



Spain & Portugal

April 7 - 19, 2011 (Fly)
(13 days - 12 nights)

Departing Abilene

Day 1: Thursday, April 7, 2011 **Overnight Flight**
Motorcoach to DFW to board our overnight flight to Lisbon and begin our journey to Spain and Portugal.

Day 2: Friday, April 8, 2011 **Lisbon, Portugal**
Welcome to Portugal, where quaint farming villages, cork and olive tree plantations dot the landscape. Enjoy Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital city. Tonight, begin our journey with a welcome dinner.

Day 3: Saturday, April 9, 2011 **Lisbon, Portugal**
A tour of Lisbon features the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimo's Monastery, Monument to the Discoveries and the Tower of Belem. Tonight, enjoy a dinner complete with local cuisine and Fado music at Adega Machado's restaurant.

Day 4: Sunday, April 10, 2011 **Lisbon, Portugal**
Our day on Portugal's "Silver Coast" begins in the pilgrimage town of Fatima. View the Batalha Monastery, an example of Manueline Architecture, and travel to the quaint towns of Nazare and Obidos.

Day 5: Monday, April 11, 2011 **Madrid, Spain**
Depart Lisbon and cross the border into Spain. Enjoy a day viewing the countryside of Portugal and Spain before arriving in the capital city of Spain – Madrid.

Day 6: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 **Madrid, Spain**
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 Prado Museum, open since 1819, provides us with an historical and cultural perspective of this magnificent museum that boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. 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.

Highlights Include:

- Lisbon
- Nazare, Fatima and Obidos
- Madrid
- Jeronimo's Monastery
- Monument to the Discoveries
- Prado Museum
- Toledo
- Cordoba
- Seville
- Flamenco Show
- Granada
- Alhambra Palace
- Valencia
- Barcelona

Day 7: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 **Seville, Spain**
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 our exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital."

Day 8: Thursday, April 14, 2011 **Seville, Spain**
Today we 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 us for a typical "tapas lunch" featuring small

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portions of hot and cold specialties; here we learn about the history, culture and artistry of flamenco. This evening we have reserved seats for an authentic flamenco show featuring Seville's top performers.

Day 9: Friday, April 15, 2011

Granada, Spain

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. We 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.

Day 10: Saturday, April 16, 2011

Valencia, Spain

Today we 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.

Day 11: Sunday, April 17, 2011

Barcelona, Spain

A city tour of historic Valencia features the ornate 14th century Serranos Tower and imposing 15th century Quart Tower. We will 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. Our 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.

Day 12: Monday, April 18, 2011

Barcelona, Spain

Get an in-depth look at Barcelona, one of the most vibrant and lively cities in Spain! Our 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 works including "La Sagrada Familia," a UNESCO site which is still under construction; Parc Guell, and the unconventional Casa Mila building. This afternoon you will have leisure time to continue exploring colorful Barcelona on your own. Tonight we gather for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a lovely trip to Spain!

Day 13: Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Home

With vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage we will board our return flight to DFW where our motorcoach will be waiting to return us to Abilene.

Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!

Price Includes:

- Roundtrip transportation to DFW from Abilene
- Roundtrip air from DFW;
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- 11 nights hotel accommodations
- Hotel baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage
- Meals: 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 7 dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions per itinerary
- Gratuities for drivers and local guides
- Services of a tour escort

Price subject to fuel supplement surcharges by airlines or other vendors

Cost:

\$4339 per person (2 people per room)

\$5039 per person (1 person per room)

**\$450 deposit + \$270 insurance (optional)
due upon booking**

Final due January 21, 2011

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