



# COME EXPLORE SPAIN & PORTUGAL FALL 2023

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# SPAIN & PORTUGAL

SEPTEMBER 18 - OCTOBER 2, 2023

Tour designed by Travel Your World International

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Spain & Portugal	Beaches & quaint fishing villages
Castles & palaces	Ancient villages & cobblestones
History & art	Paella cooking class
Flamenco show	Markets & shopping time
Wineries & port tastings	Majestic Douro Valley
UNESCO World Heritage Sites	

## AT A GLANCE

Day 1	International flight
Day 2 - 4	Barcelona
Day 4 - 7	Madrid with Toledo & Segovia
Day 7 - 10	Logroño, Salamanca & Pinhão
Day 10 - 12	Porto
Day 12 - 15	Óbidos, Lisbon with Sintra & Cascais
Day 15	International flight

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International airfare & estimated air taxes
- Private coach throughout Spain & Portugal tour
- High-speed train from Barcelona to Madrid
- Personal and private licensed full-time TYW tour director
- 8 guided city walking tours
- 13 nights accommodations in TYW selected hotels
- 12 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 2 dinners
- Private paella culinary class & flamenco show in an exceptional setting
- 3 wine tastings and 1 port tasting
- Admission to Sagrada Familia, Segovia Alcazar, Porto Cathedral, Los Jeronimos, and the Sintra Royal Palace
- Douro River cruise
- All gratuities

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Meals and beverages as not identified in the tour itinerary
- Mandatory travel insurance
- Wifi & Internet services
- Any 'free-time' optional sightseeing not mentioned in your day-to-day itinerary
- Any items of a personal nature

## TRAVEL FACTS

Vaccinations: Recommended that all immunizations are up to date.

COVID: Based on current Government recommended travel advisories.

Travel Visa: Not needed if traveling with a Canadian passport.

**CLIMATE** - Barcelona 26° / 20°   Madrid 26° / 15°   Lisbon 26° / 15°

**CURRENCY** - Euro

**DAY 1 Monday, September 18**

Depart and travel to Barcelona, Spain

**International Flight to Barcelona****DAY 2 Tuesday, September 19**

Overnight: Barcelona

**Barcelona, Spain**

Meals Included: TBA/ D

Hola! Welcome to Barcelona. After checking into the hotel, stroll through the historic center of Barcelona, also known as the Gothic Quarter. Enjoy a welcome dinner ~ Catalan style.

Hotel: Hotel Auto Hogar (or similar)

**DAY 3 Wednesday, September 20****Barcelona**

Overnight: Barcelona

Meals Included: B

Take in the masterpiece of Antonio Gaudi with a grand tour of the Sagrada Familia. This incredible Basilica was designed and built by Bocabella and Gaudi in 1882 and is still under construction. Next, relax in the city and explore the shops and eateries of La Rambla. Barcelona's old city is, without a doubt, one of the finest in Southern Europe. This wide boulevard connects the Place de Catalunya, a busy square, to the Monument a Colom, a tall column erected in honour of Christopher Columbus.

**DAY 4 Thursday, September 21****Madrid**

Overnight: Madrid

Meals Included: B

After breakfast, take a quick train ride to Madrid for a guided walking tour, see the Mercado de San Miguel Market. Window shop all the food stalls in this famous market. Take in the sights and distinct scents of aged cheeses, giant ham hocks, fresh seafood, vegetables, and unusual fruits. A fantastic foodie day - provechito! (proh-veh-cheeh-toh).

Explore Madrid's famous avenues and historic quarters.

See the Opera, Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and the Plaza de la Villa.

For soccer fans the self-guided tour of Santiago Bernabeu, home of the Real Madrid football team, is highly recommended!

Hotel Regente - <https://www.hotelregente.com/> (or similar)

**DAY 5 Friday, September 22****Day trip to Segovia**

Overnight: Madrid

Meals Included: B

Journey to Segovia. See one of the best Roman-era monuments - Segovia's incredible aqueduct with its 188 arches and length of 16 kilometres!

Tour the famous Alcazar, a beautiful 11th-century medieval fort that inspired the design of Disney's castle.

**DAY 6 Saturday, September 23****Toledo**

Overnight: Madrid

Meals Included: BD

Travel to the medieval pink city of Toledo, one of the oldest cities in Europe, located 70 km from Madrid. Once the former capital of Spain, the beautiful architecture includes almost every period in Spain's history, including; Arab, Gothic, Mudejar, Renaissance, and Baroque. Toledo is famed for its production of iron products, especially swords. It is renowned for its damascinados, or damascene handicrafts and costume jewelry. Damascening is the Moorish art of inlaying gold or silver threads into black steel in a decorative pattern, used on plates, earrings, bracelets and large pendants.

End the day with a hands-on culinary class of traditional paella and a flamenco show.

**DAY 7 Sunday, September 24****Overnight:** Logroño**Logroño****Meals:** BL

Venture from Madrid to Logroño with a stop in Peñafiel, best known for the Peñafiel Castle. The town is full of deep excavated caves traditionally used to store wine because the caves kept a consistent temperature year-round. Built with chimney vents to evacuate the gases generated by fermenting wine. These chimney vents dot the landscape around the town and castle.

