

# **Best of Spain**

Starting at \$2,495\*

### **Experience the Best of Spain**

Embark on an unforgettable guided tour through the marvelous cities of Madrid, Seville, Granada, Valencia, and Barcelona all while enjoying the benefit of the All-In Inclusive Advantage.

## **Trip details**



\* Prices listed are in US dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of \$895



#### **Trip Highlights:**

- Alhambra Córdoba Walking Tour
- Flamenco Performance
- Prado Museum
- Valencia City of Arts and Sciences
- Viña Elena Winery Tour
- Córdoba Mezquita Cathedral
- Sagrada Familia
- Traditional Spanish Paella Dinner

#### Hotels:

- NH Madrid Ribera del Manzanares
- Barcelo Sevilla Renacimiento
- Melia Granada
- Exe Rey Don Jaime, Valencia
- Hilton Barcelona

# 2025 Best of Spain - 9 Days/8 Nights

# **Trip Itinerary**

#### Day 1 Madrid Arrival

Meet your tour director at 5 pm for a welcome drink at your hotel with your fellow travelers. Then enjoy dinner at the hotel, savoring the first tastes of Spanish cuisine. (D)

#### Day 3 Córdoba Walking Tour & Mezquita Cathedral

Board a train for a scenic, relaxing ride to Córdoba, where you'll take a walking tour to discover the city's Roman past and its Christian, Islamic, and Jewish cultures. Explore the labyrinthine streets of the old town, admiring the fusion of Moorish and Christian influences. Visit the magnificent Mezquita Cathedral, a former mosque and a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its stunning architecture and cultural significance. Continue on to Seville, where you will dine at your hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Granada & Alhambra

Journey through the Andalusian countryside to Granada to discover its rich history and Moorish heritage, set against the backdrop of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Then visit the breathtaking Alhambra Palace, a magnificent monument that showcases the artistic and cultural influences of the Moorish rulers who commissioned it in the 13th century. The exquisite details of this UNESCO World Heritage Site include intricately carved stucco, arabesque designs, reflective pools, and lush gardens. This evening, explore Granada on your own; you might visit a tapas bar or take a walk through the historic Albaicin neighborhood, known for its winding medieval streets and picturesque views. (B)

#### Day 7 Valencia City of Arts & Sciences & Barcelona Panoramic Tour

Explore Valencia's futuristic architecture on a walking tour of its City of Arts and Sciences, a spectacular collection of modern buildings housing cultural and scientific institutions. Journey on to Barcelona, where you'll take a panoramic tour of this exhilarating, artistic city before a free evening. (B)

#### Day 9 Tour Ends in Barcelona

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner >

#### Day 2 Madrid City Tour & Prado Museum

Soak in the vibrant atmosphere of Spain's capital city on a tour of Madrid. See magnificent sights such as The Royal Palace and Almudena Cathedral, Gran Via, and Plaza de Espana. Next explore the world-renowned Prado Museum, one of the most important art collections in Europe, with masterpieces from artists like Goya, Velazquez, and El Greco. The rest of the day is yours to discover this friendly, diverse city as you wish. Stroll the elegant shops of the Golden Mile, people-watch in El Retiro Park, or savor the gastronomic delights on offer at the Mercado San Miguel. (B)

#### Day 4 Seville City Tour & Flamenco Performance

Discover the enchanting beauty of Seville on a guided city tour, exploring its charming streets and iconic landmarks. Marvel at the grandeur of Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. Visit the Flamenco Museum (Museo del Baile Flamenco) to learn about flamenco culture and see a performance of this passionate, rhythmic art form. Your evening is free to dine independently in one of the Old Town's many tapas bars and restaurants. (B)

#### Day 6 Winery Tour & Valencia Panoramic Tour

Visit Bodegas Viña Elena, a family-run winery producing Monastrell grapes, olives, and almonds. The Pacheco family, in their third and fourth generation of winemaking, will welcome you to their vineyard and cellar. Hear their stories before enjoying a four-course lunch with wine pairings; the regional dishes will include ingredients sourced locally. Travel on to Valencia, where you'll discover the city on a panoramic tour before savoring a dinner of traditional paella in its birthplace. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8 Barcelona Walking Tour & Sagrada Familia Visit

Discover the enchanting Gothic Quarter of Barcelona with a guided walking tour, wandering through its medieval streets and hidden squares. The district was home to Barcelona's Jewish Quarter, Picasso's art school, and Antonio Gaudi's first art project. Then, take in the awe-inspiring exterior of the Sagrada Familia—Gaudi's iconic and still-unfinished masterpiece—on a guided visit that explores its intricate facades and symbolism. Enjoy some free time exploring Barcelona independently before gathering for a farewell dinner with your group. (B, D)



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