

# Step On Bus Tours

# Spanish Wonder

10 Days October 4-13, 2019

*Set your watch to a fiery Flamenco beat as you dance through the heart of Spain from Madrid to Andalusia, famed for its Sierra Nevada, Moorish-influenced architecture and the zesty scents of orange blossoms. Visit the ornate Alhambra Palace in Granada, Valencia's 19th century Bullring and marvel at Gaudi's Gothic gift to Barcelona, la Sagrada Familia.*

## Tour Highlights:

- Eight Nights Lodging in Spain
- Cities & Guided Sightseeing to Include:
  - Madrid & Toledo
  - Cordoba & Seville
  - Granada, Guadix, & Valencia
  - Barcelona
- Eight Buffet Breakfasts
- Four 3-Course Dinners
- Escorted by a Travel Director
- Round Trip Airfare from Detroit *(pricing subject to change)*
- WiFi on Motorcoaches (Where Available)
- All Taxes on these services
- Luggage Handling in Spain
- All Airport Transfers in Spain

## Per Person Prices:

**\$3,750** DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**\$4,250** SINGLE OCCUPANCY

**\$300 pp non-refundable deposit due with reservation**

**Final Payment due July 12, 2019**

## Travel Insurance is available

*\$242 per person Double Occupancy*

*\$276 Single Occupancy*

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**Day 1 - Travel to Spain** - This evening, you will depart from the Detroit Metro Airport for Madrid, Spain.

**Day 2 - Arrive in Madrid** - Bienvenidos a Madrid. The lively capital of Spain is your launch pad to a memorable encounter with one of Europe's most soulful destinations. Relax in the lush surroundings of Buen Retiro Park, shop up a storm on Gran Vía or people-watch over coffee and napolitana con chocolate in Puerta del Sol. This evening join your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a fiery Welcome Reception, followed by an orientation drive to see some of the city's most iconic sights.

**Day 3 - Toledo and Madrid Sightseeing** - Today, you head to Toledo, the former capital of Spain, where you join a local guide for a walking tour of this city that dates back to Roman times. Visit a traditional factory to gain a Cultural Insight into the age-old steel craft. Stop to see one of El Greco's most famous paintings - 'The Burial of Count Orgaz' - in the Church of Santo Tomé.

You'll also visit the synagogue during your guided walk through Toledo's winding cobblestone lanes. Then return to Madrid to admire the monument to Cervantes and Don Quixote at the Plaza de España and see Puerta del Sol, the city's hub with your local guide. Spend your evening at leisure delving into the delicious flavors of Spain's tapas capital, or perhaps join your newfound friends for a traditional Spanish dinner.

**Day 4 - Madrid, Cordoba, and Seville** - Journeying south through La Mancha, you arrive in Córdoba, once a significant Moor settlement. Join a local guide to visit the Mosque of the Caliphs and learn about centuries of Moorish rule and its influence on the culture and architecture of the region. Then travel to flamboyant Seville, your home for the next two nights. Consider an Optional Experience to see the colorful twirling skirts of a fiery flamenco or rub shoulders with the sevillanos in search of delicious tapeo and wine.

**Day 5 - Seville Sightseeing & Free Time** - This morning, meet your local guide for a sightseeing tour of Seville. View the symbolic Bell Tower of the Giralda, see the Moorish inspired Maria Luisa Park with its tiled fountains, pavilions and ponds, and walk through the imposing Plaza de España. Marvel at Christopher Columbus' ornate tomb in the cathedral, then take a walk through the former Jewish Quarter. This evening, join the Morillo family for a unique Be My Guest dinner at their olive oil mill where you learn how oil is produced from the 6,000 trees and get to sample some of their produce.

**Day 6 - Seville, Granada** - Multicultural Granada takes centre stage today as you visit the magnificent pink-hued Alhambra Palace in the company of a local guide. A fine example of Moorish architecture, the Alhambra was built during the 14th century towards the end of Islamic rule in Spain as a palace, citadel and the home of the Nasrid sultans. Wander through the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the royal Summer Palace, once linked to the Alhambra by a covered walkway across the ravine, and admire the intricate design and detail around every turn.

**Day 7 - Granada, Guadix, Valencia** - This morning you journey, via the Mora Pass to Guadix in the northern foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains where you will see the whitewashed troglodyte dwellings lodged into the ochre-colored cliffs of the surrounding area. Then travel to Valencia, where you will stay overnight to view the Bullring and admire the architecture of its medieval cathedral and the Serrano and Quart Towers. Embrace the city's spirit of innovation and stop to view the City of Arts and Sciences, a large-scale urban recreation centre for culture and science, designed by Santiago Calatrava. This evening dine at your hotel and take to the vibrant streets of the Old Quarter.

**Day 8 - Valencia, Peniscola, Barcelona Sightseeing** - Head north along the coast through the Levant region and stop at Peñíscola, the City in the Sea, to view the ancient castle of the 'Spanish Pope', built by the Knights Templar and used in the film, 'El Cid.' Meander along the Costa Dorada to beguiling Barcelona with its whimsical Gaudi architecture which we will have an opportunity to view in the unfinished La Sagrada Família Cathedral, which has been under construction since 1882.

Stroll up Las Ramblas, see the Plaça de Catalunya and pay tribute to the great discoverer, Christopher Columbus with your local guide. Take a trip up Montjuïc for panoramic views of this enchanting city. The evening is yours to embrace the charm of Barcelona. Ramble through El Born for delicious tapas or consider visiting a Catalan-style restaurant for a delicious dinner of local specialties.

**Day 9 - Barcelona** - Explore centuries of history, contemporary culture and exquisite art and architecture on your day at leisure. Visit Gaudi's fairy-tale Park Güell, ramble through the enchanting Gothic Quarter or join an Optional Experience to the monastery perched atop Montserrat to see the mystical Black Madonna, the patron saint of Catalonia. This evening, you celebrate a memorable journey through Spain with your newfound friends and Travel Director at a special Farewell Dinner with wine.

**Day 10 - Depart for home** - This morning, say Adios to Spain as you transfer to the airport for your flight back to Detroit.

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