






# Spain & Portugal in Low Season

## Tour Overview

 <b>Start Point</b> Madrid	 <b>End Point</b> Madrid	 <b>Meals</b> 11 Breakfasts   6 Dinners	 <b>Transport</b> Air-conditioned coach	 <b>Tour Type</b> Fully-guided tour
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## Itinerary

### Day 1: Madrid - Toledo - Granada

 Hotel Porcel Sabica

Welcome to your 12-day Spain and Portugal tour! Meet your tour leader and group in Madrid before heading to Toledo, an enchanting UNESCO-listed town with fairytale architecture. Continue to Granada for a tour of this Moorish city and overnight stay. Join the Granada Local Food & Wine Pairing excursion tonight - click here for more information and to book now!

#### Included:

ESPLS - Visit Toledo

ESPLS - Discover the delights of Granada

#### Optionals:

Granada Local Food & Wine Pairing

### Day 2: Granada - Nerja - Costa del Sol

 Breakfast, Dinner  Victoria Beach

This morning, visit the Alhambra Palace! As this is one of Spain's most extraordinary sights, this optional excursion must be pre-booked - click here to book! Then travel to Costa del Sol, viewing the impressive Aqueduct Eagle before reaching charming Nerja. Continue to Malaga, known for its beautiful beaches and architecture. Enjoy an orientation tour and free time before dinner tonight.

#### Included:

ESPLS - Soak up the sun in Costa del Sol

#### Optionals:

Alhambra Palace & Gardens

### Day 3: Malaga - Ronda - Seville

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Porcel Torneo

After breakfast, travel to Ronda, a mountaintop city on both sides of the Tajo Gorge. Soak up the spectacular scenery from the famous Puente Nuevo. Later, travel to Seville. Take in the iconic sights of this magical city which is known as the "Pearl of Andalusia" on a locally-guided tour. Later, enjoy an included dinner at a local restaurant.

#### Included:

ESPLS - Admire the views from Puente Nuevo in Ronda

ESPLS - See Seville on a driving tour

ESPLS - Enjoy a local dinner in Seville

### Day 4: Seville: Free Day

 Breakfast  Hotel Porcel Torneo

Explore the many wonders of Seville today! Today's optional excursion offers the opportunity to visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites - the breathtaking Seville Alcázar and Seville Cathedral. Alternatively, choose to wander the city at your own pace. Tonight, why not experience Flamenco in its birthplace at an optional Flamenco dinner show? This colourful performance is sure to captivate!

#### Optionals:

## Day 5: Seville - Algarve

 Breakfast  Hotel Baltum

Leave Spain for Portugal's magnificent Algarve region, stopping in two picture-perfect destinations. Visit Tavira for an orientation tour, spotting the Old Bridge and Tavira Castle. Experience a cork factory tour with liquor tasting before continuing to Faro, the Algarve's capital. Explore Faro's pedestrian-friendly old town surrounded by mountain scenery and discover its historic centre including the impressive Cathedral.

### Included:

- ESPLS - Visit the Algarve
  - ESPLS - Tour a cork factory
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## Day 6: Algarve - Lisbon

 Breakfast, Dinner  VIP Executive Art's Hotel

After breakfast, travel to Portugal's captivating capital - Lisbon! Discover the many magical sights of this historic city on a driving tour. Drive along the Tagus River and spot iconic landmarks like the Monument to the Discoveries, Jeronimos Monastery and Belem Tower. Enjoy free time before tonight's dinner. Look forward to a three-course meal of delicious local dishes.

### Included:

- ESPLS - Enjoy a driving tour of Lisbon
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## Day 7: Lisbon: Free Day

 Breakfast  VIP Executive Art's Hotel

Experience a free day in Lisbon! Join the optional trip to Fátima, Portugal's most celebrated religious pilgrimage site, and visit the limestone Coin Caves and impressive Sanctuary. This afternoon, explore the colourful Pena Palace at your own pace on an optional half-day excursion to Sintra, Portugal's fairytale UNESCO-listed capital of Romanticism.

### Optionals:

- Fátima Sanctuary & Coin Caves
  - Colours of Sintra: The Essence of Pena Palace
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## Day 8: Lisbon - Obidos - Nazaré - Porto

 Breakfast, Dinner  Park Hotel Porto Gaia

Leaving Lisbon behind, head to Porto. En route, visit Obidos, a dreamy medieval town home to picture-perfect houses, a striking castle and winding cobblestone streets. Next, stop in Nazaré, a coastal town home to the world's biggest waves! Arrive in Porto and embark on a guided tour, followed by a Port wine tasting. Enjoy dinner before hotel check-in.

### Included:

- ESPLS - Visit Obidos
  - ESPLS - Watch the waves in Nazaré
  - ESPLS - Enjoy a driving and walking tour of Porto
  - ESPLS - Taste Port
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## Day 9: Porto: Free Day

 Breakfast  Park Hotel Porto Gaia

Discover the many wonders of Porto on this free day. Wander around the lively Ribeira area or unlock the secrets of Portugal's most legendary pastry in an optional pastel de nata cooking class, where you'll toast your creations with Port wine. This evening, join the optional excursion to experience a live Fado show before enjoying a three-course dinner overlooking the Douro!

### Optionals:

- Pastel de Nata Cooking Class
  - Fado & Feast by the Douro
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## Day 10: Porto - Ciudad Rodrigo - Salamanca

Crossing the border back into Spain, visit Ciudad Rodrigo for an orientation tour. Discover the well-preserved 12th-century city walls which surround an Old Town full of fascinating history and striking architecture. Later, head to Salamanca. Uncover myths, legends and spellbinding historical sights on a guided tour of Salamanca's golden UNESCO city. Tonight, tuck into a delicious three-course dinner.

**Included:**

ESPLS - Visit Ciudad Rodrigo

ESPLS - Explore Salamanca

ESPLS - Enjoy a local dinner in Salamanca

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**Day 11: Salamanca - Avila - Madrid** Breakfast, Dinner Hotel Porcel Torre Garden

Leaving Salamanca this morning, head to Avila. At 1,130 m above sea level, Avila is known for its countryside views, medieval city walls and Romanesque and Gothic churches. Arrive back in Madrid this afternoon and experience the buzz and allure of Spain's capital on a locally guided tour. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner with the group.


**Included:**

ESPLS - Visit Avila

ESPLS - Guided tour of Madrid

ESPLS - Enjoy one last Spanish dinner in Madrid

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**Day 12: End of tour in Madrid** Breakfast

After 12 days of stunning top sights and hidden gems, this Spain & Portugal winter tour comes to an end after breakfast this morning. Be sure to swap contact details with your newfound travel buddies before travelling home. Expat Explore wishes you a safe journey onward and can't wait to have you on the road with us again soon!



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