

# The Best of Spain

May 13-22, 2022



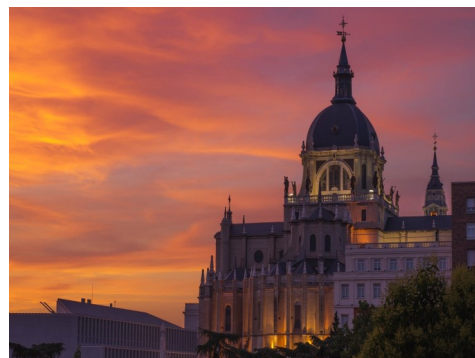
*Although you might be enthralled with the idea of the Spanish siesta—the customary post-lunch nap to escape the midday heat—you’ll want to think twice about catching any afternoon Zzzs on this dreamy introductory tour of Spain. Otherwise, you’d miss all the sunny sights this 9-day vacation to Spain has in store. From Madrid’s art-filled Prado Museum to Barcelona’s tree-lined La Rambla, we show you the country’s top must-see sights, indulging in pans of zesty paella and pitchers of tangy sangria along the way. While you’ll treat yourself to the fresh catches from the sea, the olives from the hills and the wine from the lush river valleys; it’s sights such as Granada’s opulent Alhambra complex, Seville’s over-the-top Plaza de España and Barcelona’s unparalleled Sagrada Familia Basilica that are a feast for the eyes.*

**Day 1, Friday, May 13: Depart the U.S.** Board your overnight flight and wake up in Spain!

**Day 2, Saturday, May 14: Madrid.** Welcome to Madrid, Spain! Enjoy your free day before meeting at 6pm with your Tour Director and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at the hotel. Overnight at Novotel Madrid Center or similar for 2 nights. (D)

**Day 3, Sunday, May 15: Madrid.** Start the day with a guided sightseeing tour of Madrid that includes the Prado Museum and a stop at the public square (Puerta del Sol), Cibeles Fountain and Calle Alcalá. The rest of the day is free to explore or join an optional excursion to the medieval town of Toledo. (B)

**Day 4, Monday, May 16: Cordoba & Seville.** A stop in the marvelous city of Cordoba and a guided walking tour are in store today. Stop at the famous Mosque of the Caliphs, originally built in this Arab Capital. The Christians seized control of Cordoba and the Mosque was Christianized in the Middle Ages, eventually being converted into a Cathedral. Enjoy some free time this afternoon....maybe enjoy some of the courtyards in



## Tour Highlights & Inclusions

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| • Madrid, Cordoba, Seville, Granada | • Prado Museum               |
| • Valencia, Barcelona               | • Casa de Pilatos            |
| • Sagrada Familia Basilica          | • Traditional Paella Dinner  |
| • Alhambra Complex                  | • Local Tour Director        |
| • Mosque of the Caliphs             | • Daily Breakfast, 4 Dinners |

the old quarter during Feria de los Patios, where locals compete every May for the honor of having the prettiest outdoor space. Overnight at Sevilla Center or similar for 2 nights. (B,D)

**Day 5, Tuesday, May 17: Seville.** Sevillanos have long since mastered the art of celebrating and you will take in the culture and atmosphere today. Begin with a tour that includes Plaza de España, enjoying all the magnificent architecture that mixes elements of the Baroque, Renaissance and Moorish Revivals. A visit to Casa de Pilatos and a walk through the Santa Cruz quarter rounds out the day. (B)

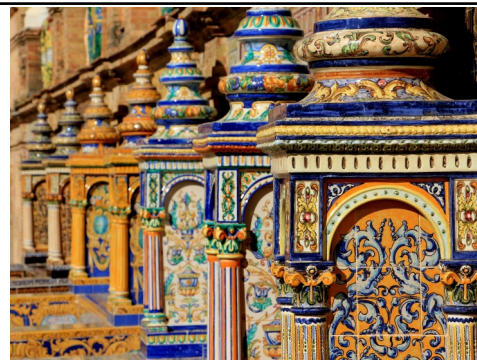
**Day 6, Wednesday, May 18: Granada.** Today takes you to Granada, rich in both history and culture. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided walking tour that includes the Alhambra complex (the 8th century palace named for the reddish walls and towers) and the Water Gardens of the Generalife. Overnight at Catalonia Granada or similar for 1 night. (B,D)

**Day 7, Thursday, May 19: Valencia.** Home to the paella, Valencia is a unique mix of culture, history, food and nightlife. Your guided walking tour includes a photo stop at the science complex and a sample of a traditional Horchata (rice, milk, vanilla and cinnamon drink). And you can't visit Valencia without trying traditional paella at dinner tonight! Overnight at NH Center or similar for 1 night. (B,D)

**Day 8, Friday, May 20: Barcelona.** A beautiful scenic drive along the coast to Barcelona starts the day. This afternoon is free to explore on your own. Overnight at HCC St. Moritz or similar for 2 nights. (B)

**Day 9, Saturday, May 21: Barcelona.** Today you will enjoy some sightseeing that includes the Columbus Monument, Plaza de Cataluña and a panoramic view of the city and harbor from Montjuïc Hill. A visit to the Sagrada Familia Basilica, still being built after the cornerstone was laid more than 135 years ago, is also included. Sangria and a farewell dinner are perfect to cap off the day. (B,D)

**Day 10, Sunday, May 22: Depart for Home.** After touring this beautiful country, it will be hard to say "Adiós" and return home. Enjoy breakfast and then head back to the airport to return home. (B)



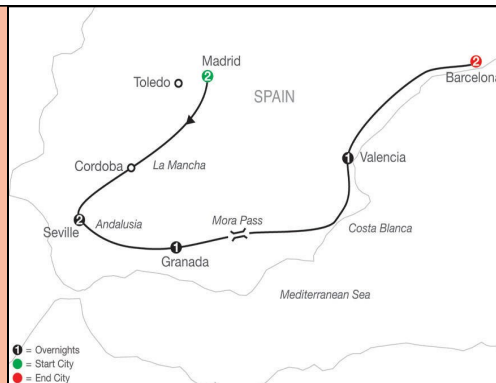
### Tour Price (double occupancy)

**\$2,289 per person**

**\*\*Airfare and airport transfers not included. Please speak with your Burkhalter Travel Advisor about options.\*\***

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