



Segovia Aqueduct

*The Spirituality of Wine:*

# Spain & Portugal

*May 21 - June 3, 2027*

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**Day 1: Friday, May 21, 2027 • Departure**

We depart today on our overnight flight to Madrid, beginning our journey through Spain and Portugal. As we cross the Atlantic, we look ahead to days shaped by education, conversation, curiosity, and faith. **Inflight meals**

**Day 2: Saturday, May 22, 2027 • Madrid**

Upon arrival, we transfer to our hotel and begin to settle into Spain's vibrant capital. Time permitting, we enjoy a gentle orientation walk, taking in the rhythm of daily life and historic streets. This evening we have a tour and dinner at one of Madrid's restaurants known for its wine history, we gather for a **welcome dinner**, sharing introductions and enjoying our first taste of Spanish cuisine and wine included (focus on Riojas wines) as we begin building community as a group. **D**

**Day 3: Sunday, May 23, 2027 • Madrid**

Today we enjoy a guided tour of Madrid, exploring the city's historic heart and learning how faith, monarchy, and daily life shaped Spain's capital. We visit landmarks such as **Plaza Mayor, Puerta del Sol, and the Royal Palace area**, gaining a deeper appreciation for Madrid's role in Spain's political, cultural, and Christian, as well as Muslim and Jewish, heritage. The afternoon is free for personal interests, perhaps a visit to the Prado Museum, a walk through Retiro Park, or time to relax at a neighborhood café. This evening, we gather for dinner at a traditional restaurant, enjoying regional cuisine and unhurried conversation. **B/D**

**Day 4: Monday, May 24, 2027 • Madrid**

Today we travel north to Segovia, where we marvel at the remarkably preserved Roman aqueduct and explore the charming old town beneath its fairytale Alcázar. Segovia offers a vivid reminder of how history has layered itself across centuries. In the afternoon, we continue into the **Ribera del Duero** wine region to visit **Pago de Carraovejas**, one of Spain's most respected estates. During our private tour and tasting, we learn how soil, climate, and careful stewardship shape these celebrated Tempranillo wines. We return to Madrid this evening. **B**

**Day 5: Tuesday, May 25, 2027 • Ávila**

Today, we journey into the **Sierra de Gredos**, a dramatic mountain region producing some of Spain's most elegant wines. At **Bernabeleva**, we enjoy a guided tasting of high-altitude Garnacha, learning how granite soils, elevation, and traditional practices result in wines marked by balance and restraint. After our tasting we continue to Ávila. **B**

**Day 6: Wednesday, May 26, 2027 • Porto**

This morning, we explore the historic city of Ávila, reflecting on the life and writings of Teresa of Ávila—one of history's most extraordinary women—and her profound influence on Christian

Wine Region near Porto



spirituality. Our visit includes the serene **Monastery of La Encarnación** and the inspiring **Convent of St. Teresa**, offering a deeper understanding of her remarkable devotion and legacy. Later, we depart for Porto. Our first stop is **Salamanca**, long associated with learning and scholarship, home to one of Europe's oldest universities. Along the way, we enjoy a wine stop at **Bodegas Fariña** in the Toro region, tasting bold regional wines that reflect Castile's rugged landscape. By evening, we arrive in Porto, Portugal's storied riverfront city where we check in and have dinner at the hotel. **B/D**

**Day 7: Thursday, May 27, 2027 • Porto**

Today, we enjoy a guided tour of Porto, exploring the cathedral, historic old town, and the colorful **Ribeira district** along the Douro River. Porto's setting and history reveal the close relationship between faith, trade, and daily life in northern Portugal. In the afternoon, we cross the river to Vila Nova de Gaia to visit **Graham's Port Lodge**. Here we tour the aging cellars and enjoy a curated tasting, learning how time, patience, and careful stewardship shape Portugal's renowned Port wines. Following our wine experience, we gather for a **group dinner overlooking the Douro River**. Over a thoughtfully prepared Portuguese meal, we enjoy relaxed fellowship and conversation, reflecting on the day and the journey we share together. **B/D**

