






# Spain & Portugal Christmas

## Tour Overview

 <b>Start Point</b> Madrid	 <b>End Point</b> Madrid	 <b>Meals</b> 8 Breakfasts   4 Dinners	 <b>Transport</b> Air-conditioned coach	 <b>Tour Type</b> Fully-guided tour
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## Itinerary

### Day 1: Start of tour in Madrid

 Dinner  Sercotel Madrid

Welcome to Madrid and the start of your Spain and Portugal Christmas tour! Meet up with your tour leader and group at the hotel this morning. Then, explore Madrid in all its festive glory with a local guide! This evening, sit down for an included welcome dinner. Enjoy your first taste of Spain and get to know your fellow explorers!

#### Included:

ESPXMAS - Explore Madrid

ESPXMAS - Enjoy a welcome dinner in Madrid

### Day 2: Toledo - Granada

 Breakfast  Abades Nevada Palace

Travel south to the UNESCO-listed town of Toledo. The Gothic architecture and beautiful cathedral will leave you speechless! Next, drive to the Moorish city of Granada. Enjoy an orientation tour and see the most famous sites, including a view of the iconic Alhambra. Be sure to pre-book this evening's unmissable Granada Local Food & Wine Pairing optional excursion!

#### Included:

ESPXMAS - Visit Toledo

ESPXMAS - Discover the delights of Granada

#### Optionals:

Granada Local Food & Wine Pairing

### Day 3: Granada - Ronda - Seville (Christmas Eve)

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Porcel Torneo

This morning offers the incredible opportunity to visit the majestic Alhambra Palace & Gardens. This must be booked prior to the start of the tour. Later, travel through Andalusia, stopping in Ronda. Admire views of the famous 'Puente Nuevo' bridge and the surrounding countryside scenery. Then, head to Seville for a driving tour followed by a delicious local dinner.

#### Included:

ESPXMAS - Admire the views from Puente Nuevo in Ronda

ESPXMAS - See Seville on a driving tour

ESPXMAS - Enjoy a local dinner in Seville

#### Optionals:

Alhambra Palace & Gardens

### Day 4: Seville (Christmas Day): Free Day

 Breakfast  Hotel Porcel Torneo

Feliz Navidad! Start the day by exploring the old town with a local guide. If a full day of memorable experiences is what you seek, join today's optional excursion (must be pre-booked)! Visit the Gothic-Mudejar Casa de Pilatos, enjoy a three-course lunch and explore Las Setas, a spellbinding architectural complex. This evening, opt for a festive Flamenco Show & Dinner!

#### Included:

### Optionals:

Christmas in Seville: Heritage & Modernity

Seville Flamenco Show & Dinner

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## Day 5: Algarve - Lisbon

 Breakfast, Dinner  VIP Executive Art's Hotel

Cross the border into Portugal and enjoy a stop along the Algarve, Portugal's picturesque southern coastal region. On arrival in Lisbon, embark on a driving tour of this capital city. See the Tagus River, the Belém Tower and the Padrão dos Descobrimentos monument! Take note of spots to revisit or explore further tomorrow on your free day.

### Included:

ESPXMAS - Visit the Algarve

ESPXMAS - Enjoy a driving tour of Lisbon

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## Day 6: Lisbon: Free Day

 Breakfast  VIP Executive Art's Hotel

Discover Lisbon at your leisure today! Consider the optional trip to Sintra, Portugal's Romantic capital, complete with mountains, palaces, parks and the dazzling Pena Palace, yours to explore at your own pace. Or, visit the impressive Fatima Sanctuary and Coin Caves! Don't forget to try some local cuisine like irresistible Pastéis de nata, or a Bifana (pork or beef sandwich).

### Optionals:

Colours of Sintra: The Essence of Pena Palace

Fátima Sanctuary & Coin Caves

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## Day 7: Obidos - Porto

 Breakfast  Park Hotel Porto Gaia

En route to Porto, visit Obidos, a fortified town with cobbled streets, charming houses and a hilltop castle. Arrive in Porto and enjoy a local-guided tour of top sights including the Cathedral, Clerigos Tower, and Luis I bridge. Later, enjoy an authentic Port wine tasting! Tonight, consider the optional evening Fado show followed by dinner along the Douro River.

### Included:

ESPXMAS - Visit Obidos

ESPXMAS - Enjoy a driving and walking tour of Porto

ESPXMAS - Taste Port

### Optionals:

Fado & Feast by the Douro

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## Day 8: Ciudad Rodrigo - Salamanca

 Breakfast, Dinner  Zenit Hall 88 Studios

Crossing the border back to Spain, stop in Ciudad Rodrigo, a 12th-century fortified cathedral city. This afternoon, arrive in Salamanca. After some time to freshen up at the hotel, embark on a locally-guided tour of Spain's enchanting "Golden City". Tonight, look forward to a three-course farewell dinner featuring delicious dishes from the province of Salamanca!

### Included:

ESPXMAS - Visit Ciudad Rodrigo

ESPXMAS - Explore Salamanca

ESPXMAS - Enjoy a farewell dinner in Salamanca

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## Day 9: Avila - Madrid

 Breakfast

It's the last day of this unforgettable Spain & Portugal Christmas holiday! Travel from Salamanca to Avila. This ancient town is celebrated for its centuries-old city walls which have been remarkably well-preserved. Continue to Madrid where the tour concludes this afternoon. Be sure to swap contact details and memories with your newly-made travel friends before saying goodbye!

**Included:**

ESPXMAS - Visit Avila

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