



ITALY

LANDSCAPES OF SPAIN & ITALY JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12942)

STARTS AND ENDS

Madrid to Rome

TRAVEL PERIODS

10 May 25 - 11 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Indulge in a leisurely 23-day journey starting in Madrid, moving through Andalusia to Barcelona. Continue to the enchanting Venice, then explore Italy's artistic gems: Bologna, Florence, and Rome. Immerse yourself in a unique exploration of Roman history 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
- Be transported back in time as you visit the **Roman Theater of Mérida!**
- Marvel at the awe-inspiring city of **Barcelona**, home to world famous architect Gaudí and symbol of the Catalan modernism
- Stroll down the **Assisi's** medieval city, a unique UNESCO World Heritage site
- Be fascinated by the **canals, gondolas, and captivating Venetian architecture!**
- Uncover the breathtaking frescoes in the **Sistine Chapel** ceiling and **"The last Judgment"** both by **Michelangelo in Rome**

Start in Madrid with an authentic Tapas Dinner, savoring local delights. Immerse yourself in history at the Roman Theater of Mérida. In Seville, experience the allure of the Alhambra in Granada and indulge in an olive oil tasting in Úbeda. Continue to vibrant Valencia. Barcelona awaits with Gaudí's masterpieces and Catalan modernism.

Fly to Venice for an Italian immersion along its enchanting canals and captivating architecture. Explore Bologna and Florence, bastions of the Renaissance. Wander the medieval streets of Assisi, a UNESCO site. Unveil Michelangelo's masterpieces at the Sistine Chapel in Rome and marvel at Pompeii's ruins. Embrace the Amalfi Coast's beauty. Return to Rome for a Pizzeria cooking master class and an unforgettable 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

- 22-nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- One way flight from Barcelona to Venice
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Private transfers to/from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Dinners as per itinerary
- Specialty Meals: Welcome Tapas dinner and Flamenco experience with dinner
- Olive oil tasting and light lunch in Ubeda
- Chianti wine tasting, an "Aperitivo" in Siena
- Guided visits in Madrid, Cordoba, Merida, Seville, Granada, Valencia and Barcelona
- Entrance fees for Alhambra Palace, Mosque in Cordoba, Roman Theatre in Merida and Sagrada Familia included
- Guided visits in Rome, Venice, Bologna, Florence, Perugia & Siena
- Entrance fees for Sistine Chapel, Pompei and Royal Palace Caserta included
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Landscapes of Spain & Italy 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 **Casa de Las Artes Meliá Collection**.



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- bookable on site only*).

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

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Casa de Las Artes Meliá Collection**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Madrid Merida Seville

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart southwards to **Merida**, capital of the ancient Lusitania Roman Province. Visit the Roman Theater of Mérida, undeniably a remarkable sight to behold, offering a fascinating glimpse into the grandeur of the Roman Empire's architectural achievements. As you step into the theater, you'll be transported back in time, surrounded by the impressive semicircular seating, towering columns, and the stage that once hosted captivating performances. The architectural elegance and historical significance of the Roman Theater make it a must-visit attraction for history enthusiasts and anyone intrigued by the legacy of ancient civilizations.

Continue towards **Seville**, famous Andalusian capital, and the Spanish city of light.

Overnight stay in Seville at the **Melia Sevilla**.

Breakfast



PLAZADE ESPANA, SEVILLE

Day 4

Seville

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Passion, flamenco, tapas...this is Seville! Today you'll explore romantic Seville on a city tour, including a visit to the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. Visit the city's Jewish Quarter, with its labyrinth of narrow streets dating to the time of Moorish rule.

The afternoon is at your leisure, or you can join the optional Jerez de La Frontera excursion (*extra cost*).

Overnight stay in Seville at the **Melia Sevilla**.

Breakfast



SEVILLE

Day 5

Seville Cordoba Granada

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to Cordoba, a landmark of enormous heritage from a splendid past. You'll visit its impressive Mosque, now a Christian Cathedral, and its narrow Arabian-style streets. Venture for Granada, most magic city in Spain, driving through endless olive groves.

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers to experience the most authentic **Gypsy Flamenco show** in Spain, including dinner. An evening not to forget.

