



Spain for Solo Travelers: Barcelona, Madrid & Seville

9 days | 12 days with Granada & Málaga extension

Get to know three distinctly different sides of Spain as you spend a week exploring a trio of exciting cities alongside other solo travelers. Barcelona, the cosmopolitan, coastal capital of Spain's Catalonia region, bursts at it seams with whimsical works of art by greats such as Picasso and Miró, and architectural icons by Antoni Gaudí. Madrid, Spain's sprawling capital, is chock-full of bustling food markets, world-class museums, and royal history. And in Seville, the Andalusian capital, historic churches, grand palaces, Moorish buildings, and flamenco dancing await. Want to experience a more laid-back side of Spain, too? Extend your tour and head south. You'll visit Granada—a city nestled in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains—and Málaga, a charming port city on the Costa del Sol.



Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in a private room at handpicked hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 2 food tastings
- 1 cooking class
- 5 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 2 train rides

Included highlights

- Sagrada Família in Barcelona
- Royal Palace in Madrid
- Madrid's Prado Museum
- Spanish tapas cooking class
- Córdoba
- Olive oil tasting
- Royal Alcázar of Seville
- Seville Flamenco show

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2.5 hour daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and dirt paths, with some hills.

Group size

15–28

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Barcelona today.

Barcelona → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Barcelona

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Spain! Settle in to your hotel. Then, gather with your Tour Director and fellow group members at a mixer before enjoying a welcome dinner in Barcelona. This cosmopolitan, coastal city is the capital of Spain's Catalonia region and is celebrated for its spectacular art and architecture—particularly works by Pablo Picasso, Joan Miró, and Antoni Gaudí.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Barcelona

Included meals: breakfast

Discover why the Catalan capital is touted for its unparalleled architectural landmarks, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

- Enjoy a drive along the city's waterfront
- View the towering Mirador de Colom, a nearly 200-foot-tall monument to Christopher Columbus, who disembarked in the port of Barcelona following his voyage to the Americas
- Step inside La Sagrada Família, Gaudí's famous masterwork-in-progress
- Make your way down Passeig de Gràcia and past Gaudí's colorful Casa Batlló, or House of Bones, widely considered to be one of the architect's masterpieces
- End with a walk through the Gothic district and along Las Ramblas, a tree-lined pedestrian boulevard

Enjoy a free afternoon in Barcelona or add an excursion.

+ Park Güell & La Pedrera

Madrid → 3 nights

Day 4: Train ride to Madrid

Included meals: breakfast

Journey by high-speed train to Spain's capital, Madrid, a bustling city that's latticed with elegant boulevards and blanketed with vast, manicured parks.

Spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.

Please note: Porterage is not included for the train transfers. Travelers must be comfortable lifting and carrying all luggage over steps, onto platforms, and into luggage storage.

+ Traditional Spanish Evening

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Madrid & cooking class

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Get acquainted with Spain's cosmopolitan capital city with the help of a local guide.

- View the Royal Palace, Spain's largest royal residence
- Pass by the Temple of Debod, a reassembled temple from ancient Egypt
- View the city's many squares, including Plaza Colón and Plaza Neptune
- Explore the Prado, a world-class art museum that began as the private collection of the Spanish monarchy and is home to the works of Goya, Velázquez, and more iconic artists

This evening, head to a local culinary school for a hands-on cooking class, during which you'll craft Spanish tapas under the guidance of an experienced chef. Then, sit down for an included dinner and enjoy what you've prepared.

Day 6: Free day in Madrid

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Madrid or add an excursion.
+ Toledo

Seville → 2 nights

Day 7: Seville via Córdoba & olive oil farm

Included meals: breakfast, tasting

Settle in aboard a high-speed train and enjoy the ride to the Andalusian city of Córdoba, once an important Roman city and a major Islamic center in the Middle Ages.

Please note: Travelers should feel comfortable managing their own luggage while getting on and off the train.

Then, discover the history of Córdoba—once home to 700 mosques, 900 public baths, and 70 libraries—and the cuisine of Andalusia.

- Pass by Córdoba's Roman Bridge, which was built in the first century BC and features 16 irregularly patterned arches
- View the medieval Albolafia Mill, one of several historic watermills in the city
- Enter the Mezquita, a UNESCO World Heritage site built in the eighth century as a mosque and then transformed into a cathedral during the Christian Reconquista of 1236

After exploring Córdoba, board your coach and continue on to a family-owned olive oil farm for a tour and tasting.

- Join a local guide for a tour of the farm's olive groves, mill, and cellar
- Learn how olives are grown, harvested, and turned into olive oil, one of Spain's major exports
- Sample some orange-infused olive oil drizzled on top of chocolate gelato
- Enjoy free time to shop for made-on-the-farm products

Continue on to Seville and spend a free evening in the city.

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Seville & flamenco show

Included meals: breakfast, tasting, farewell dinner

Uncover the beauty of Seville—Andalusia's capital city, which is known for its historic churches, palaces, and Moorish buildings—on a guided sightseeing tour.

- View the tiled pavilion of the Plaza de España, a massive, semi-circular brick building built in Renaissance and neo-Moorish styles for the 1929 Ibero-American Exhibition
- Pass the whitewashed homes of Barrio de Santa Cruz, a popular neighborhood known for its cobblestone streets, narrow alleys, and tiled benches
- See the Gothic Seville Cathedral, the third-largest church in the world
- Enter the Royal Alcázar, a palace that was once home to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella

- Stop to enjoy a tasting of several types of tapas dishes
- Tonight, get a taste of old Seville during a live flamenco show.
- Join your fellow travelers for a celebratory farewell dinner
 - Sip an included drink as you watch the authentic performance, which comprises expressive lyrics, moving instrumentals, and passionate choreography
 - After discovering why UNESCO has declared flamenco to be one of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, enjoy free time to explore the vibrant Santa Cruz neighborhood

Flight Home

Day 9: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to visit Granada and Málaga.

