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Your Itinerary in Detail

16 February: Private Arrival Transfer Porto Airport

Upon your **11.35AM** arrival at Porto Airport off of flight **LH 1176**, you will be met by your English-speaking driver, Tiago, holding a sign with your name on and be privately transferred to your hotel.



Porto is a coastal city in northwest Portugal known for its stately bridges and port wine production. In the medieval Ribeira (riverside) district, narrow cobbled streets wind past merchants' houses and cafes. São Francisco Church is known for its lavish baroque interior with ornate gilded carvings. The palatial 19th-century Palácio de Bolsa, formerly a stock market, was built to impress potential European investors.

4 nights at Hotel Infante Sagres in a Double Deluxe Premium inclusive of breakfast

17 February: Private Bites and Sights Walking Tour

Today you will be met in the hotel lobby by your tour host Renato at **1.00PM**. You will have the opportunity to explore the most iconic landmarks as well as enjoy local cuisine and drinks with your local guide. Afterwards you again will have free time in the evening.

18 February: Private Douro River Valley with Wine Tasting Tour

This morning you will be met in the lobby of your hotel at **9.00AM**. Your day will begin with a Jeep tour in the Tua Valley, an affluent of the Douro River and one of the most beautiful, yet less explored regions of the Douro Valley. Next, you will have an exclusive visit and lunch at a local wine producer with its owners getting to taste some of their unique wines. After lunch, you will board a two-hour yacht cruise, allowing you to relax whilst passing along some of the most emblematic wine properties of the region. After your cruise concludes you will be transferred back to your hotel.



19 February: Free Day in Porto

Today you are free to explore the wonderful city of Porto.

20 February: Transfer from Porto to Lisbon Sightseeing En Route

Today you will be met by your driver/guide at **11.30AM** for your transfer to Lisbon, making a stop in Coimbra along the way. Coimbra is located in central Portugal, a historic city known for its medieval architecture, winding streets, and energetic atmosphere. Home to some of the oldest universities in Europe, the University of Coimbra, the city boasts landmarks like the Joanina Library, and the Royal Palace of Coimbra also offers visitors a chance to explore its cathedral, monasteries,

and Roman ruins, all set against the backdrop of the scenic Mondego River. For lunch you will stop in at a traditional restaurant (**Meal not incl.**), afterwards, you will be dropped off at Hotel da Baixa.



Lisbon is Portugal's hilly, coastal capital city. From imposing São Jorge Castle, the view encompasses the old city's pastel-colored buildings, Tagus Estuary and Ponte 25 de Abril suspension bridge. Nearby, the National Azulejo Museum displays 5 centuries of decorative ceramic tiles. Just outside Lisbon is a string of Atlantic beaches, from Cascais to Estoril.

4 nights at Hotel da Baixa in a Double Deluxe City View inclusive of breakfast

21 February: Drinks & Bites in Lisbon Tour

This morning your driver will meet you in the lobby of your hotel at **11.00AM** where you will then be transferred to the Market. Your next venture will be in the food and walking tour with a local guide allowing you to explore the cities best and most authentic locations. In the afternoon you will then explore the Belem area as well as walk along the river.

The afternoon is free for you to relax.

22 February: Private Cascais, Estoril and Sintra

You will be met in the hotel lobby by your driver and guide at **9.00AM**. You will visit Sintra Village, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1992 and potentially one of its monuments depending on availability. At lunch time you will head to a seafront restaurant (meal not incl.). Upon returning to Lisbon, you will make stops at Estoril and Cascais. Estoril is known for its glamorous reputation and historic ties to espionage during World War II. Hosting beautiful beaches, gardens, and lively cultural scene. Cascais, situated a bit further west, is a charming seaside resort town with a picturesque harbour, colourful buildings, and a delightful old town. It offers a blend of historical and modern attractions, including the Citadel of Cascais, museums, and a vibrant marina.