Overnight stay in Granada at **Melia Granada**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **6**

Granada

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today's highlight will be the visit to **Alhambra Palace**, the most special Spanish World Heritage Site. The ornately decorated domes and archways are a testament to the brilliance of Moorish craftsmen. Located on a hilltop on the west bank of the River Darro, it also offers views across the entire city.

The rest of the day at leisure or you can join the optional cruise on the Albaicin Moorish Experience (extra cost- bookable on-site only).

Overnight stay in Granada at **Melia Granada**.

Breakfast



ALHAMBRA PALACE

Day **7** Granada Ubeda Valencia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We depart today towards **Ubeda, the centre of Spanish Olive Oil**. Enjoy a nice walk of this historical beautiful gem and taste their unique golden Extra Virgin Olive oil, light lunch is included.

Continue to **Valencia**, a vibrant city offering a blend of modern architecture, stunning beaches, and a rich cultural heritage.

Overnight stay in Valencia at **Melia Valencia**.

Breakfast, Lunch



VALENCIA

Day **8** Valencia Barcelona

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today you'll explore Valencia's old town and the exterior of the most avant-garde complex: Ciudad de las Artes y las

Ciencias. This ultra-modern scientific and cultural complex is the largest in Europe, and its striking buildings are fast becoming symbols of the city.

Continue your journey in the early afternoon towards Catalunya. Reach **Barcelona**, home to world famous architect Gaudí, symbol of the Catalanian modernism.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at **Catalonia Diagonal**.

Breakfast



Day 9

Barcelona

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Begin your day in Barcelona with a city discovery tour. See the Barcelona Pavilion, a study in minimalism built for the 1929 International Exposition. Then explore the Sagrada Família (*entrance included*), a still-unfinished cathedral designed by Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí.

The afternoon is free to explore the city at your own pace.

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

Overnight stay in Barcelona at **Catalonia Diagonal**.

Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10

Barcelona Barcelona Airport Venice

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast, then take a private transfer to the airport for your onward flight to Venice.

Upon arrival at Venice Airport, you'll be greeted & transferred 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 travelers. Your TD will give you all the relevant details of the city and will inform you of the schedule for the following day.

Overnight stay in Venice at the **Giorgione Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **11** Venice

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Walking city tour. Piazza San Marco, often known in English as St Mark's Square, is the principal public square of Venice, A remark usually attributed (though without proof) to Napoleon calls the Piazza San Marco "the drawing room of Europe". Afternoon at leisure to continue exploring this awesome city, otherwise add in an optional tour to Murano & Burano islands (extra cost- bookable on-site only).

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for an amazing **Gondola ride** to your **Dinner** at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Venice at the **Giorgione Hotel**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **12** Venice Bologna Florence

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart southwards to **Bologna**, famous for its towers, churches and lengthy porticoes, Bologna has a well-preserved historical center City tour & Archiginnasio. The Archiginnasio of Bologna is one of the most important buildings in the city of Bologna; once the main building of the University of Bologna, it currently houses the Archiginnasio Municipal Library and the Anatomical Theatre.

Continue towards **Florence**, famous Tuscany capital, and the Italian city of Renaissance.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Villa Neroli**.

Breakfast



Day 13 Florence

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today you'll explore Florence on a walking city tour. Piazza Signoria, Duomo, Battistero, Campanile Giotto, Ponte Vecchio, old markets...Florence was a center of medieval European trade and finance, and UNESCO declared the Historic Centre of Florence a World Heritage Site in 1982.

Afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy your own time in this stunning city of arts.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Villa Neroli**

Breakfast



Day **14** Florence

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in Florence. Alternatively, you can add one of our optional extras to Pisa and Lucca (*extra cost- bookable on-site only*).

Overnight stay in Florence at **Villa Neroli**

Breakfast



15 Florence Siena Perugia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to "The Road of Chianti". A Chianti wine is any wine produced in the Chianti region of central Tuscany. Sangiovese is the blend's dominant grape variety. Enjoy wine tasting in one of the classic vineyard and cellar.

Continue to **Sienna**, one of the most important cities in medieval Europe. Its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city is famous for "The Palio", a horse race held twice a year in Piazza del Campo. Enjoy an Aperitivo in Piazza del Campo with local products and wines.

