

TRIP ID: SP002-MADAGP9N

Madrid and Andalucía by High-Speed Trains in 10 Days

Highlights • Madrid • Toledo • Avila • Segovia • Alcazar • Cordoba • Mezquita-Cathedral • Historic Seville • Santa Cruz Quarter • Malaga



Toledo, Spain



Day 1 • Madrid Arrival • Madrid Highlights Tour
Assistance, meet and greet in Madrid at Barajas airport, by your personal driver-guide upon arrival. Private transfer to your selected hotel for registration. 14:30 take a hotel taxi to the Terminal Madrid starting point (not included). 15:00 enjoy a guided shared group tour through Madrid in the afternoon. Come and see the main attractions of Spain's vibrant capital city in this bus and walking tour, taking in its most important and characteristic buildings and monuments. Learn all about its origin in the Middle Ages as an

Arab fortress before visiting the beautiful Habsburger quarters in Madrid. We explore the elegant Plaza de Oriente and the Prado Museum as well as the boulevards of contemporary Madrid, the modern commercial and business areas in town. The walking part of this tour take us from the Puente Del Rey to the Puente de Segovia, with great views of the Royal Palace and its lush gardens. We visit the center of old Madrid, the Plaza de la Villa and the Plaza Mayor. Return transfer to the Terminal Madrid. From the Terminal Madrid take a taxi back to your hotel (not included). 2-Nights hotel accommodation in Madrid.

Day 2 • Madrid • Toledo and Segovia with Access to the Alcazar • Madrid (B)

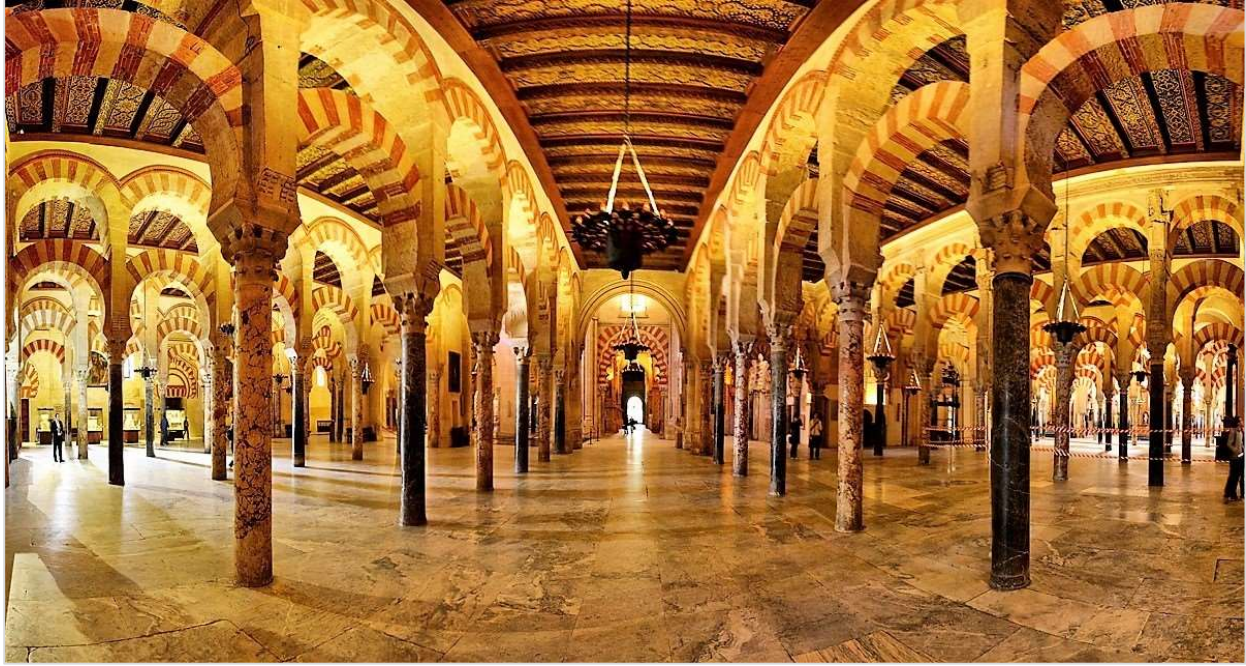
07:30 take a hotel taxi to the starting point (not included). 08:00 guided group excursion to discover two gems near the Spanish capital, Toledo and Segovia, on a fabulous day trip from Madrid. We visit two cities declared World Heritages Sites by UNESCO. Enjoy an exciting trip to an authentic outdoor museum; Toledo. In the heart of Spain and surrounded by the River Tago, this impressive city is considered to be a second Rome and invites you to live an unforgettable experience. Its churches, synagogues, mosques, convents, walls, bridges, turrets, etc. constitute an important artistic and cultural legacy, fueling the coexistence between Christians, Arabs and Jews for centuries. Lose yourself in its narrow streets, squares and gardens, and admire the monumental richness. The tour includes stops at the Primada Cathedral, the Mirador Del Valle, the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes and the Puente de San Martín. Also in the Castilian lands stands another of the most visited cities in Spain: Segovia. Among its main attractions is the Roman aqueduct, the symbol of excellence of the city. Contemplate this majestic construction that leads the water from the mountains to the city before visiting the Alcázar, one of the most emblematic

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Cordoba Cathedral



Day 2 • Segovia and Alcazar (continuation)

Castles of the country with its surprising shape, similar to that of the hull of a vessel. In your walk around the Old Town, you will also have the opportunity to admire the beautiful cathedral and the Plaza del Azoguejo, where the old market once was. We return to Madrid late in the afternoon. Take a taxi (not included) from the Madrid drop-off location back to your hotel.

