

TRAVEL STYLE

Regional Explorer



# HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

13 days - 2 countries

Code: SHIG

FROM **US\$2050** PP\*  
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

## YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE



**12 nights**  
Hotel accommodation



**18 meals**  
12 hot buffet breakfasts  
1 lunch (Be My Guest)  
5 dinners



**On-trip transport**  
All transport shown.  
All transfers shown

## YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

### BE MY GUEST

Saddle up for a superb stud farm visit, the tragic story of unrequited love and a traditional home-cooked lunch with Tiago and Vera in Portugal's beautiful Alentejo

### CULTURAL INSIGHT

Sample the famous sherry tradition in the southern Spanish city of Jerez, that has been making wine since the 7<sup>th</sup> century. The invincible swords of Toledo have defended cities for centuries. Visit an inlaid steel factory in Toledo to see local craftsmen forging the highest quality steel.

### LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Granada, Córdoba, Seville, Lisbon, Toledo and Madrid

### HIDDEN TREASURE

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure



For more Insider Experiences, look for this symbol

## YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Córdoba ▶ Seville ▶ Lisbon  
▶ Toledo ▶ Madrid

Orientation of Valencia ▶ Cadiz ▶ the Algarve Region ▶ Salamanca

Visit the Alhambra Palace in Granada ▶ Cathedral Mosque in Córdoba ▶ Seville Cathedral ▶ the Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon ▶ the Shrine of Fátima ▶ Plaza Mayor in Salamanca ▶ Santo Tomé ▶ Synagogue in Toledo

View the Hanging Houses of Cuenca ▶ the Towers of Serrano and Quart and the City of Arts and Sciences complex designed by Santiago Calatrava in Valencia ▶ The Cave Houses of Guadix

## WHY ARE WE THE BEST?

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Kick off your Iberian adventure in Madrid before heading to the hanging houses in Cuenca and devouring delicious paella in Valencia. See the troglodyte cave dwellings at Guadix, the 14<sup>th</sup> century Alhambra Palace and passionate Flamenco in Seville before heading to Portugal's Algarve, its hilly capital, Lisbon, and Fatima, site of celebrated religious miracles.



## ITINERARY

### 1 Arrive Madrid

Welcome to Madrid, the capital of Spain. Relax or take a stroll along tree-lined boulevards before meeting up with your fellow travellers and Travel Director. Enjoy an evening drive to take in some of the city's main sights followed by a Welcome Reception. **(WR)**

**Hotel: NH Collection Eurobuilding**

### 2 Madrid ▶ Cuenca ▶ Valencia

In Cuenca view the hanging houses which are built on the edge of the cliffs over the deep gorge. On arrival in Valencia your orientation drive will include views of the Towers of Serrano and Quart. Stop to view the City of Arts and Sciences which is a large-scale urban recreation centre for culture and science and designed by Santiago Calatrava. This complex is also featured in the George Clooney movie 'Tomorrowland'. Tonight why not sample paella, a speciality from this region. **(BB)** **Hotel: Silken Puerta**

### 3 Valencia ▶ Guadix ▶ Granada

Travel inland through the 'sierras' to view the troglodyte cave dwellings at Guadix. Cave houses are common throughout the province of Granada but the highest concentration in this area. Take the jagged Mora Pass to the Moorish city of Granada. Dine tonight in a local restaurant for a special Regional Meal. **(BB, RM)** **Hotel: Carmen**

### 4 Granada ▶ Córdoba ▶ Seville

(3 Nights) **Key**  
Your **Local Specialist** takes you on a visit to the incredible Alhambra Palace, built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century and a magnificent example of Moorish architecture. Admire the ancient stucco, quiet courtyards and colossal walls. In Córdoba visit the Cathedral Mosque of Córdoba, the former mosque of the caliphs, a jewel of Hispano-Islamic art featuring striking arches and Byzantine mosaics with a **Local Specialist**. Later arrive in Seville, your home for the next three nights. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Meliá Lebreros**

### 5 Seville Sightseeing **Key**

See the Giralda Bell Tower with your **Local Specialist** during your sightseeing tour of Seville. Visit the Maria Luisa Park, the centrepiece of the 1929 Exposition, built in a Moorish style and featuring half a mile of fountains, ponds, pavilions and lush plantings and walk through the imposing Plaza de España. Visit the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, where the explorer Christopher Columbus is entombed. Tonight why not experience the passion of the flamenco. **(BB)**

### 6 Seville ▶ Jerez and Cadiz Excursion **Key**

Start your day in Jerez and gain a **Cultural Insight** into sherry production which is renowned in this region. Later visit the historic port city of Cadiz. Columbus departed from here on many of his voyages, and the exotic plants and trees dotted throughout the city are said to have been brought here by him upon his return. Once home to the vast Spanish Navy, Cadiz was raided by Sir Francis Drake a year prior to the 1588 Spanish Armada departure. **(BB)**

### 7 Seville ▶ Algarve Region

Cross the border into southern Portugal for a leisurely afternoon on the sunny Algarve. Spend time relaxing on the beach or take a stroll along the harbour. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Agua Riverside**

### 8 Algarve ▶ Lisbon Sightseeing

(2 Nights) **Key**  
See the Serra de Arrabida mountains and enjoy a **Be My Guest** lunch at a traditional Stud Ranch where Lusitano horses are reared. This afternoon arrive to Lisbon and visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Hieronymite Monastery as well as see the Belém Tower on your sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist**. Tonight why not sample a traditional fado show. **(BB, BG)** **Hotel: Olisippo Marques De Sa**

