



PORTUGAL

PORTO, LISBON & MADRID JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12929)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Madrid

TRAVEL PERIODS

17 Mar 24 - 27 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Food & Wine

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Let each moment of this 10-day captivating journey leave you with a deeper appreciation for the Spanish and Portuguese heritage and artistic treasures!

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures.** Small group sizes (max 24 passengers). English speaking only tour with an experienced Tour Director.
- Enjoy an **authentic Tapas Dinner** at a local restaurant in Madrid
- Discover **Aveiro**, known as "The Portuguese Venice" and enjoy a cruise on its beautiful canals aboard a traditional **Moliceiro boat!**
- Visit **Coimbra**, well-known to be the birthplace of Fado
- Be captivated by the UNESCO Gothic and Manueline style masterpiece **Tomar's Monastery**
- Admire the **Monastery of the Hieronymites & Belém Tower**, a UNESCO World Heritage site

Indulge in a culinary adventure in Madrid as you delight in the flavors of Spain with an authentic Tapas Dinner at a local restaurant, savoring the rich and diverse tapestry of Spanish cuisine. Discover the enchanting city of Aveiro, often referred to as "The Portuguese Venice," as you glide along its picturesque canals aboard a traditional Moliceiro boat, soaking in the charming atmosphere.

Immerse yourself in the soul-stirring melodies of Fado, the Portuguese music genre, as you visit Coimbra, the birthplace of this deeply emotive art form. Marvel at the architectural wonders of Tomar's Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its intricate Gothic and Manueline styles. Journey to Lisbon and stand in awe of the grandeur of the Monastery of the Hieronymites and the iconic Belém Tower, both testaments to Portugal's rich history and architectural brilliance. Last stop is Merida where you will visit the Roman Theatre before returning to Madrid for your farewell dinner.



GUARANTEED DEPARTURES



SMALL GROUP SIZES



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



ENGLISH-ONLY EXPERT GUIDES



CITY-CENTRE QUALITY HOTELS



SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDED



SLOWER-PACED ITINERARY



✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period

✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind

✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices

✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited

✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 9-nights accommodation in 4-star & 5-star hotels
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Private transfers to/from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Specialty Meals: Welcome Tapas dinner
- Wine tasting at Pinhao's centenary cellars with lunch
- Enjoy a typical Portuguese dinner at one of the oldest Fado venues
- Farewell Dinner
- Guided visits in Madrid, Salamanca, Porto (including Douro River Cruise), Lisbon & Merida (with Roman Theatre entrance included)
- Cruise Aveiro's canals with Moliceiro Boat
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Porto, Lisbon & Madrid Journeys



