



## SPANISH EXPERIENCE

 9 Days
  1 Country
  8 Cities

TAKE IN THE BEST OF SPAIN ON THIS TRIP, VISITING MADRID, TOLEDO, SEVILLE, GRANADA, VALENCIA AND BARCELONA.

Life in Spain is a fiesta you're always invited to attend. Afternoons of siesta give way to the fiery rhythms of the flamenco, late-night tapas bars and illuminated plazas filled with well-heeled patrons ready for a night on the town and leisurely start to the next day. Your 9-day journey through Spain promises a mesmerising encounter with Madrid to Granada, Seville to Valencia. See Gaudí's Barcelona, the medieval sights of Toledo and the rolling Andalusian plains - Spain puts its best foot forward and you'll not want to miss a thing.

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## THE ITINERARY

### DAY 1

#### Arrive Madrid (2 Nights)

It won't take long for Madrid to get under your skin - this graceful capital was spruced up several centuries ago thanks to King Charles III and it remains an elegant city to this day. Once you've checked in to your hotel, you'll have some time to relax before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers who'll be joining you on this adventure. When the sun sets, head out onto the streets to watch this football-mad metropolis come to life. You could join your group for an optional walking tour of the city with a chance to indulge in the tapas at a local restaurant. You'll soon discover why the city's vibrant nightlife keeps its hot-blooded residents up all hours of the night.

 **Hotel** - Occidental Castellana Norte

### DAY 2

#### Madrid Sightseeing and Free Time

Gear up for a busy morning of sightseeing. Your Local Specialist will share all the secrets behind some of the city's most iconic sights. Head up the Gran Vía, slicing through the heart of Madrid, and see the Cibeles Fountain, Paseo de la Castellana and the Royal Palace. History buffs will adore an optional visit this afternoon to the UNESCO-listed city of Segovia, with its famous Roman aqueduct and fairy-tale Alcázar, reminiscent of Disney's Sleeping Beauty Castle. Returning to Madrid, there's a second chance to discover the city's vibrant nightlife, which spills out into open-air cafés and thronging plazas.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

### DAY 3

#### Madrid – Toledo – Puerto Lápice – Seville (2 Nights)

History comes to life when you visit Toledo this morning. Its hilltop vantage point, ancient city walls and legacy of traditional sword making will leave you in no doubt it was a city worth fighting for. Join your Local Specialist for a guided stroll - every corner revealing yet another spectacular sight with views of the cathedral, synagogues and grand plazas. Visit a steel workshop and learn about the tradition of sword making which dates back to Roman times, then head south to Puerto Lápice where the Cervantes' fictional Don Quixote was dubbed a knight by a local innkeeper. The plains of La Mancha give way to the hills of Andalucía with sleepy white-washed villages that march to their own time. Sizzling Seville awaits and we continue to our base for the next two nights.

 **Hotel** - MA Congressos

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 4

**Seville Sightseeing and Free Time**

The southern city of Seville oozes with the Spanish zest for life you'll come to treasure. A place of grand monuments, beautiful weather and the home of the flamenco, it's no wonder it has been the royal family's favourite retreat for centuries. Your Local Specialist will reveal some of the city's most iconic sites, including Maria Luisa Park, constructed for the Ibero-American Exposition in 1929. Spend some time getting lost in the narrow lanes of the city's Old Quarter or join a tour in the elegant 14th-century Moorish Alcazar. A free evening in Seville would not be complete without a fiery flamenco performance and our Optional Experience will take you to the best show in town.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

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## DAY 5

**Seville – Granada (1 Night)**

From kings to emirs, our journey from Seville to Granada takes us back to a time when the Moors ruled the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, their last stronghold before being banished to North Africa. Their Arab influences remain to this day in the Moorish architecture and tetería tea houses you'll encounter as you explore its narrow, cobbled streets on your own. Consider an Optional Experience visit to the Albaicín Quarter, the city's oldest neighbourhood and the Arab Quarter. On the hilltop overlooking the city is the fortified citadel of the Alhambra - its opulent palaces and gardens are the former seat of Granada's Nasrid emirs. Tonight a fiery gypsy performance could be the perfect way to end the day.

 **Hotel** - Macia Condor

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

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## DAY 6

**Granada – Guadix – Valencia (1 Night)**

Fanciful white chimneys rise up from hills of Guadix under which generations of the city's trogloditas have lived for several centuries.

Capture these curious cave dwellings on camera before continuing to the modern metropolis of Valencia or "Bah-len-thee-a" as the locals refer to it. The scent of orange blossoms is never far as you embark on an orientation tour to view the Town Hall, Towers of Serrano and Quart and Valencia Cathedral, consecrated in the 13th century. Stop to view Valencia's other-worldly City of Arts and Sciences, a futuristic urban recreation centre for culture and science, then join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel.