23 February: Free Day in Lisbon

Enjoy a day exploring the city on your own. Perhaps tour the Castle interior or return to any of the places you passed on your prior day tour. St George's Castle opens at **9.00AM** but the crowds begin at **10.00AM**, so if you plan on visiting, get there early to enjoy exploring the 11 towers and ruins of a royal palace that sits upon the city's highest hill. Take in the bright orange tiled roof tops and the 25 de Abril Bridge. Along the labyrinth streets in Alfama, you can easily lose yourself among the alleys and squares brimming with cafes and wine shops. If you decide to head over to Mouraria be sure to visit shops such as Vida Portuguesa for handmade local products.



Patterned tiles have been a part of Portugal since the 15th century, and they beautifully decorate thousands of buildings all over Lisbon. Next to Vida Portuguesa you will see the gorgeous mosaics covering the Fabrica Viuva Lamego Factory. Just south of this you can purchase these tiles at a discount as a souvenir at Cortico & Netos. If shopping has tired you out, enjoy any of the local treat favorites from their popular sweet stops, like Manteigaria for pastries or Landeau which is well known for their chocolate cakes.

24 February: Private Airport Transfer

This morning you will be met by your driver guide in the hotel lobby at **4.45AM** and transfer to Lisbon airport where you will board your **7.10AM** departing flight, **TP1102** to Seville. **ETA 9.15AM.**

Private Arrival Transfer Seville Airport

On your arrival in Seville off of flight **TP1102** you will be met by your driver and guide, Ramon, at the arrival hall with an identifying sign at **9.15AM** and transferred to Colon Gran Melia Hotel.

Seville



Seville is the capital and largest city of the Spanish autonomous community of Andalusia and the province of Seville. It is situated on the lower reaches of the River Guadalquivir, in the southwest of the Iberian Peninsula.

3 nights at Hotel Colon Gran Melia in a Double RedLevel City View Cathedral inclusive of breakfast

25 February: Free Day in Seville

Free day to explore Seville further on your own, as well as enjoying some of the wonderful hotel facilities and amenities. Seville is the capital and largest city of the Spanish autonomous community of Andalusia and the province of Seville. It is situated on the lower reaches of the River Guadalquivir, in the southwest of the Iberian Peninsula.

Today we encourage you to enjoy some spare time here. Remember that we hand you a helpful travel guide specifically designed for your custom trip where you will find tips, restaurant recommendations, leisure-time suggestions, etc. And of course, you can always count on the support of your destination specialist and ask the hotline for advice!

26 February: Private Half-Day Seville Walking Tour

After breakfast, this morning you will be met in the lobby of your hotel at **10.00AM** for your "Seville through a cultural journey" experience.

Wonderful Seville ranks among the cities with the biggest cultural heritage in the world and after this tour we will find out why. Accompanied by an expert guide we will tour the history, monuments, and highlights of Seville such as “The Royal Alcázar,” Spain’s longest yet-in-use royal palace is full of anecdotes, legends and beauty set and preserved, brick by brick, by the diverse cultures which have occupied it throughout the centuries. On our way to the next visit, we will also be privy to the history of the beautiful and pebbled streets of the Santa Cruz district, the old Jewish quarter of Seville where the second largest Jewish community in Spain was established. Next, we will reach one of the city’s most breathtaking monuments: the historical Christian Cathedral of Seville, the biggest Gothic structure of its kind in the world which, to boot, harbours the biggest altar of all Christendom, a true marvel which will leave us speechless. Our city tour will attain its summit atop the very minaret of Seville’s old mosque, known as “La Giralda,” wherein one of the best panoramic views attainable will be granted to our eyes.



Estimated return time is **1.00PM**. Balance of day at leisure.

27 February: Private Transfer to Rail Station

This morning, you will be met in the lobby of your hotel at **10.15AM** and transferred to Seville Santa Justa Train Station in a private vehicle, Mercedes V-class. Upon arrival at the rail station, you will be boarding train **AVE 2111, Coach 1, premier class seats 10C and 10B** for your **11:38AM** departure.

