

PORTUGAL & SPAIN

Lisbon – Fatima – Obidos – Seville – Gibraltar - St. Michaels Cave
Costa Del Sol – Granada-Jaen – Toledo – Madrid
Valley of the Fallen – Montserrat – Barcelona

Tour 1: 25 May~ 06 June 2012

Tour 2: 06 Oct ~ 18 Oct 2012

Price: \$ 3,875.00 + Taxes

(13days / 11 nights)



Highlights:

- International airfare with British Airways: LAX-Lisbon-Barcelona-LAX
- Hotels: 5-4 stars Deluxe.
- Breakfast and gourmet local cuisine dinners.
- All entrance fees.
- Deluxe Coach.
- Bullet train between Madrid to Barcelona. (Luggage transfer by coach to avoid hassle).
- Travel Insurance.
- Folklore dinner show in Lisbon.
- Traditional Flamenco dinner show in Seville.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Portugal:

- * **Lisbon:** Capital of Portugal. Jeronimo Monastery. Desert area.
- * **Fatima:** Our Lady of Fatima. A holy land and famous religious site with over 2 million visitors every year. It is a center of Christian faith and a locale for pilgrimage visits.

Spain:

- * **Madrid:** Capital and largest city of Spain. Royal Palace. Prado museum. Teatro Real.
- * **Seville:** The artist, cultural, and financial southern capital of Spain. Torre Del Oro.
- * **Barcelona:** The capital and most populous city of Catalonia and the second largest city in Spain.
- * **Toledo:** A UNESCO world heritage site 1986. Famous St. Thomas Church.



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Schedule and Details

Tour Includes:

1. International air ticket on British Airways:
Los Angeles-Lisbon-Barcelona-Los Angeles
2. Late reservation may require higher fare
3. All flights in economy class.
4. 5-4* hotel rooms based on double occupancy.
Single room supplement: + \$750.00.
5. Deluxe coaches between cities.
6. Breakfast. Dinners with local gourmet cuisines.
7. International travel insurance.
8. Daily sightseeing tours with professional
English-Vietnamese speaking tour leader.

Not included

Personal expenses and gratuities for local services.



Schedule:

- Day 01:** Depart from Los Angeles in the evening with British Airways, one of the best airlines in Europe.
- Day 02:** Fly across the Atlantic Ocean. Arrive in Lisbon, Capital of Portugal, in the afternoon. Panoramic tour. See the Monument to the discoveries, the beautiful suspension bridge across the Tagus and admire views of the Belem Tower. A highlight of the tour. Do a leisurely walk around the quaint Alfama district.
- Day 03:** Travel northwards through the countryside to the ancient walled town called Obidos. A medieval city surrounded by the wall of the castle with picturesque narrow streets, whitewashed houses, iron balconies, flower pots in every window. Continue to Fatima, a center of Christian faith and a sacred pilgrimage site that hosts more than two million visitors annually. See the chapel where our Lady appeared to the shepherds. We'll visit the Tombs of Francisco and Jacinta as well as other sites related to the miraculous appearances of Mary to the children in 1917. The basilica and the vast square where the people crawl on their knees towards the heart of the shrine, in a impressive sign of faith and devotion, lightning candles, praying and making vows to Our Lady. Return to Lisbon for dinner with folkloric show.
- Day 04:** The journey today starts via the Jabugo (ham center) of Spain and past mighty castles and through the Alentejo region of Portugal with its many cork forests, arriving in Seville the artistic, cultural and financial southern capital of Spain.
- Day 05:** Sightseeing tour with a local expert guide including the Cathedral with its Bell Tower and the weather vane of Giralda. Christopher Columbus' tomb in the Cathedral, the pools and fountains of Maria Luisa Park and through the Jewish quarter. Seville with the Moorish history and culture. Experience a traditional Flamenco show with dinner.
- Day 06:** Leaving Seville to go to Costa Del Sol: a region in the south of Spain, in the autonomous community of Andalusia, comprising the coastal towns and communities along the Mediterranean coastline of the Málaga province. Drive to La linea to cross the Rock of Gibraltar. Limestone promontory, ceded to the British in 1713 and a point of contention ever since... overnight in Malaga on the Costa del Sol.
- Day 07:** Leaving Costa del Sol to Granada. Visit the Alhambra, former residence of the Moorish kings. The Moorish citadel and palace: one of the most famous sites of the Islamic historical legacy. Overnight in Jaen.
- Day 08:** Leaving Jaen for Toledo: capital of Castile. Visit St. Thomas church. To Madrid capital and largest city of Spain.
- Day 09:** We will travel about 28 miles northwest to El Escorial, situated at the foot of Mt. Abantos in the Sierra de Guadarrama. El Escorial, built by King Philip II to mark his victory over the French at San-Quentin in 1557, is not only a historical residence of the King but also functions as a monastery, royal palace, museum, and school. The monastery contains important works of art by famous artists like El Greco and Velazquez. Continue our excursion to a striking memorial to those who died in the Spanish Civil War in the nearby Valley of the Fallen where the basilica built into the mountain which contains the tombs of many soldiers from both sides of the conflict.
- Day 10:** Madrid city tour. Madrid is a perfect blend of modern and old world. Visit Puerta Del Sol, Plaza Espana, Cibeles Foundation. The elegant Calle De Alcalá and Paseo De Castellana. Depart for Barcelona by AVE bullet train.
- Day 11:** Barcelona-Montserrat-Barcelona. Visit the Royal Basilica where the famous 12th century statue of the black virgin is housed. Time permitting hears the famous Boy choir that performs daily at 1pm.
- Day 12:** Barcelona sightseeing includes Las Ramblas Blvd, Casa Mila, The Columbus Monument, Parc Montjuic and Parc Guell. See the outside of Gaudi's unfinished La Sagrada Familia Cathedral, the symbol of Barcelona.
Highlight: Visit the Picasso Museum.