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The National Trust Way to Southern Spain & Portugal

Friday 17th May - Wednesday 29th May 2019



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The National Trust Of Australia (NSW) presents Southern Spain & Portugal 2019

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Dear Member

Spain and Portugal offer some of the richest cultural heritage to be found in Europe. This small group tour will immerse you in these two passionate countries, where East meets West. From capital cities to medieval cobblestone villages and small fishing towns, we take in an intoxicating mix of people, places and sunshine as we leave stress behind. You will experience Cordoba, Granada, Seville, Cadiz, Porto, Lisbon and much in between, exploring Arabic palaces, Roman temples and Catholic Cathedrals. Such a mix of treasures, awaiting your discovery!

Jill Bunning

National Trust Tours Committee

Itinerary

DAY ONE - FRIDAY 17 MAY (D)

Madrid welcome.

On arrival at Madrid airport you will be met by your Tour Manager and transferred to your hotel. Tonight enjoy a welcome drink and dinner in your hotel.

Overnight Madrid: Hotel Hospes Puerta de Alcalá.

DAY TWO - SATURDAY 18 MAY (B, D)

Cordoba's Mesquita and Granada.

Travelling by AVE express train we enter Andalusia and reach Córdoba late morning. Here we are joined by a local guide who will show us the major sights and take us through the famous 8th century, UNESCO World Heritage Listed Mesquita – the Cathedral and former Great Mosque of Córdoba. Later we join our touring coach and drive through to the famous city of Granada where we stay two nights. Dinner tonight is in your wonderful hotel.

Overnight Granada: Alhambra Palace Hotel.

DAY THREE - SUNDAY 19 MAY (B)

Alhambra Palace and 'My Time' in Granada.

This morning we are joined by a local guide who will take us through the incredible Alhambra and Generalife Gardens. With origins dating back to the 9th century and named for its reddish walls, this fortress complex looms high over the city. In the 13th and 14th century the Moorish Emirates built the famous Nasrid Palaces surrounded by lavish gardens and courtyards. Moorish poets once described the Alhambra as "a pearl set in emeralds". This is one of the great sights of the world. This afternoon will be free in Granada's old town which boasts a mixture of original Arab and Christian architecture, the Cathedral and Royal Chapel.

Overnight Granada: Alhambra Palace Hotel.



DAY FOUR - MONDAY 20 MAY (B, D)

Stunning Ronda and Seville.

Cutting through the mountains we reach Ronda. Retaining much of its historic charm, it is famous for being divided by the deep El Tajo gorge which carries the Rio Guadalevín through its centre. The 18th century Puente Nuevo 'new' bridge, which spans the 100m chasm below, has stunning views out over the Serranía de Ronda Mountains. Take time to walk over the bridge and explore the old quarter looking for a characterful taberna to enjoy a leisurely lunch. Later we continue to Seville where we stay the next three nights.

Overnight Seville: Las Casas de la Juderia Sevilla.

DAY FIVE - TUESDAY 21 MAY (B, D)

Seville sightseeing and 'My Time'.

Welcome to the home of Carmen, Don Juan and Figaro. This morning we are joined by a local guide who will take us through the enormous cathedral and bring to life this wonderful capital of Andalusia. Your afternoon is at leisure. The Santa Cruz quarter is famous for its narrow streets, flowered balconies and hidden patios. Nearby are the Giralda Tower and the royal palace, the Alcazars of Seville. This evening we have included a special evening out to enjoy dinner and a traditional Flamenco show.

Overnight Seville: Las Casas de la Juderia Sevilla.

DAY SIX - WEDNESDAY 22 MAY (B)

Atlantic port of Cadiz, Seville and Flamenco lesson.

A leisurely start today as we enjoy an excursion to the Atlantic port of Cadiz. Situated on a peninsula, the seafront is lined with centuries-old houses and behind this you will find the grand cathedral surrounded by a historic centre of honeycombed narrow streets. Returning to Seville, the rest of your afternoon is free. How would you like to learn how to dance the Flamenco? For those of you who are interested we have included a special treat as we visit a Flamenco Dancing School to try our hand at this flamboyant folk dance. Don't wish to dance? Then come along and just sit and enjoy the spectacle, as it is so much fun! Your evening is free and the old town near the flamenco school is bursting with tapas bars, lively cafés and restaurants, perfect for 'tapas hopping'.

Overnight Seville: Las Casas de la Juderia Sevilla.

Sightseeing suggestion Seville

You might choose to visit La Casa de Pilatos, an Andalusian palace which still serves as the permanent residence of the Dukes of Medinaceli. The building is an eclectic mixture of Renaissance Italian and Mudéjar Spanish styles with beautiful tiles and a fascinating portrait collection. Or delve more deeply into the Spanish cultural traditions, perhaps visiting the 18th century bull fighting ring at the Plaza de Toros de la Real Maestranza de Caballería de Sevilla and learn about the Spanish Inquisition at Museo Del Castillo De San Jorge on the other side of the river.

DAY SEVEN - THURSDAY 23 MAY (B, D)

Évora sightseeing and Cascais.

Driving into Portugal we stop at the UNESCO World Heritage Listed town of Évora where a local guide joins us for a walking tour to discover the town's rich history which spans 2000 years. The compact centre of town is easily explored on foot and boasts a Roman temple, Moorish buildings, Christian monasteries and convents. Later we continue to Cascais where we stay the next three nights.

Overnight Cascais: Pestana Cidadela Cascais.

DAY EIGHT - FRIDAY 24 MAY (B)

Lisbon sightseeing and 'My Time'.

Today is spent exploring Lisbon. We meet our local guide for a tour to see the major sights of this wonderful, historical city – from the Belem Tower, to the fairytale palaces and the Discoveries Monument, built on the north bank of the Tagus River. The highlight will be a guided tour through the Jeronimos Monastery. Later we will stop to enjoy coffee and Portuguese Pastel de Nata (small, soft custard pies – served hot). Your afternoon is at leisure amongst Lisbon's grand sights, paved avenues, shops, cafés and colourful trams.

Overnight Cascais: Pestana Cidadela Cascais.

Sightseeing suggestion Seville

The Castelo de São Jorge is one of Lisbon's most distinctive monuments, situated on the city's highest hill. The castle itself was founded in the 10th and 11th centuries, when Lisbon was an important Moorish port. Inside the walls, you will find a museum, where you can see a presentation of the history of Lisbon.



DAY NINE - SATURDAY 25 MAY (B, D)

Palace de Pena and old town of Sintra.

Today we visit the Palace de Pena and explore the old town of Sintra. Dating back 500 years the Palace de Pena was originally a peaceful monastery until destroyed by an earthquake. Due to its fantastic hill top location Ferdinand II rebuilt it to be the luxurious summer palace of the royal family. With stupendous views – on a clear day you can easily see Lisbon – the palace is one of the greatest expressions of 19th century architectural romanticism in the world. We have included a guided visit through this UNESCO World Heritage site which is also classified as one of the 'Seven Wonders of Portugal'. Later, we will enjoy lunchtime in the delightful town of Sintra. Its noble villas and palaces prompted Lord Byron to say the town was "perhaps in every respect the most delightful in Europe". The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure in Lisbon. This evening we have included a special treat and enjoy dinner and a traditional Portuguese Fado show.

Overnight Cascais: Pestana Cidadela Cascais.

DAY TEN - SUNDAY 26 MAY (B, D)

Obidos, Nazaré and Porto.

Travelling north we enjoy a morning stop in medieval Obidos. Known as one of Europe's most romantic medieval villages, you will find picturesque cobblestone streets lined with colourful houses adorned with geraniums and bougainvillea and whitewashed churches – all of which is encircled by the walls of a 12th century castle. Lunchtime will be spent in the traditional fishing village of Nazaré. Here we have also included a funicular ride up to the overhanging village of Sitia, to take in the breathtaking views of the coastline. We continue to Porto where we stay three nights.

Overnight Porto: Pestana Vintage Porto.



DAY ELEVEN - MONDAY 27 MAY (B, L)

Porto sightseeing and 'My Time'.