Private Arrival Transfer Madrid Train Station

Upon your **2.21PM** arrival at Madrid Puerta De Atocha Station, you will be met by your driver, holding an identifying sign at the arrival hall and privately transfer you to Palacio de los Duques Gran Melia.

Madrid



Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Madrid. Spain’s central capital is a city of elegant boulevards and expansive, manicured parks such as the Buen Retiro. It is renowned for its rich repositories of European art, including the Prado Museum’s works by Goya, Velázquez, and other Spanish experts. The heart of old Hapsburg Madrid is the portico-lined Plaza Mayor, and nearby is the baroque Royal Palace and Armory, displaying historic weaponry.

3 nights at Palacio de los Duques Gran Melia in a Double Supreme Room inclusive of breakfast

28 February: Private 4 Hour Walking Tour of Madrid

This morning, your guide will meet you in the lobby of your hotel at **9.30AM** for your "A Day of art in Madrid" experience. With a no-waiting-in-line privilege, the over 1300 internationally relevant artworks of the Museo del Prado, one of the most important galleries worldwide. In this museum, opened to the public for the first time in 1819, we will admire works by Rafael, Rembrandt, El Bosco, Velázquez, Rubens, Goya... exhibited under the same roof, amazing!

Estimated return time is **1.00PM**.

29 February: Free Day in Madrid

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01 March: Transfer to Rail Station for Train to Barcelona

You will be met in the lobby of your hotel at **8.45AM** and transferred to Madrid Train Station. Upon arrival you will board your **10.05AM** departing train **OUIGO 6501, Coach 3, seats 7D & 7E** to Barcelona. **ETA 1.00PM**.

Private Arrival Transfer Barcelona Rail Station

Upon your **1.00PM** arrival in Barcelona, you will be met by an English-speaking driver at the McDonald's at the station holding a sign with your name on it for your private transfer to your accommodation.

Barcelona



Barcelona, the cosmopolitan capital of Spain's Catalonia region, is known for its art and architecture. The fantastical Sagrada Família church and other modernist landmarks designed by Antoni Gaudí dot the city. Museu Picasso and Fundació Joan Miró feature modern art by their namesakes. City history museum MUHBA, includes several Roman archaeological sites.

4 nights at Hotel Neri in a Double Deluxe Room inclusive of breakfast

02 March: Private Gaudi Half Day Tour

Please be waiting in the hotel lobby for your guide at **9.15AM**. The long lines attracted by La Sagrada Família and Park Güell, two of Antoni Gaudí's modernist masterpieces, are testament to their global renown. Spend less time lining up and more time sightseeing with skip-the-line entry to both the cathedral and park on a 4-hour guided tour. Feast your eyes on the spectacular interior and exterior of La Sagrada Família before proceeding to Park Güell by car.

Parc Guell

The park is one of the largest green spaces in Barcelona, with more than 17 hectares, next to the Collserola mountain range.

La Sagrada Familia

The Sagrada Família is a one-of-a-kind temple, for its origins, foundation, and purpose. Fruit of the work of genius architect Antoni Gaudí, the project was promoted by the people for the people. Five generations now have watched the Temple progress in Barcelona. Today, more than 135 years after the laying of the cornerstone, construction continues on the Basilica and is expected to be completed in 2026.



03 March: Private Gothic Quarter Tapas Tour with Guide

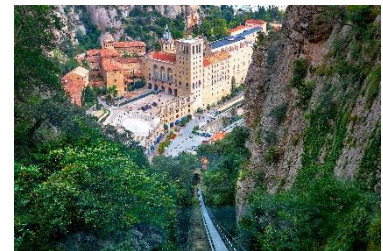
After a free morning to venture at your leisure, at **6.00PM** you will be met by your guide for your walking tour of the Gothic Quarter including the opportunity to indulge in a selection of tapas.