**Day 8: Friday, May 28, 2027 • Porto**

We enjoy a relaxing free day in Porto. For those who wish, an **optional excursion** is offered to Santiago de Compostela; please note that this will be a full and fairly long day away from Porto (**\$130 per person**). Upon arrival, we walk a portion of the famous Camino de Santiago beginning in A Lavacolla, following the final stretch of the historic pilgrimage route into the city. At the end of the walk, we visit the magnificent Santiago de Compostela Cathedral for a guided tour, followed by a little free time to explore the historic square before returning to Porto. Boxed lunches are included for those participating in the excursion. **B**

**Day 9: Saturday, May 29, 2027 • Porto**

After breakfast, we journey into the **Douro Valley**, a UNESCO World Heritage landscape of terraced vineyards carved into steep hillsides. At **Quinta da Pacheca**, we enjoy a guided visit and tasting of both Douro DOC wines and Port, followed by a winery lunch overlooking the vineyards. This is a highlight day - combining scenery, conversation, and shared table fellowship. **B/L**

**Day 10: Sunday, May 30, 2027 • Lisbon**

We depart Porto and travel south toward Lisbon. En route, we stop to visit the Joanine Library at Coimbra University and learn of some of the ancient texts. Next, we stop in Fátima, one of the most important Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world, where the

Mafra National Palace



Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to three shepherd children in 1917. We have time for lunch on our own and the opportunity to explore the Sanctuary and enjoy a few quiet moments. We arrive in Lisbon by early evening. **B, D**

#### Day 11: Monday, May 31, 2027 • Lisbon

After breakfast, we enjoy a guided tour of Lisbon, exploring key neighborhoods and landmarks connected to Portugal's Christian and maritime heritage. We visit the **Belém district**, learning about Portugal's Age of Discovery and its impact on faith, learning, and global engagement, and continue through historic areas such as Alfama, where narrow streets reflect centuries of daily life. The rest of the day is free for personal exploration, rest, or shopping. **B**

#### Day 12: Tuesday, June 1, 2027 • Lisbon

Today we return to the Setúbal region to visit **José Maria da Fonseca**, one of Portugal's oldest wine producers. Our guided tour and tasting include the famed **Moscatel de Setúbal**, offering a distinctive and memorable contrast to earlier wines. We also visit the **Bacalhôa Winery** on the Setúbal Peninsula, where wine, art, and architecture come together in a relaxed and engaging visit. This evening, we come together for a group dinner in Lisbon, enjoying traditional Portuguese cuisine. **B/D**

#### Day 13: Wednesday, June 2, 2027 • Lisbon

After breakfast we head to the magnificent Mafra National Palace. This UNESCO World Heritage Site, once a royal palace, basilica, convent, and game reserve, offers an impressive glimpse into Portugal's history. Highlights include six historic organs, the stunning library, the 18th-century infirmary, and expansive palace grounds, giving plenty of opportunity for exploration and reflection. Next, we travel to **AdegaMãe**, a modern winery shaped by Atlantic breezes and thoughtful land stewardship. Here, we enjoy a curated wine tasting and a leisurely lunch, savoring regional flavors alongside thoughtfully crafted wines. We return to Lisbon, allowing time for a short rest or optional sightseeing before we gather for a farewell dinner. **B/D**

#### Day 14: Thursday, June 3, 2027 • Return

We transfer to the airport for our return flight home, carrying with us meaningful memories, deeper friendships, and renewed appreciation for faith, culture, and God's provision. **B/In-Flight Meals**

**Abbreviations for Meals**  
**B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch **D**=Dinner

## Tour Price: \$6,439 Land & Air

\$100 Early bird discount if booked by June 30, 2026

Prices are *per person, double occupancy*  
 with a minimum of 25 participants

**Single supplement: \$1,375**

*Optional Excursion to Santiago de Compostela \$130 per person*

#### Your Tour Includes:

- **Estimated Round Trip Airfare** and related taxes, fees and fuel charges (\$1,550 from Minneapolis and additional supplement of \$100-\$150 from Fargo) to Madrid and return from Lisbon.
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in 3 and 4 star hotels
- **Meals per itinerary**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of a **professional tour manager** throughout the tour
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels where available
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

#### Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuities** for Tour Manager or Coach Driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees.  
(*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.  
(*This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.*)

#### Payment Schedule (per person):

- A deposit of \$750 per person is due with registration
- A payment of \$1,000 per person is due November 23, 2026
- Final payment due February 19, 2027

Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally, airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures have received the final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

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