



THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

Classic Spain & Lisbon

Thursday, October 28 – Tuesday, November 9, 2010

The most popular Spanish cuisine is tapas—small sample-sized dishes that deliver a variety of exotic tastes. This popular tour of Spain is the travel equivalent—a chance to experience the flavors of the country by exploring Spain’s most charming cities—with a short stay in **Lisbon, Portugal** as the appetizer. A tour of vibrant Lisbon highlights the **Tower of Belem** and **Jeronimo’s Monastery** but the best part of your day may be the cuisine, wine and Fado music you’ll enjoy at a local restaurant this evening. Portugal’s “Silver Coast” is your next destination with the famed pilgrimage site of **Fatima**, before you journey into Spain. In the heart of Espana you’ll see the sites of **Madrid** including a guided tour of the **Prado Museum** and a side-trip to the medieval capital (and UNESCO site) of **Toledo**. Next you’ll visit the Moorish city of **Cordoba** and tour the **Mezquita**, a glorious 8th-century mosque. From there you’re off to **Sevilla** for a comprehensive tour and end your evening with an authentic flamenco dance show. In **Granada** you’ll visit the famous **Alhambra**—an immense hilltop palace—and the **Generalife**, an ornately laid out garden with waterfalls, courtyards and secret gardens. Travel through amazing landscapes to reach the Mediterranean coast and **Valencia**—Roman and Arabic architecture, citrus groves and the old Silk Exchange building. Your holiday ends in lively **Barcelona** with a highlights tour featuring **Las Ramblas** and works by Gaudi. A bit of this, a taste of that— it’s the perfect combination!

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Lisbon and Barcelona to Boston
- Eleven nights’ first class accommodations
- Nineteen meals: eleven buffet breakfasts one lunch, seven dinners
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Sightseeing and touring

Rates

\$3,129 per person double occupancy
\$3,079 per person triple occupancy
\$3,809 single reservations
 Add \$120 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Cancellation and unused services waiver is \$200 per person. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at the time of booking. Passport required

Trip Planner

Day	1	Overnight Flight
Day	2 - 4	Fenix Hotel, Lisbon
Day	5, 6	Melia Galgos Hotel, Madrid
Day	7, 8	Melia Sevilla, Seville or Melia Lebreros, Seville
Day	9	Hotel Tryp Albayzin, Granada
Day	10	Hotel Beatriz Rey Don Jaime, Valencia
Day	11, 12	Hotel Colon, Barcelona

Highlights

Lisbon, Nazare, Fatima, Obidos, Madrid, Prado Museum, Toledo, Cordoba, Seville, Flamenco Show, Granada, Alhambra, Valencia, Barcelona

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Thursday, October 28, 2010

Depart Boston on your overnight flight to Lisbon.

Day 2: Friday, October 29, 2010 - Arrive Lisbon, Portugal

Welcome to Portugal, where quaint farming villages, cork and olive tree plantations dot the landscape. Enjoy Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital city. Tonight, begin your journey with a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, October 30, 2010 - Lisbon

A tour of Lisbon features the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimo's Monastery, Monument to the Discoveries and the Tower of Belem. Tonight, enjoy a dinner complete with local cuisine, wines and Fado music at Adega Machado's restaurant. (B,D)

Day 4: Sunday, October 31, 2010 - Lisbon - Fatima - Nazare - Obidos – Lisbon

Your day on Portugal's "Silver Coast" begins in the pilgrimage town of Fatima. View the Batalha Monastery, an example of Manueline Architecture, and travel to the quaint towns of Nazare and Obidos. (B)

Day 5: Monday, November 01, 2010 - Lisbon - Madrid, Spain

Depart Lisbon and cross the border into Spain. Enjoy a day viewing the countryside of Portugal and Spain before arriving into the capital city of Spain – Madrid. (B,D)

Day 6: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 - Madrid - Prado Museum - Toledo - Madrid

During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic center, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. A guided tour of the Prado Museum, open since 1819, provides you with an historical and cultural perspective of this magnificent museum that boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. «This afternoon travel to Toledo, a UNESCO site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13th century synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage.» Also stop in the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz. (B)

Day 7: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 - Madrid - Cordoba – Seville

Today, your Tour Manager will help you discover the origin and history of the language(s) you will experience on your tour along with key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals. Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. This UNESCO site, an architectural marvel, built by the Moors in the 8th century as a magnificent mosque, was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital." (B,D)

Day 8: Thursday, November 04, 2010 - Seville

Today you will see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral, a UNESCO site, and Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint old Santa Cruz Quarter with its bright flowers, white-washed buildings and winding streets; then continue to Plaza D'España and the beautiful Maria Luisa Park, one of the loveliest in all of Europe. «A local flamenco dancer joins you for a typical "tapas lunch" featuring small portions of hot and cold specialties; here you learn about the history, culture and artistry of flamenco.» This evening, take your reserved seats for an authentic flamenco show featuring Seville's top performers. (B,L)

Day 9: Friday, November 05, 2010-Seville - Granada

Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. «Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra, the immense hilltop palace that is a UNESCO site.» Also tour the Generalife, meaning "garden of the architect," where the grounds are beautifully designed with waterfalls, courtyards and smaller secret gardens. (B,D)

Day 10: Saturday, November 06, 2010 - Granada – Valencia

Today you travel through Spain's amazing landscape viewing rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves while en route to the Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves. (B,D)

Day 11: Sunday, November 07, 2010 - Valencia - Barcelona

A city tour of historic Valencia features the ornate 14th century Serranos Tower and imposing 15th century Quart Tower. You'll also see the bustling central market, one of the largest in Europe, and view the Gothic Cathedral, where construction began in 1262 on the site of an ancient mosque. Your trip to Valencia would not be complete without a stop at Lonja, the old Silk Exchange, recognized by UNESCO as one of the most beautiful buildings of European civil Gothic architecture. (B)

Day 12: Monday, November 08, 2010 - Barcelona

Get an in-depth look at Barcelona, one of the most vibrant and lively cities in Spain! Your locally guided tour showcases Las Ramblas Boulevard, the most famous in Barcelona, dotted with bird and flower stalls. Also see

Columbus Monument; Parc Montjuic; Antonio Gaudi's works including "La Sagrada Familia," a UNESCO site which is still under construction; Parc Guell, and the unconventional Casa Mila building. This afternoon continue to explore colorful Barcelona on your own. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a lovely trip to Spain! (B,D)

Day 13: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 - Barcelona - Tour Ends

You return home with vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

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