

Day 14 Thursday 06 June

Seville

This morning your guide escorts you to the immense 15th century cathedral, beautiful Reales Alcazares, the Giralda Tower and the former Jewish ghetto of Barrio de Santa Cruz with its much loved flower covered balconies. After lunch you are free to enjoy one of the world's most alluring cities at your own pace. You may choose to visit Italica, one of the earliest Roman settlements in Spain with its huge amphitheatre and fine mosaics or to simply relax and soak up the ambience.

Breakfast
Overnight Seville

Day 15 Friday 07 June

Seville to Ronda

After breakfast you travel along the Pueblos Blancos route which is the white washed villages drive through rural Andalucia. Enjoy some leisure time in the pretty white village of Arcos de la Frontera before arriving in Ronda the Queen of them all. On arrival you see the striking Puente Nuevo bridge which spans the cavernous gorge of Ronda, then settle in to your lovely hotel for the next two nights. Tonight dinner and a Flamenco show are included.

Breakfast • Dinner
Overnight Ronda

Day 16 Saturday 08 June

Ronda

Ronda was one of the last Moorish bastions to finally fall to the Christians in 1485. It's labyrinth of winding streets will delight with discoveries to be made around every corner. It is the perfect place to spend a free day.

Breakfast
Overnight Ronda



Day 17 Sunday 09 June

Ronda to Granada

Travel to the final bastion of Moorish Spain this morning, the magnificent city of Granada. In the afternoon you visit the Albaycin Arab quarter with your local guide. This section of the city clings to the hillside opposite the Alhambra and amid its cobbled alleys is where you can feel Granada's Moorish ancestry most. Here classic Carmens with intricate Moorish decorations and gardens of vines and fruit trees line the stone lanes. A traditional Paella is arranged tonight in a local restaurant.

Breakfast • Dinner
Overnight Granada

Day 18 Monday 10 June

Granada & Al Hambra

It has been said that no journey through life is complete without having seen the Al Hambra. Relish a guided tour today of the magnificent Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens. The exquisite Moorish architecture and breathtaking gardens are beautiful beyond belief and indeed the name Generalife is derived from Yannat al Arif meaning gardens of high paradise. You will long remember this earthly paradise.

Breakfast
Overnight Granada

Day 19 Tuesday 11 June

Granada to Toledo & Madrid

Travel to medieval Toledo today. This majestic city was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site for its extensive cultural heritage as well as its historical co-existence of Christian, Muslim and Jewish cultures. You trace the vestiges of Toledo's cultural

synthesis on a guided tour visiting Plaza de Ayuntamiento, the beautiful cathedral, the old Jewish quarter and the church of Saint Tome with its famous El Greco painting the Burial of Count Orgaz. Continue to your hotel near Madrid airport to overnight.

Breakfast • Dinner
Overnight Madrid

Day 20 Wednesday 12 June

Depart Madrid

This morning you depart Madrid airport with Qatar Airways to Doha where you connect with your Adelaide bound flight.

Meals in flight
Overnight in flight

Day 21 Thursday 13 June

Arrive Adelaide

Arrive in Adelaide in the late afternoon.



Spain & Portugal



24 May - 13 June 2024



EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL TOURS

223 Angas Street, Adelaide SA 5000
T (08) 8223 1272 • E tours@wea-sa.com.au

PLEASE NOTE: It is essential to be fully fit to undertake this tour. Exploration of cities, sights and gardens is all done on foot. Chat to our friendly Travel Office if unsure.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Cover Jan Zeschky; Dorfun; Pablo Nieto; Paulo Valdivieso; sharealike; jgrygowski; Brianna Laugher; Peggy S; Henrique Matos; Jorge Frangillo; Jose A; Vitor Oliveira



...enriching lives through cultural exchange

Barcelona • Zaragoza • Madrid • Avila • Salamanca • Porto Douro Valley River Cruise • Obidos • Lisbon • Sintra • Evora Seville • Arcos De La Frontera • Ronda • Granada • Toledo

This carefully crafted tour combines the warmth, distinctive character, individuality and cultural treasures of Portugal with those of its exotic neighbour Spain. Savour phenomenal artworks of the grand European masters in Madrid, the exquisite Moorish architecture, gardens and white washed villages of Spanish Andalucia, Flamenco and the intoxicating beauty of the Al Hambra in Granada. Be delighted by an unspoiled Europe and authentic charm in Portugal as you explore medieval towns which spill down its hillsides, sumptuous Baroque architecture and romantic palaces. Indulge in delicious gastronomic pleasures, cruise down the fabulous Douro River, enjoy traditional Portuguese folk music and journey through history with expert guides. Staying in stylish hotels, this is perfect combination of guided exploring and opportunity to relax and immerse yourself at your own pace.

Tour leader: Deb Moulton is an enthusiastic and inclusive tour leader with majors in History and English and a Masters in Education. She has vast international travel experience both independently and as a dedicated leader for WEA Travel, and a genuine love of Spain & Portugal.

Tour includes: Flights with Qatar Airways; Fully escorted Adelaide to Adelaide; All accommodation in well located hotels (average 4 star rating); Local historical guides; All sightseeing & entrance fees; All breakfasts and meals as per itinerary; All transport; Pre and Post tour get togethers; Study notes

Interstate passengers welcome



21 Days \$12,490
Twin Share plus airline taxes (\$345 July 2023)
Single Supplement \$2580
Balance Due: Wednesday 06 March 2024

Day 1 Friday 24 May

Depart Adelaide
Depart Adelaide this evening for Doha with Qatar Airways.

