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Itinerary summary:

Days 1-2: 30 May – 31 May: Granada.

Days 3-5: 01 June – 03 June: Madrid

Days 6-9: 04 June – 07 June: Barcelona

Days 10-13: 08 June – 11 June: Tossa de Mar

Day 14: 12 June: Tossa de Mar - Barcelona

Day 15: 13 June: Barcelona - Australia



DETAILED PROGRAM

Day 1 : Granada (30/05)

Alhambra + Albaicin & Sacromonte Guided Tour (5 hours)

On the morning of your tour, you'll delve deep into the magic of the incredible city of Granada, kicking off your day at the Alhambra, one of Spain's most visited monuments and one of the finest examples of Andalusia's Nasrid legacy. Accompanied by your expert English-speaking guide who will entertain and inform you with fascinating facts about the fortified palace complex, you'll explore the beautiful Nazaries Palaces, the Alcazaba, the Partal and the Medina, as well as the spectacular Generalife and its exquisite gardens.

The afternoon will see you continuing your tour of Granada from the Plaza de Isabel la Catolica, a historic square in the heart of the city centre, up to the Albaicin district. Strolling through the winding streets, emblematic of its Medieval Moorish heritage, you'll soon see why this is the city's most famous neighbourhood and a UNESCO recognised World Heritage Site. You'll be captivated by the beauty of the area as you pass ancient minarets, hammams, cisterns and typical Granada villas with their flower-filled courtyards.

Next, you'll be immersed in the magical Sacromonte quarter, known worldwide for its whitewashed cave-houses built into the hills, its vibrant gypsy spirit and zambra, a traditional local form of flamenco. Wander through its streets, taking in the charms of the historic neighbourhood, and of course admiring the incomparable views from its hillside vantage point. An unforgettable tour of the contrasts of Granada.

Free time.

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Day 2: Granada (31/05)

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time.

Flamenco Show at La Soleá

La Soleá is a flamenco tablao located in the bullring. As soon as you walk through the door, you'll be immersed in the world of flamenco and the most deep-rooted Andalusian culture. Are you ready for an evening like no other?

Take a seat, make yourself comfortable and prepare yourself to witness one of the most lively flamenco shows in Spain. Singers, dancers and musicians will take to the stage to perform a heartfelt rendition of the most characteristic Spanish art.

Inscribed in 2010 on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, flamenco is passion and joy, tragedy and fear. It is a sign of cultural identity and there are few places as characteristic as La Soleá where you can witness a truly authentic performance. For an hour and 20 minutes, you'll be taken in by the expressive singing, guitar strumming, dancing, hand-clapping and foot-stamping that is sure to leave a lasting impression.

Dinner at La Soleá

The dinner menu at La Soleá includes:

A tapas selection to share: salmorejo with cured tuna shavings, paté, prawns, and tomato tartar with an avocado emulsion on a traditional oil pastry.

One main course: to choose between cod au gratin on a bed of creamy potatoes with caramelised onion and black garlic alioli, or pork with chimichurri and potato wedges.

One dessert: to choose between homemade flan, cuajada (milk curd) with toffee or coffee ice cream.

You'll also be served two drinks.

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Day 3: Granada - Madrid (01/06)

Departure to Madrid by train. Arrival at the hotel. In the afternoon, we will visit with a local guide in Madrid.

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Day 4: Madrid - Toledo - Madrid (02/06)

Toledo Day Trip (8 hours)

Head to the city centre at 9 am, where you will board a luxury air-conditioned coach and head to the City of Three Cultures, just 70km south of the capital.

The historic centre of Toledo, listed a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of the oldest in Europe. It is often called the “City of the Three Cultures”, a town where the Muslims, Christians and Jewish communities lived together centuries ago. The Old Town has a magnificent array of landmarks including Islamic, Renaissance, Baroque and Gothic architecture.

Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of Toledo and visit the Iglesia de Santo Tomé, containing the painting “The Burial of the Count of Orgaz” by El Greco, Santa María la Blanca Synagogue, one of the oldest synagogues in Castilla that date back to the Middle Ages and the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes.

Afterwards, walk into the Mosque of Cristo de la Luz, built during the tenth century, when the Caliphate of Cordoba enjoyed its maximum power. Next, your guide will lead you to the Toledo Cathedral to uncover its masterpieces.

After the guided tour, you’ll have time to enjoy a traditional regional lunch. In the afternoon, take a panoramic tour of Toledo in which you’ll enjoy beautiful views of the various monuments like the Alcazar, restored after the Spanish Civil War.

Before leaving, discover the art technique called Damascening, an inlaying of different metals. This process is used for jewellery, plates and other artefacts.

You will be dropped off at the city centre of Madrid at 5 pm.

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Day 5: Madrid – Avila - Segovia - Madrid (03/06)

Avila and Segovia Day Trip (9 hours)

Meet your guide just before 9am in front of the Royal Palace and set off to Ávila on an air-conditioned coach.

Ávila, Saint Teresa of Ávila's place of birth, houses the oldest and most complete city walls in Spain, built between the eleventh and fourteenth century. The 90 turrets and 2.500 meters of walls surround the old town and defend its numerous monuments including its various Gothic palaces, Romanesque churches and a twelfth century fortified cathedral.

The next stop is Segovia, where you'll marvel at the world's most famous Roman aqueduct (16km long). You will stop here for lunch (Gourmet menu: Judiones de la Granja (a type of large white bean), roast piglet, Segovian sponge cake with ice-cream, water, wine and coffee.). Segovia's city center was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site with numerous historic buildings like the Cathedral, known as the "Dama de las Catedrales Españolas" (Lady of the Spanish Cathedrals) and the Alcázar, the country's most spectacular castle.

