



A Steppin' Out Trip



SPAIN'S CLASSICS

INCLUDING LISBON & PORTUGAL'S SILVER COAST

May 23 – June 5, 2012



Some Tour Highlights

- ✿ Lisbon
- ✿ Fátima
- ✿ Nazaré
- ✿ Óbidos
- ✿ Madrid
- ✿ 18th Century Royal Palace
- ✿ Toledo
- ✿ Córdoba
- ✿ Seville
- ✿ Authentic Flamenco Show
- ✿ Granada
- ✿ Alhambra Palace
- ✿ Valencia
- ✿ Lladro City of Porcelain
- ✿ Museum of Las Fallas
- ✿ Barcelona
- ✿ Visit 12 UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Tour Includes

- ✿ Roundtrip Airfare
- ✿ 20 Meals (11 B, 1 L, 7 D)
- ✿ Professional Tour Director
- ✿ Motorcoach Transportation
- ✿ Admissions & Sightseeing per Itinerary
- ✿ Hotel Transfers
- ✿ Baggage Handling
- ✿ Tips & Gratuities
- ✿ Cancellation Waiver & Post Departure Plan

Hotel Accommodations

- ✿ 3-nights, Hotel Fenix, Lisbon
- ✿ 2-nights, Melia Galos Hotel, Madrid
- ✿ 2-nights, Melia Sevilla, Seville or Melia Lebreros, Seville
- ✿ 1-night, Hotel Tryp Albayzin, Granada
- ✿ 2-nights, Hotel Tryp Oceanic, Valencia
- ✿ 2-nights, Hotel Colon, Barcelona or Hotel Regencia Colon, Barcelona



*Jerónimos Monastery
 Lisbon, Portugal*



DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 5/23

Overnight Flight to Portugal

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 5/24

Welcome to Portugal, where quaint farming villages, cork and olive tree plantations dot the landscape. Enjoy **Lisbon**, Portugal's vibrant capital city. Tonight, begin your journey with a welcome dinner.

Meal: (D) Overnight: Lisbon

DAY 3: FRIDAY, 5/25

A tour of Lisbon features the Moorish Alfama Quarter, **Jerónimos Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage site)**, Monument to the Discoveries, and the **Tower of Belem (UNESCO World Heritage site)**. Tonight, enjoy a dinner complete with local cuisine, wines, folkloric dances and Fado music.

Meals: (B, D) Overnight: Lisbon

DAY 4: SATURDAY, 5/26

Your day on Portugal's "Silver Coast" begins in the pilgrimage town of **Fátima**. View the Batalha Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage site), an example of Manueline architecture, and travel to the quaint towns of **Nazaré** and **Óbidos**.

Meal: (B) Overnight: Lisbon

DAY 5: SUNDAY, 5/27

Depart Lisbon and cross the border into Spain. Enjoy your day viewing the countryside of Portugal and Spain before arriving in the capital city of Spain, Madrid.

Meals: (B, D) Overnight: Madrid

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DAY 6: MONDAY, 5/28

During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic center, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. A guided tour of the monumental 18th century **Royal Palace** reveals lavish halls, banquet rooms, the throne room, royal armory and the impressive courtyard. This afternoon, travel to Toledo, a UNESCO site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive tour highlights the magnificent **Gothic cathedral and the 13th century synagogue**, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage. Also stop in the **Church of Santo Tome** to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz.

Meal: (B) Overnight: Madrid

DAY 7: TUESDAY, 5/29

Today, your tour manager provides a brief lesson on the origin and history of the Spanish language. Then, travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of **Córdoba**. Embark on a walking tour of the **Mezquita**. This UNESCO site, an architectural marvel, built by the Moors in the 8th century as a magnificent mosque, was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Córdoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to **Seville**, considered Spain's "cultural capital."

Meals: (B, D) Overnight: Seville

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, 5/30

In Seville we'll see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral, a UNESCO site, and Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint old **Santa Cruz Quarter** with its bright flowers, white-washed buildings and winding streets. Continue to **Plaza D'Espana** and the beautiful **Maria Luisa Park**, one of the loveliest in all of Europe. A local flamenco dancer joins you for a typical "tapas lunch" featuring small portions of hot and cold specialties; here you learn about the history, culture

and artistry of flamenco. This evening, take your reserved seats for an **authentic flamenco show** featuring Seville's top performers.

