



## Tour Itinerary:

*(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner included that day)*

### Day 1 DEPART CANADA

Today your journey begins! During the layover in Toronto, join the group for lunch and get to know your travel companions.

### Day 2 ARRIVE IN MADRID, SPAIN

Check into your hotel to relax and refresh. Tonight, meet your fellow travelling companions at a welcome reception.

### Day 3 MADRID

Today we will visit El Escorial, a renaissance-style complex of white-grey stone, which houses the Mausoleum of the Spanish Monarchs and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This morning and afternoon is a free to explore Madrid. At 6:00 pm, meet your Globus Tour Director for a welcome dinner at your hotel. (B,D)

### Day 4 MADRID

Your Local Guide takes you to the Puerta del Sol, Plaza de España with its monument to Cervantes, the Parliament, Cibeles Fountain, elegant Calle Alcalá, and Paseo de Castellana. Then, the highlight: a visit to the palatial Prado Museum with its priceless art treasures. After we'll have skip the line access to go inside the Royal Palace to admire the extensive collection of antique clocks, armor, art, porcelain and tapestries that line its halls. Make sure to check out the works by Spanish masters Goya and Velázquez and stop by the throne room, banquet halls and private royal apartments. You'll also have time to see the royal armory, pharmacy and grand hall of columns. (B)

### Day 5 MADRID-SEGOVIA-AVILA-SALAMANCA

A day in beautiful Castile. Cross the rugged Sierra de Guadarrama mountain range on the way to Segovia, famous for the 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct. Enjoy a walk through the walled town of Avila, where St. Theresa founded the Order of Carmelites. Arrive in Salamanca, and follow your Tour Director for a pleasant walk to beautiful Plaza Mayor. A highlight is your overnight stay at Hacienda Zorita, which once hosted Christopher Columbus, where a wine tasting and dinner await you. (B,D)

### Day 6 SALAMANCA-FATIMA, PORTUGAL-LISBON

The majestic scenery of the Serra da Estrela mountain range forms the backdrop of your morning drive into Portugal. Before heading for Lisbon, melt into the stream of pilgrims from all over the world as you visit the Sanctuary of our Lady of the Rosary in Fatima. This evening is an optional dinner with Fado-style entertainment, the perfect introduction to Portugal's capital. (B,D)

### Day 7 LISBON

Lisbon was the center of Europe's longest-lived overseas empire. Morning sightseeing with a Local Guide features a drive through the Baixa quarter's main squares and a walk through the cobblestone alleys of quaint Alfama, the popular quarter of the seamen and Fado singers. Drive along the grand Avenida da Liberdade up to Pombal Square. Stop for pictures of Belem Tower, guarding the mouth of the Tagus, and the Monument to the Discoveries. Next, visit Jeronimos Monastery with the tomb of Vasco da Gama. An exciting optional excursion is available to the royal palace of Queluz. (B)

### **Day 8 LISBON–AZARUJA–SEVILLE**

On the way back to Spain, stop in Azaruja to visit a cork factory and learn about the many ways this material can be used. Then, continue to the vibrant capital of Andalusia, Seville. (B,D)

### **Day 9 SEVILLE**

During your sightseeing tour with a Local Guide, hear about the city's role in Roman times, its conquest by the Moors in 712 AD, and its contribution to the discovery of the New World. Admire Maria Luisa Park, the Golden Tower on the Guadalquivir River, and the university that used to be the tobacco factory of Carmen fame. Also visit the magnificent Casa de Pilatos, a mixture of Moorish and Roman architecture with a splendid collection of Roman sculptures. Then, stroll through the narrow lanes of the charming Santa Cruz Quarter. For those interested, an extended guided visit to the cathedral is available, and tonight, for a truly Andalusian night out, the group will watch a Flamenco show. (B,D)

### **Day 10 SEVILLE–TANGIER, MOROCCO**

Through the sunny sherry wine region of Jerez to Algeciras. Board your ferry and sail across the Strait of Gibraltar to Africa. Continue to Tangier, jumping-off point for the Moorish conquest of Spain and home town of legendary medieval traveler Ibn Batuta. Sightseeing with a Local Guide includes a spectacular panoramic drive to Cap Spartel. Marvel at the views and quench your thirst Bedouin-style with a glass of hot mint tea, accompanied by local biscuits. This evening, enjoy a lively Moroccan show after dinner at your hotel. (B,D)

### **Day 11 TANGIER–COSTA DEL SOL, SPAIN**

Visit Tangier's exciting and colorful Grand Socco square and explore the narrow streets of the Kasbah. Return by ferry across the Strait and back in Spain, drive to your hotel in Torremolinos on the elegant Costa del Sol. (B)

### **Day 12 AT LEISURE ON THE COSTA DEL SOL**

Enjoy the sights and shopping of Gibraltar on this full-day trip from the Costa del Sol. Travel to the famous British territory by air-conditioned coach, and discover its main attractions, including the legendary Rock of Gibraltar, on a sightseeing tour. Head inside St Michael's Cave, meet the cheeky Barbary monkeys and visit Europa Point, where a lighthouse marks the gateway of the Atlantic and Mediterranean. Plus, get free time to enjoy Gibraltar's British atmosphere and high-street stores, fashion chains and duty-free outlets — all perfect for a dose of great-value shopping. (B)

### **Day 13 COSTA DEL SOL–GRANADA**

Into the mountains to history-steeped Granada. A guided walking tour features its main attraction, the Alhambra Complex. A fantasy of "lace in stone" surrounded by arabesque gardens and fountains, it affords superb views of the Old Quarter and Sacromonte, a mountain occupied by Gypsy cave dwellers. Also admire the magnificent Water Gardens of the Generalife, the royal summer residence. This evening, a special dinner with local specialties has been prepared for you at one of Granada's fine restaurants. (B,D)

### **Day 14 GRANADA–TOLEDO–MADRID**

The olive and orange groves of the rolling Andalusian hills and, later, the more barren landscapes of Don Quixote's La Mancha unfold before your eyes on the way north to Toledo, spectacularly situated on a granite hill surrounded by a loop of the Tagus River. Your walking tour with a Local Guide features the Moorish bridge and visits to an early Synagogue, the 13th-century gothic Cathedral, and the Church of Santo Tomé with one of El Greco's most famous paintings. Time to visit a Damascene Steel Workshop before returning to Madrid. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner with your Globus tour guide at your hotel. (B,D)

### **Day 15 MADRID**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

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