Continue to Santo Domingo dela Calzada. A guided walking tour will include a special lunch with a selection of Riojas Wines.

Spend the night in Logroño.

Hotel - <https://www.fglogrono-hotel.com/en/> (or similar)

Winery - Bodegas Muga

**DAY 8 Monday, September 25****Logroño to Salamanca****Overnight:** Salamanca**Meals:** B

Leave Logroño in time for a mid-day tasting tour in La Guardia, the heart of Spain's Rioja Region. Starting with one of our favourite wineries ~ the Bodega El Fabulista.

After lunch, depart for Salamanca, with a history dating back to the Celtic era. It is known for its ornate sandstone architecture and is home to one of the oldest universities in Europe.

Hotel ~ Hotel Silken Rona Dalba (or similar)

Winery ~ Bodega El Fabulista

**DAY 9 Tuesday, September 26****Salamanca to Pinhão****Overnight:** Pinhão**Meals:** B

Enjoy a walking tour of Salamanca and some free time for shopping and lunch. Bid farewell to Salamanca and España, venture to Portugal and along the majestic Douro Valley. Pinhão is located at the crossing of the Douro and Pinhão rivers in the heart of northern Portugal's famous Port wine making region.

It is considered the mecca for wine lovers. The Douro valley is the oldest wine region in the world, having been demarcated in 1756.

Taste the wine in the Douro Valley! Adega Cooperativa de Favaios has been one of the most prestigious wineries in Portugal since 1952.

Hotel ~ Hotel Folgosa (or similar)

Winery ~ Adega De Favaios

**DAY 10 Wednesday, September 27****Pinhão / Douro Valley, Guimarães & Porto****Overnight:** Porto**Meals:** B

Continue through the breathtaking scenery of the Douro Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and arrive at Guimarães, known for its well-preserved medieval buildings. See the hilltop 10th-century Guimarães Castle, with its sweeping city views.

After lunch, enter the seaside city of Porto. End the day with a guided city sightseeing walk, including the incredible Train Station ~ São Bento, and the Porto Cathedral.

Hotel ~ Hotel Boavista Porto (or similar)

**DAY 11 Thursday, September 28****Porto****Overnight:** Porto**Meals:** B

Meet the local guide for a city walking tour, with entrance into the Cathedral.

For lunch, devouring the famous Francesinha sandwich is recommended.

Head to the Calem Port Distillery with a full belly for a guided tour and a few sips of this famous port.

Enjoy the rest of the day with free time in Porto. There is so much to do and see! Taking a tram ride or shopping for cork products are highly recommended. A popular place is the world-famous Livraria Lello.

<https://www.livrarialello.pt/en/home>

**DAY 12 Friday, September 29****Overnight: Lisbon****Óbidos & Lisbon, the city of seven hills.****Meals: B**

After breakfast, depart by private coach to Óbidos. The preserved medieval town is, without doubt, one of Portugal's most classic walled settlements. Enjoy views of windmills, vineyards and the surrounding farmlands while walking the ramparts.

Enjoy the rest of this day on a Lisbon city walking tour beginning in the Belem district, Lisbon's most monumental and historical area. It was from here that many famous explorers sailed off on their voyages. See the incredible Belem Tower. Visit the beautiful Jeronimos Monastery, built-in 1502 and the resting place of Vasco da Gama.

The tour continues on to Alfama, with its breathtaking views of Lisbon. Walk along with the beautiful tile-lined alleyways of this medieval maze.

Hotel ~ <https://www.vipzuriquehotel.com/en/sitemap/> (or similar)

**DAY 13 Saturday, September****Lisbon & Sintra****30 Overnight: Lisbon****Meals: B**

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage town of Sintra. A delightful, historic town located on the foothills of Portugal's Serra de Sintra mountains. With a guided tour of the Sintra National Palace (Palacio Nacional De Sintra), the best-preserved medieval residence in Portugal, the palace was home to the country's ruling nobility from the 15th to the 19th centuries.

After lunch, return to Lisbon for a free afternoon.

**DAY 14 Sunday, October****Cascais & Farewell dinner****1 Overnight: Lisbon****Meals: BD**

Spend the day exploring Cascais. Formerly a quaint fishing village and popular resort once favoured by European nobility and kings in the early 20th century. Today it is a colourful town with elegant pedestrian streets, luxuriant villas, fashionable shops, and cafes. Famous for its seaside, sandy beaches and calm sea. The day will end with a special farewell dinner of the traditionally prepared Piri Piri Chicken.

**DAY 15 Monday, October 2****International flight home****Overnight: On-board flight****Meals: B / TBA**

Say goodbye to the tour guides extraordinaire and the drivers.

**PRICE:**

\$5,995

Based on 40+ participants in twin accommodations

Single Supplement: \$1,050

Meals: BLD - Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

\*Please note this tour may be subject to final edits and changes.