



BRADLEY
UNIVERSITY

ROAD SCHOLAR

**Tales of Portugal and Spain:
Staying at Historic Hotels**

What's Included:

- Round Trip **charter coach** transportation: Bradley to Chicago
- Round Trip **flights and all transfers** (Chicago to Lisbon, Granada to Madrid to Chicago)
- **Charter bus travel** within Portugal and Spain
- 3 expert-led **lectures**, 17 **field trips**, 5 **hands-on experiences**, 3 **performances**
- Experienced Road Scholar **Group Leader** throughout program
- **Bradley staff** person accompanies group from start to finish
- Road Scholar Assurance Plan (24 hour emergency assistance coverage)

Trip Details

- Saturday, September 8
to Saturday, September 22, 2018
14 days, 13 nights
- 12 nights of accommodations in historic hotels
- 12 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 10 dinners
- All Inclusive Pricing:
 - Double Occupancy: \$5,545 per person
 - Single Occupancy: \$6,145 per person



Palacios Dos Arcos - Lisbon, Portugal
Sunday and Monday nights, Days 2-3



Sunday – Day 2 – Lisbon

Leave luggage at Palacios Dos Arcos; group lunch, followed by hotel check in and time to explore the hotel, go for a swim, and relax; group dinner at hotel



Sintra Town Centre

Monday – Day 3 – Sintra & Coast of Cascais

- Expert lecture on history of Portugal; visit Sintra's charming town centre, and enjoy for lunch on your own in one of Sintra's many cafes.
- Guided field trip to Palace of Queluz; group dinner at the hotel



Tuesday – Day 4 – Portugal's Past, Lisbon and Condeixa

- Check out and drive to Lisbon's Belém neighborhood, from where the Portuguese navigators set sail on their "discovery" of India; expert-led discovery of the Portuguese National Tile Museum; guided walking visit of Lisbon's historic old quarters and downtown area
- Lunch on your own

Tuesday – Day 4 – Portugal's Past, Lisbon and Condeixa

- Expert guided walk around Chiado, the old neighborhood of the bourgeoisie of the 19th century
- Drive to Condeixa where you will stay for two nights at the Pousada de Condeixa Coimbra
- Group dinner at the hotel



Wednesday – Day 5 – Roman Ruins and Coimbra

- Explore historic Coimbra; visit the oldest university in Portugal, including the gold-lined library (Biblioteca Joanina), the Graduation Hall (Sala dos Capelos), and the chapel; enjoy a performance of Fado, with an explanation of this art form
- Lunch on your own



Biblioteca Joanina



Wednesday – Day 5 – Roman Ruins and Coimbra

- Continue to the Roman Ruins of Conímbriga; guided visit to the local Museum, the archaeological site with its mosaics, and the important "Casa das Fontes" with its gravitational Roman fountain still in working order.
- Group dinner at the hotel

Thursday – Day 6 – Exploring the Portuguese Countryside

- Drive to the "Monastery of Batalha" and view the seven "Unfinished" Chapels; finish in the Ribatejo, a region where horses and bulls are raised.
- Group lunch at Companhia das Lezírias - a traditional Portuguese farmstead



Thursday – Day 6 – Exploring the Portuguese Countryside

- Visit the rural area of Companhia das Lezírias, where olive and cork trees grow, wine is produced, and the Lusitano horse is raised
- End with a wine tasting at a local winery; depart for the scenic Alentejo region and check in to the hotel in Évora for two nights; group dinner at the hotel



Convento do Espinheiro



Friday – Day 7 – Historic Evora and the Cuisine of Portugal

- Depart for a guided visit of Cromleque dos Almendres, Portugal's most important Megalithic site, set on a spectacular hillside location among olive and cork trees
- Return to Evora with a visit to the historic Old Town and lunch on your own

Diana Roman Temple



Friday – Day 7 – Historic Evora and the Cuisine of Portugal

- Enjoy some free time to explore the city before participating in an expert-led workshop on Portuguese food.
- Dinner at the workshop



Saturday – Day 8 – In the Footsteps of the Moors and Arrival in Spain

- Travel to Monsaraz, a tiny fairytale walled village; take some time to climb the castle's battlements to enjoy the magical landscape of the surrounding countryside
- Cross the border to Olivença, Spain; the historic center is a delightful place to have walk around and feel the local atmosphere.
- Lunch on your own in Olivença

Hotel Inglaterra



Saturday – Day 8 – In the Footsteps of the Moors and Arrival in Spain

- Drive to Andalusia; relax and enjoy the commentaries of our Study Leader about similarities, rivalries, and shared history of Portugal and Spain
- Arrive in the late afternoon at Sevilla, Spain
- Group dinner at the Hotel Inglaterra

An aerial photograph of the Seville Cathedral, showing its Gothic architecture, including the famous Giralda minaret, and its surrounding urban environment with other buildings and rooftops.

