



# MADRID y ANDALUCIA

APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup> 2023

Spain is a land of vivid contrasts. Timeless, sun-baked landscapes surround its vibrant cities, and traditional rural communities continue unchanged beside the bustle of modern-day urban life. The country's proud history and architectural legacy embrace Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Moors, and the Catholic Kings of Spain's "Golden Age." This autumn, join *Discover Europe* for a journey into the heart and soul of Southern Spain - *Andalucia!*

We begin in Madrid, the capital, and then head south to Toledo, Cordoba and Granada. The ethereal beauty of the Alhambra, the gorgeous gardens of the Generalife, and the old city known as the Albaicin, make Granada one of the most historic cities in Europe. We continue to Seville, across Andalucia, through wonderfully romantic white-washed villages.

Teeming with passion, elegance, and beauty, Seville has mild winters and about 3,000 hours of sun each year. We'll embark on an exploration of this brilliant city that includes a visit to the Royal Residence, the Real Alcázar, with its lavish rooms and spectacular gardens.

This Autumn, join us for an unforgettable journey across the centuries of Spanish history and come bask in the sunshine of *Al Andalus!*



ALHAMBRA



CORDOBA

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY:	<b>\$3490</b>
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	<b>\$ 980</b>

*Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.*

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

**HOTELS:** 8 nights' accommodation in first class hotels including all hotel taxes, service charges.  
**BAGGAGE:** Portage of one large suitcase per person.  
**COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary  
**MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 4 dinners (including Flamenco evening)  
**GUIDES:** Discover Europe guide throughout, local guides in Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba, Granada and Seville  
**ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>** - Evening departure from your chosen gateway city aboard your transatlantic flight to Madrid. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>** - Morning arrival in Madrid where you will be met and transferred to your city-center hotel. After time to rest, you'll have a short walking tour of the neighborhood and free time to explore before a dinner party at the hotel welcomes you to Spain! **(D) OVERNIGHT: MADRID**

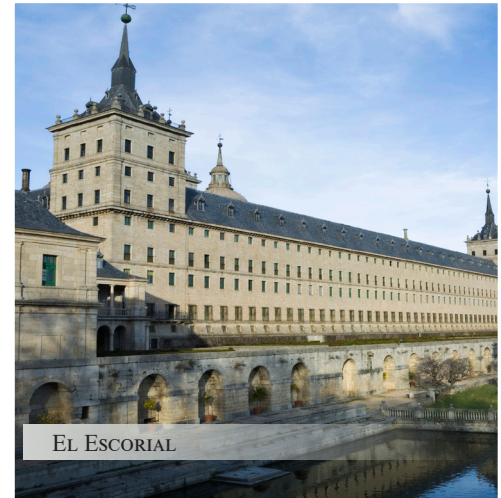
**SATURDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>** - A panoramic sightseeing tour of Madrid this morning concludes at the Prado with a brief overview of the masterpieces on display there.

The afternoon and evening are free to explore at your leisure, with suggestions from your tour guide. Perhaps you'll want to visit the Royal Palace or the Basilica of San Francisco el Grande, or enjoy the heart of Madrid, the Plaza Mayor. **(B) OVERNIGHT: MADRID**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>** - Today a full day excursion to some spectacular sights just outside Madrid. We'll begin at El Escorial, the massive palace built for Philip II and continue to the Valley of the Fallen, a monument to those who died in the Spanish Civil War. At the elegant city of Segovia we'll see its famous Roman aqueduct before having free time to explore. Upon returning to Madrid, the evening is free to find a tempting neighborhood restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: MADRID**

**MONDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>** - It's a short journey to Toledo, where a local guide takes us through the cathedral, the church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*, and the Synagogue del Transito. Free time to lunch and visit the Damascene sword factory before we turn south to Cordoba, where we'll see the city before dinner together at a nearby restaurant. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: CORDOBA**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>** - A local guide introduces us to Cordoba and its extraordinary Mezquita, a Muslim mosque with a Christian cathedral in its center. We'll explore the old Jewish quarter and its synagogue, then take a gorgeous drive southeast, past olive groves and tiny hilltop villages to arrive in Granada with free time to explore before dinner at the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: GRANADA**



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we visit Granada's exquisite Alhambra! This magical fortress-palace encapsulates Moorish culture and architecture. We'll also tour the gardens of the nearby Palace of the Generalife. The afternoon and evening are free and your guide will be on hand. You may choose to wander the picturesque Albaicin neighborhood or shop in the city center. Sacromonte has breathtaking views of the Alhambra by night. **(B) OVERNIGHT: GRANADA**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>** - Today we travel west to Seville, passing through the beautiful hilltop towns of the Andalusian Mountains and down into the broad valley of the Guadalquivir River. Your tour guide will lead a brief orientation to the city before a free evening to explore local restaurants and tapas bars. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SEVILLE**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>** - A local guide introduces Seville in a walking tour. The afternoon is free to stroll through the Barrio de Santa Cruz, visit the Tower of Gold, or walk through the Plaza de Espana. This evening we enjoy our farewell dinner and flamenco show in Seville's old quarter! **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SEVILLE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>** - Transfers this morning to Seville Airport for returning flights back to the United States. **(B)**