

Participants: 10 – 15 Persons

Destination: Spain – Portugal – Rome

Day 1 ARRIVE MADRID

Welcome to Madrid, the Spanish capital. Unwind after your journey or take some time to explore this lively, dynamic city.

Day 2 MADRID - TOLEDO - GRANADA

Your Local Guide takes you on a walking tour of Toledo. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, home to one of El Greco's most famous paintings – The Burial of Count Orgaz. Visit the Synagogue during your guided walk through the narrow streets. Your journey continues through the wine producing centre of Valdepeñas and across La Mancha, where your guide tells you the tale of Don Quixote. Accommodation in hotel and overnight.

Day 3 GRANADA - SEVILLE

Your Local Guide takes you on a tour of the most famous monument in Granada and Spain's finest example of Moorish architecture – the Alhambra Palace. An enormous fortress occupying a hilly terrace on the southeastern border of the city; the ornate palace and exotic water gardens of the Generalife – the Moors' royal summer residence – are a joy to behold. Marvel at uninterrupted views across the town and hills beyond. This afternoon drive to the city of Seville, famous for Flamenco and Bullfighting.

Day 4 SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME - ALGARVE

This morning enjoy a city tour of Seville with your Local Guide. Visit the Maria Luisa Park and Plaza de España. View the Giralda Bell Tower. In your free time, why not explore the vast cathedral or join an excursion to the Alcazar. This afternoon, cross the border to the Algarve coastal region of Portugal. Relax this evening or dinner at a typical Portuguese restaurant (optional)

Day 5 ALGARVE - LISBON (2 NIGHTS)

After a leisurely morning wondering through the harbour, relaxing at the hotel, or enjoying the local beach, you head north over the Serra de Arrabida mountains to Lisbon. This amazing city on the banks of the Tagus is renowned for tiny patio restaurants known as fadistas, where you can dine on local specialties while listening to the sounds of haunting fado melodies.

Day 6 LISBON SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

See Lisbon's landmarks, including the Monument to the Discoveries, the suspension bridge spanning the River Tagus, the Belém Tower and the quaint Alfama district. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Hieronymite Monastery during your sightseeing tour with a Local Guide. Optional excursion to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra.

Day 7 LISBON - FATIMA - SALAMANCA

A short drive through the Serra d'Aire Mountains brings you to Fatima. Visit the Shrine, a scene of celebrated religious miracles. Cross the border back into Spain to visit Salamanca, home of the country's oldest universities.



Your journey continues through the Sierra de Guadarrama Mountains to Madrid, Europe's highest capital city. This afternoon your Local Guide shows you all the sights including the Royal Palace, the Puerta del Sol and the Cervantes Memorial in the Plaza de España.

Day 9 DEPART MADRID to ROME

After breakfast transfer to the airport and departure by flight to Rome

Arrival in Rome Fiumicino, transfer by coach to the centre of Rome, half day panoramic city tour, then hotel accommodation and time free.

Day 10 ROME – VATICAN AND BAROQUE ROME

Full day dedicated to exploring the "Eternal City". Visit in the morning to the Vatican Museums and St Peter's Basilica. After stopping for lunch, the visit continues to see Baroque Rome, with Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, a masterpiece of Baroque sculpture, the famous squares and streets, with the Spanish Steps and Via Condotti.

Day 11 ANCIENT ROME - IMPERIAL FORUMS - COLISEUM

Half day visit by coach with local guide of Ancient Rome, with the Imperial Forums and the Coliseum. Free time to expore Rome on your own. Return to hotel and overnight stay.

Day 12 ASSISI

Full day trip from Rome to Assisi, the city of the patron saint of Italy and centre of the Franciscan movement. Visit to the Basilica of St Francis, built above the saint's tomb and skilfully restored after an earthquake, a striking example of Gothic architecture and famous for its frescoes showing the life of the saint painted by Giotto. The Piazza del Comune takes us back in time with its mansions dating back to the Middle Ages. Not to be missed is the Basilica of St Clare, the founder of the Poor Clares and buried in the church where the crucifix that spoke to St Francis is still conserved. Return to Rome, dinner and overnight

Day 13 ROME

Transfer from Hotel to airport Rome – Flight to Canada

The rate includes:

Accommodation in doubles and triple rooms in <u>3-star-hotels</u> with breakfast in Spain/Portugal and Rome :

- 2 nights BB in Madrid (day 1 + day 8)
- 1 night BB in Granada
- 1 night BB in Sevilla
- 1 night BB on Algarve
- 2 nights BB in Lisboa
- 1 night BB in Salamanca
- 3 nights BB in Rome
- <u>Coach</u> for the whole tour from/to airport Madrid and in Rom from Airprot/to hotel and return, 1 HD and FD city tour Rome, 1 FD excursion to Assisi
- Local guides in: Toledo FD, Granada FD, Sevilla HD, Lisboa FD, Madrid HD, Rome x 2 FD, Assisi HD

The rate does not include:

- tour escort



- city taxes to pay directly at the hotels
- meals, beverages
- entrance fees, head sets
- beverages, baggage handling, optional visits, tips, personal extras, anything not specifically mentioned under "the package rate includes"
- air fare : MADRID-ROME