

The Alhambra

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Cathedral in Sevilla



Arches within Mezquita

Day 1: September 5, 2026 • Depart

We depart on our overnight flight to Madrid, Spain.

Day 2: September 6, 2026 • Madrid

Upon arrival in Madrid, the capital of Spain, we clear customs, and meet our driver and tour manager. A local guide joins us as we explore Spain's largest city. Our sightseeing includes the Plaza de España where a statue of writer Miguel de Cervantes looks down on his two famous characters, Don Quixote and Sancho Panza. We pass several city gates and fountains including Cibeles Fountain, where the distinctive Banco de España and Madrid's Town Hall are located. Our guide also takes us on a stroll through Old Madrid to see other highlights such as Spain's Puerta de Sol and the historic Plaza Mayor in the heart of the city. After some time for lunch, we tour the spectacular Palacio Real, Europe's third-greatest palace. Built in the 18th century and used now only for official engagements, the palace has 2800 rooms filled with luxurious tapestries, magnificent chandeliers, mosaics, priceless porcelain and gilded works of art. Then check into our hotel and have time to relax before dinner. **B/D**

Day 3: September 7, 2026 • Madrid

Today we enjoy a guided tour of Segovia, a city famous for its 2000-year-old aqueduct that was used until the late 19th century. A local guide introduces us to this amazing town. The highlight of the tour is the Alcázar, a mighty fortress from the Middle Ages that affords a beautiful view of the surrounding countryside. After lunch, there is plenty of time to explore this city that is filled with twisting alleyways, medieval walls and Romanesque churches. Afterwards, we return to Madrid for a special tapas dinner. **B/D**

Day 4: September 8, 2026 • Madrid

The day is free to explore Madrid at your own pace. You might enjoy shopping along the elegant Gran Vía or in the boutiques and markets around Plaza Mayor and Puerta del Sol. Art lovers could visit the Reina Sofia, home to Picasso's Guernica and works by Dalí, Miró, and Kandinsky, or spend time at the renowned Prado Museum and the Thyssen-Bornemisza for a broader art experience. For a more leisurely day, stroll through the beautiful Retiro Park, rent a rowboat on its lake, or stop at a café for churros and chocolate. Dinner is on your own to sample the city's lively tapas scene or one of Madrid's many fine restaurants. **B**

Day 5: September 9, 2026 • Córdoba

Today's destination is Andalusia, a region in southern Spain. Our

first stop is in Toledo, Spain's capital city until 1561. Our guided tour includes Toledo Cathedral, considered one of the most magnificent cathedrals in Europe. The structure features 500-year-old stained glass windows, lavish wood carvings and a sacristy with a superb collection of El Grecos and works by other famous painters. We also pass by the Sinagoga del Tránsito, a synagogue from 1361 that today serves as Spain's national Jewish Museum. Another gem is Santo Tomé, which houses The Burial of the Count of Orgaz, one of El Greco's masterpieces. After our tour, we have some free time for lunch and shopping before continuing to Córdoba. **B/D**

Day 6: September 10, 2026 • Córdoba

This morning in Córdoba we tour the Mezquita, the great mosque that was begun in 785 and took two centuries to complete. With around 850 columns inside, it is considered one of the best examples of Muslim architecture in the West. The structure is also unique because set inside the labyrinth of horseshoe arches and beautiful mosaics is a cathedral that was added in the 16th century. Our guide also takes us through the Jewish quarter that is lined with towering walls, narrow streets and buildings with ornate wrought ironwork. Afterwards, the day is free to explore. Dinner is on your own. **B**

Day 7 September 11, 2026 • Sevilla

Today, we have a short drive to Sevilla where a local guide gives us a tour. After strolling through María Luisa Park, we visit the nearby Plaza de España and other pavilions built for the 1929 Ibero-American Exhibition. The city also boasts the Alcázar, the oldest royal palace in Europe that's still in use. The highlight of the tour is the Sevilla Cathedral, the third-largest church in Europe and the largest Gothic church anywhere. The immense cathedral took over a century to build and is the burial site for Christopher Columbus. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore the Barrio Santa Cruz, the former Jewish Quarter that is filled with narrow lanes, cafés and small shops. This evening, we experience a traditional Flamenco program with guitar playing, singing and dancing. **B/D**

Day 8: September 12, 2026 • Granada

We drive east today to Granada. Our guided tour today focuses on the city's other sights, including the Granada Cathedral, the second largest in Spain, the Royal Chapel, a lavish mausoleum with the tombs of Queen Isabel and King Ferdinand, the Alcaicería, a former Moorish silk market that is now filled with tiny shops and restaurants, and The Albayzín, Spain's best-preserved Moorish quarter. The rest of the afternoon is free to walk the city that once was the grandest in Spain. **B**

*Aerial view of Málaga
taken from Gibralfaro castle*



Day 9: September 13, 2026 • Granada

This morning, we tour the world-famous Alhambra, a magnificent Moorish fortress and palace that is one of Europe's top tourist sights. Once the Moorish royal palace, the Palacios Nazaries is filled with intricate patios, pools, arches and extravagantly decorated ceilings. We also visit Charles V's Palace and Alcazaba, the oldest part of the complex. Next, we walk to the nearby Generalife Gardens that were once used by the sultans as a summer palace retreat. Later, we tour an olive oil estate and have the chance to sample some of the world's finest olive oil. **B/D**

Day 10: September 14, 2026 • Málaga

We head for the Costa del Sol and the beach-front city of Málaga. Our walking tour introduces us to the 11th-century fortress Alcazaba, situated right next to the Roman amphitheater. We continue up to Gibralfaro Castle, perched high above the city, offering sweeping views of Málaga's harbor and coastline. We then stroll through the Park Paseo and see the Centre Pompidou, a colorful cube-shaped building, as well as the magnificent stained-glass window of Mercado Atarazanas. The afternoon and evening are at leisure to visit one of the many museums, enjoy a sunset dinner at the port, or join the crowds strolling through the lively shopping district. Although we have one more night in Spain, this evening we'll celebrate our journey with a special farewell dinner, sharing stories and laughter from our time together. **B/D**

Day 11: September 15, 2026 • Madrid

This morning is yours to enjoy beautiful Málaga at your own pace! Take a stroll along the beach, relax at a seaside café, or browse the shops and markets for last-minute souvenirs. You might visit the Picasso Museum or simply soak up the atmosphere of this vibrant coastal city. In the afternoon, we board the high-speed train back to Madrid, where we check into our hotel and enjoy dinner together. **B/D**

Day 12: September 16, 2026 • Return

After breakfast, we say *adiós* to Spain and the unforgettable cities that have captured our hearts—Madrid's grand boulevards, Córdoba's stunning Mezquita, the charm and rhythm of Seville, the Alhambra's splendor in Granada, and the sun-soaked shores of Málaga. Transfer to the Madrid airport for your return flight to the United States. As you journey home, reflect on the history, culture, and friendships that made this adventure so special. From flamenco and Moorish palaces to tapas and laughter shared along the way, the memories of Spain will stay with you long after you return home. ¡Hasta luego, España! **B**

Tour Price: \$5,899

Prices are *Land and estimated air from Minneapolis per person, double occupancy* with a minimum of 25 paying participants

Single supplements: \$1,325

Your Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Coach transportation from Rochester to Minneapolis
- Estimated **Roundtrip airfare** from Minneapolis to Madrid, related taxes and fees (\$1,095). Other gateways available.
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per the itinerary**
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
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- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as indicated below.

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- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager and coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees.
(*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.*)

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Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast, D=Dinner

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