SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

INCLUDED ON TOUR

Round-trip flights on major carriers; Full-time Tour Director; Air-conditioned motorcoaches and internal transportation; Superior tourist-class hotels with private bathrooms; Breakfast daily; Select meals with a mix of local cuisine.

Sightseeing: Barcelona; Granada; Seville; Córdoba; Madrid; Lisbon; Sintra and Cascais

Optional Excursions:
Morocco

Optional excursion prices are based on 20 paying participants and may be purchased until 50 days prior to departure or on tour at an increased price. The prices of optional excursions are subject to change.

Entrances:
Park Guell, Barcelona; Alhambra, Granada; Cathedral, Seville; Alcázar; Mezquita, Córdoba; Royal Palace; Prado Museum; Mosteiro dos Jerónimos; Castelo De São Jorge; Palacio Nacional de Sintra

Overnight stays:
Barcelona (2)
Valencia (1)
Granada (1)
Costa Del Sol (2)
Seville (1)
Madrid (2)
Night Train (Madrid-Lisbon) (1)
Lisbon (2)

NOT INCLUDED ON TOUR

Optional excursions; Insurance coverage; Beverages and lunches (unless otherwise noted); Transportation to free-time activities; Customary gratuities (for your Tour Director, bus driver and local guide); Porterage; Adult supplement (if applicable); Weekend supplement; Shore excursion on cruises; Any applicable baggage-handling fee imposed by the airlines (see efct.com/baggage for details); Expenses caused by airline rescheduling, cancellations or delays caused by the airlines, bad weather or events beyond EF’s control; Passports, visa and reciprocity fees

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Day 1: Board Your Overnight Flight to Barcelona!

Day 2: Barcelona

Arrive in Barcelona

Arrive in Barcelona, Spain's second-largest city. As the capital of fiercely nationalistic Catalunya, Barcelona was the hotbed of resistance under the rule of General Franco and celebrates its unique identity through its language, its increasingly influential government, and on the global stage as host to the unforgettable 1992 Olympic Games.

Walking Tour of Barcelona

Absorb the colorful and dynamic atmosphere of Barcelona during your walking tour down Las Ramblas; a mile-long tree-lined pedestrian boulevard which runs from the pulsating Plaza de Catalunya down to the towering monument of Christopher Columbus pointing out to sea. Flower stalls, mime artists, puppeteers, diners and waiters all vie for your attention. You will also see the thrice-burned-down Gran Teatro de Liceu, the nostalgic Café de l'Opera, and still have chance to savor the splendid La Boqueria food market.

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Barcelona

Day 3: Barcelona

Guided Sightseeing of Barcelona

Your guided tour takes you past the controversial and still unfinished La Sagrada Familia (the Church of the Holy Family). This masterpiece of twisting spires and colorful mosaics was designed by Gaudí, who estimated it would take 200 years to complete. You’ll also stroll the narrow lanes of the 14th-century Barrio Gótico, the oldest surviving part of the city. Continue on to Gaudí’s masterpiece, the fantasyland of Park Guell, complete with a bright mosaic lizard fountain and the longest bench in the world. Then enjoy a marvelous harbor view from atop Montjuïc Hill, where much of the 1992 Olympics took place.

Free Afternoon in Barcelona

Explore the Mediterranean charm of Barcelona. You might choose to ride the funicular to the stunningly modern Olympic stadiums on the hill at Montjuïc, and from there take the cable car across the water to the old maritime district of Barceloneta. On the same theme you could visit the excellent Museu Maritim, housed in the royal shipyards and the oldest civilian gothic building in the world. There is an excellent aquarium in the revitalized old port, while the beautiful Palau del la Musica Catalana offers an exquisite architectural insight into Barcelona’s passion for the musical arts.

Overnight in Barcelona

Day 4: Barcelona | Valencia

Transfer to Valencia

Continue past the abundant orange and lemon groves of the region nicknamed ‘Spain’s Orchard’. The Moors first irrigated Valencia’s remarkably fertile land and even today it produces rice for its world-famous dish, paella. Famed for its gourmet cuisine, the undeniably hard-working festival-loving people of Valencia make up what has become Spain’s third-largest city.