Day 1

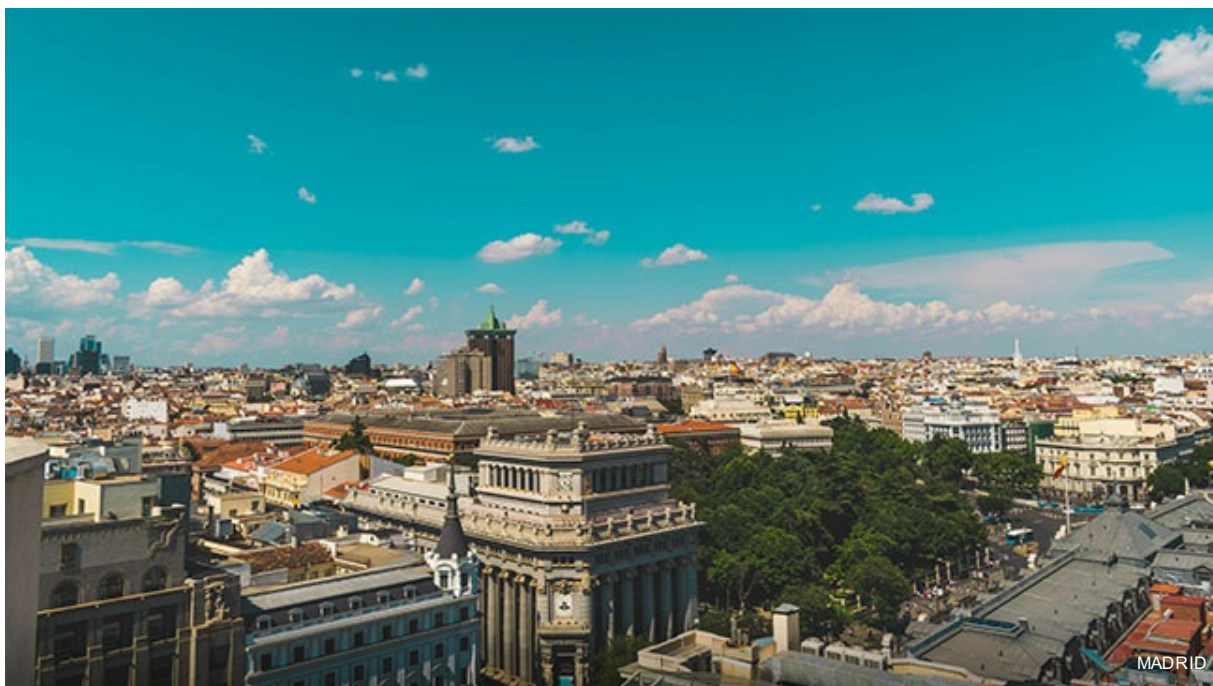
Madrid

A private transfer will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

At 19:00, meet with your Tour Director (TD) at the hotel's Reception Desk for a welcome meeting. You will also meet your fellow travellers. Your TD will give you all the relevant details of the city and will inform you of the schedule for the following day.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Madrid at the **Barcelo Torre Madrid**



Day 2

Madrid

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for a morning city discovery tour and enjoy one of the most exciting cities in the world, Madrid. See the highlights

and discover the passion of this amazing city. Afternoon at leisure to continue exploring the wonders this city has to offer, or, join the optional excursion to Toledo (*extra cost*).

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for an authentic **Welcome Tapas Dinner** at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Madrid at the **Barcelo Torre Madrid**

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Madrid Salamanca

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Your Iberian exploration begins today as you travel toward Salamanca. Venture for Portuguese soils, you will drive towards Salamanca. Enjoy a city tour this University City World Heritage Site of great architectural and artistic wealth.

Overnight stay in Salamanca at **Catalonia Salamanca**

Breakfast



Day **4**

Salamanca Porto

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We farewell Spain to discover Portuguese landscapes.

Our first stop will be at **Pinhao**, a beautiful little town on the Douro Riverbank and famous for their centenary cellars. Taste their wines while visiting their stunning vineyards. After the tasting experience, **enjoy a local products based lunch**.

Continue to **Porto**. Located along the Douro River estuary in Northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European towns, and proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Catalonia Porto**

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **5**

Porto

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Feel the Douro River breeze while discovering Porto. Admire the Cathedral, Stock Exchange building and Santa Clara church. Afterwards, enjoy a Douro River Cruise.

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Catalonia Porto**

Breakfast



Day **6** Porto Aveiro Coimbra

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We depart to Aveiro, known as “The Portuguese Venice”. Enjoy a cruise on its beautiful canals aboard a traditional Moliceiro boat. Enjoy time at leisure and explore the town, the old Beira Mar Neighbourhood and the Aveiro Fish Market.

Continue to Coimbra, one of the oldest cities in Europe and the birthplace of Fado. Time at leisure.

Overnight stay in Coimbra at **Melia Aeminium**

Breakfast



Day **7** Coimbra Tomar Obidos Lisbon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today will be full of discovering small towns stopping to discover Portuguese history between Coimbra and Lisbon. Depart to

the **Tomar's Monastery**, a Gothic and Manueline style masterpiece considered a World Heritage site by UNESCO. Continue to the picturesque fishing town of **Nazaré**. Enjoy time at leisure.

Travel to **Obidos**, beautiful example of Portuguese medieval walled town. Spend some time at leisure.

