

 **Central Holidays™**
Group Travel Experiences



PORTUGAL & SPAIN

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

(3) LISBON • (1) ÉVORA • (3) SEVILLE

LAND/AIR FROM JFK - OTHER GATEWAYS AVAILABLE

PORTUGAL & SPAIN TOUR FEATURES



DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Explore historic & colorful Lisbon • Old-World neighborhoods of Alfama and Belém • UNESCO World Heritage Jeronimos Monastery & Belém Tower • Traditional Fado show • Discover Historic town of Sintra • Visit a tile factory • Évora, a living museum • Welcoming art of Portuguese people • Embrace Moorish spirit in Seville and Cordoba • The Santa Cruz Jewish quarter • Interactive Flamenco Dance Museum in Seville • Discover Jerez and Arcos de la Frontera, beautifully preserved Andalusian villages • Horse show in Jerez • Experience majestic Madrid with its magnificent monuments such as, Neptune and Cibeles fountains, the Alcalá Gate, the Plaza de España & the Royal Palace, the lavish site of royal events

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** 10 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts and 3 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: City tours of Lisbon, Évora, and Seville as well as tour of Jerez and Arcos de la Frontera including horse show and a visit to Bodega. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as learning about Fado, the traditional form of Portuguese singing, taking part in an interactive tile workshop during a visit at the tile factory, and learning about the art and evolution of Flamenco
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival to Lisbon
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACH** Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

OPTIONAL MADRID EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** 2 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Half day tour of Madrid, including the Royal Palace
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Madrid
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport



BELEM TOWER, LISBON



DAY 1 DEPART USA

Depart the US bound for Portugal on an overnight flight.

DAY 2 ARRIVE LISBON, PORTUGAL

Arrive at Lisbon Airport, be greeted by your tour director, and transfer to your hotel. Spread across picturesque hillsides that overlook the River Tejo, Lisbon offers a myriad of delights as Portugal's star attraction, yet with a fraction of the fuss of other European capitals. Cathedrals, regal monasteries, and charming museums are all part of the colorful cityscape, but the real delights of discovery lie in its people, touring its sites, and Lisbon's lovely and old-world backstreets. Dinner is on your own tonight, offering you the opportunity to venture along at your own pace and take in the acclaimed gastronomy of Portugal.

DAY 3 LISBON - CITY TOUR ———— 🍷🍴 (B,D)

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a morning tour of Lisbon, including the opportunity to explore the city center, the old quarter of Alfama, as well as the Belem quarter and its monuments including Jeronimos Monastery, the Belém Tower, and the Monument to the Discoveries. This city, the capital of Portugal, is a legendary city with more than 20 centuries of history. Voyages of discovery turned Lisbon into one of the world's greatest ports and the base of an empire that stretched from Brazil in the West to India in the East. This monumental city features typical tile covered building facades and narrow winding streets. Tonight your welcome to Portugal features a flavorful dinner of local favorites and an unforgettable Fado show, a part of our Cultural Discovery Series. Meaning "destiny" or "fate", Fado is the urban folk music of Portugal. It thrives today in the country's bars, taverns and Fado houses for everyone to relish as a global melodic symbol of Portuguese culture and tradition. Sit back and feel free to linger over some port wine and take in the soulful passion of Portugal via its musical tradition of Fado that is sure to stir the passion in you!

DAY 4 LISBON - OPTIONAL SINTRA, CABO DI ROCA, ESTORIL ———— 🍷🍴 (B)

Today is yours to explore at leisure or embark on a captivating optional excursion to Sintra, Cabo di Roca, Cascais, and Estoril. Your first stop on this fascinating day's adventures is the historic town of Sintra, where a walking tour takes you to delve into the village's treasures and includes a tour of the Palacio Nacional de Sintra. Next, it's on to Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of Continental Europe where you can sample a Portuguese liquor called Ginjinha. Your day's activities take you along to the famous resort of Cascais and the cosmopolitan coastal village of Estoril.

DAY 5 LISBON/ÉVORA - CITY TOUR ———— 🍷🍴 (B,D)

As we travel from Lisbon to Évora this morning, we visit a tile factory and take part in an interactive tile painting workshop. As part of our Cultural Discovery Series this workshop will teach us all about Azulejos, the blue-white ceramic tiles, traditionally used in Portugal to decorate the facades of various landmark buildings, churches, and monasteries. Continue to Évora, one of Portugal's most beautifully preserved medieval towns, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your local guide reveals how Moorish arcades, and a score of churches and monasteries create a fascinating cultural tapestry; see the Capela dos Ossos, the 15th century Church of São Francisco, and the Cathedral of St. Mary. Spend the remainder of the day exploring this enchanting town at your own pace, and discover its labyrinthine streets, picturesque town squares, and a great display of Moorish-inspired arches.

