

Essential Cities of Spain

From \$1,599 per person // 10 days



From royal palaces to colourful cathedrals, beaches to art galleries, medieval history to contemporary design, Spain has it all - as well as generous servings of sangria and tapas. This short tour is the perfect introduction to the beguiling Iberian peninsula.

The Essentials

- Stay in Barcelona, one of Europe's best loved cities, for three nights and enjoy its vibrant café culture
- Visit Madrid and explore the palaces, museums and restaurants of Spain's capital city
- Travel to Seville and be amazed by its medieval history and Moorish architecture

What's included

- Standard Class train tickets with seat reservations
- 9 nights handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

Tailor make your holiday

- Add extra nights & destinations
- Choose alternative hotels
- Upgrade your journey to First Class
- Let us suggest the most scenic routes

- Suggested Itinerary -



Days 1, 2 & 3 - Barcelona

Since successfully hosting the Olympics in 1992, Barcelona has been transformed and the city on the Mediterranean coast is now considered one of Europe's premiere destinations. You will stay at the Hotel Colon (or similar) for 3 nights. In addition to the famous cathedral, you might want to take a stroll along Las Ramblas, the city's famous street full of cafés and street performers, visit the art galleries dedicated to Pablo Picasso and Joan Miró, or relax on one of Barcelona's fantastic beaches. For sports fans, the world famous Camp Nou is a short trip from the city centre and stadium tours are available.



Day 4 - Barcelona To Madrid

After three days exploring all that Barcelona has to offer, you will have a final morning to perhaps revisit your favourite café, or stroll through the Gothic quarter, before boarding a train to continue on to Madrid. The wonderful AVE high-speed train will whisk you through the Spanish countryside, arriving into the Spanish capital in under three hours. After disembarking, make your way to the city-centre Vincci Centrum Hotel (or similar), your home for the next 3 nights.



Days 5 & 6 - Madrid

Whether you want to marvel at royal palaces, be astounded at world-famous works of art, indulge yourself with the best of Spanish cooking, or stay up into the small hours to sample the city's famous nightlife, Madrid caters to everyone. The city's museums and galleries rival those of any other European capital, with works by Picasso, Goya and Dali on display at world famous institutions like the Museo del Prado. Once you've had your fill of art, Madrid's warm, sunny climate means taking a stroll through its streets, enjoying its eye-catching architecture and metropolitan buzz, is a joy, and the perfect way to work up an appetite for an evening of delicious tapas.



Day 7 - Madrid To Seville

Just as in Barcelona, you will have a final morning to explore Spain's capital before your departure from Madrid. From Puerta de Atocha station, heading south to the historic city of Seville. A two and a half hour journey onboard the extremely fast and very comfortable high-speed train will ensure you arrive into the city's Santa Justa station in the early afternoon, a short taxi ride from Hotel Dona Maria (or similar), where you will have a 3-night stay.



Days 8 & 9 - Seville

Seville is one of Spain's major southern cities and every bit as enjoyable as its more famous and glamorous counterparts to the north. Founded as a Roman city in the 8th century, Seville then became a central part of the Moorish territories in Spain, before landing a starring role in Spain's exploration of the world in the 16th century. As a result, modern Seville is a fascinating melting pot of history and architecture with the enormous Gothic cathedral in the city centre surrounded by grand Moorish homes and winding medieval lanes.



Day 10 - Depart Seville

Whether you want to extend your stay in Seville, continue to explore other Andalusian cities like Cordoba and Granada or make your way back to Madrid for a flight home, we can help tailor make your holiday.

Pricing

From \$1,599 per person

Low season (November-March) from \$1,599pp

High season (April-October) from \$1,999pp

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.