

# Discover Spain & Portugal

7 SEPTEMBER 2025









# Personally escorted from Adelaide by a Phil Hoffmann Travel representative. 19 day escorted tour

Embark on an exploration of Spain and Portugal, both brimming with cultural, historical, culinary and artistic delights. Enjoy delicious tapas, experience the passion of flamenco, avantgarde art, and architectural triumphs set against a back drop of sunny Mediterranean shores and grand mountain ranges. Whether it is relaxing on the beach in Costa Del Sol, sipping wine in Porto, walking the old streets of Granada, or being charmed by Seville, this tour takes in the culture and history of Spain and Portugal, and is sure to delight.

# Day 1: Sunday 7 Sep 2025 Depart Adelaide

Travel from Adelaide to Madrid.

# Day 2: Monday 8 Sep 2025 Arrive Madrid

On arrival into Madrid transfer to the hotel and enjoy a welcome drink. Discover the charm and character of Old Madrid on a walking tour with a local guide. Take in the Plaza Mayor, stroll atmospheric alleyways and local squares before enjoying a drink and bite to eat in a 'tapas' bar. (D)

Stay: Melia Hotel Madrid\* - 2 nights\*

#### Day 3: Tuesday 9 Sep 2025 Madrid

Enjoy a day of sightseeing with a local guide in Madrid. Drive through the Old Quarter, discovering the origins of the city. A highlight will be a visit to the Prado Museum. In the afternoon visit Segovia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which sits on a rocky outcrop between two rivers. Return to Madrid, to discover the buzzing nightlife, which can be found spilling out into open-air cafés and pulsing plazas. (B)

# Day 4: Wednesday 10 Sep 2025 Madrid—Toledo—Salamanca

Today travel to Toledo, situated high above the River Tagus. Enjoy a walking tour through the city walls, along the narrow-cobbled streets with a local guide. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, housing El Greco's famous painting. Learn about the tradition of swordmaking at a steel workshop. Explore the walled city of Avila to admire the

impressive city still entirely enclosed within its 11th-century walls. Arrive in Salamanca, to see the golden stone and arcades of Plaza Mayor. Enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening. (B,D) Stay: Alameda Palace Hotel\*

# Day 5: Thursday 11 Sep 2025 Salamanca—Porto

Cross the Portuguese border to reach Porto. Situated on the River Douro, the city is celebrated as the capital of Port wine. Arrive in time for a sightseeing tour of the city's UNESCO-listed medieval Ribeira Quarter, the port and the remarkable bridges that span the Douro River. Next visit a local wine store for tastings and a tour. Continue your exploration of the city, admiring the multi-coloured houses, churches adorned with glazed tiles and iconic bridges. (B)

Stay: NH Hotel Collection\*

# Day 6: Friday 12 Sep 2025 Porto—Lisbon

Travel to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned place of pilgrimage. Explore the pilgrimage site that attracts nearly seven million faithful visitors every year, the Basicila of Our Lady of Fatima. Continue to the fortified town of Óbidos and walk within its walls, exploring the narrow, medieval streets where houses are covered with flowers. In the afternoon, arrive in the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. (B) Stay: Turim Saldanha Hotel\* - 2 nights

# Day 7: Saturday 13 Sep 2025 Lisbon

Enjoy a tour with a local guide along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and beneath the hillton Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paco, the finest square in the city. Visit Belém Quarter, then taste of the famous Pastéis de Belém from a traditional patisserie. View the modern Monument to the Discoveries and the historic Belém Tower. Visit the National Coach Museum, featuring one of the most prominent horsedrawn carriage collections in the world. For dinner tonight be immersed in the culture and tradition of Lisbon and savor a typical meal and listen to the melodic sounds of beautiful Fado singing. (B,D)

# Day 8: Sunday 14 Sep 2025 Lisbon—Algarve

Today cross the River Tagus and head for the sun-drenched southern coast to reach Lagos, a fishing port nestled in the bay of Meia Praia. After free time to explore, continue to a resort hotel set within a magnificent 360-acre estate. A short walk away specialized Portuguese seafood restaurants hug the coastline, overlooking the Atlantic.

