

SPAIN BY RAIL

FOR THE INDEPENDENT TRAVELLER

14
DAYS

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DAY 1 USA-MADRID

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Madrid.

DAY 2 MADRID

Morning arrival in Madrid. Upon arrival you will be greeted by our representative who will transfer you to the hotel for accommodations. Rest of the morning free to relax or explore the city.

DAY 3 MADRID

Breakfast and accommodations. In the morning a Madrid **Artistic tour** of the city visiting the renowned Prado Museum with the most important collection of the Spanish Masters like Velazquez, El Greco, Goya..., and the Royal Palace, fully furnished and one of the most beautiful in Europe. Please Note: Museums are closed on Mondays. Rest of day at leisure in this cosmopolitan and lively city. For lunch try maybe "Botin" a traditional and historic restaurant, or explore others in this area close to Plaza Mayor.

DAY 4 MADRID-AVILA-SEGOVIA-MADRID

Breakfast and accommodations. Full day tour of Avila, city which houses many art treasures, visiting the Gothic Cathedral, one of the oldest in Spain, the convent of St. Theresa, and a walking tour through the old quarters. Special mention to its XII century walls, one of the best examples of a medieval walled city. Continue on to Segovia, an ancient city of Roman origin. Amongst its many historical are the famous Roman Aqueduct, from time of Emperor Augustus, the Cathedral, and the old and beautiful Alcazar castle. Return to Madrid.

DAY 5 MADRID

Breakfast and accommodations. Full day at your own leisure to explore Madrid an its many monuments, museums and shows, as well as great restaurants and typical bars. You may also participate on an optional tour of Toledo or Escorial and Valley of the Fallen.

DAY 6 MADRID-CORDOBA (Train)

Breakfast and transfer to Train Station to take the AVE Fast Train to Cordoba. Arrival in Cordoba and transfer to your hotel for accommodations. Time free. You may try lunch at "El Churrasco". In the afternoon **city tour** of Cordoba visiting the Great Mosque with a forest of marble columns and a Cathedral built inside, the old Jewish Quarter and Synagogue, the Viana Palace, and Museum Julio Romero the Torres, a famous local painter.

DAY 7 CORDOBA-SEVILLA (Train)

Breakfast. Transfer to the railway station to board the train to Seville. Arrival to Seville after a short ride in the AVE high speed train. Upon arrival, assistance in the station and transfer from to your Hotel. **Accommodations** and rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 8 SEVILLA

Breakfast and accommodations. Half day walking tour of Sevilla, visiting the huge Cathedral and the Giralda tower, and old islamic minaret and the Alcazar Palace, former residence of the kings, as well as the typical Barrio de Santa Cruz, the old Jewish Quarter. Remaining of the day at your leisure.

DAY 9 SEVILLA

Breakfast and accommodations. Full day to explore Sevilla on your own, and try one of their fine restaurants. In the evening we suggest you to assist to a typical Flamenco Show.

DAY 10 SEVILLA-GRANADA (Train)

Breakfast. Transfer to train station for your rail trip to Granada. Arrival and transfer to your hotel for accommodations. In the afternoon visit to the magnificent Alhambra and Generalife with its beautiful Nazarí palaces, gardens and fountains, a colossal palatial city which was used by the Nasrids Sultans as their residence. Built between the XIII and XIV century, an expression of artistic styles which flourished in the late Muslim period in Spain.

DAY 11 GRANADA-BARCELONA (Train)

Breakfast. Day to visit on your own the Albaycin, the quarter that best reflects the true essence of Granada and its Moorish legacy and the Sacromonte, a quarter with Cave Dwellings origin of the typical zambra the most authentic and primitive form of flamenco. In the afternoon visit downtown Granada on your own, where you will find the Cathedral, and the Royal Chapel, where the Catholic Monarchs, their daughter Juana and her husband are buried. In the evening transfer to the train station for your overnight trip to Barcelona.

DAY 12 BARCELONA

Morning arrival in Barcelona and transfer to your hotel for accommodations. Remaining of the morning at leisure. In the afternoon, **city tour** of Barcelona visiting Park of Montjuic, the Olympic ring, monument to Chirstopher Columbus, old Gothic Quarter and entrance to the Cathedral.

DAY 13 BARCELONA

Breakfast and accommodations. Full day at leisure to enjoy this cosmopolitan city. This day you can take an optional to Montserrat, visit Cadaqués home town of the surrealist painter Dali or a full day to Costa Brava with lunch included.

DAY 14 BARCELONA-USA

Breakfast. Transfer from your Hotel to airport for flight home. **End of our services.**

Please let us know if you wish three star, four star, five star or charming hotels. Also tours can be provided on regular bus service with bilingual guides or on a private basis with an English Speaking guide. Ask for quotations.



Serving sherry wine

DEPARTURES

Daily all year.

HOTELS SCHEDULED

At your own choice.



TOUR FEATURES

As per itinerary. You may also costum-design your vacation by adding nights in your favorite cities at your own choice, or changing the itinerary using car rentals, car and driver or trains.



City life.