DAY 6 ÉvORA/SEVILLE - CITY TOUR ———— 🍷🍴 (B)

After breakfast, journey to Seville, Spain's fourth largest city and the capital of the Andalusia region. Built on the banks of the Guadalquivir River, the city has a rich history with vast Moorish influences and was once a prosperous trading port with the Americas. Take a guided walking tour with visits to the city (the old Jewish Quarter in Middle Ages) and see the renowned Giralda Bell Tower (once the minaret of a mosque during Seville's Moorish days). Then explore the impressive Gothic Cathedral, one of the world's most beautiful and burial site of Christopher Columbus. Next, take part in our Cultural Discovery Series and visit the interactive Flamenco Dance Museum to learn about the art and evolution of Flamenco. Evening is at leisure for you to further explore this vibrant and colorful city.





DAY 7 SEVILLE - TOUR OF JEREZ & ARCOS DE LA FRONTERA  (B)

Today we spend the day exploring the whitewashed villages of Spain's pueblo blancos. Drive to Jerez de la Frontera, the capital of the Andalusian horse culture, and also one of the largest producers of fine sherry wines. Visit the famous Bodega and learn all about the tradition of producing an aged sherry, and afterwards sample different kinds of this very special Spanish wine. Next, enjoy a spectacular show featuring horses with riders dressed in 18th century costumes performing to stirring music. After some free time and lunch on your own, drive to the quintessential hill town, Arcos de la Frontera, known for its exceptional architecture and impressive location. The old town is a tangled labyrinth of cobbled streets that lead up to a sandstone castle, the Castillo de los Arcos which offers exhilarating views over the town and the rolling plain below. After a walking tour with your guide, enjoy time at leisure, before returning to the hotel late in the afternoon.

DAY 8 SEVILLE - OPTIONAL TO CORDOBA  (B,D)

Spend the day at leisure or join us on an optional tour to Córdoba where we visit the unparalleled mosque-cathedral, La Mezquita, a symbol of the worldly sophisticated culture that flourished here more than a millennium ago when Córdoba was the capital of Islamic Spain and Europe's largest cultural and intellectual center. Córdoba was a major seat of Jewish learning in the Middle Ages, and although few Jews have returned to the city since their forced exile from Spain during the Inquisition, the historic Jewish Quarter of Córdoba remains well preserved. Explore the synagogue and view the Maimonides sculpture to get a picture of the Jewish heritage in the city. Return to Seville and join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at the hotel.

DAY 9 SEVILLE TO USA OR EXTEND YOUR STAY WITH AN OPTIONAL MADRID EXTENSION  (B)

After breakfast transfer to Seville Airport for your return flight home.



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL EASY 1 2 3 4 5 ACTIVE

Mobility Advisory:

This trip is listed as a 4 out of 5, for active physical mobility. On a daily basis, travelers will be expected to walk, unassisted, at a moderate steady pace, occasionally over difficult terrain such as uneven cobblestones. Travelers will also be expected to be able to get on and off various means of transportation, unassisted.



PLAZA DE CIBELES, MADRID

OPTIONAL MADRID EXTENSION

DAY 9 SEVILLE/MADRID  (B)

Following breakfast you will be transferred to the Seville airport for your flight to Madrid. Upon arrival, you will be met by our tour director and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore on your own.

DAY 10 MADRID - CITY TOUR  (B,D)

After breakfast the highlights of your morning city tour include the magnificent fountains of Neptune and Cibeles, the Alcala Gate, the Plaza de España, and a visit to the Royal Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure for some shopping, a visit to the Prado Museum or for a stroll through the gardens of Retiro Park. Dinner this evening is with a local guide discovering hidden spots in the very heart of Madrid to experience "ir de tapas" as madrileños do, enjoying tapas and wine while listening to fun anecdotes and history of the area.

DAY 11 MADRID TO USA  (B)

After breakfast transfer to the Madrid airport for your return flight home.

 (B) - BREAKFAST (L) - LUNCH (D) - DINNER

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at the guide's discretion due to local conditions.



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