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DAY 1 ARRIVAL BARCELONA, SPAIN

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by your Buongiorno Travel representative and escorted to your trend-setting hotel. Get to know your other guests at tonight's welcome dinner.

Sir Victor Meals: Dinner

DAY2 O BARCELONA | HEART OF CATALONIA

Take a panoramic tour of culturally rich Barcelona. Let your foodie go wild with a stroll through La Boqueria, one of Europe's best food markets, where fresh produce has changed hands for hundreds of years. Check out their wide selection of meats, seafood and sweet treats, and perhaps drop by one of their many restaurants to try something onsite. Explore the narrow cobbled streets and wide squares of the Gothic Quarter and the magnificent Palau de la Música Catalana concert hall. You will also taste Spanish olive oil, an important component of the local cuisine. Enjoy more of this fascinating city with a spare afternoon. Wander down Las Ramblas, the pedestrian-friendly street that attracts perhaps equal numbers of visitors and locals, and browse the inviting shops and cafes. Like other cities in Spain, Barcelona really comes alive at night, and this evening is the perfect opportunity to experience it first hand, as the taverns and tapas bars overflow with enthusiastic conversation.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY3 | BARCELONA | THE EXTREME VISION OF GAUDI

Explore more of vibrant Barcelona today, focusing on the city's unique architecture. See Montjuïc on the hill, with its sculpture gardens and castle, a place with a checkered and often bloody history until it was chosen as a museum by Francisco Franco. Then, immerse yourself in some of the most remarkable works by Antoni Gaudí, arguably the most famous Spanish architect of modern times. Gaudí was a leading proponent of Modernisme, a distinctly Spanish take on Art Nouveau, and its free-flowing, extravagantly elaborate structures are beyond doubt. The highlight is the wild Sagrada Familia Basilica, Spain's most visited monument, begun by Gaudí in 1883 and still unfinished today; currently scheduled for completion in 2026, the centennial of the architect's death. After lunch, fly to Granada, where you will enjoy dinner upon arrival.

Villa Oniria Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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GRANADA & RONDA | ANIMAL INSPIRED ALHAMBRA DAY4

Start your day with a visit to the ancient palace and magnificent gardens of the Alhambra, an incredible example of Moorish influence and Islamic architecture. Occupying over 1.5 million square feet, this sprawling complex served as the seat of power for Islamic emirs during the 14th century and later became a royal palace for Ferdinand and Isabella. Explore Granada at your leisure before heading to the cliff-top Ronda, where you will check in to your boutique hotel opposite the bullring. Enjoy a walking tour that introduces you to Ronda's rich history, followed by dinner. The city is known for bullfights, and the Plaza de Toros is Spain's oldest bullfighting arena. Ernest Hemingway did much to popularize both this controversial sport and Ronda itself, and near the plaza a paseo (scenic walkway) named after him begins; Another dedicated to fellow enthusiast Orson Welles is nearby.

Hotel Catalonia Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY5 GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM | LAST CARGO

Head west to the Rock of Gibraltar, technically an overseas territory of Great Britain and a symbolic bridge connecting Europe and Africa. St. Michael's Cave and observe Gibraltar's Barbary macaques, the only wild monkeys in Europe. Return to Ronda to relax and discover one of Andalusia's most beautiful pueblos blancos (white villages). Hotel Catalonia

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 SEVILLE | SHERRY IN JEREZ

Drive through the mountains to Jerez, home of golden sherry, a distinctive fortified wine that is eagerly consumed all over the world. Only wine made from grapes grown in this region can be called sherry, and enthusiasts have many varieties to choose from. Light bodied fino for sturdy oloroso. Try some of these for yourself during a bodega visit. Continue to Seville, then set off in style on a horse-drawn carriage ride for an authentic culinary adventure. Prepare for an unforgettable evening tapas feast by enjoying delicious tapas from two of the city's traditional restaurants. Hotel Colon Gran Melia

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY7 SEVILLE | SUNNY SANTA CRUZ

Discover places in this uniquely beautiful city: the Royal Palace of the Alcázar; the enormous Gothic cathedral; and, of course, the Santa Cruz district, with its sundrenched streets, venerable architecture and shady squares. Free time to go out on your own in the afternoon. Tonight, stroll to a nearby magnificent palace where the owners will take you on a tour and host your private dinner. Then, enjoy a flamenco dance and singing performance on the porch of this historic home. Hotel Colon Gran Melia

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY8 CÓRDOBA I STREETS OF FLOWERS

Depart Córdoba to visit the Mezquita, Córdoba's cathedral and former great mosque, and an extraordinary combination of European and Moorish styles encompassing much of Spanish history in a single structure. Continue walking along the famous Street of Flowers, a picturesque lane with potted flowers on the walls of charming old houses in the city's Old Town. In the afternoon, board your high-speed AVE train to Madrid

NH Collection Madrid Palacio de Tepa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

MADRID | MASTERING ART AND ARCHITECTURE DAY9

View the Prado Museum's extensive collection, which includes some of the greatest Spanish masters, including El Greco, Velázquez, and Goya. Next, visit the Royal Palace, then take a short walk to Plaza Mayor and visit the magnificent iron-glass San Miguel Market, where locals have been shopping since the early 19th century. Then join your Resident Tour Director for a farewell dinner.

NH Collection Madrid Palacio de Tepa

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DEPART MADRID DAY 10

Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

Meals: Breakfast