### 9 Lisbon **Key**

Enjoy a relaxing free day to explore all of Lisbon's attractions. Why not visit the lively Rossio Square where street cafes overlook the Baroque fountains or the Alfama district with its medieval alleyways and outstanding views? Later perhaps join an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra. **(BB)**

### 10 Lisbon ▶ Fátima ▶ Salamanca

Drive north through the magnificent Serra d'Aire Mountains to the Shrine at Fátima, site of celebrated religious miracles. Cross the border back into Spain and arrive later in Salamanca where you view Plaza Mayor during your orientation tour. **(BB)** **Hotel: Gran Corona Sol**

### 11 Salamanca ▶ Toledo ▶ Madrid

(2 Nights) **Key**  
See the walled city of Avila before arriving in Toledo. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, home to one of El Greco's most famous paintings – The Burial of Count Orgaz. Visit the synagogue during your guided walk through the narrow streets with your **Local Specialist**. Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the historical steel industry while watching local craftsmen at work. Later arrive in Madrid, your home for the next two nights. **(BB)** **Hotel: Ayre Gran Colon**

### 12 Madrid Sightseeing **Key**

This morning join your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour of Madrid where you will see the Royal Palace, Puerta del Sol and the Cervantes Monument. This afternoon enjoy free time to explore the city or you can take an Optional Experience to the medieval UNESCO World Heritage City of Segovia. This evening join your fellow companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. **(BB, FD)**

### 13 Depart Madrid

Say 'adios' to your travelling companions, your Travel Director and these beautiful countries at the end of a memorable holiday. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

## TRIP PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start	End	Twin Share	Start	End	Twin Share
SU 09 APR	FR 21 APR	2295	SU 17 SEP	FR 29 SEP	2325
SU 16 APR	FR 28 APR	2295	SU 24 SEP	FR 06 OCT	2325
SU 23 APR	FR 05 MAY	2295			
SU 30 APR	FR 12 MAY	2325	SU 01 OCT	FR 13 OCT	2295
			SU 08 OCT	FR 20 OCT	2295
SU 07 MAY	FR 19 MAY	2325	SU 15 OCT	FR 27 OCT	2295
SU 14 MAY	FR 26 MAY	2325	SU 29 OCT	FR 10 NOV	2125
SU 21 MAY	FR 02 JUN	2325			
SU 28 MAY	FR 09 JUN	2325	SU 12 NOV	FR 24 NOV	2050
			SU 26 NOV	FR 08 DEC	2050
SU 04 JUN	FR 16 JUN	2325	SU 03 DEC	FR 15 DEC	2050
SU 11 JUN	FR 23 JUN	2325	SU 17 DEC	FR 29 DEC	2175
SU 18 JUN	FR 30 JUN	2325	FR 22 DEC	WE 03 JAN	2295
SU 25 JUN	FR 07 JUL	2295	TU 26 DEC	SU 07 JAN	2225
			SU 31 DEC	FR 12 JAN	2225
SU 02 JUL	FR 14 JUL	2295	2018		
SU 09 JUL	FR 21 JUL	2295	SU 14 JAN	FR 26 JAN	2050
SU 16 JUL	FR 28 JUL	2295			
SU 23 JUL	FR 04 AUG	2295	SU 04 FEB	FR 16 FEB	2050
SU 30 JUL	FR 11 AUG	2295	SU 11 FEB	FR 23 FEB	2050
			SU 18 FEB	FR 02 MAR	2050
SU 06 AUG	FR 18 AUG	2295	SU 25 FEB	FR 09 MAR	2050
SU 13 AUG	FR 25 AUG	2295			
SU 20 AUG	FR 01 SEP	2295	SU 11 MAR	FR 23 MAR	2050
SU 27 AUG	FR 08 SEP	2325	SU 18 MAR	FR 30 MAR	2050
			SU 25 MAR	FR 06 APR	2250
SU 03 SEP	FR 15 SEP	2325			
SU 10 SEP	FR 22 SEP	2325			

**Single Supplement** (add to price above): **US\$570 p.p.**  
**Exceptions** from 29-Oct to 18-Mar-18: **US\$500 p.p.**

**Triple Discount** (deduct from price above): **US\$30 p.p.**

**Autumn, Winter, Spring (WHIG):** Please note, these departures are subject to change in price, discount and hotel. Prices and discounts will be confirmed in May 2017.

**Festive Celebrations:** Christmas and New Year Celebrations have been arranged for these departures. Join us in Europe to celebrate the Festive Season.

**Special Rate Solo Rooming:** These departures include 25-100% discount on our standard single supplement. Please see website for pricing.

## ➕ MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

**Airport transfers:** Transfers on arrival at Madrid Airport will operate at 10.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the first hotel. Return transfers from the last hotel will arrive at Madrid Airport at 8.30am and 11am.

**Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, US\$93 per person.

**WiFi:** See page 254 for details.

Book early for great savings - see pages 32-33. Extra nights' accommodation page 250.

\* All prices are per person, twin share.

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**WINTER FESTIVE Departures**

**UNESCO World Heritage Sites**

**Key** Insider Experience **BB** Buffet Breakfast **RM** Regional Meal **DW** Dinner with Wine  
**WR** Welcome Reception **FB** Full Breakfast **BG** Be My Guest Dining **FD** Farewell Dinner  
**Key** Free time **L** Lunch **D** Dinner