You'll be back in Madrid at around 6pm.

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Day 6: Madrid – Barcelona (04/06)

After breakfast, free time until transfer to the Train Station. Departure to Barcelona (11.30 am - 14.40 pm). Arrival at the hotel. In the afternoon free time.

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Day 7: Barcelona (05/06)

Private Tour Barcelona (5 hours)

With this being a private tour, the guide will pick you up at your hotel or at whatever place you choose to begin the tour.

Over the duration of the tour we'll tour Barcelona at your own pace, stopping in those spots which most interest you. You can follow the itinerary of the regular tours, make your own tour, or let the guide plan you something unique to match your interests.

Also, if you simply would like to get to know the main monuments in Barcelona, such as the Sagrada Familia or Parque Güell, this is the tour for you.

The tour will finish in your hotel or in the centre of Barcelona.

Free Time.

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Day 8: Barcelona – Montserrat – Sitges - Barcelona (06/06)

MONTSERRAT, SITGES & TORRES WINERY DAY TRIP(11 hours)

Depart from Carrer de Balmes, 5 at 9 am and head south on an air-conditioned coach to the heart of Penedès, the most productive wine and cava region in Catalonia.

The first stop of the day-trip is the Torres Wine Cellars, internationally recognized for their wine tourism experiences. Upon arrival, you'll be introduced to the Torres family and their wine cellars with an audio-visual presentation. Next, tour the beautiful fertile region of Penedès and the Torres' facilities on a small train around Mas La Plana Winery. Master how the wine is processed and aged in the winery's impressive barrels. Once the guided tour is over, enjoy a tasting of two wines.

Hop back on the bus and travel to Montserrat, one of the most-visited natural sites in Spain. As you climb the steep mountain, you'll admire its striking serrated profile that has been carved by the wind and rain during the past centuries. Walk into the Montserrat Basilica, home to a small twelfth-century sculpture of the Madonna called "Virgen Moreneta", patron saint of Catalonia.

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After visiting the Basilica, one of Spain's most famous pilgrimage sites, you'll have 3 hours to have lunch and continue exploring the area at your own pace. We recommend you visit the Espai Audio Visual Museum and have a tasting of 4 typical liquors of Montserrat. Both are included in the day-trip price. Meet your English-speaking guide at the scheduled time and head to Sitges, one of the most charming Mediterranean coastal towns. Renowned for its microclimate, lovely Old Town with whitewashed houses and sandy beaches, it has become one of the most-popular summer resorts in Catalonia. Find out about the "Route of the Indianos", where inhabitants of Sitges crossed the Atlantic to find a better future in Latin-America or the United States.

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Day 9: Barcelona – Girona – Figueres - Barcelona (07/06)

Girona, Figueres and Dali Museum Day Trip (11.5 hours)

Greet your guide in Barcelona's city center at 8:30am and board a spacious air-conditioned coach that will take you to the historic town of Girona, in the northeast of Catalonia.

Upon arrival, follow your expert guide through the picturesque Old Town (Barri Vell) on foot and discover its striking Jewish Quarter, one of the best preserved in Europe. Once you've explored the city's main landmarks, you'll have 40 minutes of free time to wander around at your own pace.

Once you've discovered the charming Girona, you'll travel to Figueres. This town is the birthplace of the legendary Surrealist artist Salvador Dalí. Here, take a guided tour of the Dali Museum, established on the city's ruined Municipal Theatre that Dalí himself transformed into the Dalí Theatre-Museum. It contains the artist's largest repertoire of works, including paintings, drawings and sculptures.

Dalí designed this Theatre-Museum to offer visitors a complete experience, and one of its highlights are the famous sculpted eggs on the building's rooftop.

You'll also have access to "Dalí-Jewels" (Dalí-Joies), a permanent exhibition of 39 jewels of gold and precious stones and the paintings and drawings he made of these.

You'll be back in the heart of Barcelona at 8pm.

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Day 10: Barcelona – Tossa de Mar (08/06)

After breakfast, private transfer to Tossa de Mar. In the afternoon free time.

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Day 11-13: Tossa de Mar (09 - 11/06)

Days to seaside relaxation.

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Day 14: Tossa de Mar - Barcelona (12/06)

In the afternoon private transfer to Tossa de Mar.

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Day 15: Barcelona – Australia (13/06)

After breakfast, private transfer to Barcelona Airport.

**** End of our services ****

TOTAL AMOUNT **3.990,- €***

(Price per person in double room 1.995 €)

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INCLUDED SERVICES:

- ✓ Transfer from/to Barcelona – Tossa de Mar – Airport Barcelona
- ✓ 14 nights Hotel Boutique 4**** in center city
- ✓ Accommodation and Breakfast, except in Tossa de Mar all-inclusive hotel.
- ✓ Private tours with guide in English in Madrid and Barcelona
- ✓ Other tours indicated in the program will be done in group
- ✓ Flamenco Show with dinner
- ✓ Tickets to places of visits and other tickets that may be necessary.
- ✓ Taxes and other service charges.

EXCLUDED SERVICES:

- ✓ Flights.
- ✓ Drinks and other meals not mentioned.
- ✓ Supplement for special requests for meals.
- ✓ Tickets and guide services during leisure time.
- ✓ Travel insurance.
- ✓ Visa and service fees

*Prices subject to availability at the time of making the firm reservation