 **Hotel** - Sercotel Acteón


 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

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## DAY 7

**Valencia – Peñíscola – Barcelona****Sightseeing (2 Nights)**

Our journey continues north through the Levant region to Peñíscola, "The City in the Sea" whose towering Templar castle, used as a palace by the Spanish Pope, was immortalised in the Hollywood classic, El Cid. We wind our way along the glorious Costa Daurada to the sun-kissed shores of Barcelona. Your Local Specialist will reveal some of the city's key highlights this afternoon including Gaudí's ornate La Sagrada Família and the Plaça de Catalunya. See street performers, artists and shoppers and soak up the most inspiring panoramas of the city from the top of Montjuïc. For dinner this evening, consider an Optional Experience to a Catalan-style restaurant to sample some of the local specialities.

 **Hotel** - Hesperia Sant Just

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

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## DAY 8

**Barcelona Free Day**

This is your chance to get fully acquainted with Barcelona. You'll have a free day to see the fanciful façades of Spanish Art Nouveau architect Antoni Gaudí, stroll through the shadowy lanes of the Gothic quarter or join an optional visit to the monastery in the mountains of Montserrat to see the beloved Black Madonna. After a busy day of sightseeing, maybe become a cava connoisseur at one of the bars overlooking the Mediterranean with new friends, before one final dinner together to reminisce about your epic experiencia española.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

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## DAY 9

**Depart Barcelona**

Keep the tapas. When it comes to Spain, only the full three courses will do! Our grand adventure through imperial cities and golden and green landscapes may have come to an end, but we'll keep its fiery passion burning long after our departure. It's time to bid our compañeros a fond farewell and take a transfer to Barcelona airport. Conditions apply.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

## All optional experiences for this trip

Book with your travel director when you travel

### AVAILABLE ON DAY 1

Old Madrid with a Taste of Tapas Join us for a walking tour through Old Madrid, taking in its monumental Plaza Mayor, atmospheric alleyways and emblematic squares. Your Local Specialist will accompany you for a drink and snack in one of its famous downtown 'tapas' bars. We'll finish with a tour of the city.

Adult Price: €29.00\*

### AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Segovia World Heritage Site - Its Ancient Aqueduct & Fairy-tale Castle  
Enjoy a visit to Segovia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which sits on a rocky outcrop between two rivers. With your Local Specialist, you'll visit the 13th-century castle, reputed to have inspired Walt Disney, as well as seeing the best-preserved Roman aqueduct which has remained intact for 2,000 years.

Adult Price: €45.00\*

### AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Dinner and Discovery in Old and New Madrid

This evening you'll have the chance to admire the elegance of Madrid's new city, with its wide, tree-lined avenues and decorative fountains, before experiencing the traditional flavour of the old city. We'll see where the locals come together and have a chat over their aperitifs, before enjoying a delicious dinner.

Adult Price: €61.00\*

### AVAILABLE ON DAY 4

Flamenco: Experience the Best Show in Town

Discover the passion, rhythm and magic of an Andalusian flamenco show with us this evening. We've organised tickets to the best show in town, where you'll experience 90 minutes of memorable entertainment with an included drink.

Adult Price: €40.00\*

## AVAILABLE ON DAY 4

The Moorish Alcazar And Plaza América  
We'll begin with a visit to the elegant 14th-century Moorish Alcazar, set in its own beautiful gardens. The gardens were recently used as the setting for the Water Gardens of Dorne in the Game Of Thrones series. Then, we'll journey to the famous exhibition site of Plaza América - a must for any visitor to Seville. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.

Adult Price: €41.00\*

## AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

Gypsy Night Out in Old Granada  
Enjoy an evening in Granada's Sacromonte quarter, which offers the finest views over the illuminated Alhambra Palace. We've organised tickets for you to see the Zambra dances by members of Granada's most famous gypsy clan – a fiery, emotive performance unique to these people. And we've also included a drink, too.

Adult Price: €35.00\*

## AVAILABLE ON DAY 4

Flamenco, the Best Show in Town With a Three-Course Dinner  
After a three-course dinner of Andalusian specialties with drinks included, you'll discover the passion, rhythm and magic of flamenco this evening. We've organised tickets to the best show in town, where you'll experience 90 minutes of memorable entertainment.

Adult Price: €69.00\*

## AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

Catalonian Dinner And The Dancing Fountains

Join us for drinks and a Catalonian feast in the bustling city of Barcelona. After dinner, we'll take you to see the spectacle of the famous Dancing Fountains, which were built for the 1929 World's Fair and are one of the wonders of the modern world.