+ Granada & Málaga extension

Join your fellow solo travelers and head south to experience the mountains and Costa del Sol. Nestled at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, the Andalusian city of Granada is home to a dazzling array of medieval structures dating to the Moorish period, most notable among them the Alhambra. Stop to explore charming mountain villages, and sample specialties like Jamón Serrano, as you make your way to Málaga, a port city and Pablo Picasso's hometown. There, marvel at the ruins of an ancient Roman theater and perhaps duck into a cozy bar or restaurant to sample some of the flavors for which the city is known.

Granada → 1 night

Day 9: Transfer to Granada & sightseeing tour of Alhambra

Included meals: breakfast

Head south toward Granada, then take a guided tour of the UNESCO-recognized Alhambra, the Moorish sultans' last stronghold in Spain.

- Walk along the Cypress Promenade to view the upper and lower gardens of Generalife Palace, once the Nasrid dynasty's summer home

- Enjoy panoramic views of Granada and its surrounding countryside
- View the unique curved, Roman-style courtyard inside the Palace of Charles V
- Admire the blend of Western art and Islamic design as you stroll through ornamented courtyards
- Enter the Nasrid Palaces and see the Mexuar, where the Council of Ministers met
- See where the royal family lived during visits to Comares Palace and the Palace of the Lions

Please note: The order of activities is subject to change.

Málaga → 2 nights

Day 10: Málaga via Alpujarra villages of the Sierra Nevada Mountains & sightseeing tour of Málaga

Included meals: breakfast, tasting

Visit several Alpujarra villages in the Sierra Nevada mountain range, which is home to the highest peak on the Iberian Peninsula.

- Meet your local guide in the town of Lanjarón, whose high-quality mineral water is sold for drinking throughout Spain and whose spa waters are said to have healing properties
- Travel to Pampaneira, a mountain village known for its ceramics, leather, and clothing
- Make your way to Trevélez, one of the highest villages in the Sierra Nevadas and a region known for its ham, or jamón, production
- Stop for a tasting of locally produced Jamón Serrano

Continue on to Málaga and get to know the port city on a sightseeing tour.

- View the Málaga Cathedral, nicknamed the One-Armed Woman for its incomplete second tower
- Learn about the city's history as you view its ancient Roman theatre
- Marvel at the hilltop, fortified Moorish palace of Alcazaba, which was built in the 10th century and has served as a royal residence and military structure

Day 11: Free day in Málaga

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Enjoy a free day in Málaga or add an excursion. Rejoin your group this evening and celebrate your trip together over tonight's farewell paella feast.

+ Ronda & Setenil de las Bodegas

Flight Home

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.com/BM6 | 1-800-597-0350

Day 3: Park Güell & La Pedrera

\$109/\$119* (4 hours, departure time varies)

On today's excursion, discover the magnificent works of Antoni Gaudí, the famed Spanish architect known for his bold, distinct designs. Casa Milà is the first stop.

Take a guided tour of this building, popularly known as "La Pedrera," which was built by Gaudí between 1905 and 1910. Everything about the building is visually unique, from the wave-like stone structure and grandly designed roof to the apartment that reflects the style of the 20th-century bourgeois. Next, you'll head to Park Güell, also designed by Gaudí. Your guide will lead you through the park, which contains stunning buildings, intricate stonework, and colorful mosaics. At the top of the park, marvel at the brilliant views of Barcelona.

true local flavors, enjoy a glass of Andalusian wine in Ronda. Afterward, visit the unique town of Setenil de las Bodegas, part of which has been built into rock overhangs. Enjoy free time to walk through the town and its hilltop fortress, which was built by the Moors.

Day 4: Traditional Spanish Evening

\$119/\$129* (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Start the evening with a stroll through Plaza Mayor. Your Tour Director will tell you about the history of the square, where you'll see locals and travelers alike. On your way to dinner, walk through the illuminated streets of Madrid, taking in the local neighborhood ambiance in the evening light. Then, enjoy conversation, camaraderie, and live music at one of the oldest restaurants in the city. Between traditional Castilian courses, you'll be entertained by tuno music, an artistic tradition with its roots in Spain's universities.

Day 6: Toledo

\$105/\$115* (8 hours, departure time varies)

Discover Toledo, the cliff-top city often referred to as La Ciudad Imperial ("The Imperial City"). Upon arrival, you'll have some free time to explore. Later in the afternoon, your guided tour begins at Toledo Cathedral, a massive, Gothic structure that houses 750 medieval stained glass windows and a treasure trove of golden artifacts. Gaze upon the cathedral's sacristy, containing masterpieces by the likes of van Dyck, El Greco, Rubens, and Titian. After exploring the labyrinth of medieval alleyways at the heart of the city, you'll visit the Church of Santo Tomé and one of Europe's oldest synagogues, Santa María la Blanca. Please note: This tour involves some walking over uneven terrain. Also, depending on the day of the week, the sites visited are subject to change.

Extension excursion options

Day 11: Ronda & Setenil de las Bodegas

\$79/\$89* (9 hours, departs in the morning)

Head inland to the famous cliffside town of Ronda and get to know the beautiful village alongside a local guide. Spend time admiring the town's picturesque, white buildings and viewing the Plaza de Toros, which was constructed in the late 1700s. See the staggering Puente Nuevo, an 18th-century bridge that spans a deep gorge. Walk by Mondragón Palace and enter Casa Museo Don Bosco, an historic home with beautiful views over the surrounding countryside. To experience

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms