

ANDALUCIA, MEDITERRANEA COAST AND CLASSIC ITALY

15 Nights / 16 Days



DAY 1: MADRID

Meet and greet at the airport. Take a transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure
Accommodation at the hotel.

DAY 2: MADRID

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning Madrid panoramic city tour; find the medieval origins of the city, like the Arabic fortress, at the Barrio de la Morería, famous for its historical buildings. Drive through the courtesan district of the Hapsburgs characterized by Phillip II and its Renaissance and Baroque style buildings, Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and Plaza de la Villa; the Madrid of the Bourbons and the complex town planning schemes of Charles III, the Royal Palace, Cibeles and Neptuno Fountains and the Puerta de Alcalá. Admire the XIX C. works such as Prado Museum. The contemporary Madrid with areas such as Gran Vía, Castellana, the district of Salamanca and Parque del Oeste, as well as commercial and financial areas of Modern Madrid and the Santiago Bernabéu Football Stadium. Afternoon free to continue exploring the wonders that the city has to offer. Accommodation at the hotel. (B)

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DAY 3: MADRID – CORDOBA – SEVILLA

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive along La Mancha, Don Quixote's land. Brief stop at typical site in Puerto Lapice. Cross through the natural border of "Despeñaperros" and get into Andalusia, a region for itself that shows an enormous heritage from a splendid past. Reach Cordoba. Impressive tour of its Mosque and other sites that will ease our mind and spirit strolling through its narrow winding streets of the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, after a short two hours ride reach Seville. Accommodation at the hotel. (B)

DAY 4: SEVILLA

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning panoramic city tour visiting the Cathedral (the second largest in the Catholic world after St. Peter's in Rome), Santa Cruz quarter (a natural scenario of "Carmen" as well as a precisely where the myth of "Don Juan" developed), Maria Luisa Park and Plaza de España. Afternoon at leisure for you to discover exclusive views, specific flavours of this active full of light city. Accommodation at the hotel. (B)

DAY 5: SEVILLA – GRANADA

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive east through the Caliphate road to the heart of ANDALUSIA observing an endless number of olive trees on the way to Granada and its incredible and amazing monumental environment, last stronghold of the Moorish Kingdoms up to 1492. Visit the world famous Alhambra complex and Generalife Gardens that have inspired several authors with its sound and sights, such as the "Tales of the Alhambra" by W. Irving. Accommodation at the hotel. (B)

DAY 6: GRANADA – VALENCIA

After breakfast at the hotel start driving looking for the Mediterranean coast, via Alicante, the second largest city within the region of Valencia. Reach Valencia one of the main capitals of the Mediterranean coast with its modern Arts and Sciences Architectural Complex integrated by six elements: Hemispheric, Umbracle, Science Museum, Oceanographic, Palau de les Arts and Ágora. Valencia is also the home of the internationally well renowned and delicious "Paella", Accommodation at the hotel. (B)

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DAY 7: VALENCIA - BARCELONA

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning city tour of this bright city including a drive through the old city showing the most prominent buildings, we will then be driven past the old riverbed of the Turia to the most avant-garde complex "Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias" to watch the emblematic exteriors of the six buildings. Early afternoon departure northward all along the Mediterranean coast to Catalunya, via Tarragona, the Roman Tarraco. Reach Barcelona principal Mediterranean city homeland of the famous architect Gaudí symbol of the Catalanian modernism.

Accommodation at the hotel. (B)

DAY 8: BARCELONA (overnight on-board)

Breakfast at the hotel. Panoramic tour of Barcelona visiting the highlights of the city. Discover the amazing views from Montjuic, the monument to Columbus and the Olympic Port as well as the most emblematic monuments of Gaudí: La Pedrera and Casa Batlló, declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. Free afternoon to explore on your own and to savor the typical gastronomy until your transfer pickup from the hotel to the port to board the ferry towards Civitavecchia.

Night on board. (B)

DAY 9: CIVITAVECCHIA - ROME

Breakfast and lunch on-board the Ferry. During the time of journey you can enjoy the variety and quality of services offered by these latest generation Ferries; large outdoor space with swimming pool (adults and children), sun loungers, bar; party room; discotheque; videogame room; cafeteria (open 24 hours); self-service restaurant; a la carte restaurant; boutique; Internet room; health center and gym with techno-gym machines. Arrival at Civitavecchia at 20:00 hrs. Disembarkation and transfer to Rome. Arrival and accommodation at the hotel. (BL)

Note: The estimated time of arrival in Rome is at 22:00 hrs. Aprox. then, we suggest you take into account when scheduling your free dinner.

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DAY 10: ROME – ASSISI – SIENA – FLORENCE

Breakfast at the hotel. At 07:15 hrs. departure from your hotel by a deluxe coach. Arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at your own leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls, built in the middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis, where you will see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and, then, have free time for lunch (not included). Board on the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square: Piazza del Campo.

Next, you will continue on to Florence where you will check in at your hotel before enjoying dinner and a well-earned night of rest.

