

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FLAVOURS OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

2025 - 2026

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14 day / 13 night tour



Madrid to Porto

ITINERARY

To view the itinerary's day-by-day details, simply click on your preferred day from the interactive list. Discover daily activities, special experiences and insider local tips that make your journey a memorable one.



MADRID TO PORTO

14 day / 13 night tour

DAY 1

Arrive Madrid

Touch down in Madrid, Spain's vibrant capital. Upon arrival, be transferred to your hotel. This evening, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers before spending the remainder of the night exploring the city at your leisure.



Stay: Two Nights, Madrid, Casa de Las Artes, member of Meliá Collection or similar.

DAY 2

Madrid

Start your day with a guided discovery of Madrid. Packed full of art museums, fabulous restaurants and leafy green spaces – not to mention Europe's largest palace – Madrid offers locals and visitors alike plenty of things to do. See major sites including the Museo del Prado, the Royal Palace of Madrid, Plaza Mayor and El Retiro Park. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to explore at your own pace. This evening, join your fellow travellers for an authentic Welcome Dinner.

Enhance Your Journey - Toledo Day Trip

You may like to join an optional excursion to Toledo, an ancient city built atop a gorge and home to one of Spain's top 10 cathedrals (own expense).

Enhance Your Journey:

Discover more in hand-picked destinations with these optional select experiences that provide further opportunity to pursue your special interests. Enhance Your Journey experiences are at an additional cost to your tour price.

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 3

Madrid, Úbeda, Granada

En route to Granada this morning, pause in Úbeda, a World Heritage-listed town set within a lush olive-growing region. Enjoy time here to stroll among the gothic and early renaissance Spanish architecture. You'll also have the opportunity to taste locally grown and produced extra virgin olive oil. Your journey continues to Granada. On arrival, check in to your hotel and prepare for an evening to remember with an exciting Insider Experience in store.

Insider Experience – Behind-the-Scenes Flamenco Performance

Meet the family working behind-the-scenes of a powerful flamenco show, before sitting down to watch the performance unfold. Be regaled by the music, dancing and costume while you indulge in local specialties for dinner.

Insider Experiences:

These are carefully crafted experiences designed to take your holiday from amazing to extraordinary.



Stay: Two Nights, Meliá Granada or similar

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 4

Granada

No visit to Granada is complete without experiencing Alhambra, a Moorish palace and fortress complex established in 1238. Marvel at its architecture in addition to the breathtaking views – the palace was built on a hilltop overlooking the city and the River Darro. The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure.

Enhance Your Journey - Albaicín Neighbourhood Guided Walk

You may like to join an optional guided walk through the Albaicín neighbourhood, the oldest in Granada set in the shadows of the Alhambra. Explore narrow streets lined with whitewashed buildings and one of the best-preserved public Arab hammams in Spain.

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Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 5

Granada, Córdoba

Your journey takes you to Córdoba today, a stunning city characterised by its distinctive Moorish architecture. Spend the day exploring its sights. You'll also spend time wandering the Jewish Quarter and the colourful Calleja de las Flores (Flower Alley), a narrow alley popular with photography enthusiasts due to the dozens of flowerpots fixed to the white walls. Tonight, revisit the impressive Mezquita to see it in a new light: carefully placed lighting and atmospheric sound add an extra layer of fascination to this remarkable building.

Stay: Hotel NH Collection Amistad Córdoba or similar

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 6

Cordoba, Seville



Begin your morning with breakfast before heading to Seville. After checking in to your hotel, spend time exploring Seville at your own pace. Renowned for its Moorish architecture, flamenco clubs, lush green parks and mouthwatering tapas, Seville has plenty to offer. This evening, prepare for a delicious immersion into local culture and cuisine with an Insider Experience.

Insider Experience – Authentic Seville Tapas Experience

Explore Seville's old town tabernas for the best tapas in the city. Popular dishes include solomillo al whisky (pork loin with whisky sauce), espinacas con garbanzos (spinach and chickpeas), and jamón Iberico de Bellota (acornfed Iberian ham). Look out for these dishes on menus. As you wander the streets, learn about the city's rich history and locally loved hidden gems.

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Stay: Two Nights, Seville, Meliá Sevilla or similar

Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 7

Seville

Today is all yours to explore Seville. You may like to explore the city's must-see sights including Plaza de España, Royal Alcázar of Seville and Parque de María Luisa.

Enhance Your Journey – Visit the Home of Flamenco

You might like to join an optional tour to Jerez de la Frontera, considered the home of flamenco and producers of world-famous Jerez wines.