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Valencia

Day 5: Valencia | Granada

Walking Tour of Valencia

See the sights of Spain’s third largest city on a walking tour.

Transfer to Granada

Journey to Granada, which was once the capital of Moorish Andalucia. It is now an architectural masterpiece and thriving university city. Strategically located between the foothills of the imposing, snow-capped Sierra Nevada and the beautiful Mediterranean coast, Granada boasts an eclectic cuisine of sweet Moorish desserts. It also boasts one of Europe’s most romantic buildings, the exquisite Arabian palace of the Alhambra.

Overnight in Granada

Day 6: Granada | Costa del Sol

Guided Sightseeing of Granada

Recall both The Arabian Nights and the works of Washington Irving as you tour Spain’s most celebrated building: Granada’s 14th-century Alhambra. See the exotic mosaics and richly ornamented courtyards of the country’s last Moorish stronghold. Here Christopher Columbus discussed with the king his plans for sailing to India. Then walk in the footsteps of sultans as you tour the Generalife—a 14th-century palace surrounded by magnificent rose gardens—where they often spent their summers. (Please note: Because of the Alhambra’s extreme popularity, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons.)

Transfer to Costa del Sol

Travel through the whitewashed villages and olive groves of the stunning Andalucian sierras, to the cosmopolitan Costa del Sol. This blue-skied coast is a treasure trove of small coved fishing villages and family holiday resorts popular with seafood lovers, water sports enthusiasts and beach-goers alike.

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Costa Del Sol

Day 7: Costa Del Sol

Optional: Excursion to Morocco

Join our full-day optional excursion to Morocco. Ferry across the Strait of Gibraltar and enter a world of mosques, camels, snake charmers and bustling markets. You’ll travel to Tetouan, a serene North African town whose culture and architecture reflect the area’s Moorish past. See the Andalusian and Islamic-influenced architecture as a local guide leads you through the Medina. You’ll also hear presentations at a carpet bazaar and a local spice shop.

Free Time in Costa del Sol

Those who do not participate in the optional excursion will enjoy free time. Soak up international culture on the relaxing sandy beaches of the Mediterranean.

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Costa Del Sol
Day 8: Costa Del Sol | Seville

Transfer to Seville
Journey to Seville which reveals eight centuries of Moorish influence by the powerful Almohad dynasty and provides some outstanding examples of mudéjar architecture. Birthplace of Velaquez and the infamous Don Juan, and host to the 1992 EXPO World Fair, Seville embraces history and modernity in equal measure.

Guided Sightseeing of Seville
Hispalis, as Seville was called in Roman times, rests on the banks of the Río Guadalquivir and is Spain’s only river port. See the Old Tobacco Factory, setting of Bizet’s opera, Carmen, and pass the Plaza de Toros, one of Spain’s preeminent bullrings. Next, visit Maria Louisa Park to view the beautiful mosaics of Plaza de España, built for the 1929 Ibero-American Fair. Next, walk through the geranium-strewn alleys of the Barrio de Santa Cruz, an aesthetic treat you’ll always remember. As you wind your way through this historic Jewish Quarter, notice the whitewashed houses with sand-colored trim—this is typical of Sevillian-style architecture. Top off your tour with a guided visit to the Seville Cathedral, the world’s third largest church, and the Moorish Alcázar. Built for Pedro the Cruel in the 14th century, the Alcázar is one of the purest examples of mudéjar architecture in the world. When the Moorish Alcázar is closed (Mondays), groups will visit the Casa de Pilatos.

A paella dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Seville

Day 9: Seville | Córdoba | Madrid

Transfer to Madrid via a Guided Sightseeing of Córdoba
See the Patio de los Naranjos and visit the 8th-century Mezquita, formerly the largest mosque west of Mecca. As you walk past the Mezquita’s 850 candy-cane columns, recall the days when Córdoba was one of the world’s great centers of learning. At its height, Córdoba was home to 700 mosques, 900 public baths, and 70 libraries.

