

*The Alhambra*

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# Spain

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

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*Cibeles Fountain*



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*Cathedral in Sevilla*



*Arches within Mezquita*

### Monday, May 20, 2024 • Overnight Flight

We depart on our overnight flight to Madrid, Spain.

### Tuesday, May 21, 2024 • Madrid

Upon arrival, we collect our luggage and meet our guide and coach driver. A local guide joins us for a panoramic orientation tour of the city. Our sightseeing includes the *Plaza de España* where a statue of writer Miguel de Cervantes looks down on his two famous characters, Don Quixote, and Sancho Panza. We pass several city gates and fountains including Cibeles Fountain, where the distinctive Banco de España and Madrid's Town Hall are located. Afterwards we check into our hotel and have time to relax before dinner tonight at the hotel. **D**

### Wednesday, May 22, 2024 • Madrid

This morning a local guide joins us on a visit of the *Prado Museum*, Spain's most famous art museum. We have a chance to view paintings and other artwork done by numerous Spanish artists, including Velázquez, Goya, and El Greco. After some time for lunch, we tour the spectacular *Palacio Real*, Europe's third-greatest palace. Built in the 18th century and used now only for official engagements, the palace has 2800 rooms filled with luxurious tapestries, magnificent chandeliers, mosaics, priceless porcelain, and gilded works of art. The remainder of the afternoon is free for shopping or perhaps visiting *Reina Sofía*, a museum with a superb collection of modern art done by Picasso, Dalí, Miró and Kandinsky. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant. **B/D**

### Thursday, May 23, 2024 • Madrid

This morning we take a guided stroll through Old Madrid to see other highlights such as Spain's Puerta de Sol and the historic *Plaza Mayor* in the heart of the city. We have free time this afternoon to explore on our own. Dinner is on our own tonight. **B**

### Friday, May 24, 2024 • Madrid

Today we enjoy a guided tour of *Segovia*, a city famous for its 2000-year-old aqueduct that was used until the late 19th century. Above the city sits *Alcázar*, a mighty fortress from the Middle Ages that affords a beautiful view of the surrounding countryside. We also visit the *Segovia Cathedral*, Spain's last major Gothic building. After lunch, there is plenty of time to explore this city that is filled with twisting alleyways, medieval walls, and Romanesque

churches. Afterwards, we return to Madrid for a special tapas dinner. **B/D**

### Saturday, May 25, 2024 • Córdoba

Today's destination is *Andalusia*, a region in southern Spain. Our first stop is in *Toledo*, Spain's capital city until 1561. Our guided tour includes *Toledo Cathedral*, considered one of the most magnificent cathedrals in Europe. The structure features 500-year-old-stained glass windows, lavish wood carvings and a sacristy with a superb collection of El Grecos and works by other famous painters. We also pass by the *Sinagoga del Tránsito*, a synagogue from 1361 that today serves as Spain's national Jewish Museum. Another gem is *Santo Tomé*, which houses *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*, one of El Greco's masterpieces. After our tour, we have some free time for lunch and shopping before continuing to *Córdoba* for our overnight. **B/D**

### Sunday, May 26, 2024 • Sevilla

This morning in Córdoba we tour the *Mezquita*, the great mosque that was begun in 785 and took two centuries to complete. With around 850 columns inside, it is considered one of the best examples of Muslim architecture in the West. The structure is also unique because set inside the labyrinth of horseshoe arches and beautiful mosaics is a cathedral that was added in the 16th century. Our guide also takes us through the Jewish quarter that is lined with towering walls, narrow streets, and buildings with ornate wrought ironwork. Afterwards, there is time to enjoy lunch and explore the cobbled alleyways before our short drive to *Sevilla*. This evening we experience a traditional Flamenco program with guitar playing, singing and dancing. **B/D**

### Monday, May 27, 2024 • Sevilla

We enjoy a locally guided tour of Sevilla this morning. After strolling through María Luisa Park, we visit the nearby *Plaza de España*, and other pavilions built for the 1929 Ibero-American Exhibition. The city also boasts the *Alcázar*, the oldest royal palace in Europe that's still in use. The highlight of the tour is the *Sevilla Cathedral*, the third-largest church in Europe and the largest Gothic church anywhere. The immense cathedral took over a century to build and is the burial site for Christopher Columbus. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore the *Barrio Santa Cruz*, the former Jewish Quarter that is filled with narrow lanes, cafés, and small shops. Dinner is on our own tonight. **B**



### Tuesday, May 28, 2024 • Granada

We drive east today to **Granada**, home to **The Alhambra**, the last stronghold of the Moorish kingdom in Spain. Our guided tour today focuses on the city's other sights, including the **Granada Cathedral**, the second largest in Spain, the **Royal Chapel**, a lavish mausoleum with the tombs of Queen Isabel and King Ferdinand, the **Alcaicería**, a former Moorish silk market that is now filled with tiny shops and restaurants, and **The Albayzín**, Spain's best-preserved Moorish quarter. The rest of the afternoon is free to walk the city that once was the grandest in Spain. **B/D**

### Wednesday, May 29, 2024 • Torremolinos

This morning we tour the world-famous **Alhambra**, a magnificent Moorish fortress and palace that is one of Europe's top tourist sights. Once the Moorish royal palace, the **Palacios Nazaríes** is filled with intricate patios, pools, arches and extravagantly decorated ceilings. We also visit Charles V's Palace and **Alcazaba**, the oldest part of the complex. Next, we walk to the nearby **Generalife Gardens** that were once used by the sultans as a summer palace retreat. Later, we tour an olive oil estate and have the chance to sample some of the world's finest olive oil. Afterwards, we drive to our hotel in **Torremolinos**, a small town located in **Costa del Sol**, a region in southern Spain that borders the Mediterranean Sea. **B/D**

### Thursday, May 30, 2024 • Torremolinos

Southern Andalusia is known for its White Hill Towns and today we visit its jewel, **Ronda**. The town's iconic bridge spans the 200-foot-wide gorge that divides the Moorish Quarter from the New Town. Ronda is said to be the home of modern-day bullfighting and our guide introduces us to the **Real Maestranza** bullring, one of the oldest and most picturesque in Spain. Other sights include the **Santa Maria del Mayor Church**, which stands on a site of a temple dedicated to Julius Caesar, and **Casa de San Juan Bosco**, a former private home that is known for its 19th-century tapestries, intricate walnut furniture and a garden with spectacular views of the town and the surrounding area. We return to Torremolinos for some last-minute shopping and dinner at our hotel. **B/D**

### Friday, May 31, 2024 • Return Flight

We transfer to Málaga Airport for our return flight to the United States. **B**

## Tour Price: \$5,349

Prices are *Land and estimated air from Fargo per person, double occupancy* with a minimum of 25 paying participants

**Single supplements: \$750**

### Your Tour Includes:

- Estimated **Roundtrip airfare** from Minneapolis to Madrid and home from Malaga, related taxes and fees (\$1,850)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per the itinerary**
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as indicated below.

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### Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager and 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:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure date (March 6, 2024). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

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### Refund/Cancellation Policy:

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### Abbreviations for Meals

**B=Breakfast, D=Dinner**



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