After lunch, depart towards Perugia.

Overnight stay in Perugia at **Perugia Plaza**

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 16 Perugia Assisi Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Discover today the historical city of Perugia. Going back to the Etruscan times, Perugia was one of the main cities. The city is also known as the universities town.

Depart to Assisi. The city of St Francis. Assisi is the birthplace of St. Francis, who founded the Franciscan religious order in the town in 1208, and St. Clare, who with St. Francis founded the Poor. UNESCO collectively designated the Franciscan structures of Assisi as a World Heritage Site in 2000.

Continue your journey in the early afternoon towards Rome, The Head of the World.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel Villa Pamphili**.

Breakfast



Day **17** Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for a morning city discovery tour and enjoy one of the most historical cities in the world, Rome City tour. Finish the tour at Saint Peter's Square, located directly in front of Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City.

Afterwards, visit the famous Sistine Chapel (*entrance included*). Its importance lies mainly in the frescoes that decorate the interior, most particularly the Sistine Chapel ceiling and The Last Judgment both by Michelangelo.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel Villa Pamphili**.

Breakfast



Day **18** Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Alternatively, you can add one of our optional extras to discover the art of Rome visiting Major Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore, San Giovanni in Laterano (The cathedral of Rome), & Michelangelo's Moses in San Pietro in Vincoli (*extra cost-bookable on-site only*).

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for a Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel Villa Pamphili**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 19 Rome Pompei

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Early departure to **Pompeii**. Visit of the ancient city ruins stopped in time after a devastated eruption of the Vesuvius. (*Entrance included*).

After exploring the historical sites and ruins, we will have the opportunity to enjoy a tasting of **Vesuvian wine** (Lacryma Christi) along with a **light lunch at the vineyard**.

Overnight stay in Pompeii at **Habita79 Pompeii - Mgallery Hotel**

Breakfast, Lunch



POMPEII AND VESUVIUS AT SUNSET

Day **20** Pompei

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today the day is at leisure for you enjoy your time.

Alternatively, you can add one of our optional extras to **Naples to take the boat to Capri** (extra cost).

Overnight stay in Pompei at **Habita79 Pompeii - Mgallery Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



CAPRI

Day **21** Pompei Amalfi Coast & Positano Pompei

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Bond for Salerno. Take a stunning boat trip to discover the **Costiera Amalfitana**. Stops in Amalfi & Positano.

Overnight stay in Pompeii at **Habita79 Pompeii - Mgallery Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **22** Pompei Caserta Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Departure to **Caserta** to visit The Royal Palace of Caserta (Reggia di Caserta) Former royal residence in Caserta, constructed by the House of Bourbon-Two Sicilies as their main residence as kings of Naples. The Royal Palace of Caserta is the largest former royal residence in the world.

Continue back to Rome. In the early evening, join your fellow travelers for an authentic and traditional farewell dinner at a Pizzeria cooking master class, followed by an unforgettable dinner.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel Villa Pamphili**.

Breakfast, Dinner

Day **23** Rome Rome Airport

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

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Casa de Las Artes Meliá Collection

Madrid

Located between Atocha and Moratín streets, Casa de las Artes Meliá Collection provides an exceptional setting to savour an innovative culinary experience at restaurant Maché, which offers a fusion of local and international cuisine. More than just a hotel, it stands as a tribute to Spanish authentic artistic expression. The hotel offers a range of amenities including a heated pool, gym, library, and cinema* room. Situated close to

attractions such as the Prado, Thyssen, and Reina Sofia museums, the hotel encourages guests to explore Madrid and enjoy a unique experience.

*Please note that the swimming pool and cinema are currently closed but will be reopening soon.



Melia Seville

Seville

The modernity and warmth of the **Meliá** will make your stay in Seville a wonderful experience. Located in one of the city's most distinguished neighbourhoods, the hotel has excellent connections with all transport services and features elegant spacious rooms with a contemporary design. Among the services offered are: Spa, Gym, Meeting rooms, Events, Outdoor pool (seasonal opened*), Vip lounge, Family Rooms, Private car park, Adapted for the disabled, TV area in shared lounge, Terrace, À la carte restaurant, Snack bar, Room service, Pool towel service, Laundry, Pets not allowed.



