

EUROPE

Spain

9 Days / 8 Nights

Madrid, Segovia, Cordoba, Seville, Ronda, Marbella and Barcelona



A country whose citizens live life to the fullest invites you to do the same. Bike along a boardwalk in Marbella, a beachside town that's the playground of the rich and famous, learn how to make a mouthwatering paella, dine overlooking a fútbol stadium and clap your hands to the infectious beat of flamenco as you discover Spain in all its splendor.

Spain Vacation Highlights

- **Privately Guided Tours of Must-See Monuments**

Visit Madrid's Royal Palace and El Prado Museum, Cordoba's Grand Mosque, Seville's Plaza de España, the Picasso Museum in Barcelona, Parc Güell with La Sagrada Familia and more while engaging local experts share invaluable insights.

- **Paella Cooking Lesson at Taberna del Alabardero in Seville**

Try your hand at making paella, the Valencian specialty widely regarded as Spain's national dish, in a private group lesson at this restored 19th-century mansion, hotel and cooking school.

- **Private Flamenco Dance Lesson and Dinner Show**

Experience this storied Andalusian folk art form in its birthplace as a prominent member of the Palacio Andaluz company teaches you the moves with fans and castanets. Then dine on a 4-course meal and prepare to be wowed by the rhythm, passion and energy of this talented troupe.

- **Two Nights at a Luxury Seaside Resort in Marbella**

Soak up the sun at Los Monteros Spa & Golf Resort, an upscale hotel in the heart of Costa del Sol, an upscale coastal community where you'll have time to relax, ride bikes and explore at your leisure.

Accommodations

- [The Westin Palace](#)
- [Gran Meliá Colón Hotel](#)
- [Los Monteros Spa & Golf Resort](#)
- [Hotel Casa Fuster](#)

Flight Information

- Arrive: MAD (Madrid)
- Return: BCN (Barcelona)

Ages

- Minimum Age: 6
- Suggested Age: 8+

Meals

- 8 Breakfasts
- 4 Lunches
- 5 Dinners

Itinerary: Day 1

Arrive at Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport

¡Bienvenidos a Madrid! While collecting your luggage, you'll be greeted by a representative who will escort you to your transfer vehicle. Relax as your driver assists you with your luggage and transports you to the Westin Palace.



The Westin Palace

Feel like a VIP as you settle into your upscale accommodations at this Belle Époque jewel built in 1912 under the auspices of King Alfonso XIII. Centrally located in the Literary Quarter opposite the Spanish Parliament, it's within walking distance of many of the city's premier cultural, shopping and dining venues and has been visited by Picasso, Dalí, Einstein and Marie Curie.

Welcome Reception and Dinner

As you bask in the sumptuous surroundings of your new home for the next 3 days, get acquainted with your fellow Adventurers at a private reception followed by a welcome dinner, the first of many Spanish feasts.

Accommodations: [The Westin Palace](#)

Meal(s) included: Dinner

Itinerary: Day 2

Breakfast at the Westin Palace

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before embarking on a guided tour of the Palacio Real, or Royal Palace.



Royal Palace and Armory Tour

Visit Europe's largest palace and stop by the Royal Armory to explore a rare collection of arms dating from as early as the 15th century.

Santiago Bernabéu Stadium Experience

Put your finger on the pulse of Spain's most popular national pastime by stepping inside its second-largest stadium. Browse high-tech interactive displays, see the dressing rooms and emerge via the player's tunnel! Whatever you do, just don't call it soccer.

Lunch at El Asador de la Esquina

Dine with your fellow Adventurers and enjoy a one-of-a-kind view: Preferred seating will put your group close to the panoramic windows overlooking the fútbol field of Bernabéu Stadium. Specialties at this modern eatery may include charcoal-grilled beef, chorizo and seafood. Score!

El Prado Museum Tour

View one of the world's finest collections of European art—and unquestionably the best collection of Spanish art—at Museo Nacional del Prado, the main Spanish national art museum. See iconic works by such masters as Goya, Velázquez, Titian, Rubens and Bosch. Meanwhile, Junior Adventurers will be kept entertained with an interactive "Art Detective" game.

Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and Mercado San Miguel

Join your Adventure Guides for an optional casual walking tour of Old Madrid. See iconic sights like the bear and madroño tree statue, the heraldic symbol of Madrid, at the Puerta del Sol. Learn of the many past uses of the Plaza Mayor, and treat your senses to an array of gastronomic delights at the lively San Miguel Market.

Dinner on Your Own

Dine at any of the gems you encounter on the walking tour or explore the Literary Quarter's many tapas bars and cafés. Your Adventure Guides can offer suggestions to suit your taste and budget.

Accommodations: [The Westin Palace](#)

Meal(s) included: Breakfast and Lunch

Itinerary: Day 3

Breakfast at the Westin Palace

Fuel up for the adventure that lies ahead, then board a chartered coach for an exciting day trip to Segovia by way of La Granja.



