

Portugal, Andalucía & Mediterranean Capitals 11 Nights



Summary

Immerse yourself in the history, heritage, and vibrant culture of Spain and Portugal on this 12-day excursion. From a fado show in Lisbon to the paella of Valencia, the mystical Alhambra in Granada to Gaudí's modernist masterpieces in Barcelona, there's something in this sun-soaked corner of southern Europe for everyone.

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
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- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
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Overview

Interest: couples – family – group Level of Comfort: 3.5/5 Minimum # of passengers: None Maximum # of passengers: None

Information about the destination

- Currency: Euro
- Language: Portuguese & Spanish
- Dialing Code: +33
- Transportation: private car, train or bus
- Recommended vaccine : None
- **Banks & currency exchange:** Currency can be exchanged at major banks, exchanged offices or authorized hotels.

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Day 1 : Madrid – Trujillo – Lisbon

Departure at 08:30 a.m. Drive westbound towards the region of Extremadura, a relaxing drive to Trujillo, hometown of many discoverers of the new world. Free time to explore its beautiful and monumental Plaza Mayor. Continue on through Portuguese soil along the Alentejo plains via historic sites as Elvas, Estremoz and Setubal. Arrive over the impressive bridge 25th April to Lisbon, capital city of Portugal. Accommodation at the hotel. Optional night tour to attend a show of Fado, typical Portuguese song and music.

Day 2 : Lisbon

Morning sightseeing tour of the ancient Olissipo, drive through its main squares and avenues, Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Coach Museum, Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square, Liberty Avenue. Afternoon at leisure for you to catch the nostalgic corners of Alfama Quarter, the old city gathered next to its Castle, with old buildings nested in narrow twisting "Ruas" full of colour housing the genuine "tabernas" where Fado sounds as a missing past. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 3 : Lisbon–Obidos–Alcobaça–Nazare – Batalha – Fatima

Drive northland, arrive to our first point of interest: the beautiful walled town of Obidos with its picturesque streets and the Pousada do Castelo. Continue to Alcobaça visit a 12th century church containing the tombs of Pablo and Inês de Castro, followed by a visit to the picturesque and fishing village of Nazare. Weather permitting, continue to the Sitio to have a panoramic view of the beach and the village. Afternoon visit the Batalha Monastery, a masterpiece of Gothic and Manueline style considered a World Heritage place by UNESCO. Continue to Fatima. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 4 : Fatima – Lisbon

Day at your leisure for activities of personal nature in Fatima, center of Christian faith and World Pilgrims Sanctuary with its impressive Basilica and Cova da Iria where Virgin Mary appeared. The church where the tombstones of Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco are. The Chapel of Apparitions, heart of the shrine. At the end of the day returns to Lisbon through the colorful farming region. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 5 : Lisbon – Caceres – Cordoba

Departure at 07:30 hrs to Caceres considered as World Heritage place because of the city's blend of Roman, Islamic, Northern Gothic and Italian Renaissance architecture. Walk through its Plaza Mayor and the Old Town with its famous Medieval Quarter. Afterwards, continue on towards Cordoba, once the capital of the Caliphate. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

Day 6 : Cordoba – Seville

Impressive tour of its Mosque and other sites that will ease our mind and spirit strolling through its narrow winding streets of the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, after a short two hours ride reach Seville. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

Day 7 : Seville

Morning panoramic city tour visiting: the exterior of the Cathedral (the second largest in the Catholic world after St. Peters in Rome), Santa Cruz quarter (a natural scenario of "Carmen" as well as a precisely where the myth of "Don Juan" developed), Maria Luisa Park and Plaza de España. Afternoon at leisure for you to discover exclusive views, specific flavours of this active full of light city. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. Optional Flamenco tour.

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Day 8 : Seville – Granada

Drive east through the Caliphate road to the heart of Andalusia observing an endless number of olive trees on the way to Granada and its incredible and amazing monumental environment, last stronghold of the Moorish Kingdoms up to 1492. Visit the world famous Alhambra complex and Generalife Gardens that have inspired several authors with its sound and sights, such as the "Tales of the Alhambra" by W. Irving. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. Optional Gipsy Flamenco show at Sacromonte quarter.

Day 9 : Granada – Valencia

In the morning start driving looking for the Mediterranean coast. Via Murcia, capital of the fertile garden of the Segura river, continue north via Alicante, the second largest city within the region of Valencia. Reach Valencia one of the main capitals of the Mediterranean coast with its modern Arts and Sciences Architectural Complex integrated by six elements: Hemispheric, Umbracle, Science Museum, Oceanographic, Palau de les Arts and Ágora. Valencia is also the home of the internationally well renowned and delicious "Paella", Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 10 : Valencia – Barcelona

Morning city tour of this bright city including a drive through the old city showing the most prominent buildings, we will then be driven past the old riverbed of the Turia to the most avant-garde complex "Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias" to watch the emblematic exteriors of the six buildings. Early afternoon departure northward all along the Mediterranean coast to Catalunya, via Tarragona, the Roman Tarraco. Reach Barcelona principal Mediterranean city homeland of the famous architect Gaudí symbol of the Catalonian modernism. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 11 : Barcelona

Morning city tour of Barcelona well known worldwide for the Olympic Games during 1992, drive along the main avenues with impressive modernist buildings by Gaudí such as La Pedrera, Casa Milá, etc. — declared World Heritage buildings. — The Montjuïc Park with spectacular views of the city, Olympic Ring, monument to Columbus and the Olympic Port. Afternoon is for you to keep on discovering this city full attractive offers as well as exquisite and varied gastronomy. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 12 : Barcelona – Zaragoza – Madrid

Departure southwest along an industrial and agricultural area with certain relevance within Europe. Arrive to Zaragoza, capital city of Aragón, within the banks of Ebro river the most copious within the Iberian Peninsula. Zaragoza, known as Cesar Augusta during the Roman period had an important role in Spanish history. Some free time to see the impressive Baroque architecture of the Basilic-Temple of Our Lady Pilar. Continue to Madrid.

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