



College Study Tours

Spain: Land of Many Cultures

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Day 1: Fly to Spain

Travel on an overnight flight to Barcelona.

Day 2: Barcelona

Arrive in Barcelona: Welcome to Barcelona. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore the city on your own.

Explore Barcelona: On your walking tour of Las Ramblas, stretch your legs and take in this iconic part of the city at your own pace. Flower vendors and street performers greet you as you make your way through this tree-lined thoroughfare.

Dinner: Enjoy a dinner of local flavors and specialties with your group.

Day 3: Barcelona

Sightseeing tour of Barcelona: See why Barcelona is an art lover's haven and the perfect home for master painters like Miró, Picasso, and Dalí. Admire avant-garde gems in open-air plazas, such as the Plaza de Catalunya and Plaza de España, and snap photos of the spires on La Sagrada Família.

Park Güell: On your visit to Park Güell, marvel at Gaudí's landscaped greenery and playful Modernist mosaics.

Day 4: Barcelona | Valencia

Free morning in Barcelona: Cap off your stay in Barcelona by exploring the city however you see fit.

Travel to Valencia: Your next destination is Valencia, a vibrant Spanish city situated on the banks of the Turia river.

Day 5: Valencia | Granada

Walking tour of Valencia: See the sights of Spain's third largest city on a walking tour. Later, transfer to Granada where you'll spend the night.

Day 6: Granada | Costa del Sol

Sightseeing tour of Granada: On your tour of Granada, visit the Alhambra, widely recognized as the world's premier example of Moorish architecture. Built as an all-in-one fortress, palace, and small city, the Alhambra was home to the last of the Nasrid Sultans. See the exotic mosaics, latticed windows, and ornamented courtyards that define this royal stronghold. In the late afternoon, transfer to Costa del Sol, where you'll spend the night.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner with your group in Costa del Sol.

Day 7: Costa del Sol

Free time in Costa Del Sol: Explore the beaches, shops, and local culture of Costa Del Sol on your own.

✦ **Córdoba:** On this optional excursion, travel to the city of Córdoba, located in Andalusia. Córdoba is home to La Mezquita, a mosaic-filled mosque turned Catholic church. Wander the bright and charming streets of Córdoba and take in the flower-filled courtyards before returning to Costa del Sol.

Dinner: Tonight, gather with your group for a delicious meal.

Day 8: Costa del Sol | Seville

Travel to Seville: Travel to Seville, the city of bullfights, flamenco, and Don Juan.

Sightseeing tour of Seville: On your tour, follow narrow, twisting alleys through the Barrio de Santa Cruz, home to picturesque whitewashed houses, flower-filled patios, and tiled benches. Pass by María Luisa Park to admire the mosaics

and fountains of Plaza de España, centerpiece of the 1929 Ibero-American Fair. Visit the Moorish Alcázar and the Seville Cathedral, which contains the grave

of Christopher Columbus. And imagine the spectacle of a traditional Spanish bullfight at the Plaza de Toros, celebrated for its Baroque architecture and historical significance.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner with your group in Seville.

Day 9: Seville | Madrid

Travel to Madrid: Take a high-speed train to Spain's capital.

Sightseeing tour of Madrid: Visit Plaza Mayor and Puerta del Sol, two of Madrid's most famous central plazas. From there, head to the Plaza de Oriente, Madrid's largest square, outside of the Palacio Real (Royal Palace). Step inside to explore this magnificent palace, built by King Philip V. Once the seat of the most powerful court in the world, it was here that Spain officially joined the European Community in 1986. Marvel at the splendid marble staircase, the golden Throne Room, and the priceless frescoes and chandeliers. Finish at the Prado, the famed art museum with paintings like Velázquez's *Las Meninas* and Goya's paired canvases.

Day 10: Madrid | Toledo

Toledo: Travel to the former Spanish capital of Toledo, where Muslims, Jews, and Christians peacefully coexisted for centuries after the arrival of the Moors in the early eighth century. Visit a spectacular example of Gothic architecture at the Cathedral of Toledo before continuing to the Church of Santo Tomás.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner with your group in Madrid's Old Town.

Day 11: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport and check in for your flight home.

✦ 2-DAY PROGRAM EXTENSION

Day 11: Madrid | Mérida | Lisbon

Travel to Mérida: Journey southwest across Spain and arrive in Mérida.

Roman Theater: Constructed in the years 16 to 15 B.C. in the former Roman capital of Lusitania, the well-preserved remains of this beautiful theater feature stunning statues and marble columns that will transport you back into the times of Constantine I.

Travel to Lisbon: This afternoon, continue to the capital of Portugal, where you'll spend the night.

Dinner: Enjoy a group dinner to celebrate your first night in Lisbon.

Day 12: Lisbon

Sightseeing tour of Lisbon: Experience an Old World atmosphere as you make your way through Lisbon, the oldest city in Western Europe. On your guided tour, you'll see the 16th-century Torre de Belém, the Padrão dos Descobrimentos—a tribute to the "Age of Discovery"—and more. Then, visit the Castle of São Jorge and the Jerónimos Monastery.

Walking tour of Lisbon: Get to know the city even more as you explore it on foot.

✦ **Fado evening:** Enjoy a performance of traditional music known as Fado during this memorable evening excursion. Talented performers present a program of centuries-old ballad-like songs that tell stories of the hardships of everyday life.

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