

Highlights of Spain & Portugal

13 DAYS—13 CITIES—18 MEALS
ROUND TRIP FROM FREDERICKSBURG
March 23-April 5, 2019

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Air fare and Travel Insurance additional.

Itinerary listed on back -Optional Experience Choices Available

Deposit \$615 per person

Second Deposit of \$1200 per person due by 08/29/2018

FINAL PAYMENT DUE DECEMBER 27, 2018

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+ \$200 per person non-refundable vendor fees.

Passports required and must be valid through October 6, 2019

What is the Trafalgar Experience?

- **Be My Guest:** Saddle up for a superb stud farm visit, the tragic story of unrequited love and a traditional home-cooked lunch with Tiago and Vera in Portugal's beautiful Alentejo.
- **Cultural Insights:** Sample the famous sherry tradition in the southern Spanish city of Jerez, that has been making wine since the 7th century. The invincible swords of Toledo have defended cities for centuries. Visit an inlaid steel factory in Toledo to see local craftsmen forging the highest quality steel.
- **Hidden Treasures:** Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure during your visit.
- **Local Specialties:** For included sightseeing in Granada, Cordoba, Seville, Lisbon, Toledo and Madrid.
- **18 Meals Included:** 12 hot buffet breakfasts, 1 lunch (Be My Guest), and 5 dinners with local wine.
- **Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing**
- **Air-conditioned coach with WiFi** (when available in country)
- **VIP Entry to Sights**

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DAY 1—ARRIVE MADRID

The fiery Spanish capital of Madrid paves the way for an unforgettable journey through centuries of history and fascinating cultural highlights across the Iberian Peninsula. Embrace la Buena vida and soak up the passionate atmosphere of Madrid's vibrant streets before joining your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation of the city's glorious sights as the sun sets on the capital.

DAY 2—MADRID—CUENCA—VALENCIA

Witness the dramatic honey-colored cliff top hanging houses of Cuenca during our first stop today before we journey to Valencia, renowned for its modern verve and spirit of innovation. An orientation drive will include views of the 15th century Towers of Serrano and Quart, and the City of Arts and Sciences, a large scale urban recreation centre for culture and science and designed by Santiago Calatrava. This evening perhaps indulge in the fragrant flavours and aromas of paella for which Valencia is famous.

DAY 3—VALENCIA—GUADIX—GRANADA

Meandering through the sierra of Spain, we arrive in Guadix to view the troglodyte cave dwellings that blend effortlessly into the surrounding ochre landscape. Witness how generations of Guadix locals have carved cosy abodes into their rocky surrounds, then travel through the jagged Mora Pass to Granada, the last stronghold of the Moors in Europe. This evening, sample the hearty flavours of Andalusia during a special Regional Meal at a local restaurant.

DAY 4—GRANADA—CORDOBA—SEVILLE

Tread in the footsteps of Spain's last emirs, joining your Local Specialist for a visit to the incredible Alhambra Palace, built in the 14th century. Inspired by poetry, the architecture is said to be a reflection of paradise as described in Islamic verse. Soak up the tranquil atmosphere in quiet courtyards, follow its colossal ancient walls and admire the ornate stone carvings. We leave Granada behind for Cordoba where we'll join a Local Specialist to visit the mesmerizing Cathedral Mosque of Cordoba, the former mosque of the caliphs and a jewel of Hispano-Islamic art featuring striking arches and Byzantine mosaics. Our final stop for the day is beguiling Seville, our home for the next three nights.

DAY 5—SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING

Seville takes centre stage today as we spend the day exploring the charismatic city. We'll see the symbolic Giralda Bell Tower in the company of a Local Specialist, then visit the Maria Luisa Park, the centerpiece of the 1929 Exposition, built in a Moorish style and featuring half a mile of fountains, ponds, pavilions and lush plantings. We'll walk through the imposing Plaza de Espana and visit the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world, where the explorer Christopher Columbus is entombed. Perhaps witness the twirling of colourful skirts and rhythmic clapping of castanets this evening at a fiery flamenco performance.

DAY 6—SEVILLE-JEREZ AND CADIZ EXCURSION

We indulge in the aromatic flavours of Jerez today as we gain a Cultural Insight into the centuries-old traditional of Spanish sherry production. The leafy boulevards and quiet plazas of romantic Cadiz are our next stop. Tread in the footsteps of Columbus, who used this historic port city as his launch pad to the new world, and see the exotic plants and trees dotted throughout the city that are said to have been brought here by him upon his return.