After a city tour with a local guide, we cross the River Douro to Cais de Gaia. The city's stunning skyline is enhanced by the picturesque boats and the soaring Dom Luis Bridge. Here we visit one of the port wine warehouses to sample this famous brew and enjoy tapas lunch with a view over Porto. The rest of the day is completely free. Visit the Avenida dos Aliados – a sloping boulevard lined with grand buildings, and the medieval streets and dark alleyways of the Ribeira which meander down to the riverfront square ("Praça da Ribeira"), the most picturesque spot in the city. Here you will find traditional boats moored by the quayside, overlooked by colourful trader's houses..

Overnight Porto: Pestana Vintage Porto.

Sightseeing suggestion Seville

Visit the ornate church of Saint Francis the most prominent Gothic museum in Porto, with its golden baroque interior, the fortress-like cathedral, the tower of the Clerigos church and the magnificent Town Hall.

DAY TWELVE - TUESDAY 28 MAY (B)

Bom Jesus Sanctuary, Guimarães and Wine Tasting.

First stop on our full day excursion is at Braga where we take a funicular train up to the famous Bom Jesus Sanctuary. Built in 1784, this twin towered neoclassical church sits on top of a hill, above an enormous baroque staircase lined with chapels. Lunchtime will be spent amongst the medieval streets and historic monuments in the birthplace of Portugal – Guimarães. Later in the afternoon we sample Vinho Verde at the Aveleda Wine Estate with its magnificent gardens.

Overnight Porto: Pestana Vintage Porto.

DAY THIRTEEN - WEDNESDAY 29 MAY (B)

After breakfast we will transfer you to the airport for your flight.



Booking Conditions

TOUR PRICE

COST (Land only) \$8990.00 per person twin share
Single Supplement \$2250.00

INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES

To book airfares or request upgrade prices for business or first class seats through Travel on Capri, please contact reservations. A quote for the airfare will be provided upon request, however please note, given the fluctuating airline prices, airfares are only guaranteed when full payment is made.

INCLUDED IN COST:

- Tour Escort Jill Bunning from the National Trust Tours Committee will accompany the tour in Italy
- Full time local tour manager
- Local guides
- Air-conditioned coach with driver
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels as follows:
Hotel Hospes Puerta de Alcalá / Madrid Alhambra Palace Hotel / Granada Las Casas de la Juderia Sevilla / Seville - Pestana Cidadela Cascais / Cascais – Pestana Vintage Porto
Please note hotels are subject to change but any replacements would be of a similar standard
- Meals- breakfast daily, 1 lunch and 7 dinners
- Entries and guided tours as indicated in the itinerary
- Porterage in and out of hotels
- Tips to tour guides and driver are included

***All due care will be taken to ensure inclusions will be delivered as agreed. In case of changes beyond our control, we will provide viable alternatives.**

NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST:

Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, drinks, travel insurance, excess baggage, laundry, all extra communication charges incurred on a passengers' behalf and meals not specified in the itinerary.

SINGLE TRAVELLERS:

For travellers wishing sole use of a room, we are obliged to charge a single supplement for the hotel room rate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Please apply for enrolment promptly. All reservations are subject to availability at the time of booking. A non-refundable deposit of \$1000.00 per person by cash or cheque is required within 7 days of reservation.
- Final payment is due by 17th February 2019 and is non refundable inside 90 days from departure.
- Payment by credit card will incur a surcharge of 1.3%.
- A full refund will be given if the Tour is cancelled by the Tour operator.
- Travel Insurance: This is compulsory for all tours. Insurance brochures will be sent with deposit receipts. Travel Insurance is available and recommended to cover your additional expenses caused by strikes, transport delays, or due to injury or sickness of a passenger or relative.
- Depending on weather conditions and exceptional circumstances, day trips may be cancelled or varied.

HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION

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CHANGES TO THE ITINERARY:

Tour cost is based on land costs and rates of exchange as of 2nd August 2018.

Tour price is based on minimum tour membership of 15 persons. In the event that minimum tour membership is not achieved a surcharge to the published tour price may be payable. In the event such a surcharge exceeds 10% of the published tour price the tour member may cancel his/her reservation without incurring any cancellation charges, provided such cancellation is received in writing within 7 days of the issue of surcharge advice.

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