Overnight at the hotel. (BD)

DAY 11: FLORENCE

After breakfast at the hotel, you will spend the day venturing around beautiful Florence, the “Cradle of Renaissance, where, with the help of Michelangelo, Italian art reached its pinnacle. Based on Etruscan-roman origins, the city flourished in the Middle Ages as a free “Comune” and was further refined during the Renaissance. You will be fascinated by the uncountable monuments, churches and buildings as Santa Maria del Fiore, more commonly referred to as the Duomo. On your visit, you will be amazed by its magnificent dome built by Filippo Brunelleschi.

Cross a small piazza to see the “Campanile” tower (partly designed by Giotto) and the Baptistery, with its bronze doors where Michelangelo imagined the “Gates of Paradise.” In the heart of the city, you will see Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo della Signoria (also known as Palazzo Vecchio), and the Basilica of Santa Croce.

Lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce. Spend the afternoon strolling the cobblestone streets of Florence on your own or take a short trip to Pisa (optional), one of the four main historical Marine Republics of Italy. There, you will tour the Piazza dei Miracoli with the Duomo, Pisa’s symbol “the Leaning Tower” and the Baptistery.

Dinner at leisure and accommodation at the hotel. (BL)

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DAY 12: FLORENCE – BOLOGNA – PADUA - VENICE

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Bologna. There, you will discover the elegant city centre with its “porticos”, its shopping streets and so on. From Piazza Malpighi you will walk to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore (Neptune square and Major square) in the heart of the city, then King Renzo’s Palace; Palazzo Podestà and the basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. Bologna it’s a real gourmet’s heaven...don’t miss a tasty meal at your own leisure! In the afternoon, continue toward Padova, with Sant’Antonio Basilica: one of the most visited churches by pilgrims of the catholic world. Later in the afternoon, arrival in Venice: the City of Love, one of the most romantic cities of the whole world and, undoubtedly the most beautiful city built by man! Check in at your hotel for dinner and accommodation at the hotel. (BD)

DAY 13: VENICE

Breakfast at the hotel, and transfer to Piazza San Marco, to visit the splendid St. Mark’s Basilica and, after this, check out the most iconic places of the “Floating City”: the Palazzo dei Dogi, symbol of Venice’s glorious past, the legendary “Bridge of Sighs”.

To conclude the tour, always with your guide, we will invite you to enjoy the typical Venetian appetizer, the famous "cicchetti," a variation of tapas (light lunch), accompanied by a spritz or prosecco. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation at the hotel. (B)

DAY 14: VENICE – MONTEPULCIANO (Tuscany wine region) – ROME

After breakfast, departure to Tuscany, world-known for its landscapes, its churches and castles and its delicious wines. You will proceed to Val di Chiana with a stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town rich in history and art. Known for its “Nobile” wine, on purchase in local wine houses, Montepulciano also hosts an annual jazz and wine festival every July.

Traditional Tuscan LUNCH in a typical restaurant is included. Afterwards, spend the afternoon discovering Montepulciano at your own pace, enjoying free wine tastings in many wine shops and free time for shopping.

In the evening, you will arrive in Rome to check in into your hotel and accommodation. (BL)

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DAY 15: ROME

Between 7:45 - 8:00 am, after breakfast at the hotel, departure to the included tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica with our exclusive "Skip the Line" access! No stress to reach the area: upon arrival, your guide will lead you into the museums where you'll visit one of the most important art collections of the world. Walk along the beautiful Galleries of Tapestries and Geographical Maps before admiring Raphael's Rooms and, then, the amazing Sistine Chapel. After this incredible masterpiece, you will be taken by a privileged door to St. Peter's Basilica: the biggest church in the world! Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation at the hotel. (B)

DAY 16: ROME

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport. (B)

NIGHTS	CITY	CLASS	HOTELS
2	Madrid	T / A	Meliá Castilla / Princesa Plaza or similar
2	Sevilla	T	Catalonia Santa Justa or similar
		A	Meliá Lebreros / Meliá Sevilla / Hesperia Sevilla or similar
1	Granada	T	Sabica or similar
		A	Meliá Granada or similar
1	Valencia	T	NH Las Artes or similar
		A	
1	Barcelona	T	Catalonia Barcelona 505 / Evenia Rocafort or similar
		A	Catalonia Barcelona Plaza / Evenia Rosselló or similar
3	Rome	A	St. Martin / Diana Roof Garden or similar
2	Florence	A	Florence Raffaello or similar
2	Venice	A	Delfino (Mestre) or similar

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Superior Package (T)	Per Person in Single	Per Person in Double
	USD 6,840	USD 5,130

Deluxe Package (A)	Per Person in Single	Per Person in Double
	USD 7,300	USD 5,420

The Prices are Per Person and Includes

Round Trip Tickets



Round-Trip economy class flights as per the lowest fare

Cruise Accommodation



15 Nights Accommodations in Spain and Italy Based on Bed & Breakfast Basis

Round-trip Transfer



Transportation in Luxury Coach / Transfers as per itinerary

Travel Insurance



Travel insurance provides protection against unexpected events, offering travelers peace of mind

Tours



Guided city tour with local guides in Madrid, Córdoba (with entrance to the Mosque), Seville (with entrance to the Cathedral), Granada (Alhambra and Generalife Gardens), Valencia, Barcelona, , Florence, Venice (San Marcos Basilica), Tuscany wine region and Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome / Escort guide assistance during the circuit / Radio guide during visits in Italy / Ferry Barcelona – Civitavecchia (Rome) in standard outside cabin

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