Continue to the Portuguese Capital: Lisbon.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at the **Sheraton Lisbon & Spa**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 8

Lisbon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Spread across seven hills and known for its decorative arts, Lisbon is one of Europe's most interesting capitals. Join a morning city sightseeing tour of the ancient Olissipo. Drive through its main squares and avenues, Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square & Liberty Avenue.

Afternoon is at leisure for you to catch the nostalgic corners of Alfama Quarter, the old city gathered next to its Castle, with old buildings nested in narrow twisting "Ruas" full of color housing the genuine "tabernas".

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers and enjoy a typical **Portuguese dinner visiting one of the oldest Fado** venues in the city.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at the **Sheraton Lisbon & Spa**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **9**

Lisbon Merida Madrid

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We farewell Lisbon and Portugal while we drive back to Spain. Our first stop will be Mérida, capital of the ancient Lusitania Roman Province.

Once back in our eternal and beloved Madrid, join your fellow travellers for a final **Farewell dinner**.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Barcelo Torre Madrid**

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **10**

Madrid

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before a private transfer takes you to the airport.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Barceló Torre de Madrid

Madrid

The ideal accommodation to discover Madrid in the most comfortable way. This signature design hotel is located in the Plaza de España, a stone's throw from Gran Vía, a 10-minute walk from the Royal Palace of Madrid and a 15-minute walk from Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor.

It has 258 fully equipped rooms, perfectly combining modernity and sophistication. Designed to guarantee the highest quality standards, these rooms have everything necessary to satisfy the most demanding guests, whether traveling for business or pleasure.

It has first-class facilities typical of a 5-star hotel. Among them, a sophisticated bar on the ground floor, meeting rooms for holding all kinds of events, restaurants where you can savor exquisite dishes and a Wellness area with a gym for those who wish to keep fit.

Endowed with a singular and exclusive character, the spectacular building where the hotel resides represents a symbol for the city not only because of its magnificent location, but also because for several years it was considered the tallest concrete building in the world.



Hotel Catalonia Plaza Mayor Salamanca

Salamanca

In the historic center of Salamanca, next to the Plaza Mayor, is the privileged Catalonia Plaza Mayor Salamanca hotel with a rationalist style. Its unbeatable location allows you to discover all aspects of the city of Salamanca. In the hotel pool you can take a bath while you have a drink and sunbathe. Or if you prefer, you can practice a little sport in the gym.

The Catalonia Plaza Mayor hotel is next to the Plaza Mayor in Salamanca and only an 8-minute walk from the University of Salamanca, the Cathedral and the Casa de las Conchas, whose ornamental motifs are symbols of the Order of Santiago.



Hotel Catalonia Porto

Porto

Visit Portugal's most charming city from the Catalonia Porto, set in a series of buildings protected for their historical value. You will be staying in the centre of Porto, next to Praça da Batalha and the San Ildefonso church in one of the most important commercial areas in town. Choose from our light-filled rooms decorated in pure Porto style with bright colours and the typical coloured tiles.

The Catalonia Porto hotel is ideal both for tourists traveling as a couple or as a family to get to know the city and its wide cultural offer, as well as for business travelers looking to combine their work commitments with the chance to explore vibrant Porto. The hotel is in a key location to visit all that you cannot miss, next to Praça da Batalha, presided over by the imposing Church of San Ildefonso.



Hotel Meliá Aeminium

Coimbra

In a very quiet residential area near the university hospital and centre of Coimbra, the hotel has a perfect location for exploring this beautiful city and region. Relax in extremely comfortable rooms. Try the varied buffet breakfast before setting out to enjoy the atmosphere and everything there is to see in what is known as the Portuguese "city of students".



Sheraton Lisbon Hotel & Spa

Lisbon

Experience breathtaking views from the comfort of your room as you choose between our City and River view accommodations, immersing yourself in the stunning skylines that will leave you in awe.

Indulge in luxury and privacy with our suites featuring separate living rooms, providing the perfect space to unwind and entertain in style.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Portuguese

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.
- When the group is made up of 8 or fewer passengers, the tour will not include a Tour Director, but a knowledgeable expert driver/guide. A minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided in this case.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- For organisational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In this case, our supplier ensures similar visits and excursions in accordance with the spirit of the tour program.
- Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)

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