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# LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY Inspiring Iberia Spain & Portugal

## INCLUDED WITH EVERY LUXURY TAILOR MADE JOURNEY

- o English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- O Hand-Selected Boutique Accommodations
- O Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- O Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Internet Access
- O Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- O Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

**ARRIVE LISBON, PORTUGAL** DAY1 🖕 Arrive in Lisbon, capital of Portugal, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Check in and then join your Buongiorno Travel Resident Tour Director for a welcome drink followed by dinner at your hotel. Olissippo Lapa Palace Meals: Dinner DAY2 **LISBON | PRIVATE TILE-PAINTING WORKSHOP** This morning, explore the National Tile Museum - set in the 16th-century Convent of Madre de Deus - admiring its impressive displays of the beautifully detailed painted tiles for which Lisbon is renowned. Then, get involved with an interactive private tilepainting workshop and take home your creation. The rest of your day is at leisure. Olissippo Lapa Palace Meals: Breakfast DAY3 O ÉVORA | WALLED MEDIEVAL CITY Journey to Évora, a beautifully preserved medieval city, stopping for a wine tasting en route. Upon arrival, visit the historic town center, -a UNESCO World Heritage Site-, to view an ancient Roman Temple, the Gothic 13th-century Sé Cathedral with its Romanesque architectural influences, and the striking city walls. Convento do Espinheiro Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner DAY4 o MÉRIDA, SPAIN & SEVILLE | ANCIENT MÉRIDA Today, drive eastward into Spain, stopping in Mérida to view its Roman amphitheater, inaugurated in 8 BC to host theatrical performances and gladiatorial combat. Also see an ancient 82-foot-tall aqueduct built with stone and brick. Afterward, head to Spain's storied Andalusia region for a two-night stay in vibrant Seville. When you arrive there, ride a horse-drawn carriage to a palace where the owners host your private dinner, followed by a performance of flamenco dancing and singing on the patio of this historic home. Hotel Palacio de Villapanes Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### YOUR JOURNEY



### DAY 5 👌 SEVILLE | GOTHIC CATHEDRAL & JEWISH QUARTER

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	Set out on a guided excursion through Seville, including a visit to the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. Visit he Jewish Quarter, with its labyrinth of narrow streets dating back to the time of Moorish rule. Then, relax in the afternoon and evening at leisure. Hotel Palacio de Villapanes Meals: Breakfast
DAY6 <sub>O</sub>	GRANADA   THE MOORISH ARCHITECTURE OF ALHAMBRA
	After breakfast, travel to Granada and take in the city. Visit Alhambra, a vast palace and UNESCO World Heritage Site that exemplifies Moorish architecture. Tonight, dine at a local restaurant overlooking the site. Hotel Palacio de Santa Paula Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
DAY7 <sub>O</sub>	CÓRDOBA & MADRID   JEWISH QUARTER & MEZQUITA
	Travel to Córdoba, where you visit this city's historic Jewish neighborhood and roam its narrow streets, and then visit the former Great Mosque, now known as the Mezquita, to view its breathtaking Moorish-influenced interior. Enjoy your time to explore before boarding a high-speed AVE train, as you Ride Like a Local to Madrid. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel. Seal your day of exploring with a fun tapas tour for dinner. Palacio de los Duques Gran Meliá Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
DAY 8 <sub>O</sub>	MADRID   ROYAL SPLENDOR
	Start on a city tour that includes the Royal Palace, with its rich decor comprised of marble, stucco and mahogany. Break for lunch at a local restaurant. Enjoy the afternoon and evening at leisure. Palacio de los Duques Gran Meliá Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
DAY9 <sub>O</sub>	MADRID & TOLEDO   DESIGN YOUR DAY
	Today, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities. See Madrid on a Parks & River Bike Tour, cycling in a vast, beautiful city park and along the Manzanares River. Discover Toledo, a place in medieval Europe where Muslim, Jewish and Christian communities coexisted. Visit the Prado Museum, viewing works by El Greco, Velázquez and Goya, guided by a local expert. Spend your evening at leisure in Madrid, free to sample the city's many culinary attractions. Palacio de los Duques Gran Meliá Meals: Breakfast
DAY 10 <sub>O</sub>	ELCIEGO   AN ENCHANTING FOOD & WINE EXPERIENCE
	Today, journey to La Rioja, stopping en route for a tour, followed by a Chef 's Table experience featuring a gourmet lunch with wine pairings at the Vivanco Museum of Wine Culture. Continue to Elciego and check in to the Hotel Marqués de Riscal. Settle into your luxurious room and admire the hotel's amazing design, created by master architect Frank Gehry. Gaze out upon the vineyard-covered hills surrounding this contemporary retreat from one of its eight terraces and perhaps enjoy the on-site Michelin-starred restaurant for dinner at your leisure. Hotel Marqués de Riscal Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
DAY 11 <sub>O</sub>	ELCIEGO   TASTING THE FRUITS OF THE RIOJA
	In the morning, explore Spain's storied Rioja region, visiting an olive oil mill and sampling their oils, walking through Laguardia, and tasting wine with tapas in one of the village cellars. Return to your hotel to relax in the lush surroundings before dinner. Hotel Marqués de Riscal Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
DAY 12	BILBAO   GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM TOUR
	Today,you will drive to Bilbao where you can visit galleries devoted to modern and contemporary art, including the monumental sculpture The Matter of Time, at the Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum Bilbao. Fly to Barcelona after lunch at a local restaurant, settle into your hotel, and then enjoy a light dinner. Almanac Barcelona Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
DAY 13 O	BARCELONA   GAUDÍ'S UNFINISHED MASTERPIECE
	In the morning, set out on a panoramic city tour. See the Barcelona Pavilion, a study in minimalism built for the 1929 International Exposition, and then discover the Sagrada

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Família, a spectacular basilica designed by Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí. This amazing structure features eight towering spires outside and an incomparably detailed vaulted ceiling inside. Begun in 1882, parts of it are still under construction. Enjoy your time for lunch at leisure in the Central Market, also known as La Boqueria, one of the city's many vital marketplaces for fish, meat and produce. Spend your afternoon with time to relax or discover this colorful, vibrant city on your own. Tonight, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for a Scenic Sundowner followed by a festive farewell dinner.

Almanac Barcelona Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 14 👌 DEPART BARCELONA

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departing flight. Meals: Breakfast