free Wifi

## **GRANADA**

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### **GRAN HOTEL LUNA DE GRANADA**

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Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

## **CORDOBA**

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### **EXE LAS ADELFA**

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Hotel as shown or similar

Moderate First-Class

Free Wifi

## **SEVILLE**

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### **DON PACO**

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Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

Free Wifi



## **LISBON**

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## **ROMA**

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Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

Free Wifi

## **PORTO**

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## **PORTUS CALE**

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Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

Free Wifi

## **SALAMANCA**

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## **SERCOTEL ARTHEUS CARMELITAS SALAMANCA**

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Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

Free Wifi

## Optional Excursions

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**Contact your Travel Consultant for more information.**

### **Price Ranges**

\$ (\$50 USD and under)

\$\$ (\$51 - \$100 USD)

\$\$\$ (\$101 - \$150 USD)

\$\$\$\$ (Over \$150)

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