Sevilla Cathedral

Sunday – Day 9 – In the Footsteps of the Moors

- Orientation walk of Sevilla followed by free time to explore and lunch on your own
- Guided stroll along the cobblestone streets of the oldest neighborhood of the city - the Barrio Santa Cruz (Jewish quarter); visit the Cathedral and Tomb of Christopher Columbus; conclude at the spectacular Moorish Alcazar Royal Palace and gardens
- Group dinner in a local restaurant



Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos

Monday – Day 10 – Cordoba

- Travel to Cordoba, former capital of the Muslim Caliphate of Al Andalus; see the cathedral, one of the most emblematic Islamic monuments in Spain
- Visit the Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos (from 1490 to 1821 the Inquisition operated from there) and its beautiful gardens
- Group lunch in a local restaurant; free time in Cordoba; return to hotel; dinner on your own in Cordoba

Sierra de Grazalema's White Villages



Tuesday – Day 11 – White Villages of Andalusia, Local Cheese, and Ronda

- Journey from Sevilla through the Andalusian countryside of the UNESCO listed Sierra de Grazalema and its splendid white villages; with their whitewashed buildings, red rooftops, hilltop castles and local artisans – it seems that time has stood still here since the medieval ages
- Group lunch at a traditional restaurant, en route



Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria
Terrace view of the Tajo Gorge

Tuesday – Day 11 – White Villages of Andalusia, Local Cheese, and Ronda

- Travel through the Sierra to Ronda; check in at the Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria and enjoy some time to relax, before joining our Group Leader on an orientation walk of the town, visit a small cheese-making business, and enjoy a glass of wine or refreshment
- Dinner on your own at the hotel or in the Ronda city centre, about 5-6 block walk



Puente Nuevo/New Bridge

Wednesday – Day 12 – Ronda and Flamenco Guitar

- Today's walking field trip to Ronda includes the charming old town, the spectacular Puente Nuevo, the "New" Bridge dating from 1793!, the Arab baths, and the bull-ring, now a museum to the controversial sport
- Lunch on your own in Ronda



Wednesday – Day 12 – Ronda and Flamenco Guitar

- Free time to explore Ronda
- Group dinner at the hotel, followed by a Flamenco guitar performance by a local musician



Thursday – Day 13 – Olive Oil, Lunch with a Family, and Granada

- Depart for Granada via the scenic mountain town of Alfarnatejo, where we will visit the local olive groves and a mill, to see the renowned Extra Virgin Olive Oil making process and taste the produce, along with homemade local bread, "Pan Cateto"
- Group lunch hosted by families within the town; learn about life in rural Spain

Hotel Granada Victoria



Thursday – Day 13 – Olive Oil, Lunch with a Family, and Granada

- Depart for Granada, arriving late afternoon; check in and relax at the Hotel Granada Victoria before joining our Group Leader on an orientation walk
- Light Spanish Tapas group dinner



Friday – Day 14 – Olive Oil, Lunch with a Family, and Granada

- Visit the Alhambra, a UNESCO Heritage site and an entire walled city within the city of Granada; end with an expert guided tour of the Nasrid Palace
- Farewell group lunch, time to explore Granada, with dinner on your own



Saturday – Day 15 – Farewell Spain and Portugal, Back to Peoria!

- We will transfer from the hotel to the airport in Granada, accompanied by our Road Scholar host. From Granada, we fly to Madrid, and on to Chicago.
- In Chicago, we will board a charter bus, which will return us to Peoria on Saturday night.

Road Scholar Activity Level

Let's Go!

- Is this trip for me?
 - Are you energetic?
 - Do you enjoy a good physical challenge?
 - Will you be ready to spend the day on the move, whether it's public transit, city streets, or village cobblestones?

Road Scholar Activity Level

Let's Go!

- How physically challenging is this trip?
 - More challenging than the France or Italy trip
 - More frequent hotel changes – six hotels
 - Extensive walking, up to 3 miles per day, on winding, hilly roads and cobblestone streets
 - Stairs without railings
 - Comfortable footwear is essential

Important Dates

- **Lottery registration opens at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018**
- **Register**
 - In person today or at the Continuing Education office, at the corner of Main and University Streets
 - Online: visit www.bradley.edu/olli
 - Over the phone: Gwen at 309-677-3900
- Lottery closes on Tuesday, January 30, 2018
- \$250 nonrefundable deposit due one week after you are selected for the lottery
- Balance due Friday, May 18, 2018

Questions?

