

INSIGHT VACATIONS

Highlights of Spain





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Visited

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 Included Flights

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Day 1 | Welcome to Barcelona



Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at local restaurant La Pau. This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience supports teenagers and young people to transition to their adult life. Learn about local life through the eyes of the youth.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: NH Collection Constanza / Gran Melia Torre Melina, Barcelona

Day 2 | Barcelona, the City of Gaudí



With your Local Expert, drive along the Passeig de Gràcia, adorned with elegant wrought-iron street lamps and some of the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district for a visit inside Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família*, to see the central nave with its giant, tree-like pillars, spectacular vaulting and the beautiful rainbows flooding in through the intricate stained-glass windows. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore or perhaps join an Optional Experience to Montserrat and The Black Madonna.

*Please note that with the construction of the Sagrada Família nearing completion, access to the basilica may be restricted for special masses, pilgrim visits or official ceremonies, and we are unable to secure tickets to visit. Should this occur during your tour, you will visit the Hospital de Sant Pau instead, a striking example of Catalan Art Nouveau designed by Gaudí's contemporary, Domènech i Montaner. Afterwards, join your Local Expert in the gardens surrounding the Sagrada Família and take in the extraordinary exterior of Gaudí's iconic masterpiece.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: NH Collection Constanza / Gran Melia Torre Melina

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Montserrat & The Black Madonna - Enjoy a stunning drive to Montserrat, the mystical sacred serrated mountain, with unique formations and spectacular views. It's home to the Benedictine Abbey of Santa Maria de Montserrat and the 'Virgin of Montserrat', one of the most-venerated Black Madonna's of Europe. Catalan landscapes unfold before you as your Local Expert introduces this site of immense beauty and significance.

Adult: 59.00 EUR

Barcelona Evening with Montjuïc & Olympic Drive - We'll enjoy the beauty of Barcelona as the day ends, including a drive up to Montjuïc hill with our Local Expert to experience an incredible panorama over the city with its impressive harbor. Later, we've included free time for dinner in a Catalan restaurant with your newfound friends.

Adult: 33.00 EUR

Day 3 | Along the coast to Valencia



Follow the sunny Costa Dorada, past the rice fields of the Ebro Delta. Stop at the seaside resort of Peñíscola and see the hilltop castle used in the film 'El Cid'. Pass through the famous orange groves to Valencia and see the City of Arts and Sciences. Later see the Old City and take in its medieval charm. Valencia is home to one of the world's greatest dishes, paella. Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make this local specialty during a cooking demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish with a glass of wine at your dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Barceló Valencia

Day 4 | Exquisite Granada and Alhambra



Travel south toward Andalucía, passing the castle at Lorca and troglodyte dwellings hollowed out of the soft rock near Guadix. Enjoy distant views of the Sierra Nevada mountains as you approach glorious Granada. This historic city was a Moorish kingdom for almost eight centuries and was the last stronghold to fall to the Catholic monarchs of Spain in 1492. Overlooking Granada stands the Alhambra, one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite palace, built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century: a fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Later, stroll through the elegant gardens of the Generalife, the royal summer residence.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Gran Luna de Granada

Day 5 | A Scenic Drive to Seville



The morning is at your leisure to explore as you wish. Perhaps join an Optional Experience and visit the Albaicín Quarter with a Local Expert. Here, in addition to falling in love with Granada, you will also uncover its pivotal role in European history. Continue your travels to Seville, past gleaming white villages and olive groves that stretch as far as the eye can see.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Meliá Sevilla / Catalonia Giralda, Seville

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Albaicín and the Royal Chapel - Take a leisurely walk with your Local Expert through the Albaicín neighbourhood, the last bastion of Islam in Spain. Explore the intriguing maze of narrow streets with whitewashed houses and patio gardens of bygone Moorish splendour. After a photo stop at one of the most famous views of the Alhambra Palace, visit the Royal Chapel housing the tombs of the 'Catholic Monarchs', Ferdinand and Isabella.
Adult: 46.00 EUR

