



# LISBON, SEVILLE & MADRID

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## Meals

Breakfast: 8 Lunch: 0 Dinner: 3

## Transport

Touring by private, air-conditioned motorcoach.

Free Wi-Fi (where available)

## Accommodation

Rooms with private bath or shower. Includes hotel taxes, tips and service charges

## HighLights

Ávila, Spain

Plaza Mayor, Salamanca

Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal

Lisbon, Portugal

Seville, Spain

Madrid



## DAY 1: ARRIVE IN MADRID, SPAIN.

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free to start exploring lively Madrid. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and travel companions. (D)

## DAY 2: MADRID-AVILA-SALAMANCA-COIMBRA, PORTUGAL.

Visit fortified Avila with its intact medieval city walls, then stop in Salamanca. Be sure to spend some time wandering around Salamanca's Plaza Mayor, considered the most beautiful square in Spain. Travel through the valley of the Serra da Estrela on your way to Coimbra in Portugal. Today's Distance: 329 mi/ 530 km (B,D)

## DAY 3: COIMBRA-FATIMA-OBIDOS-LISBON.

Enjoy an orientation tour of Coimbra, strategically situated on a hill overlooking the Mondego River. Continue to Fatima to visit the Sanctuary, a catholic pilgrimage site where the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children- Francisco, Jacinth, and Lucia-on May 13, 1917. On to Obidos, a fortified city still flanked by towers and bastions overlooking the countryside dotted with windmills. Overnight in Lisbon. Today's Distance: 177 mi/ 285 km (B)

## DAY 4: LISBON.

Henry the Navigator made Lisbon the 15th-century "Mistress of the Seas." You'll see his monument, the Belem Tower, the Moorish Citadel, the impressive Black Horse Square, and other highlights on your

guided city tour. Spend the afternoon at leisure in the Alfama's tile-decorated streets or discover the Portuguese Riviera by joining our optional excursion. (B)

**DAY 5: LISBON-SEVILLE, SPAIN.**

Drive through the Alentejo countryside, famous for its cork production. Continue south as far as the sunny Algarve region on your way to delightful Seville. Today's Distance: 287 mi/ 462 km (B,D)

**DAY 6: SEVILLE.**

Seville is the city of passionate flamenco and one of Spain's most vibrant cities. Enjoy an included sightseeing tour with all the main highlights, including the iconic Plaza de Espana, located in the centre of the Parque de Maria Luisa. The park was designed in a "Moorish paradisaical style," with a half mile of tiled fountains, pavilions, walls, ponds, benches, and exhedras; lush plantings of palms, orange trees, Mediterranean pines, and stylised flower beds. Numerous buildings were constructed in the park to provide spaces for the Ibero-American exhibition World Fair of 1929. (B)

**DAY 7: SEVILLE-CORDOBA-MADRID.**

Travel to Cordoba, Spain's most Moorish city with its Mezquita, which is rightly known as one of Islam's greatest pieces of architecture outside the Arab world. Continue through the very heart of La Mancha, famed for its castles and windmills, to Madrid. This evening, why not join the optional traditional tapas dinner and highlights of Madrid? Today's Distance: 342 mi/ 550 km (B)

**DAY 8: MADRID.**

This morning enjoy free time in Madrid or join the fascinating optional trip to Toledo. The splendid setting of this old walled city above the Tagus River was made famous in El Greco's painting-even now, it's like a great open-air museum of Spanish history and art. Later, join the included Madrid city sightseeing. As the capital of Spain and situated 2,180 feet above sea level, the Spaniards call Madrid the nearest thing to Heaven. (B)

**DAY 9: MADRID.**

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)