Day 3 • Madrid • Cordoba Cathedral (B)

07:00 pickup from hotel by your personal driver and private transfer to the Atocha

train station in Madrid. 08:00 Departure on the AVE speed train 200 km+ to Cordoba. 09:43 Assistance, meet and greet at the Cordoba railway station by your personal driver. Private transportation to your selected hotel for registration. 11:30 take a taxi to Monumentos de los Enamorados starting point (not included) 12:15 Get to grips with the history and culture that is in abundance in Cordoba as you roam around the Synagogue, Judería and the breathtaking Mosque-Cathedral. If you are dying to see the city in all its old-school glory, you cannot afford to miss a walk through the famous Jewish neighborhood, which dates back as far as Roman times. It was home to a large Jewish community between the 10th and the 15th century. It is a fascinating place to explore! Right in the thick of Judería (Jewish quarter), you will stumble across the symbolic Synagogue which is not only a real gem to the city but has witnessed some of the most noted historical events that have gone on in Cordoba. A few street blocks away stands another incredible icon, the Mezquita-Cathedral de Córdoba. This is by far the most breathtaking Islamic construction in Cordoba. Walk through a labyrinth of 856 stunning columns and experience a sense of infinitude. Return to your hotel by taxi (not included). 2-Night hotel accommodation in Cordoba.

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Andalusian Horse, Seville Fair



Day 4 • Cordoba (B)

Free day. Today discover the city on your own! Córdoba's real charms unfold as you explore the winding, stone-paved lanes of the medieval city to the west, north and east of the gaudy touristic area immediately around the Mezquita, wandering between wrought-iron balconies and lamps, potted plants, overhanging trees, golden-stone buildings and verdant interior patios, emerging every few minutes on yet another quaint little hidden plaza. You can also book a guided **optional** excursion to the Medina Azahara or to the Alcazar of the Christian Monarchs (not included). For food lovers we suggest joining our popular interactive Cordoba food-tasting trip (not included) or try the rich Spanish cuisine at www.latinajadecordoba.com

Day 5 • Cordoba • Seville Walking City Tour (B)

08:30 pickup from the hotel by your personal driver. Private transportation to the Cordoba train station. Assistance included. 09:45 departure on the AVE Speed Train to Seville (45-minutes). 10:32 Assistance, meet and greet upon arrival in Seville by your personal driver-guide. Private transportation to your selected hotel for registration. Join a guided half-day walking city tour of

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Alhambra Palace, Granada



Day 5 • Seville (continues)

Seville. Discover the town's most spectacular monuments with entrance fees included, the Seville Cathedral, the Giralda tower and the Royal Alcazar, on this intimate 3-hour walking tour with a private guide. Stand in awe, of the world's largest cathedral, containing the tomb of Christopher Columbus, and admire the jaw-dropping Moorish architecture of the Royal Alcazar, today the palace of Spanish Kings. End with a picturesque walk through Santa Cruz, Seville's whitewashed, cobblestoned Jewish quarter. Enjoy personalized attention and informative commentary from your

knowledgeable English-speaking tour guide. For lunch or dinner, we suggest www.espacioslava.com

Day 6 • Seville (B)

Free day. We suggest returning to the narrow streets of Barrio Santa Cruz on your own for a leisurely walk.

Day 7 • Seville • Malaga • Costa del Sol (B)

07:00 pickup from the hotel by your personal driver-guide. Private transportation to the Seville Train Station. 08:00 Departure by Speed Train to Malaga, Costa del Sol. 10:00 Assistance, meet and greet by your personal driver-guide upon arrival. Private transfer to your selected hotel for registration. Balance of the day at leisure at selected beach resort. 3-Nights hotel accommodation in Costa del Sol.

Day 8-9 • Costa del Sol • Optional Granada and Alhambra Tour (B)

Enjoy two days at leisure on the beaches of Costa del Sol.

Optional tours (not included) are also available! Sign up for a guided excursion to one of the following destinations: Ronda, Mijas, Gibraltar, Doñana National Park, Tangier, Antequera or go on a trekking and adventure trip on the breathtaking Caminito Del Rey Trail www.caminitodelrey.info

Optional book a full day guided group excursion to Granada and Alhambra € 85 pp (not included): 07:30 pickup from your hotel and transportation to Granada. Upon arrival, we stroll through centuries of cultural history. We visit the spectacular Alhambra Palace www.alhambra.degranada.org offering breathtaking

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Marbella Yacht Club, Costa del Sol



Day 8-9 • Optional Tour (continuation)

Vistas of the city below. Follow your tour guide through the amazing Generalife Gardens, a lush paradise packed with fountains, colorful flowers and secluded shady patios. Before returning to your hotel in Seville, relax or explore Granada's historic city center on your own. Return transfer to your hotel.

Day 10 • Costa del Sol • Malaga Airport (B)

Pickup from the hotel by your personal Spanish-driver. Private transportation to the Malaga Airport. Drop-off at the Malaga Airport main entrance. Departure.

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Semi-Private tour with daily departures • Assistance, meet and greet • 9-Nights hotel accommodation • Private transfers from/to airports, train stations and/or bus stations as per program • (B) 8 Breakfasts • Shared guided sightseeing group tours SIC in Madrid, in Cordoba and in Seville as per program • Local English-speaking tour guides and drivers as per program • High-Speed Trains or AVE in tourist class: Madrid-Cordoba-Seville-Malaga • Applicable taxes, admissions and service fees in Spain • Local assistance by Amigo Vacations Spain.

Not Included:

International and domestic flights. Optional meals and optional services. Taxi to/from pickup location. Travel and medical insurance. Tips for tour guides € 5.00 pp/day and for drivers € 2.50 pp/day.

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