

Spain's Classics

Departing
November 10, 2012



Highlights....

- Madrid • Royal Palace • Toledo •
- Cordoba • Seville • Flamenco Show • Granada •
- Alhambra • Valencia • Lladro-City of Porcelain
- Museum of Las Fallas • Barcelona

11 Days • 15 Meals: 9 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 5 Dinners

Per Person Rates: **Double \$3,399**; Single \$3,949; Triple \$3,369

RSVP by June 3, 2012. Deposit of \$250 per person is due upon reservation.

Final payment due on September 4, 2012.

Includes: Land, Air from El Paso & Hotel Transfers.

Your Itinerary at a Glance

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Day	1	Overnight Flight
Day	2, 3	Melia Galgos Hotel, Madrid
Day	4, 5	Melia Sevilla, Seville or Melia Lebreros, Seville
Day	6	Hotel Tryp Albayzin, Granada
Day	7, 8	Hotel Tryp Oceanic , Valencia
Day	9, 10	Hotel Colon, Barcelona
<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>		

Collette Experiences

- ★ Tour Toledo, the former capital of the Spanish Empire.
- ★ Enjoy reserved seating at a flamenco performance in Seville.
 - ★ Visit 9 UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- ★ Enjoy two nights in captivating Madrid, Seville, Valencia, and Barcelona.
- ★ Visit the monumental Royal Palace, official residence of the royal family.
 - ★ Regional wine is included with every dinner.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's capital and largest city. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Madrid - Royal Palace - Toledo - Madrid

During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic center, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. A guided tour of the monumental, 18th century Royal Palace reveals lavish halls, banquet rooms, the throne room, royal armory and the impressive courtyard. **This afternoon travel to Toledo, a UNESCO site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13th century synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage.** Also stop in the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Today, your Tour Manager provides a brief lesson on the origin and history of the Spanish language. Then, travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. This UNESCO site, an architectural marvel, built by the Moors in the 8th century as a magnificent mosque, was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital." *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Seville

Today you will see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral, a UNESCO site, and Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint old Santa Cruz Quarter with its bright flowers, white-washed buildings and winding streets; then continue to Plaza D'España and the beautiful Maria Luisa Park, one of the loveliest in all of Europe. **A local flamenco dancer joins you for a typical "tapas lunch" featuring small portions of hot and cold specialties; here you learn about the history, culture and artistry of flamenco.** This evening, take your reserved seats for an authentic flamenco show featuring Seville's top performers. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 6: Seville - Granada

Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. **Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra, the immense hilltop palace that is a UNESCO site.** Also tour the Generalife, meaning "garden of the architect," where the

grounds are beautifully designed with waterfalls, courtyards and smaller secret gardens. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Granada - Valencia

Today you travel through Spain's amazing landscape viewing rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves while en route to the Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Valencia - Lladro - Valencia

A city tour of historic Valencia features the ornate 14th century Serranos Tower and imposing 15th century Quart Tower. You'll also see the bustling central market, one of the largest in Europe, and view the Gothic Cathedral, where construction began in 1262 on the site of an ancient mosque. Your trip to Valencia would not be complete without a stop at Lonja, the old Silk Exchange, recognized by UNESCO as one of the most beautiful buildings of European civil Gothic architecture. **Later, visit Lladro-City of Porcelain and learn about the history and creative process of the world-famous, hand-made Lladro figurines.** The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to explore Valencia's amazing buildings and museums independently and stroll the walkways of the impressive City of Arts & Sciences. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 9: Valencia - Museum of Las Fallas - Barcelona

Begin your day with a visit to the Museum of Las Fallas where you will see figurines from the last 80 years of the Las Fallas festival. Learn about this unique, spectacular festival from assembly and costumes to fireworks and the night of burning. Later, travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 10: Barcelona

Today, get an in-depth look at vibrant and lively Barcelona. Your locally guided tour showcases Las Ramblas Boulevard, the most famous in Barcelona, dotted with bird and flower stalls. Also see Columbus Monument; Parc Montjuic; Antonio Gaudi's UNESCO World Heritage sites including "La Sagrada Familia," Parc Guell, Bartlo House and the unconventional Casa Mila building. This afternoon continue to explore colorful Barcelona on your own. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a lovely trip to Spain! *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 11: Barcelona - Tour Ends

You return home with vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience The Flamenco

"El cante," "el baile," and "la guitarra." Combine the three into one romantic tour de force, and you have the essence of the flamenco...the song, the dance and the guitar. The flamenco's roots began in southern Spain as a 17th-century art form created by Andalusian gypsies. Similar to the blues that originated in America's Deep South, the "cante," or song, was a way for the gypsies to express their sorrow and repression. They sang their lyrics in the dark mines where they worked, using verse to help ease each other's personal grief. As the 18th-century approached, the gypsies gained more legal rights and many were able to purchase musical instruments. Soon the "guitarria," or guitar, was added to their repertoire. The "baile," or dance, quickly followed - and like any great art form, the flamenco took off. Soon performances in more mainstream venues like local cafes and dance halls combined with old-fashioned commercialism to make the flamenco the national dance of Spain.

Please Note:

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates. At times, without advance notice, the Royal Palace in Madrid may be closed due to official government business. When this happens, the Royal Palace will be substituted with a visit to the Modern Art Museum. To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts. Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 PM. Rooms may not be available prior to that time. This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

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