

Please note that all of the itineraries listed in our web site are actual private tour itineraries we have prepared for clients over the past 12-18 months. By the very nature of what we do, each private tour itinerary is custom, exclusive and unique unto itself. Our over-riding goal is to create lifelong memories that you and your family will forever carry deep within your hearts.

Overview

TEMPERATURE RANGE

Highs: Mid 70's

Lows: High 40's

AREA

505,990 SQ KM

195,364 SQ MILES

POPULATION

46.4 Million

LANGUAGE

Spanish (Castilian)

Catalan and its variant Valencian

Gallego (Galician)

Euskera (Basque)

CAPITAL

Madrid

CURRENCY

Euro

Day 1

Fly to Barcelona

Through our sister company, premium air provider TRAVNET, we may assisted with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

Day 2

Upon Arrival in Barcelona, you will be privately transferred to the Mandarin Oriental Barcelona. Architecturally striking Barcelona is not only among our favorite cities in Europe, it's one of our favorite cities in the world. In addition to some of the best preserved medieval/Gothic monuments/sites in the world, Barcelona proudly features the many art treasures of its genius native son, Antoni Gaudi. Later in the evening, your guide will take you on a private "tapas bar" tour.

Mandarin Oriental Barcelona (RL)

Next to its sister property in Hong Kong, the Mandarin Oriental Barcelona is our favorite Mandarin hotel in the world. The luxury 5-Star 120-room Mandarin opened in 2010, ideally located on Barcelona's famous Passeig de Gracia, across the street from Gaudi's Casa Batllo and a short walk to the Gothic quarter. We were particularly impressed with the striking narrow futuristic walkway when entering the hotel's atrium. Although the hotel occupies a classic mid-20th century bank building, the property's interior offers clean, contemporary room designs. The opaque class-encased bathrooms include free-standing oval tubs and large walk-in showers. Other luxury amenities here include a world-class spa (with its own 40 ft. lap pool), fully equipped fitness center and amazing (though narrow) rooftop plunge pool. Great restaurants! We feel the Mandarin is the finest hotel in Barcelona.

Meals: --

Accommodations: Mandarin Oriental Barcelona

Day 3

Barcelona Full Day Private Tour

After a breakfast, a day of Gaudi will commence discovering his incomparable architectural masterpieces. Along with visiting the massive and still to be complete Sagrada Familia, you'll visit his surreal park La Pedrera, Casa Batllo, and Palau Guell. For lunch, we suggest a popular and fresh fish restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Mandarin Oriental Barcelona

Day 4

Penedes/Wine Country Biking Tour

Today you may wish to visit Penedes wine countryside, the capital of the world renowned champagne cava.

Day 5

Train Barcelona/Seville

Once you arrive at Seville Railway Station, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to the Hotel Alfonso XIII for check-in. After freshening up, you will be picked up by our representative and transferred to Tablao El Arena! Here you will experience a genuine flamenco show, reputed by Seville locals.

Hotel Alfonso XIII (RL)

Host to royals and celebrities, the 151-room 5-Star Alfonso XIII is the iconic, premier hotel of Seville. Conceived in the Andalusian style for the 1928 Exhibition of the Americas, the hotel was opened by King Alfonso XIII (hence the name!). Located in Seville's historic center, you are walking distance to the cathedral and Giralda Tower, as well as the Alcazar Palace/gardens. All rooms are decorated in Moorish, Castilian and Isabelline baroque style, the entire property completely renovated in 2012. Despite the renovation, we feel the rooms to be a bit small compared to other 5-Star hotels in Spain. That being said, the Alfonso is considered the finest luxury hotel in Seville. Nice outdoor pool and small gym, though, regrettably no spa. High-quality restaurant choices, with Taifas restaurant in the gardens near the pool being our favorite.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodations: Hotel Alfonso XIII

Day 6

Seville Full Day Private Tour

After breakfast at Hotel Alfonso, you will be met by your guide and driver for a full day private tour of Seville, the capital of Andalusia and the true essence of southern Spain. Among major historical sites: the most impressive 15th century Seville Cathedral (the third largest in the world and resting place of Christopher Columbus), La Giralda Moorish tower, and Alcaza. You will also walk through the maze of narrow streets in Barrio de Santa Cruz.

Day 7

Seville + Carmona Full Day Private Tour

You will embark on a half tour of Seville passing through the streets of Barrio de Santa Cruz, the ever green Maria Luisa Park, and the 14th La Giralda to name a few. Of special note, many garden scenes for "Game of Thrones" have been filmed here! After your tour, you have the option to venture 5000 year old Carmona.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Hotel Alfonso XIII

Day 8

Drive Seville/Marbella

As you drive Seville to Marbella you will make a stopover in the Ronda, in a remarkable mountain setting. You will then continue on to Finca Cortesin Hotel, Golf & Spa.

Finca Cortesin Hotel, Golf & Spa

This stunningly elegant 67-suite luxury resort is our most requested hotel in the Costa del Sol area. Close to the Mediterranean, below the village of Casanes, Finca successfully combines Castillian and Moorish design, all suites featuring buffed limestone floors, high ceilings and all the expected 5-Star amenities. Exceptional restaurants, including “Kabuki Raw” offering Japanese haute cuisine and a casual El Jardin de Latz serving traditional Spanish food. You may wish to take a golf cart ride on the property’s beautifully landscaped world-class golf course; parts of the course overlook the Rock of Gibraltar! With average July/Aug highs in the upper-80sF, the hotel’s impressive Beach Club will be a welcome break from the heat, in addition to the three gorgeous outdoor pools. The hotel’s luxury spa (23,000 sq. ft.) includes a huge indoor saltwater pool, in addition to a hammam (memories of Turkey!). Tennis courts and an outstanding gym are also available. Your 785 ft. x 990 ft. Executive Suite includes a porch with various nice views. Enjoy!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Finca Cortesin Hotel, Golf & Spa

Day 9

Gibraltar Excursion

A unique geopolitical locale, you journey towards the southern border of Spain to Gibraltar. With you guide at hand, you will cable up the mountainside to see the views of Africa and then venture below to St. Michael’s Cave. You may also visit World War II tunnels for insight into this turbulent time.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Finca Cortesin Hotel, Golf & Spa

Day 10

Marbella Free Day

Enjoy a day in Marbella at your leisure!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Finca Cortesin Hotel, Golf & Spa

Day 11

Drive Marbella/Granada + Fly Granada/Home

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: --



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