



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



Pousada de Condeixa Coimbra

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 Cromeleque 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 Olivenca

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



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

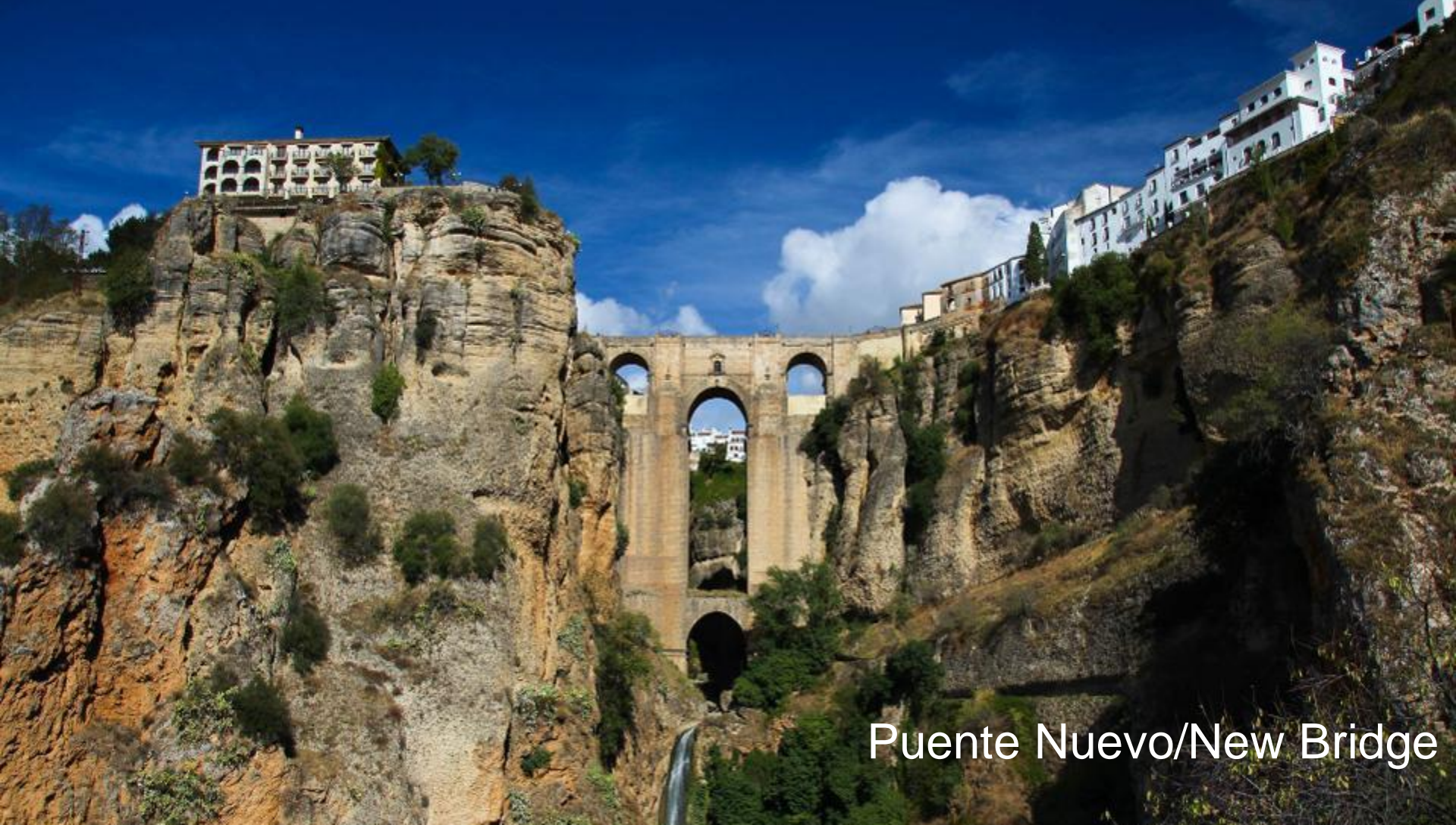
- Journey from Sevilla through the Andalusian countryside of the UNESCO listed Sierra de Grazalema and its splendid white villages; with their whitewashed buildings, red rooftops, hilltop castles and local artisans – it seems that time has stood still here since the medieval ages
- Group lunch at a traditional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