Royal Factory of Glass and Crystal

Watch artisans blow crystal glass before your eyes at the Real Fábrica de Cristales de La Granja, established in 1727 by King Philip V of Spain. Browse beautiful pieces and educational exhibits then create your own etched-glass souvenir in a private group session.

Lunch at Mesón de Cándido

Break for lunch at this family-owned inn famous for its roast suckling pig and unique method of carving the meat. The only surviving public house along Segovia's 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct, which you'll visit along the way, it's one of city's oldest restaurants and has been patronized by kings, queens and modern-day celebrities alike.

Alcázar of Segovia Tour

Visit Spain's most famous castle, featuring fairy-tale turrets and a distinctive ship's bow shape. Straight from the pages of a storybook, this soaring 12th-century royal palace was originally an Arab fort and may have been used during Roman times. Don't forget your camera!

Dinner on Your Own

Upon your return to Madrid, dine at your leisure at the hotel or venture out and discover the many restaurants nearby. Not sure where to go? Your knowledgeable Adventure Guides are happy to make recommendations.

Accommodations: [The Westin Palace](#)

Meal(s) included: Breakfast and Lunch

Itinerary: Day 4

Breakfast at the Westin Palace

Savor a final breakfast at the hotel before boarding a high-speed bullet train to Córdoba, where you'll enjoy the comfort of a first-class compartment.



Mosque–Cathedral of Córdoba Tour

Explore the many wonders of this famed World Heritage Site, a breathtaking amalgam of Roman, Gothic, Iberian and Islamic design. Widely regarded as one of the most accomplished monuments of Moorish architecture, La Mezquita boasts striking candy-striped arches, a gilded prayer niche and accents of fine wine-colored marble.

Lunch on Your Own

Try the regional specialty, *salmorejo y flamenquín*, at any of the restaurants near La Mezquita, or ask your Adventure Guides for suggestions. Then it's back on the train, next stop Seville!

Private Flamenco Lesson

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready for a VIP experience: Take a crash course in the art of flamenco dance, complete with fans and castanets that are yours to keep afterward. This fun, interactive experience serves as the perfect primer for the evening's entertainment.

Dinner and Flamenco Show at El Palacio Andaluz

Enjoy a 4-course meal of new Andalusian cuisine while you thrill to the spectacle of a traditional flamenco show at this *tablao* in the heart of Seville. During this 90-minute performance, you'll be treated to priority seating, an ensemble cast of sensational dancers, guitarists, singers and clappers, and a brief adaptation of the opera *Carmen*.

Accommodations: [Gran Meliá Colón Hotel](#)

Meal(s) included: Breakfast and Dinner

Itinerary: Day 5

Breakfast at the Gran Meliá Colón Hotel

Begin your day with a breakfast buffet amid the chic modernity of your new hotel, featuring dramatic red accents and romantic matador-inspired touches.



Plaza de España and Grand Canal Boat Ride

This landmark example of the Renaissance Revival style housed exhibits during the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929 and has been seen in several iconic films. After exploring the plaza, enjoy a relaxing rowboat ride down its scenic canal.

Paella Making and Lunch at Taberna del Alabardero Sevilla

Roll up your sleeves for a private cooking lesson where you'll make this legendary saffron rice dish melding Moorish and Spanish culinary traditions, with a meatless version available for vegetarians. Then feast on your handiwork for lunch afterward.

Cathedral of Seville and Horse Carriage Ride

Next, your Adventure Guides take you on a privately guided tour of the world's largest Gothic cathedral and the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. See La *Giralda*, the cathedral's bell tower and the city's most well-known symbol, and delight in the Old World charm of a horse-drawn carriage ride.

Dinner on Your Own

Seville is a city of eaters and drinkers. Take the opportunity to explore the old Jewish Quarter's many restaurants and tapas bars and savor a glass of the region's world-famous sherry.

Accommodations: [Gran Meliá Colón Hotel](#)

Meal included: Breakfast and Lunch

Itinerary: Day 6

Breakfast at the Gran Meliá Colón Hotel

Rise and shine for a delicious last breakfast in Seville before your chartered coach ride to Costa del Sol.

Ronda: Puente Nuevo, Plaza de Toros and the Bandolero Museum

Stop for stunning photos at the tallest of 3 bridges spanning the El Tajo canyon that the city of Ronda rests upon, then visit the oldest bullfighting ring in Spain. Next, enjoy a guided tour of the uniquely quirky Museo del Bandolero, where you'll get a look inside the lives of colorful characters from a bygone era of bandito outlaws.



Lunch on Your Own and Transfer to Marbella

Ask your Adventure Guides for recommendations nearby before the coach ride to your splashy new seaside resort, Los Monteros Spa & Golf Resort.

Dinner for Adults at El Corzo Restaurant

While adults relish grownup time over dinner at their leisure at the Michelin-starred El Corzo, Junior Adventurers break off for their own meal and a Disney movie night at a private venue, under the supervision of your Adventure Guides.