Meals: (B, L) Overnight: Seville

DAY 9: THURSDAY, 5/31

Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to **Granada**, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous **Alhambra**, the immense hilltop palace that is a UNESCO site. Also tour the **Generalife**, meaning "garden of the architect," where the grounds are beautifully designed with waterfalls, courtyards and smaller secret gardens.

Meals (B, D) Overnight: Granada

DAY 10: FRIDAY, 6/1

Today you travel through Spain's amazing landscape viewing rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves while en route to the Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the city of **Valencia**, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves.

Meals (B, D) Overnight: Valencia

DAY 11: SATURDAY, 6/2

Tour Valencia's ornate 14th century **Serranos Tower** and imposing 15th century **Quart Tower**. You'll also see the bustling central market, one of the largest in Europe, and view the Gothic Cathedral, where construction began in 1262 on the site of an ancient mosque. Your trip to Valencia would not be complete without a stop at Lonja, the old Silk Exchange, recognized by UNESCO as one of the most beautiful buildings of European civil Gothic architecture. Later, visit **Lladro-City of Porcelain** and learn about the history and creative process of the world-famous, hand-made Lladro figurines. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to explore Valencia's amazing buildings and museums independently and stroll the walkways of the impressive City of Arts & Sciences.

Meal: (B) Overnight: Valencia

DAY 12: SUNDAY, 6/3

Begin your day with a visit to the **Museum of Las Fallas** where you will see figurines from the last 80 years of Las Fallas. Learn about this unique, spectacular festival from assembly and costumes to fireworks and the night of burning. Later, travel to **Barcelona**, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities.

Meal: (B) Overnight: Barcelona

DAY 13: MONDAY, 6/4

Today, get an in-depth look at vibrant and lively **Barcelona**. Your locally guided tour showcases **Las Ramblas Boulevard**, the most famous in Barcelona, dotted with bird and flower stalls. Also see Columbus Monument; Parc Montjuic; **Antonio Gaudi's** UNESCO World Heritage sites including "La Sagrada Familia," Parc Guell, Bartlo House and the unconventional Casa Mila building. This afternoon continue to explore colorful Barcelona on your own. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a lovely trip to Portugal and Spain!

Meals: (B, D) Overnight: Barcelona

DAY 14: TUESDAY, 6/5

You return home with vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage.

Meal: (B)

Price Per Person

(includes trip insurance)

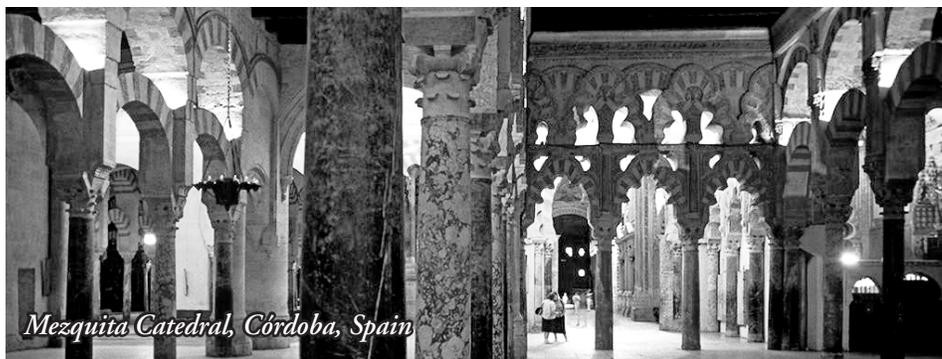
- \$4,989 Double Occupancy
- \$5,689 Single Occupancy
- \$450 deposit per person due with reservation form, with balance due 3/23/12.

For Information Contact

Sunnyvale Senior Center at (408) 730-7360.

Notes:

- Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.
- Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.
- This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.



Mezquita-Catedral, Córdoba, Spain

