

Journey to Spain and Portugal
12 days: 10 nights**Madrid, Segovia, Avila, Toledo, Zaragoza, Burgos, Leon, Santiago de Compostela, Braga, Coimbra, Fatima, Santarem, Lisbon**
Faith, Art, History, Culture, Fun**Day 1 – USA, Madrid**

Depart the USA on an overnight flight to Madrid. Dinner and breakfast served on board.

Day 2: Madrid

Upon arrival, meet with your guide and transfer to your hotel for check in. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Dinner and overnight Madrid. [D]

Day 3 – Madrid (Segovia, Avila)

Travel to Segovia and visit the best conserved Aqueduct of the Roman Empire and the magnificent Cathedral. Visit the convent near Vera Cruz church where the mortal remains of St. John of the Cross are buried. Continue to Avila, lovely city dedicated to St. Theresa, the first woman to be named a Doctor of the Church. Visit the cathedral the monument marking her birthplace and the Carmelite convent. Dinner and overnight Madrid. [B/D]

Day 4 – Madrid (Toledo)

Tour of Madrid including: The Royal Palace; Plaza Mayor; Plaza Espana with its monument to Cervantes; Puerta del Sol, the Cibeles Fountain. Continue to Toledo, once the spiritual and intellectual center of Spain. Visit the 13th century Gothic Cathedral, church of Santo Tome, the synagogue of Santa Maria La Blanca and El Greco's house. Dinner and overnight Madrid. [B/D]

Day 5 – Madrid, Zaragoza

Depart Madrid to Zaragoza and visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, the 2nd most popular pilgrimage site in Spain. The magnificent altar in the basilica is built on the site where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. James. See the Chapel of the Virgin, Assumption of the Virgin statue and artworks inside the basilica. The tradition of the Pillar affirms that the apostle James (the "Greater"), discouraged by the disappointing results of his preaching in Caesarea Augusta (known today as Zaragoza) was about to return disconsolate to Palestine. On January 2, 40 AD, the night sky lit up and there appeared a host of angels who, carrying on a column the Virgin Mary, stuck the granite column into the ground. The Pillar (the column) is topped by a small statue of the Virgin and Child. Dinner and overnight in Zaragoza. [B/D]

Day 6 – Zaragoza, Santo Domingo de Silos, Burgos

Depart to Santo Domingo de Silos. The monastery is home to the Benedictine monks whose recordings of Gregorian chant have helped popularize the Church's treasury of sacred music. Continue to Burgos, the historic capital of Old Castile. Dinner and overnight in Burgos. [B/D]



Day 7 – Burgos, Leon, Santiago de Compostela

Visit the limestone cathedral of Santa Maria where the mythical El Cid is buried. Depart Burgos for Santiago de Compostela; en route stop to Leon to visit the gothic cathedral that has stain-glass windows that rival the famous Chartres cathedral in France. Continue to Santiago de Compostela. Overnight: Santiago de Compostela x 2 nights. [B/D]

Day 8: Santiago de Compostela

Like ancient pilgrims, walk the narrow streets of the city towards the Cathedral of St. James, one of the finest examples of architecture in all of Europe. Visit the magnificent Cathedral and climb the stairs behind the high altar to visit the crypt where the relics of St. James are preserved. [B/D]

Day 9: Santiago de Compostela, Braga, Coimbra, Fatima

Depart Santiago de Compostela for Fatima, en route stop to Braga to visit the amazing Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte. Continue to Coimbra to visit the Carmelite Convent where Sister Lucia mortal remains were entombed for one year before they were solemnly transferred to the permanent crypt in Fatima next to Jacinta and Francisco. Arrive in Fatima, where the Blessed Mother appeared in 1917 to three simple shepherd children and exhorted the mankind to pray for world peace. In the evening participate in the torchlight procession. Overnight: Fatima x 2 nights. [B/D]

Days 10: Fatima

Celebrate Mass at the Little Chapel of the Apparitions. Visit: the Basilica, the site of Francesco. Jacinta and Lucia's graves, the Hamlet of Aljustrel, Valinhos, the site of Our Lady's appearance after the children's return from prison. Follow the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra culminating in the Chapel of Calvary, which overlooks all of Fatima. Join pilgrims from around the world in an evening torchlight procession to pray the rosary. [B/D]

Day 11 – Fatima, Santarem, Lisbon

Depart Fatima for Lisbon; en route stop to Santarem and visit the Church of St. Stephen, containing the oldest recorded Eucharistic miracle dating back to 750 AD, a relic of the Bleeding Host. Proceed to Lisbon and enjoy a city tour of some of the more popular sites in the capital city: the Monument of the Discoveries, the Belem Tower, and the Jeronimos Monastery. Overnight: Lisbon x 1 night. [B/D]

Day 12 – Lisbon, USA

Transfer to Lisbon's Portela Airport for your return flight to the USA [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner

Tour includes

- Round trip flight USA/Madrid and Lisbon/USA
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Accommodation in select hotels:
 - Madrid: 3 nights
 - Zaragoza: 1 night
 - Burgos – 1 night
 - Santiago – 2 nights
 - Fatima – 2 nights
 - Lisbon – 1 night
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - Dinner daily

- Visits as described in the Itinerary
- Entrance fees for visited monuments
- English speaking guide
- All local taxes and service fees

Tour does not include

- Airfare fees and taxes
- Airfare difference between New York and another USA gateway
- Travel Insurance
- Expenses of personal nature
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips to guides or drivers

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Tourist Class		
Madrid	Be Mate Plaza de España	5
Zaragoza	Hotel Sauce	4.5
Burgos	AC Hotel Burgos	4
Santiago	Casas Reais	4.5
Fatima	Hotel Aleluia	4.5
Lisbon	BE Poet Baixa	5
First Class		
Madrid	Barcelo Imagine	5
Zaragoza	Hotel Reina Petronita	4.5
Burgos	NH Palacio Burgos	4.5
Santiago	Hotel Spa A Quinta de Agua	4.5
Fatima	Hotel Estrela de Fatima	4.5
Lisbon	Tesouro da Baixa by Shiadu	5
Deluxe		
Madrid	Palacio de los Duques Gran Melia	5
Zaragoza	Palafox Hotel	4.5
Burgos	Landa	4
Santiago	Parador Hostal dos Reis Catolicos	4.5
Fatima	Luz Houses	5
Lisbon	Olissipo Lapa Palace	5

LOCATION: The location may be in the center of Rome or near the Vatican

MEAL PLAN: Normally we include daily breakfast and dinner for all groups. However, the meal plan may vary depending on the organizer's request

- All hotels will be requested after discussion with the group Organizer

Group Prices:

The price for the group will be quoted based on the number of passengers, season, hotel type and meal plan.

Group organizers always travel for free if the group has 15 or more paying passengers.

Inclusion of tour conductors must be considered at time of request.

- If you wish to use this program for your group please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with you to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our special Leisure Fares, buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

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Options

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.