



Combining some of Spain's most popular attractions with the lesser known delights of Portugal, allowing for an insightful exploration of the Iberian Peninsula.



Visit the towering Rock of Gibraltar, one of the pillars of Hercules, separating the Atlantic from the Mediterranean Sea

Best of Spain and Portugal

TOUR PACE

This popular tour moves at a comfortable pace with five two-night stays in Madrid, Lisbon, Seville, the Costa del Sol and Barcelona. Driving days are not too long and with frequent comfort stops.

HOTELS

An excellent mixture of both modern and traditional hotels; with the modern and luxurious Marriott in Lisbon and the Melia Costa del Sol, the Saray in Granada designed in the style of the Alhambra and the more traditional Husa Reina Victoria hotel in Valencia.

TOUR GATEWAYS

You can choose to leave your tour in Barcelona on Day 16. Enjoy a late breakfast and check-out at your leisure.

Only private airport transfers are available for Barcelona departures. See page 191 for details.



Don Quixote country

DAY 1 – DEPART CANADA. Board your overnight flight.

DAY 2 – MADRID AT LEISURE. Welcome to Madrid, Europe's highest capital, occupying the centre of the Iberian peninsula. At Madrid Airport, transfers depart for the tour hotel at 09:00, 11:00, 13:30 & 16:00. Later meet your Tour Director for a *Welcome Drink*. Hotel: NH Abascal/Melia Galgos

DAY 3 – MADRID SIGHTSEEING. A *guided sightseeing tour* takes you along the *Gran Vía* and *Paseo de la Castellana*. See the *Cervantes Monument* in the *Plaza España*, the *Puerta del Sol* and Madrid's most famous fountain in the *Plaza de la Cibeles*. Your *highlight is a visit to the Prado Museum to admire the paintings of Velázquez, Goya and many others.* (BB)

DAY 4 – MADRID – TOLEDO – SALAMANCA. Drive to *Toledo, former capital of Spain*. Walk through the maze of narrow cobbled streets to see the *Cathedral and the El Greco masterpiece in the chapel of Santo Tomé*. Later, pass the ancient walls of *Avila* en route to 'golden' *Salamanca*. Before reaching your hotel, see the honey-coloured *cathedral*. Hotel: Alameda Palace (BB,D)

DAY 5 – SALAMANCA – OPORTO. Cross the Portuguese border to reach *Oporto*. *En route, hear an informative tutorial about the wines that make this region so famous.* With your Tour Director, see the *Vila Nova de Gaia wine stores* which house the famous port wines and admire the multi-coloured houses and churches covered in glazed tiles. Hotel: Tiara Park (BB,D)

DAY 6 – OPORTO – FATIMA – OBIDOS – LISBON. After breakfast, head south to miraculous *Fatima* to join the pilgrims flocking into the great *Basilica*. Continue to *Batalha* to visit the *Royal Chapel in the Gothic monastery* before driving to the old walled town of *Obidos* to explore the medieval streets. Later, continue to Lisbon. Hotel: Marriott (BB)

DAY 7 – LISBON SIGHTSEEING. Today's sightseeing with a *local guide* shows you *Sao Jorge Castle*, the *Monument to the Discoveries* and the *Belem Tower*. Later, visit *Jeronimo's Monastery with its superbly ornate cloister*. The afternoon is at leisure to explore at your own pace. (BB)

DAY 8 – LISBON – SEVILLE. Leave Lisbon via the modern *Tagus Bridge* and cross the border to reach *Seville*. *A tour with a local guide includes the immense Cathedral, burial place of Christopher Columbus, and the slender Giralda Tower.* Tour the *Santa Cruz Quarter* with its flower-decked wrought iron balconies and see the *Alcazar*. *Tonight settle back for a Highlight Dinner and entertainment featuring a fiery Flamenco show.* Hotel: Melia Lebreros/Melia Sevilla (BB,HD)

DAY 9 – SEVILLE AT LEISURE. The day is completely yours to relax, explore or continue sightseeing in this fascinating city. One suggestion is an optional excursion to Cordoba to visit the magnificent Mezquita? (BB)