Arrive in Madrid
At 2,100 feet, this is Europe’s highest capital, a Mecca for art-lovers, the world-stage for bullfighting and home to the world’s most famous soccer team! The city was elevated to capital status in 1561 at the instigation of Phillip II, and the lavishly opulent Palacio Real, built in 1738, is now an uninhabited but fascinating monument to Spain’s much-revered monarchy.

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Madrid

Day 10: Madrid

Guided Sightseeing of Madrid
Your local guide introduces you to the sights of Madrid on a panoramic tour of the city. Continue with a visit to the extravagant Palacio Real (Royal Palace), built by Bourbon King Philip V. Once the seat of the most powerful court in the world, it was here that Spain officially joined the European Community in 1986. The palace boasts more than 2,000 extravagant rooms, including one encased in porcelain. Marvel at the splendor of the marble staircase, the golden Throne Room and the incredible collection of priceless frescoes and chandeliers.

Free Afternoon in Madrid
Enjoy free time to become better acquainted with Madrid on your own. You might wish to visit museums, view the city’s many monuments and churches, walk through outdoor plazas, or sample tapas at a café.

Overnight in Toledo

Day 11: Madrid | Night Train

Visit the Prado Museum
Explore the Museo del Prado which houses an astonishing 3,000 paintings collected by Spanish royalty. This massive building is constantly expanding in order to accommodate its impressive catalogue of Velázquez and Goya. It also boasts fine pieces by El Greco, Botticelli and many Flemish artists.

Free Afternoon in Madrid
Spend the afternoon exploring Madrid on your own.

Night Train to Lisbon
Board an overnight train this evening to Portugal!

Overnight on Train

Day 12: Lisbon

Arrive in Lisbon
Built around the wide, winding River Tagus, the Atlantic port of Lisbon was conquered from the Moors in 1147 and later set forth intrepid seafaring discoverers such as Vasco de Gama. You could take a tram up and down the narrow cobbled streets of Lisbon’s seven hills and admire the magnificent government square of Praca do Comercio, rebuilt after the devastating earthquake of 1755.

Guided Sightseeing of Lisbon
Recall the Age of Discovery at Padrão dos Descobrimentos and the Torre de Belém. It was from here that many navigators set sail, including Bartolomeu Dias, who sailed around the southern tip of Africa. Then visit the Castelo de São Jorge, Lisbon’s oldest monument, in the Alfama district. The early kings of Portugal once resided inside the castle, enjoying breathtaking views of the city and the Tagus River below.

Walking Tour of Lisbon
Experience Old World atmosphere as you stroll the winding streets in Lisbon’s age-old Moorish Alfama district. Discover the secrets of this hillside medieval quarter as you explore the former center of Moorish aristocracy. Many of the city’s surviving historical buildings are located in the Alfama, including 16th century aristocratic palaces and churches. Here you will wander the narrow winding cobblestone streets that make up this district. In places the streets are only 4 feet wide!

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Lisbon
Day 13: Lisbon

Guided Excursion to Sintra and Cascais
Enjoy a half-day excursion to the hillside town of Sintra, referred to by Lord Byron as “Glorious Eden.” Here you’ll visit the National Palace of Sintra, whose two conical chimneys reign as the town’s most recognizable landmarks. Continue to the charming beach of Cascais, home to many of the exiled royal families of Europe after World War II, including those of Spain, Italy, and Bulgaria.

Fado Evening Dinner & Show
“Fado” is a musical tradition in Portugal, a performance of ballad-like songs that tell stories of the joys and hardships of everyday life. Our Fado Evening provides you with a firsthand perspective on this aspect of Portuguese tradition as talented performers present a program of centuries-old songs and dances.

Overnight in Lisbon

Day 14: Board Return Flight Home

Transfer to the Airport for Your Return Flight
Your Tour Director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you’ll check in for your return flight home.

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