Adult Price: €59.00\*

## AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

Albaicín And The Royal Chapel  
Enjoy a leisurely walking tour through the Albaicín, UNESCO World Heritage Site, a maze of narrow streets and Moorish splendour. You'll get to explore the Catholic Monarchs' tombs and some of their treasures at the Royal Chapel, and stop off at the picturesque Alcaicería quarter.

Adult Price: €37.00\*

## AVAILABLE ON DAY 8

Mystical Montserrat

Join an Optional Experience to the enchanting and mystical mountain of Montserrat, with its breathtaking views and spectacular scenery. There we will visit the Benedictine monastery where the Black Madonna can be seen.

Adult Price: €40.00\*

## All Optional Experiences

The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.



## ABOUT THIS TRIP

### What's included



#### 8 NIGHTS

Accommodation



#### 11 MEALS

8 Breakfasts, 3  
Three-course  
dinners



#### ON-TRIP

#### TRANSPORT

All transport  
shown

### Sightseeing highlights



#### BARCELONA

Sightseeing with your Local Specialist includes views of Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia, La Rambla and views from Montjuïc



#### GRANADA

Enjoy a scenic drive to this Moorish city



#### GUADIX

View the cave homes in "Barrio Troglodyte"



#### MADRID

Sightseeing with your Local Specialist includes views of the Royal Palace, Retiro Park and the Cibeles Fountain



#### PEÑÍSCOLA

See the ancient castle overlooking the Mediterranean Sea



#### PUERTO LÁPICE

Visit the inn where Don Quixote is said to have been dubbed a knight



#### SEVILLE

Sightseeing with your Local Specialist includes views of the Cathedral, Plaza de Espana and Giralda Tower



#### TOLEDO

Sightseeing with your Local Specialist includes views of the Synagogue and Cathedral. Visit a steel workshop



#### VALENCIA

See the town hall, Cathedral, Towers of Serrano and

Quart and the City of Arts

## and Sciences

**On every trip**

Unique or exclusive to  
Costsaver, here's a sample of  
what's included in your trip.

- ✓ Audio Headsets provided throughout your holiday to enhance your included sightseeing experiences
- ✓ Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted
- ✓ City orientation tours
- ✓ All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local taxes
- ✓ Luxury air-conditioned coach
- ✓ Variety of Optional Experiences
- ✓ An expert Travel Director and professional Driver
- ✓ Airport transfers are provided on the first and last travel day. Conditions apply

## DEPARTURE DATES

### APRIL 2020

Saturday 4th April - Sunday 12th April	\$1,195.00
Saturday 18th April - Sunday 26th April	\$1,225.00
Saturday 25th April - Sunday 3rd May	\$1,225.00

### MAY 2020

Saturday 2nd May - Sunday 10th May	\$1,225.00
Saturday 9th May - Sunday 17th May	\$1,325.00
Saturday 16th May - Sunday 24th May	\$1,325.00
Saturday 23rd May - Sunday 31st May	\$1,325.00
Saturday 30th May - Sunday 7th June	\$1,325.00

### JUNE 2020

Saturday 6th June - Sunday 14th June	\$1,295.00
Saturday 13th June - Sunday 21st June	\$1,295.00
Saturday 20th June - Sunday 28th June	\$1,295.00
Saturday 27th June - Sunday 5th July	\$1,295.00

### JULY 2020

Saturday 4th July - Sunday 12th July	\$1,295.00
Saturday 11th July - Sunday 19th July	\$1,295.00

Saturday 18th July - Sunday 26th July	\$1,225.00
Saturday 25th July - Sunday 2nd August	\$1,225.00

## AUGUST 2020

Saturday 1st August - Sunday 9th August	\$1,225.00
Saturday 8th August - Sunday 16th August	\$1,225.00
Saturday 15th August - Sunday 23rd August	\$1,225.00
Saturday 22nd August - Sunday 30th August	\$1,295.00
Saturday 29th August - Sunday 6th September	\$1,295.00

## SEPTEMBER 2020

Saturday 5th September - Sunday 13th September	\$1,325.00
Saturday 12th September - Sunday 20th September	\$1,325.00
Saturday 19th September - Sunday 27th September	\$1,325.00
Saturday 26th September - Sunday 4th October	\$1,325.00

## OCTOBER 2020

Saturday 3rd October - Sunday 11th October	\$1,295.00
Saturday 10th October - Sunday 18th October	\$1,295.00
Saturday 17th October - Sunday 25th October	\$1,295.00

