Spain & Portugal...

11 Days 9 Nights

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Mon Aug 25 Departure Louisville on United flight 4500 at 1:50 pm via Newark to Barcelona Spain.

Day 2 - Tue Aug 26 Welcome to Barcelona Welcome to Spain. Check in at your hotel. Time at leisure to rest and unpack. In the afternoon orientation tour or main city center including the cathedral in the Gothic quarter. Drive along the Passeig de Gràcia, past the most amazing Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district to stand beneath the soaring facade of Gaudi’s extraordinary, unfinished Sagrada Familia church. This evening enjoy splendid views of the port and the city at night and welcome dinner at local restaurant. (D)

Barcelona 2 nights NH Calderon or similar

Day 3 - Wed Aug 27 Barcelona This morning we start with visit of La Boqueria, one of Europe’s largest and most famous food markets. Enjoy the countryside surrounding the capital of Spain for wine tasting at Codorniu winery considered Spain’s most popular “Champagne” wine. In the afternoon private cooking class followed by dinner. (B,D)

Day 4 - Thu Aug 28 Barcelona - Zaragoza – Madrid Departure for Madrid. A pleasant drive will lead us to Zaragoza famous for its folklore, local gastronomy, and landmarks such as the Basílica del Pilar. Visit the city center and Basilica. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon we continue to Madrid. Check in at your hotel in Madrid. (B,L)

Madrid 3 nights NH Palacio de Tepa or similar

Day 5 - Fri Aug 29 Madrid of the Bourbons In the morning guided tour of the city along the elegant Paseo de la Castellana past Madrid’s most famous fountain in the Plaza de Cibeles. Drive down the Gran Via to the Royal Palace and Cervantes Monument before crossing the Puerta del Sol. Visit to the magnificent Prado Museum to admire the paintings of Velázquez, Goya and many others. Tonight enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Day 6 - Sat Aug 30 The Old Capital of Toledo Departure for Toledo, former capital of Spain. Walk through the maze of narrow, cobbled streets to visit the Cathedral with its high altar, baroque window and paintings by El Greco. Lunch at local restaurant. In the afternoon time at leisure in Madrid. (B,L)

Day 7 - Sun Aug 31 Madrid - Salamanca - Porto Morning departure for Portugal. En route pass the ancient walls of Avila and stop in Salamanca with its arcaded Plaza Mayor, honey-colored cathedral and 16th century university buildings. In the afternoon we cross the Portuguese border to reach Porto, situated on the River Douro and celebrated internationally as the Port wine capital. Check in at your hotel followed by dinner. Porto 2 nights Hotel Mercure or Similar

Day 8 - Mon Sept 1 Porto Morning guided tour of Porto. Admire the multi-coloured houses and churches covered in glazed tiles, as well as the iconic bridges along the Duoro River. Visit a famous Port winery. Walk along corridors of casks and get to know your Tawnys and vintages during a tasting session. This afternoon prepare for cooking class session followed by dinner. (B,D)

Day 9 - Tue Sept 2 Holy Fatima, Ancient Obidos & Lisbon Morning departure for Lisbon. We travel south to miraculous Fatima to join the pilgrims into the great Basilica. Then continue to the fortified city of Obidos, where you walk inside the walls to explore the flower-decked houses and narrow, medieval streets. Lunch at a local restaurant. Late afternoon we arrive in the Portuguese capital Lisbon. (L,B)

Lisbon 2 nights Hotel Fenix Urban or similar

Day 10 - Wed Sept 3 Lisbon Morning sightseeing with a local guide along the avenues of the Lower Town and beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paco, finest square in the city. Visit the Belem Quarter from where sailing ships set forth to discover unknown lands. See the Monument to the Discoveries and the more ancient Belem Tower. It was erected to protect Jeronimo’s Monastery which you visit next. Afternoon at leisure before of farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Day 11 - Thu Sept 4 Departure Morning transfer to Lisbon international airport for your return flight home. Flight UA 65 departing at 10:25 via Newark to Louisville. Arrival in Louisville 6:04 pm (B)

Departure Flight information:
Mon 25 Aug. 2014 UA 4500 SDF - EWR 1:50 pm - 3:47 pm
UA 120 EWR - BCN 7:10 pm - 9:15 am (Aug 26 2014)

Return:
Thu 04 Sept. 2014 UA 65 LIS - EWR 10:25 am - 1:25 pm
UA 4684 EWR-SDF 3:59 pm - 6:04 pm
TOUR FEATURES
- Air transportation from Louisville
- Hotel accommodation for 9 nights
- Included meals consisting of (2 meals a day):
  o Daily buffet breakfasts
  o 3 local Lunches
  o 6 - dinners including special farewell dinner as per program
- Wine and mineral water will be served with dinners at hotels and restaurants
- 2 cooking classes + 2 wine tastings
- Touring by private luxury, air conditioned motor coach
- Professional multi-lingual Tour Director
- Sightseeing as indicated including local guides and entrance fees in bold
- All transfers
- Tipping for included restaurants meals

Not included:
The last day of the tour is the customary time to extend gratuities to your guide and driver. For general guidance, we recommend:
- Motor coach Driver € 2-3 euro per person per day
- Local on site Guides: € 1 to 2 euro per person per tour
- Tour Director: € 3 to 5 euro per person per day

COST
The following rates are based on LAND SERVICES & AIR

$ 3250 LAND PACKAGE AND SERVICES RATE PP IN TWIN/DDOUBLE
$ 1200 AIR (taxes & fees included currently $ 600.00 subject to change until ticketed)
$ 300 TRIP PROTECTION PLAN & INSURANCE
Total Package: $ 4750 (Land & Air + air tax/fees + travel insurance)
$ 800 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
(Prices are based on the current Euro rate of 1 Euro = $1.35 )
Final price  depends on market fluctuations)

DEPOSITS
Checks preferred. Credit card + 3% additional charge.
$750 DEPOSIT—$100 non refundable air deposit

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: JUNE 10, 2014

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