Andalusian Evening & The Atmosphere Of Old Seville - Enjoy a delicious array of alluring Andalusian specialities in a local restaurant with wine included. Perhaps round off the evening with a stroll through the atmospheric squares and lanes of Seville's

old quarter, which has a magical charm by night.
Adult: 65.00 EUR

Day 6 | Seville, the City of Carmen



Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the old Jewish quarter. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city and enjoy panoramic views. This evening, visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This private dance school is dedicated to promoting the conservation of flamenco and supports young enthusiasts from all over the world with a special focus on new talent from the Andalusian region. Feel the passion behind the choreography as you put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Meliá Sevilla / Catalonia Giralda, Seville

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Seville Alcázar and Plaza América - Today with our Local Expert we'll visit the fabulous Real Alcázar - a Moorish fantasy in stone, set in richly-scented gardens. Wander through the Arabesque domed halls, horseshoe arches and jewel-box courtyards of this royal residence, while the garden fountains and terraces provide an oasis of tranquility. Afterwards, see the fanciful pavilions built for the Ibero-American Fair of 1929 on the way to the romantic Plaza de América in Maria Luisa Park.
Adult: 55.00 EUR

Day 7 | Moorish Córdoba and on to Madrid



Set off early along the Guadalquivir Valley, passing villages and towns studded with Moorish towers and fortresses. Stop in the perfectly preserved Moorish city of Córdoba and see the famous Roman bridge, built in the 1st century BC. Meet a local historian and visit the magnificent Mezquita, a beautiful 8th-century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it. Make the most of your time at leisure and stroll the narrow streets of the city. Follow in the footsteps of Don Quixote as you travel through La Mancha and on to the capital, Madrid.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Canopy by Hilton Castellana/NH Balboa, Madrid

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Madrid by Night - An evening drive to the most historic area of Madrid including stops for wonderful views of the city and a walk through the lively streets and squares of old Madrid. Enjoy free time for dinner in one of the many restaurants and return home along the grand Avenida Castellana with its spectacular fountains.
Adult: 24.00 EUR

Madrid by Night with Dinner - Enjoy an evening out in the nation's stately capital city. Tonight we'll enjoy a wonderful dinner out on the town in a carefully chosen venue, accompanied by Spanish wine and great local entertainment. What a wonderful introduction to Madrid.
Adult: 73.00 EUR

Day 8 | Madrid of the Bourbons



Enjoy sightseeing with your Local Expert, as they guide you through the most historic neighbourhoods in the Spanish capital. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter to discover the origins of the city.

Visit the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. The afternoon is at your leisure to relax at a cafe, shop in the trendy boutiques or perhaps travel to beautiful Toledo with an Optional Experience.

In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant in the heart of the city. Toast your adventures as you enjoy a delicious dinner of regional favourites, served with wine.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Canopy by Hilton Castellana/NH Balboa, Madrid

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Toledo Excursion (without the cathedral visit) - A specialist guide takes you to the unique city of Toledo, Spain's capital during the golden era, and where El Greco lived and worked. Walk through the narrow cobbled streets and admire the old city views along the Tagus gorge. Visit a specialist workshop where artisans create authentic Damascene ware, an ancient art perfected by the Moors and passed down over the centuries.
Adult: 45.00 EUR

Toledo Excursion - A specialist guide takes you to the unique city of Toledo, Spain's capital during the golden era, and where El Greco lived and worked. Walk through the narrow cobbled streets to visit the fine Gothic cathedral and admire the old city views along the Tagus gorge. Visit a specialist workshop where artisans create authentic Damascene ware, an ancient art perfected by the Moors and passed down over the centuries.
Adult: 57.00 EUR

Day 9 | Depart Madrid



Today, your remarkable journey comes to an end as you transfer to the Madrid-Barajas Airport. Take a moment to reflect on the unforgettable experiences, meaningful connections and enriching encounters that have shaped your travels.

Meals: Breakfast

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