



## ITALY

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

### STARTS AND ENDS

Madrid to  
Rome

### TRAVEL PERIODS

23 Mar 24 - 02 Nov 24

### EXPERIENCE

Escorted  
Cultural

### TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Indulge in a leisurely 19-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 before concluding your adventure with a 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

- 18-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
- Alhambra Palace, Mosque in Cordoba & Roman Theatre in Merida entrances included
- Guided visits in Rome (Sistine Chapel entrance included), Venice, Bologna, Florence, Perugia & Siena
- 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 **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 **Barcelo Torre Madrid**.

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 **NH Collection**

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 **NH Collection**

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 **Occidental 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).

Overnight stay in Granada at **Occidental 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 **AC Valencia**

Breakfast



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 Barcelona Plaza**

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 not 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 Barcelona Plaza**

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 **Casanova Hotel** or similar.

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).

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

Overnight stay in Venice at the **Casanova 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*).

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 **Siena**, 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 **Hoxton Hotel**

Breakfast





ASSISI

## 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 **Hoxton Hotel**

Breakfast



ST PETER BASILICA, VATICAN CITY

## 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*).

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

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hoxton Hotel**

Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 19 Rome Rome Airport

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.





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## Hotel NH Collection Sevilla

### Seville

Formerly known as NH Central Convenciones, hotel has a privileged position in Seville’s financial and business district. The historical area is a short walk away. And the public transport links are first-class so getting around the city couldn’t be easier. Like the rest of the hotel, rooms are contemporary and comfortable, with deluxe touches including rain showers and pillow menus.



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## Occidental Granada

### Granada

The Occidental Granada hotel (a member of the Barceló Hotel Group) is located in one of the best areas of the city, very close to Calle Recogidas, which connects the hotel with the center, and next to one of the stops of the new Granada metro. Both the Palace of Congresses and Exhibitions and the Science Park, one of Andalusia’s cultural landmarks, are just a few steps away.

The Occidental Granada hotel is a place where you can feel the magic of Granada, enjoying both its privileged location and the services of a hotel that is a member of the Barceló Hotel Group.



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## AC Hotel by Marriott Valencia

### Valencia

AC Hotel Valencia is in the northern part of the city near the Oceanogràfic, the Museum of Arts and Sciences. It is a magnificent location to get to know in Valencia. The hotel rooms are redesigned for you to have an excellent experience with all the offered amenities. You can choose from 6 types of rooms according to your needs and preferences. This hotel offers the AC Lounge space, a recently renovated place, where it is possible to enjoy private areas to read, work and/or taste all kinds of dishes and drinks typical in Valencia. Our hotel in Valencia offers access to the Fitness Room, available to all guests. It has high-quality equipment for the best training. In addition, the AC Hotel Valencia has several rooms to hold meetings and events of all kinds, where the staff will take care of its organization.



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## Hotel Catalonia Barcelona Plaza

### Barcelona

The Catalonia Barcelona Plaza hotel is located in Barcelona next to Plaza España and the facilities of the Fira de Barcelona and Montjuïc. With 347 rooms, an ideal place to stay on a business trip or a few days off. The panoramic terrace has a swimming pool and a large chill-out area with bar service and offers incomparable views of Plaza España and the Magic Fountains of Montjuïc, as well as most of the rooms. The Catalonia Barcelona Plaza hotel has 3 restaurants, an aesthetic and beauty center with treatments and massages, 13 meeting rooms equipped with the latest technology, free Wi-Fi, parking in the same building and excellent connections with all public transport.





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## Hotel Casanova

### Venice

Hotel Casanova is a four-star hotel located in the heart of Venice, Italy. It offers its guests a perfect blend of modern comfort and classic Venetian style. Thanks to its central location, guests have easy access to various iconic landmarks, including St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge. The hotel features elegantly designed rooms. For guests seeking relaxation, the hotel offers a panoramic terrace that provides stunning views of the city. The hotel provides a wide range of services, including concierge, luggage storage, and ticket assistance. The on-site restaurant serves a range of delicious Italian cuisine, while the bar offers a variety of beverages. Hotel Casanova is the perfect destination for travelers seeking a comfortable and memorable stay in Venice, Italy.

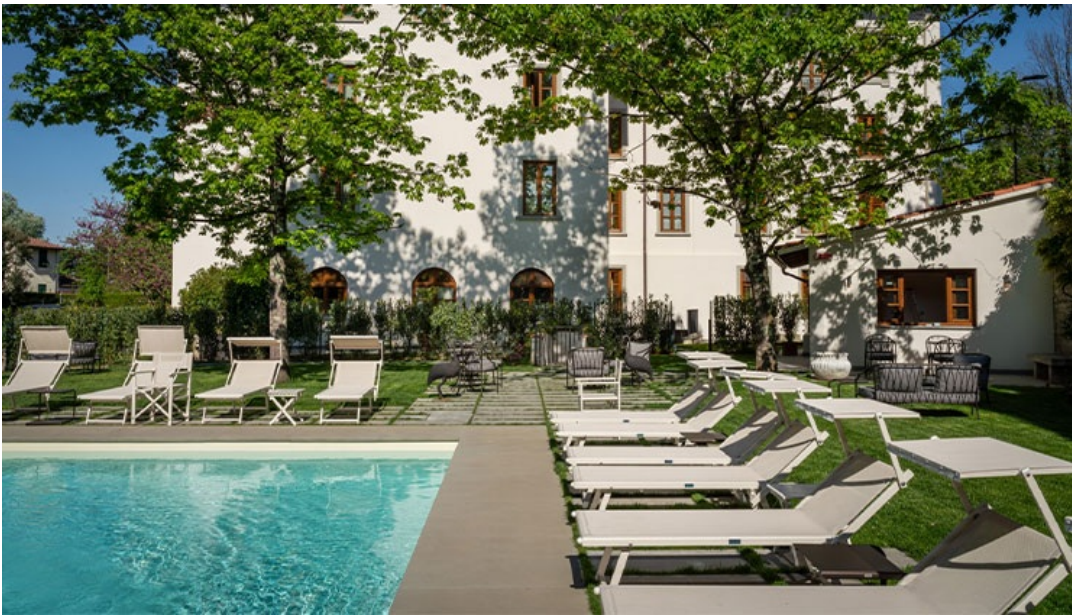


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## Villa Neroli

### 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.



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## 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.



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## The Hoxton Hotel Rome

### Rome

The Hoxton is a series of open-house hotels inspired by the diversity and originality of the streets and scenes that surround the establishment. The lobbies are the beating heart of the hotel. Open round the clock, with comfy seats, cosy corners, and food and drink on tap, they're spaces where guests can hang out alongside the locals, and immerse themselves in the neighbourhood.

All the bedrooms, public spaces and restaurants are designed to feel vibrant, cosy and welcoming – like a home away from home. The in-house design team takes inspiration from the neighbourhoods right the way through the design process, and work closely with local artists and makers to add flair to each property.





## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Italian	EURO

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.
- When the group is made up of 12 or fewer passengers, the circuit will have no guide, but a knowledgeable expert driver.
- 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.
- A minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided if the number of participants is equal to or less than 12.
- For organizational 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
- 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

