



Highlights of Spain Tour Itinerary

Whether you are a Spain expert or this is your first visit, this 14 day tour is sure to delight. Visit world famous monuments and little known corners of Spain's most stunning cities, always accompanied by the guides who know them best. Start with the jewels of the Mediterranean in Barcelona where you will get to know Gaudí, then on to Basque Country for a full immersion into the world of Spanish gastronomy. Next, head south to Madrid to explore the capital and surrounding historical cities, before ending the tour in Andalucía with special experiences in Sevilla, Ronda, Córdoba and Granada.

Day 1 Barcelona

After you land in Barcelona your driver will take you to the hotel for a siesta before heading out on a Barcelona Highlights tour. Visit the Sagrada Familia, Paseo de Gracia, the Historical Quarter, Santa Maria del Mar church and the Picasso Museum with your local guide and then enjoy some local tapas on your own or head back to the hotel for some well-deserved rest.

Day 2 Barcelona and Costa Brava

Explore the Mediterranean in the medieval villages of the Costa Brava, including La Bisbal, Peratallada and Pals. Stop for a quick lunch before moving on to Figueres for a guided tour of the incredible Dali Museum. At the end of the tour, transfer back to Barcelona to explore the city on your own.

Day 3 Barcelona

Spend the morning at leisure before embarking on an excursion to the Montserrat Monastery. You will stop at the Cripta Güell, one of Antonio Gaudí's most interesting works, and then head to the monastery for a guided visit of the grounds and the famous Black Madonna. You will then be treated to a performance by the Montserrat Boy's Choir...a truly unforgettable experience.





Day 4 Barcelona to San Sebastian

Say hasta luego to Barcelona and transfer north to San Sebastian. After you check into your hotel, we suggest spending time in the Old Quarter or at the Zurriola or La Concha beaches and dining at one of the hundreds of fantastic local restaurants.

Day 5 San Sebastian

Learn all about Basque pintxo culture with your local guide as you walk through the city center and Old Town sampling the best each bar has to offer. Your guide has spent her life in San Sebastian, and will be sure to take you to both the popular spots as well as her hidden gems.

Day 6 San Sebastian to Bilbao

This morning your driver will take you south to Bilbao. Check into your hotel before exploring the city with your guide, visiting the Guggenheim Museum, the city center, Old Quarter, the Norman Foster subway and the modern architecture on the banks of the river. Once you've worked up an appetite, test your new knowledge of pintxos at the local restaurants.

Day 7 Bilbao to Madrid

Transfer to Madrid to get a taste of the hustle and bustle of the capital. After settling in, meet your guide in the lobby of your hotel and spend the afternoon learning about historical and artistic Madrid. Visit the Old Quarter, including Plaza Mayor, the glamorous city center and its Puerta de Alcalá or Cibeles Fountain, and finally, the world famous Prado Museum.

Day 8 Madrid

Spend the day exploring Madrid at your leisure. We suggest shopping in Barrio Salamanca, art at the Reina Sofía and Thyssen museums, and a long lunch at a terrace café. Be sure to save room for your tapas dinner with your local host! You'll end the day sharing great conversation, delicious food and excellent wine at some of the best spots in the city.

Day 9 Madrid and Toledo

Enjoy a full day excursion to Toledo, often called the city of three cultures as Christians, Jewish and Muslim cultures all thrived here. Learn about its rich cultural and historical legacy, visit the cathedral, Jewish Quarter, synagogue and Santo Tome Church. Once you've worked up an appetite, enjoy a lunch of local delicacies before heading back to Madrid.





Day 10 Madrid to Córdoba and Sevilla

Catch the high speed train south to Córdoba where you will explore its best corners on a walking tour. Visit the stunning cathedral-mosque, synagogue, Old Quarter and the Alcazar with your local expert guide and enjoy traditional treats for lunch. After lunch, your car will be waiting to take you to Sevilla to check into your hotel.

Day 11 Sevilla

Wake up and head out for a tour of the highlights of Sevilla with your local guide. Stop by the cathedral, Giralda, Alcazar and Santa Cruz Quarter, discovering all sorts of secrets along the way. Enjoy some time at leisure for lunch, shopping and exploring before enjoying a spectacular flamenco show.

Day 12 Sevilla to Ronda and Granada

This morning you're off to Ronda, a gorgeous city that inspired Hemingway during his time in Spain. Visit the old bullring, the Old Quarter, Santa María la Mayor Church among other wonderful sites with your local guide before enjoying lunch on your own. Once your time in Ronda has ended, transfer to the beautiful city of Granada.

Day 13 Granada

Get to know the place that many people call the eighth wonder of the world: the Alhambra and Generalife gardens. Learn all about Moorish history in Spain and mythical tales of the days of Al Andalus among the lush flowers and tranquil fountains of the gardens before taking on the secrets of the palace. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure, exploring the city on your own and indulging in the famous local tapa culture.

Day 14 Granada

Departure