DAY 10 – SEVILLE – GIBRALTAR – COSTA DEL SOL. Head south to *Gibraltar*, attached to Spain, yet an independent colony under British control since 1704. *Visit the Rock of Gibraltar, St. Michael's Cave and see the Barbary Apes!* Time to shop then later, take the scenic route along the *Costa del Sol* to your hotel. Hotel: Melia Costa Del Sol (BB,D)

DAY 11 – COSTA DEL SOL AT LEISURE. Enjoy a whole day at leisure on the Costa del Sol. Relax by the blue Mediterranean waters, stroll along the promenade or savour the specialities in the local restaurants. (BB)

DAY 12 – COSTA DEL SOL – MIJAS – GRANADA. *Drive through the green hills above the Costa del Sol to the white-washed village of Mijas. Stroll through the old streets and gardens and take in the views of the coast.* Continue to *Granada* to visit the *magnificent Alhambra Palace*. See the *Lion Court as well as the water gardens of the royal summer residence*. For your dining pleasure tonight, *choose from a selection of restaurants*. Hotel: Saray (BB,DA)

DAY 13 – GRANADA – VALENCIA. Cross the *Mora Pass*, enjoying *superb views over the Sierra Nevada*. Pass through palm forests and lemon groves as you travel to *Valencia*. On your *orientation tour*, see the *Generalidad Palace, El Miguelete Cathedral, gates of Serranos, Cuarte* and the modern *Centre for Arts and Sciences*. Hotel: Husa Reina Victoria/NH Center (BB,D)

DAY 14 – VALENCIA – BARCELONA. Follow the coast to *Peñíscola* to view the *sea-lapped castle* used in the film *El Cid*. Continue along the *Costa Dorada* to *Barcelona*. In the *Gothic Quarter*, visit the *cathedral* with a *local guide* and then view the lively *Rambla*. Tour the modern *Eixample District* to see *Gaudi's Sagrada Familia church*. Hotel: Melia Barcelona (BB)

DAY 15 – BARCELONA AT LEISURE. Today has been set aside as a *free day* to allow you to explore this vibrant city at your own pace. Options include an excursion to the great *Monastery of Montserrat* to see the *Black Madonna*. (BB)

DAY 16 – BARCELONA – MADRID. (*Guests may choose to leave the tour at this point - see left.*) Pass *Zaragoza* in the province of *Aragón* and make your way along the *Jalón Valley* back to *Madrid*. Hotel: NH Nacional/Melia Galgos (BB)

DAY 17 – RETURN TO CANADA. Sadly, your tour comes to an end today. *Departure transfers* arrive at Madrid Airport at 07:00, 09:00 & 11:00. (BB)



For a taste of the atmosphere in Barcelona, take a stroll along La Rambla

Key

- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
- PERSONAL INSIGHTS
- DINE-AROUND & HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
- WELCOME DRINK
- GUIDED SIGHTSEEING OR ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
- SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS

See hotel details on page 181-189

Visit the 15th century Jeronimo's Monastery with its superbly ornate cloister and ruined church of Santa Maria

Visit Christopher Columbus' tomb in the Cathedral of Seville
 Dinner plus a fiery flamenco show

Included Premium Highlights

- Admire the paintings of Velázquez and Goya on a guided visit of Madrid's Prado Museum
- Visit the unique city of Toledo, to admire the Cathedral and El Greco's masterpiece in the chapel of Santo Tomé
- Visit the Royal Chapel in the ornate Gothic Monastery of Batalha
- Visit Jeronimo's Monastery, a masterpiece of Manueline art
- Visit the tomb of Christopher Columbus in Seville's Gothic Cathedral, built in the 15th century
- Visit the Rock of Gibraltar, St. Michael's Cave and see the Barbary Apes
- Journey high above the Mediterranean to the white-washed village of Mijas
- In Granada, visit the exquisite Alhambra Palace and water gardens of the Generalife

Included Personal Insights

- Enjoy a short tutorial about the world-famous wines of the region

Included Other Excursions & Sights

- See Madrid's Cervantes Monument, Cibeles Fountain and Puerta del Sol
- See the cathedral in the university town of Salamanca
- See the walled town of Avila
- See the wine stores of the Vila Nova de Gaia in Oporto
- Visit the neo-classical Basilica in the pilgrimage town of Fatima
- Visit the ancient fortified city of Obidos
- View the modern Monument to the Discoveries and ancient Belem Tower in Lisbon
- View the Alcazar, Giralda Tower, and the fashionable Santa Cruz quarter in Seville
- Visit Gibraltar to see the famous Rock
- See Valencia's Generalidad Palace, El Miguelete Tower, City Gates and Cathedral
- See the white walled cottages and stone castle of Peñíscola
- Drive through Barcelona's modern Eixample District to view Gaudi's Sagrada Familia
- Visit the Cathedral in the Gothic Quarter and Barcelona's most famous street, La Rambla
- Scenic drives across the Guadarrama Mountains, Mora Pass and along the Costa del Sol

Included First Class Services

- Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
- Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom
- Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- Insight Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
- Airport arrival and departure transfers at scheduled times on Day 2 and Day 17

(Should your flights not coincide with these arrival and departure transfers, please make your own way to/from the airport or see page 191 to purchase a transfer)

Included Quality Dining

- Highlight Dinner featuring a Flamenco Show in Seville (HD)
- Dine-Around evening at your own choice of restaurant from our selection in Granada (DA)
- 15 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 4 three-course table d'hôte Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)



Enjoy a guided tour of the famous Alhambra Palace and also the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the royal summer residence
 Choose from a selection of restaurants on our Dine-Around evening

TOUR CODE: E932 **Save up to \$315 p.p. - see reductions below**

Starts Canada:	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Starts Canada:	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Starts Canada:	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Starts Canada:	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option
Mar 18	\$3125	\$930	May 20	\$3150	\$930	Jul 22	\$3150	\$930	Sep 23	\$3199	\$930
Mar 25	\$3150	\$930	May 27	\$3150	\$930	Jul 29	\$3150	\$930	Sep 30	\$3199	\$930
Apr 01	\$3150	\$930	Jun 03	\$3150	\$930	Aug 05	\$3150	\$930	Oct 07	\$3199	\$930
Apr 08	\$3150	\$930	Jun 10	\$3150	\$930	Aug 12	\$3150	\$930	Oct 14	\$3150	\$930
Apr 15	\$3350	\$1220	Jun 17	\$3150	\$930	Aug 19	\$3175	\$930	Oct 21	\$3125	\$930
Apr 22	\$3150	\$930	Jun 24	\$3150	\$930	Aug 26	\$3175	\$930	Oct 28	\$3075	\$930
Apr 29	\$3399	\$1220	Jul 01	\$3150	\$930	Sep 02	\$3199	\$930	Nov 04	\$3075	\$930
May 06	\$3325	\$930	Jul 08	\$3150	\$930	Sep 09	\$3375	\$930			
May 13	\$3150	\$930	Jul 15	\$3150	\$930	Sep 16	\$3375	\$930			

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Early Payment Discount
12 months \$315
10 months \$235
6 months \$160
SAVE per person

Extra Accommodation

Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
NH Abascal, Madrid	\$125	\$177	\$108
Melia Galgos, Madrid	\$113	\$160	\$103
Melia, Barcelona			
16-22 May '11 & 21-30 Sep '11	\$262	\$387	\$262
All other times	\$180	\$303	\$180
AC Cuzco, Madrid	\$111	\$181	\$102
NH Nacional, Madrid	\$115	\$169	\$103

A small reduction is available for missed nights for joining late or leaving early if advised at time of booking.

Notes
Tours start on Fridays and end on Sundays.
Additional Visa Requirements Passengers who require visas for the UK will also need a separate visa for Gibraltar
Insight's Low Airfare Promise: Insight promises we will provide the best airfare available to us at the time you make your reservation. Please see page 190 for full details. Airfares are not included in the prices listed above.

Included are worth approximately C\$269

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