Stay: Ria Park Hotel & Spa\* - 2 nights

# Day 9: Monday 15 Sep 2025 Algarve

Today enjoy a day at leisure. (B)





# Day 10: Tuesday 16 Sep 2025 Algarve—Seville

Travel to Seville, a place of beautiful monuments, fine weather and the home of flamenco. Tour some of the city's most famous sites, including Maria Luisa Park, built in 1929 for the Ibero-American exposition, and visit to the Seville Cathedral. Stroll through Barrio de Santa Cruz and hear how the Jewish community has shaped the city's history. Enjoy a dinner at your hotel this evening. (B,D)

**Stay:** Melia Hotel Seville\* - 2 nights

#### Day 11: Wednesday 17 Sep 2025 Seville

Take in the sights on a walking tour of the preserved Moorish city of Cordoba. The highlight is undoubtedly the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th-century mosque with a Cathedral built inside. Enjoy an authentic hands-on cooking lesson. Learn about locally grown Spanish produce and then select ingredients to use later in a cooking class. (B,L)

# Day 12: Thursday 18 Sep 2025 Seville—Gibraltar—Costa Del Sol

Head to Gibraltar, part of mainland Spain yet an overseas territory under British control since 1704. Visit the Rock of Gibraltar and St. Michael's Cave. Travel along the Costa del Sol through high end resorts where the rich and famous holiday and soak in the views. (B)

Stay: Melia Costa Del Sol\* - 2 nights

# Day 13: Friday 19 Sep 2025 Costa Del Sol

Enjoy the day at leisure with a local restaurant dinner this evening. (B,D)

### Day 14: Saturday 20 Sep 2025 Torremolinos—Alfarnatejo— Granada

Travel to Alfarnatejo, a quiet whitewashed village, with a population of less than 500 people, surrounded by stunning mountainous landscape. Take a walking tour in the town centre to see the 18th century Iglesia del Santo Cristo de Cabrilla. Travel to the oldest olive grove in the region and stop at the rural mill-factory to taste a selection of different oils, paired with locally made farmer bread. Continue to Granada to visit the magnificent Alhambra Palace, built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century, it is a wonder of beautiful gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. (B)

Stay: Vincci Albayzin Hotel\*

#### Day 15: Sunday 21 Sep 2025 Granada—Valencia

Today travel to Valencia, and pass through the Old City to see its ancient gates, and the City of Arts and Sciences. Visit the Bullfight Museum housing memories and bullfighting objects from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Valencia is home to one of the world's greatest dishes, paella. Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make this local specialty during a

Cooking Demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish at dinner. (B,D)

Stay: Barcelo Hotel\*

# Day 16: Monday 22 Sep 2025 Valencia—Peniscola—Barcelona

Today follow the coast to Peñíscola to view the sea-lapped castle used in the film 'El Cid'. Continue along the Costa Dorada to the Cava Bodegas at Sant Sadurni d'Anoia. Enjoy a tasting as you learn the sparkling secrets of Spanish bubbly. Continue along the coast to reach Barcelona. (B)

**Stay:** Ohla Eixample Hotel Barcelona\* - 2 nights

# Day 17: Tuesday 23 Sep 2025 Barcelona

With a local guide drive along the Passeig de Gracia, adorned with elegant wrought iron street lamps and some of the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district to visit Gaudi's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Familia. Tonight, join your fellow travellers to toast a wonderful journey, enjoying a Celebration Dinner with wine and flamenco at a local restaurant. (B,D)

# Day 18: Wednesday 24 Sep 2025 Depart Barcelona

Transfer to the airport to begin the journey home. (B)

Day 19: Thursday 25 Sep 2025 Arrive Adelaide

\*or similar

### **Tour inclusions:**

- Return international flights from Adelaide in economy class
- 16 nights superior accommodation in Portugal and Spain
- 24 meals
- Sightseeing per itinerary with applicable fees
- Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Travel by air-conditioned coach
- Services of local professional English speaking drivers/guides
- Hotel porterage where available for 1 bag per person
- Tips / gratuities for hotel, included meals and local taxes
- Gratuities to travel director, coach drivers and local experts
- Pre departure function and tour documentation
- Escorted from Adelaide with a Phil Hoffmann Travel host

\$ 15,199

\$3,000

# tour costs:

twin share single supplement

Prices per person twin share ex Adelaide