Chocolate Tasting for Kids

While the adults of the group continue to socialize and *vive la vida al máximo*, Junior Adventurers will enjoy sweet surprises at an after-dinner gourmet chocolate tasting just for them!

Accommodations: [Los Monteros Spa & Golf Resort](#)

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Itinerary: Day 7

Breakfast at Los Monteros Spa & Golf Resort

Awaken for a delectable *cava*—or sparkling wine—breakfast buffet at the poolside Flamingo Restaurant.



Bike Ride on Marbella Boardwalk

After a short ride to Old Town Marbella, pedal your way down the Paseo Marítimo, Marbella's 10-mile boardwalk with a picturesque white balustrade. Savor superb coastal views on this optional mid-morning jaunt led by your Adventure Guides. Those not wishing to bike are free to wander the boardwalk on foot.

Beach Day and Lunch on Your Own

Do whatever your heart desires for the remainder of the day, whether it's working on your tan with a drink in hand, shopping at beachfront boutiques, feasting on fresh seafood or pleasure boating to nearby Puerto Banús. Sun loungers and umbrellas will be provided for your sunbathing pleasure at La Cabane, the resort's private beach club. In need of ideas? Just ask your Adventure Guides.

Sangria Tasting and Dinner at Los Sardinales

Freshen up and head to this beachside restaurant, where adults get the opportunity to mingle as they master the art of blending the perfect sangria under the direction of an expert mixologist. Junior Adventurers can participate too, creating their own delicious nonalcoholic concoctions. Then enjoy freshly grilled seafood and regional specialties right by the sand, with incomparable views of the Mediterranean and the Bay of Marbella.

Accommodations: [Los Monteros Spa & Golf Resort](#)

Meal(s) Included Breakfast and Dinner

Itinerary: Day 8

Breakfast En Route

Enjoy a boxed breakfast as you make your way to the airport for your flight from Málaga to Barcelona.

Parc Güell and La Sagrada Família Basilica

Experience the City of Gaudí with VIP entry to La Sagrada Família, his Gothic–Art Nouveau masterpiece and the symbol of Barcelona. You'll also visit Parc Güell, an imaginative outdoor playground filled with whimsical, surrealist structures and colorful mosaics. Be prepared for a close encounter of the modernist kind!



Lunch in the Gothic Quarter

Pause for a casual meal in the heart of the old city of Barcelona, where you'll dine at a local restaurant featuring Catalan specialties.

Picasso Museum Visit

On a self-guided audio tour, view the world's largest collection of the influential Spanish painter's work, housed in 5 adjoining medieval palaces within Barcelona's historic Gothic Quarter. Meanwhile, your Adventure Guides will host the kids on their own Picasso tour.

Farewell Dinner at Can Travi Nou

Break bread with your fellow Adventurers one last time amid the rustic romance of this restored 17th-century farmhouse featuring delicious market cuisine. It's a fitting fairy-tale ending to a truly magical trip! The virtuoso guitar playing and soul-stirring singing of a Catalan rumba trio, one of Barcelona's best, will ensure the evening ends on a high note.

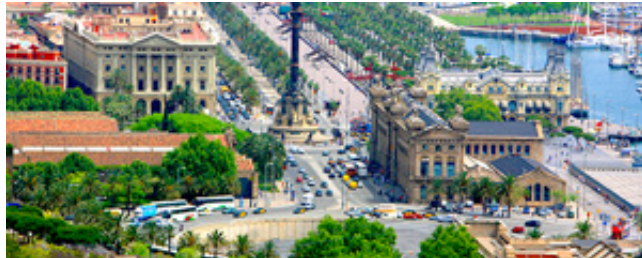
Accommodations: [Hotel Casa Fuster](#)

Meal(s) Included Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Itinerary: Day 9

Breakfast at the Hotel Casa Fuster and Departure for Airport

Say "*hasta luego*" to all your newly made friends as you savor a final breakfast in Spain. Once you're ready, your Adventure Guides will transport the group to Barcelona–El Prat Airport for your flight home.



Accommodations: [Hotel Casa Fuster](#)

Meal(s) Included Breakfast

Prices are based on double occupancy.

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Note on Accommodations: Subject to availability:

Parties of three in Madrid are accommodated in one room with one queen bed or two twin beds and a rollaway.
Parties of three in Seville and Barcelona are accommodated in one room with one king bed or two twin beds and a rollaway.
Parties of three adults in Seville are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one king bed.
Parties of three in Marbella are accommodated in one room with one double bed or two twin beds and a rollaway.

Parties of four booked as a quad: In Madrid, quads are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one queen bed. In Seville and Barcelona, quads are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one king bed. Connecting rooms may be requested in Barcelona, but are subject to availability.

Parties of four booked as two doubles in Madrid are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one queen bed. Parties of four booked as two doubles in Seville and Barcelona are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one king bed. Connecting rooms may be requested in Barcelona, but are subject to availability.

In Marbella, quads are accommodated in a two-bedroom suite with one room having one double bed, the other room having two twin beds, and the living room having one sofa bed.

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