Day 2 Saturday 25 May

Arrive in Barcelona
Connect in Doha and arrive in Barcelona in the afternoon where you are met and taken to your city hotel to relax and enjoy the refreshments provided. You might also like to begin exploring nearby.
Meals in flight • Refreshments
Overnight Barcelona



Day 3 Sunday 26 May

Barcelona
Meet your local guide for a day of discovery and appreciation of this world class city. Sights include genius architect Antoni Gaudi's UNESCO World Heritage sites of cultural significance the Sagrada Familia and fabulous Park Guell. After lunch at leisure you continue exploring the Gothic Quarter Barrio Gotico and its cathedral, the Picasso Museum and vibrant Las Ramblas before a welcome dinner in a local restaurant this evening.
Breakfast • Welcome Dinner
Overnight Barcelona



Day 4 Monday 27 May

Barcelona to Zaragoza & Madrid
Travel to the beautiful city of Zaragoza which is noted for its UNESCO protected historic centre of colossal landmarks such as La Seo Cathedral, Basilica del Pilar and the Aljaferia Palace. Enjoy free time here to have lunch at leisure in one of the plazas or maybe pick up a tortilla and walk around the wonderful sights. You then continue to Madrid to check in to your city hotel and have dinner which has been arranged for you.
Breakfast • Dinner
Overnight Madrid

Day 5 Tuesday 28 May

Madrid
Take a guided tour this morning down Madrid's wide tree lined avenues, taking in lively Plaza de Espana, Gran Via, Paseo de la Castellana and the Cibeles Fountain, and walk through the old quarter seeing Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor. After lunch a guided audio tour of the internationally renowned Prado Museum has been arranged. This is truly one of the world's great museums housing a phenomenal collection of masterpieces by Goya, Velazquez and Zurbaran, Rubeens, Titian and Bosch.
Breakfast
Overnight Madrid

Day 6 Wednesday 29 May

Madrid to Salamanca
Travel to Salamanca today pausing for lunch in the fabulous 12th century walled city of Avila. The fortifications here are said to be the finest medieval remnants in Spain and are UNESCO protected. Continue to beautiful Salamanca. Noted for its outstanding architecture and gastronomic and religious culture, Salamanca is a fine university town with a magnificent old quarter. Best of all its treasures have not been exposed to mass tourism, preserving an authentic charm. Enjoy dining tonight at a nearby Tapas bar or cafe.
Breakfast • Dinner
Overnight Salamanca



Day 7 Thursday 30 May

Salamanca to Porto
Tour Salamanca this morning then visit historic Ciudad Rodrigo and try some local produce in the fortified centre. After lunch you cross the border into Portugal and the northern city of Porto where you check into your hotel for the next three nights. This romantic city of ornate baroque churches, medieval relics and beaux-arts buildings crammed along the banks of the Douro River exudes a wonderful ambiance. Like a living museum, this far flung outpost of the Roman Empire is a gem of authenticity. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.
Breakfast • Dinner
Overnight Porto



Day 8 Friday 31 May

Porto
Spend the day discovering Porto's UNESCO World Heritage core. Sights include 14th C San Francisco Church with its extraordinarily lavish golden interior, the Cais da Ribeira medieval waterfront district, Porto Cathedral, Avenida dos Aliados, the Bolhao local markets and the Soares dos Reis Museum. You might like to sample a local eatery this evening with fresh seafood, wines and ports from the Douro Valley vineyards, smoked meats, piquant cheeses and regional produce all plentiful and well priced.
Breakfast
Overnight Porto

Day 9 Saturday 01 June

Douro Valley
Enjoy a full day tour to the beautiful Douro River Valley today. This most scenic outing includes a boat cruise amid the famous vineyards which cling to the hillsides along the river, the renowned Casa Mateus Estate and gardens, a winery visit with tastings and lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the village of Pinhao situated on a lovely river bend and the regional town of Pesa da Regua with its scenic riverfront and authentic old centre.
Breakfast • Lunch
Overnight Porto

Day 10 Sunday 02 June

Porto to Obidos & Lisbon
Head south from Porto today and relax at leisure in Obidos where a classic crenelated fortification encloses a maze of cobbled streets and white washed houses decorated with bright summer flowers. It's a short drive in the afternoon on to Lisbon, Europe's second oldest city. Here you check in to your hotel for the next three nights.
Breakfast • Dinner
Overnight Lisbon



Day 11 Monday 03 June

Lisbon
Your Lisbon tour today begins in Belem to see the Jeronimos Monastery and the Tower of Belem. Drive along Liberdade Avenue and Pombol Square and try the famous Pastei de Nata Portuguese custard tarts

when pausing for lunch. In the afternoon you walk through the Alfama district, the historic Moorish quarter and the oldest in Lisbon, before ascending to the Castle of Sao Jorge with its magnificent views over the River Tagus and the city and sea below. This evening you stroll the white washed streets of Bairro Alto and enjoy dinner and a traditional Fado folk music performance.

Breakfast • Dinner
Overnight Lisbon



Day 12 Tuesday 04 June

Lisbon & Sintra
After breakfast you travel to Sintra to visit the romantic Palace of Queluz perched on a peak in the Sintra Mountains. The palace can be compared to Versailles for the sumptuousness of its architecture and interior. There is time to stroll through Sintra's intriguing streets and to browse it's antique and handicraft shops and tea rooms. Return to Lisbon via Cabo de Roca, the most westerly cape of continental Europe, and the Estoril Coast road with its panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean.
Breakfast
Overnight Lisbon

Day 13 Wednesday 05 June

Lisbon to Seville
Cross the border today to the fabulous region of Andalucia, surely one of the most intoxicating in Spain. Stop in the ancient Portuguese Roman town of Evora mid morning where you have a locally guided tour of the old centre, medieval cathedral, Roman baths and temple and free time for lunch. From this living museum you continue to breathtaking Seville where you check in to your hotel and have dinner arranged tonight.
Breakfast • Dinner
Overnight Seville