Melia Granada

Granada

Located right in the heart of Granada, the Meliá Granada is a stylish hotel giving you close access to all the city's main attractions. It features classic and elegant rooms, some of which offer unique views over the Alhambra and Sierra Nevada.



Melia Valencia

Valencia

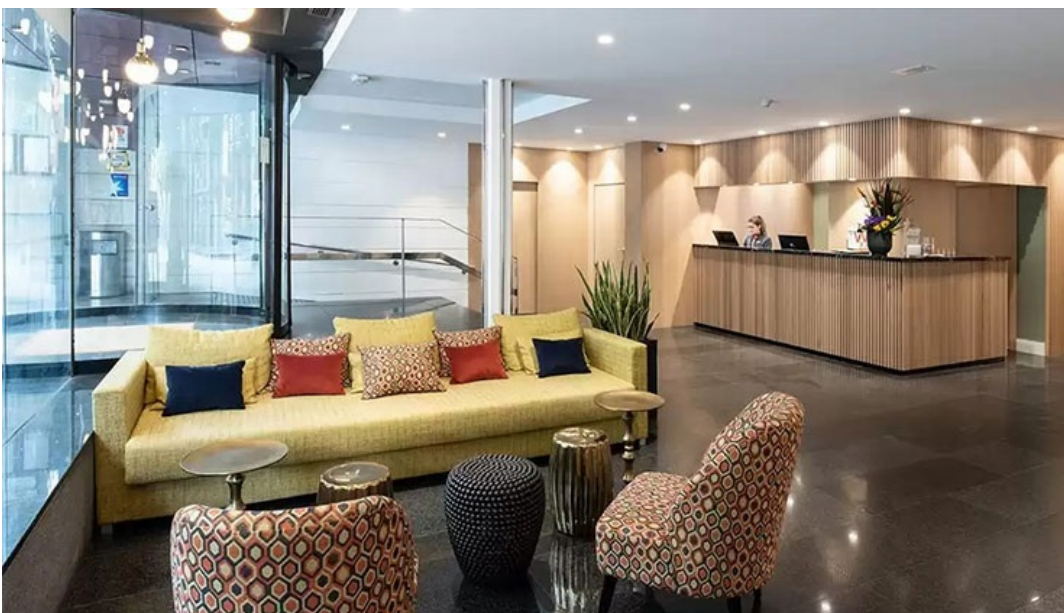
This elegant hotel is located in the most fashionable district of Valencia, adjacent to the Congress Centre and surrounded by an array of dining and leisure options. Guests can enjoy modern, spacious accommodations, exceptional facilities, and convenient access to all that Valencia has to offer. Meliá Valencia provides an excellent base for exploring the city's main attractions. Take a refreshing dip in the outdoor pool, unwind in the spa, or stay active in the fitness center. Additionally, guests can indulge in exquisite cuisine at the hotel's restaurants.



Hotel Catalonia Diagonal Centro

Barcelona

Stay in the heart of Barcelona's Eixample at the Catalonia Diagonal Centro hotel, located next to Passeig de Gràcia and close to the main buildings on the city's modernist route. Its good connections with different means of public transport will make it easy for you to move around Barcelona, whether you come for tourism or business. The location of the Catalonia Diagonal Centro hotel is ideal for touring Barcelona or for staying during your business trips.



Villa Neroli

Florence

Each room of the Hotel Villa Neroli is treated in detail, from the pastel tones of the walls to the style of the furnishings. The rooms have recently been renovated to ensure the guests a pleasant and relaxing stay, in an environment with a contemporary design and impeccable comfort to make every moment of the holiday even more precious. The hotel reserves a range of special services for all its guests, which will make your stay in Florence even more unforgettable. All services are designed to best satisfy every single need.



Perugia Plaza Hotel

Perugia

The Perugia Plaza Hotel offers its customers all the services to make their stay in Perugia comfortable and unique. ideal for for weekends, business trips or meetings and conferences in Perugia. Rooms equipped with all comforts. The rooms welcome the customer by responding to your different needs.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- 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.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Porto Local City Tax are not included, to be paid directly to the hotel
- Cruise embarkation taxes (200€ per person)
- 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)

IN PARTNERSHIP

