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TRIP START DATES

<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>APR</b>   23, 28, 30	<b>MAR</b>   04, 18
<b>MAY</b>   05, 07, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28	<b>APR</b>   01, 08, 15, 22, 27, 29
<b>JUN</b>   02, 04, 09, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25	<b>MAY</b>   04, 06, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
<b>JUL</b>   02, 09, 16, 23, 30	<b>JUN</b>   01, 03, 08, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24
<b>AUG</b>   06, 13, 20, 27	<b>JUL</b>   01, 08, 15, 22, 29
<b>SEP</b>   01, 03, 08, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24	<b>AUG</b>   05, 12, 19, 26, 31
<b>OCT</b>   01, 08, 15, 22, 29	<b>SEP</b>   02, 07, 09, 14, 16, 21, 23, 30
<b>NOV</b>   12, 19	<b>OCT</b>   07, 14, 21, 28
<b>DEC</b>   20, 27	



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Combine this trip with **Northern Spain** to create **SPANISH HERITAGE**.

REGIONAL JOURNEY  
ACTIVITY LEVEL: **BALANCED**

**9 DAYS**  
1 COUNTRY  
12 MEALS  
13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Seville:** The Cristina Heeren Foundation aims to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco and is a beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Meet the students of the foundation, learn some basic flamenco steps, and then feel the passion as they perform an emotional show.

**INSIGHT EXPERIENCES**

**Granada:** Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens. While others wait in line, you'll be exploring accompanied by a Local Expert, keen to share insights into this Moorish landmark.

Visit the Prado museum with a local art historian in Madrid.

**INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Seville:** Choose to visit the cathedral and a walk through the old Jewish quarter with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join a panoramic tour of the city and stop for a refreshing beverage.

**AUTHENTIC DINING**

Welcome Dinner in Barcelona • Paella cooking demonstration in Valencia • Celebration Dinner in Madrid.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN

*"You'll love meeting Lorenzo, a chef in Valencia; we join him for a unique cooking demonstration of an authentic paella. He is a really funny gentleman, who is very passionate about this traditional dish."* – **Philippe, Travel Director**

AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND



PLAZA DE ESPAÑA, SEVILLE



ALHAMBRA PALACE, GRANADA



FLAMENCO DANCER

A #MAKETRAVELMATTER EXPERIENCE



## DAY 1 WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Airport transfers depart from Barcelona airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

*Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at 18:00 for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.* (DW)

**NH Collection Constanza / Hilton Barcelona.**

## DAY 2 BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

**Relaxed Start.** With your Local Expert, see the Gothic Quarter, Las Ramblas and then head along the Passeig de Gràcia.

Travel through the Eixample district to visit the Sagrada Família. See the central nave with its giant, tree-like pillars, spectacular vaulting and the beautiful rainbows flooding in through the intricate stained-glass windows.

Enjoy a free afternoon to explore. (B)

## DAY 3 ALONG THE COAST TO VALENCIA

**Relaxed Start.** Follow the sunny Costa Dorada, past the rice fields of the Ebro Delta. Stop at the seaside resort of Peñíscola and see the hilltop castle used in the film 'El Cid'.

Pass through the famous orange groves to Valencia and see the City of Arts and Sciences. In Old City see its medieval gates, before arriving at your hotel.

*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 with a glass of sangria at your Highlight Dinner.* (B) (DW)

**Barceló Valencia.**

## DAY 4 EXQUISITE GRANADA AND ALHAMBRA

Travel south toward Andalucía, passing the castle at Lorca and troglodyte dwellings hollowed out of the soft rock near Guadix. Enjoy views of the Sierra Nevada mountains from a distance as you reach glorious Granada. This historic city was a Moorish

kingdom for almost eight centuries and the last stronghold to fall to the Catholic monarchs of Spain in 1492.

Overlooking Granada stands the Alhambra, one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite palace, built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century. A fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Later, stroll through the elegant exotic gardens of the Generalife, the Royal summer residence. (B) (DW)

**Meliá Granada.**

## DAY 5 A SCENIC DRIVE TO SEVILLE

The morning is at your leisure to explore as you wish. Perhaps join an Optional Experience and visit the Albaicin Quarter with a Local Expert. Here, in addition to falling in love with Granada, you will also uncover its pivotal role in European history. Continue your travels to Seville, past gleaming white villages and olive groves that stretch as far as the eye can see. (B)

**Meliá Sevilla, Seville.**

## DAY 6 SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

**Relaxed Start.** Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Seville's Cathedral, the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city and a short walk through the narrow lanes of the Santa Cruz Quarter to enjoy a refreshing beverage.

This evening, visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance.

With free time for dinner, head to nearby Lonja Del Baranco market where vendors sell tapas made from fresh, local produce. (B)

## DAY 7 MOORISH CÓRDOBA AND ON TO MADRID

Set off early and journey to Córdoba to see the famous Roman bridge, built in the 1st century BC. Meet a local historian and visit the magnificent Mezquita, a beautiful 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it.

Enjoy time at leisure to stroll the narrow streets before continuing to the capital - Madrid. (B)

**Barceló Torre de Madrid/Melia Serrano Madrid.**

## DAY 8 MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy sightseeing with your Local Expert, as they guide you through the most historic neighbourhoods in the Spanish capital. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter to discover the origins of the city.

Enjoy a special visit to the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. With the afternoon at leisure, perhaps enjoy an Optional Experience and visit beautiful Toledo?

*Join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant to toast to your adventures during a delicious Celebration Dinner served with wine.*

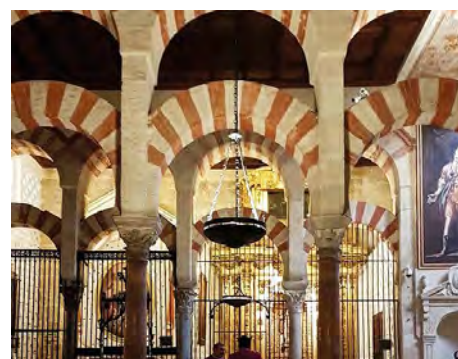
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## DAY 9 DEPART MADRID

After breakfast, transfers arrive at Madrid airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00. (B)



**AUTHENTIC DINING** Learn the traditional recipe of paella. (Photo by @Simoninsighttd, Day 3, Valencia)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Explore the incredible Mezquita with your Local Expert. (Photo by @sara.insightvacations, Day 7, Cordoba)



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## KEY

Join/Leave Options

UNESCO Heritage Site

Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

Optional Place Visited

## CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.