DAY 7—SEVILLE-ALGARVE REGION

We journey from Spain to the sun-kissed shores of southern Portugal's Algarve, a retreat for sun-worshippers with its spectacular national landscapes and fascinating heritage. Enjoy the delicious flavours of piri piri chicken and grilled sardines against the picture-perfect backdrop of the Mediterranean, relax on its golden beaches or perhaps join an Optional Experience.

DAY 8—ALGARVE-LISBON SIGHTSEEING

Travel north to the Serra de Arrabida Mountains and the golden landscapes of the Alentejo where you'll enjoy a delicious BE MY GUEST lunch at a traditional Stud Ranch where Lusitano horses have been reared since the 18th century. We arrive in the seafaring Portuguese capital of Lisbon this afternoon where we'll join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the spectacular 16th century Hieronymite Monastery, and Belem Tower, built as a tribute to Vasco da Gama's journey of discovery. Consider an evening in the quaint hillside bairro of Alfama enjoying traditional Portuguese flavours amidst the melancholic tunes of the fado.

DAY 9—LISBON

Meander through the cobblestone lanes of Lisbon's Bairro Alto and the grand shopping boulevards that stretch from the shores of the Tagus and Lisbon Baixa to Rossio. Today is yours to embrace the charm of the Portuguese capital. Relax at a sidewalk café with a creamy pasties de nata, venture to the Castle of Sao Jorge and admire the sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues that clad Lisbon's seven hills or perhaps join an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Queluz.

DAY 10—LISBON-FATIMA-SALAMANCA

Follow the road taken by pilgrims over the last 100 years to the Shrine at Fatima, site of celebrated religious miracles. We leave Portugal, travelling to the historic Spanish city of Salamanca with its golden-hued facades and ancient university heritage where we will view its 18th century Plaza Mayor during our orientation tour.

DAY 11—SALAMANCA-TOLEDO-MADRID

See the walled city of Avila, the town of stones and saints, so named for its vast collection of Romanesque and Gothic churches. We arrive in the cliff top city of Toledo where we'll visit the Church of Santo Tome, home to one of El Greco's most famous paintings-The Burial of Count Orgaz. Join a Local Specialist for a guided walk through the quaint streets and see the oldest synagogue building still standing in Europe. Later enjoy a Cultural insight into the historical steel industry while watching local craftsmen at work. We arrive in Madrid this evening, our home for the next two nights.

DAY 12—MADRID SIGHTSEEING

This morning we join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Madrid where you will see the Royal Palace, Puerta del Sol and the Cervantes Monument with its stone representations of Don Quixote's "True love". Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the city on your own. Admire the world's finest collection of Spanish art at the Prado Museum. Indulge in some last-minute shopping on Gran Via or perhaps consider an Optional Experience to the medieval UNESCO World Heritage City of Segovia. This evening marks the end of our memorable journey through the Iberian Peninsula. Farewell Dinner.

DAY 13—DEPART MADRID

Airport transfers you to the airport for your return home flight. Fond Adios to our traveling companions and Travel Director. The end of a memorable holiday in beautiful Spain and Portugal.

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OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

DAY 2—Paella Experience. Enjoy great beach views as we travel to a seafront restaurant

DAY 3—Gypsy Night Out in Old Granada. Head to Granada's old quarter for a Zambra dance by Sacromonte's famous gypsies.

DAY 5—Discover the Origin of "Tapas" and stroll through old quarter of Seville.

DAY 5—Experience Flamenco Show.

DAY 5—Visit Moorish Alcazar and Plaza America.

DAY 5—Dinner and show. After a 3-course dinner of Andalusian specialties, enjoy a Flamenco evening.

DAY 7—Wonders of Algarve. Guided tour of coastal Algarve region. Stroll through Lagos with free time.

DAY 8—Gourmet dinner, Parliament, Exclusive Estrela and evening drive along the banks of the River Tagus.

DAY 8—Seafood Dinner by River Tagus. Ferry across to local Portuguese restaurant. After cross Impressive Suspension Bridge for view of capital.

DAY 9—Portuguese Fado evening of Music and Song with dinner.

DAY 9—The Golden Triangle. Visit the impressive Rococo Palace of Queluz, fashionable resort of Estoril and picturesque fishing village of Cascals.

DAY 11—Dinner and Discovery in Old and New Madrid. Join the locals in a chat, sip an aperitif before a delicious dinner.

DAY 12—Segovia World Heritage Site—its Ancient Aqueduct & Fairytale Castle.

**Prices will vary per excursion—
Registration Form will go out
when Optional Experience are
open to book.**