



# A Week in Spain: Barcelona, Madrid & Seville

9 days | 12 days with Granada & Costa del Sol extension

Barcelona is a laid-back wonderland packed with imaginative architectural icons. Madrid has all the makings of a busy capital city, with world-class museums (hello, Prado) and restaurants. And Seville is home to a treasure trove of historic structures, including three UNESCO World Heritage sites. On this week-long tour, see, hear, taste, and feel the distinctive delights each of these Spanish cities has to offer.



## Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 food tasting
- 5 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 2 train rides

## Included highlights

- Sagrada Família
- Royal Palace
- Prado Museum
- Córdoba
- Olive oil tasting
- Royal Alcázar

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1 hour daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and dirt paths, with some hills.

## Group size

15–38

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Barcelona today.

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## Barcelona → 2 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Barcelona

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Spain! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's 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.

- Step inside La Sagrada Família, Gaudí's famous masterwork-in-progress
- Drive along Passeig de Gràcia and past Gaudí's Casa Batlló, or House of Bones, widely considered to be one of the architect's masterpieces
- Stop at Montjuïc, where the 1992 Olympic Games took place, and soak in the panoramic views from Mirador de l'Alcalde park
- Pass Plaça d'Espanya, where many of Barcelona's main roads intersect

Enjoy a free afternoon in Barcelona or add an excursion.

+ Park Güell & La Pedrera

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## Madrid → 3 nights

### Day 4: Train ride to Madrid

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

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. Then, sit down for an included dinner.

*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.*

### Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Madrid

*Included meals: breakfast*

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, Velásquez, and more iconic artists

Enjoy a free evening in Madrid or add an excursion.

+ Traditional Spanish Evening

### Day 6: Free day in Madrid

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free day in Madrid or add excursions.

+ Toledo

+ Madrid Flamenco Show

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## Seville → 2 nights

### Day 7: Seville via Córdoba & olive oil farm

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting*

Ride a high-speed train 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 Andalusia's history and cuisine.

- Explore Córdoba, which was once home to 700 mosques, 900 public baths, and 70 libraries
- Pass by the city's Roman Bridge, which was built in the first century BCE 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, settle in on 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

*Included meals: breakfast, 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
- Pass the whitewashed homes of Barrio de Santa Cruz
- 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

Celebrate your trip with your group members at a farewell dinner.

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## 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 Costa del Sol.

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## + Granada & Costa del Sol extension

Soak up sunshine—and stunning

architecture—in southern Spain as you travel to Granada and Costa del Sol. Along the way, you'll explore the white village of Ronda and the staggeringly beautiful Alhambra alongside expert local guides. When you're not drinking in the region's storied history or stunning, Mediterranean landscape, you can grab a seat inside a tapas bar for a taste of modern life in Spain's sunny southern reaches.

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## Granada → 1 night

### Day 9: Granada via Ronda

*Included meals: breakfast*

Head south toward Granada, stopping along the way to explore the famous cliffside town of Ronda with a local guide.

- Admire Ronda's picturesque white buildings and pass the Plaza de Toros bull ring, which was constructed in the late 1700s
- View the staggering Puente Nuevo, the 18th-century bridge that spans El Tajo gorge and connects Ronda's old and new towns
- Walk by Mondragón Palace and enter Casa don Bosco, a historic home with beautiful views over the surrounding countryside
- Enjoy free time for lunch in the old town

Then, continue on to Granada.

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## Costa del Sol → 2 nights

### Day 10: Sightseeing tour of the Alhambra & transfer to Costa del Sol

*Included meals: breakfast*

Set off on a guided tour of the 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 overlooking Granada and the 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 once met
- See where the royal family lived during visits to Comares Palace and the Palace of the Lions

Then, head to Costa del Sol, a stretch of fashionable towns and beaches hugging the Mediterranean.

### Day 11: Free day on Costa del Sol

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free day on Costa del Sol or add an excursion.

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ A Day in Gibraltar

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## Flight Home

### Day 12: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the Málaga 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/BMS](https://goaheadtours.com/BMS) | 1-800-597-0350

## Day 3: Park Güell & La Pedrera

\$105/\$115\* (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.

## Day 5: Traditional Spanish Evening

\$115/\$125\* (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

\$99/\$109\* (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.

## Day 6: Madrid Flamenco Show

\$135/\$145\* (5 hours, departs in the evening with light dinner)

Flamenco is a passionate, seductive art form exclusive to Spain, and you'll experience the clapping, singing, and stamping of this celebrated tradition during a live show in Madrid. This Andalusian style of dance combines guitar playing (toque), song (cante), and rhythmic handclaps (palmas). A light dinner of tapas will be served alongside local wine at a nearby restaurant before the expressive, dramatic, colorful performance.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 11: A Day in Gibraltar

\$145/\$155\* (8 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)

Make your way along the Costa del Sol to Gibraltar, a pocket of British culture in the Mediterranean. This overseas territory of Great Britain is most famously home to the iconic Rock of Gibraltar. Today, you'll get a close-up look during a visit to the Gibraltar Nature Reserve, established in 1993 to protect native wildlife. Here, get to know the resident population of semi-wild Barbary macaques while keeping an eye out for the many species of migratory birds that use the rock as a resting place. Then, take in sweeping views of the ocean (and Africa on a clear day) as you journey to sites such as St. Michael's Cave, Spur Battery, and Europa Point Lighthouse. End with an included lunch and pint at a local pub and some free time in town before transferring back to Costa del Sol. Please note: As Gibraltar is a territory of the United Kingdom, you must show your passport to enter. Make sure you have yours with you before this excursion departs.

\*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](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)