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Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 8

Seville, Monsaraz, Évora, Lisbon

This next part of the journey takes you into Portugal. Your first stop is Monsaraz, a medieval village encircled by an ancient wall and surrounded by countryside and olive groves. After time to wander the cobblestone streets, continue to Évora, where you will enjoy a special Insider Experience. The capital of Portugal is next up. Lisbon, with the Atlantic Ocean lapping at its heels, is the perfect blend of city and coastal living. Take time this evening to



explore the hilly capital for yourself.

Insider Experience - Southern Portugal Wine Tasting

In Évora, delight in a pre-lunch wine tasting at the historic Pousada Convento Évora. This carefully restored 15th-century convent is considered the city's most impressive historic buildings. Sip local wines before a sumptuous lunch in this significant setting.

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Stay: Two Nights, Avani Avenida Liberdade Lisbon Hotel or similar

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch

DAY 9

Lisbon

Discover the wonders of Lisbon. Explore the city's hilly streets, jump aboard an iconic tram ride for a scenic journey and finish at Belém Tower, a symbol of Portugal's Age of Discoveries, for a picturesque look into Lisbon's maritime history. Belém is also renowned for being the home of the Portuguese tart, which has been baked and sold at the famous Pastéis de Belém since 1837. It's here in Belém you can enjoy your special Insider Experience. Tonight, enjoy a fado Farewell Dinner. Savour the rich flavours of Lisbon with a delicious dinner while witnessing a powerful fado performance, traditional folk music originating from Lisbon's neighbourhoods.

Insider Experience – Portuguese Tart Making Class

At a local bakery, discover the art of making the world-famous pastel de nata (Portuguese tarts). Master the culinary skills required to make this sweet pastry with a hands-on lesson led by a local baker. While you bake, learn about the history behind the pastel de nata, before the best part: tasting your efforts.

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Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 10

Lisbon, Sintra, Cascais, Lisbon

Set off on a full-day tour to the charming towns of Sintra and Cascais today. Begin in the World Heritage-listed town of Sintra, which looks as if it were stolen from the pages of a fairytale. Set in the foothills of Portugal's Sintra Mountains, this was once the summer retreat for Lisbon's nobility and royalty. Now, visitors and locals alike make the journey to Sintra to visit the famous Pena Palace, which is perched atop a hill and boasts stunning panoramas



of the surrounds. Admire the palace's vivid colours, decorative terraces and Romanticist architecture, before exploring its famous gardens.

Continue to Cascais, a coastal resort town flaunting gold, sandy beaches, a popular marina and preserved medieval buildings. Enjoy time to explore at your leisure. You might like to sprawl out on one of Cascais' postcard-perfect beaches, peruse a museum, or enjoy a bite to eat at a local restaurant.

Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 11

Lisbon, Óbidos, Nazaré, Coimbra

Spend the day further exploring Portugal's picturesque towns and cities. In Óbidos, one of Europe's best-preserved medieval villages, step back in time to an era of knights and folklore as you explore the medieval walls and castle. Continue to Nazaré, renowned worldwide for its big-wave surfing. Stroll through the cobblestone lanes, enjoy people-watching at a local café, or relax at the beach. Conclude your day in Coimbra, a historic riverfront city home to Portugal's oldest university, founded in 1209. Check in to your hotel before enjoying the remainder of your day at leisure.

Stay: NH Coimbra Dona Ines or Tivoli Coimbra or similar

Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 12

Coimbra, Aveiro, Porto

Explore Portugal's version of Venice when you visit Aveiro this morning. Board a traditional Moliceiro boat and set off on a canal cruise across the city's historic waterways. Afterwards, explore the vibrant Beira Mar neighbourhood, the oldest area in Aveiro, and discover colourful houses plastered with azulejos tiles, as well as the city's bustling fish market. Your journey continues to the riverside city of Porto.

Stay: Two Nights, Mercure Porto Centro Santa Catarina or similar

Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 13

Porto



Begin your day with a walking tour of Porto, learning about the city's rich history and architecture as you navigate the hilly terrain. Prepare for an exciting Insider Experience before spending the remainder of your day at leisure.

Insider Experience - Exclusive Wine Tasting at a Local Quinta

Immerse yourself in local cuisine, wine and culture when you take part in an exclusive wine tasting experience at a private quinta. Accompanying delicious local wines is a memorable Farewell Lunch hosted by the quinta owners to celebrate your time here.

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Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch

DAY 14

Depart Porto

Your Portugal adventure comes to an end today with a transfer to the airport for your onward journey. Not ready for your adventure to end? Join our 8-day Douro Discovery for a captivating cruise along Portugal's famed Douro River.

Daily: • Breakfast