The Gothic Quarter is a captivating network of narrow medieval streets, hidden squares, and historic buildings that transport visitors back in time. This ancient neighborhood, known as Barri Gòtic in Catalan, is a treasure trove of architectural wonders, including the Barcelona Cathedral with its stunning Gothic spires and the remnants of the Roman Wall. Strolling through its atmospheric alleys, one encounters charming cafes, boutique shops, and vibrant street performers. The Gothic Quarter is not only a feast for the eyes but also a journey through the city's rich history, where each cobblestone whispers tales of the past. From the bustling Plaça Reial to the serene Plaça del Rei, the quarter exudes a timeless charm that captivates both locals and visitors alike, making it an essential destination for those seeking a glimpse into Barcelona's fascinating heritage.

04 March: Private Tour to Montserrat with Driver and Guide

Today you will meet with your English-speaking guide and driver at **8.00AM** for a half day private tour to Montserrat (6 hours). The massif of Montserrat is in the middle of Catalonia, one hour trip from Barcelona. It was declared a Natural Park 25 years ago, because the landscape is incredible. There is a Benedictine Monastery in the mountain, a building, founded more than 800 years ago, and restored 100 years ago by modernist architects. Montserrat it is also the patroness of Catalunya. Known as the Black Madonna.



Return to Barcelona in the afternoon for a final evening at leisure.

05 March: Private Departure Transfer Barcelona Airport

You will be met at your hotel at **6.00AM** and privately transferred to the airport for your departing flight to Munich **LH 1809** etd **9:00AM**. At this time our services will end.

WHERE YOU ARE STAYING



[HOTEL INFANTE SAGRES](#) - PORTO

Arrive Fri 16 Feb 24

Depart Tue 20 Feb 24

Rooms Double - Deluxe Premium

Ref. 607109

Phone +351 22 339 8500

Email reservations@infantesagres.com



[HOTEL DA BAIXA](#) - LISBON

Arrive Tue 20 Feb 24

Depart Sat 24 Feb 24

Rooms Double - Deluxe City View

Ref. Merryweather

Phone +351 210 127 450

Email book@hoteldabaixa.com



[HOTEL COLON GRAN MELIA](#) - SEVILLA

Arrive Sat 24 Feb 24

Depart Tue 27 Feb 24

Rooms Double - RedLevel City View Cathedral

Ref. Merryweather

Phone +34 954 50 55 99

Email granmeliacoln@melia.com



[PALACIO DE LOS DUQUES GRAN MELIA](#) - MADRID

Arrive Tue 27 Feb 24

Depart Fri 01 Mar 24

Rooms Double - Supreme Room

Ref. Merryweather

Phone +34 915 41 67 00

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[HOTEL NERI](#) - BARCELONA

Arrive Fri 01 Mar 24

Depart Tue 05 Mar 24

Rooms Double - Deluxe Room

Ref. Merryweather

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Accommodation is included for 18 nights at the following hotels including breakfast. (**city taxes of between 2-5 Euro per person per day will be charged locally upon check out of each hotel)

Date	Nts	City	Hotel	Accommodation
Fri 16 Feb 24	4	Porto	Hotel Infante Sagres	Deluxe Premium
Tue 20 Feb 24	4	Lisbon	Hotel Da Baixa	Deluxe City View
Sat 24 Feb 24	3	Sevilla	Hotel Colon Gran Melia	RedLevel City View Cathedral
Tue 27 Feb 24	3	Madrid	Palacio de los Duques Gran Melia	Supreme Room
Fri 01 Mar 24	4	Barcelona	Hotel Neri	Deluxe Room

Transport

Date	City	Service	
Fri 16 Feb 24	Porto	Arrival Transfer Porto Airport	Private Service
Tue 20 Feb 24	Lisbon	Transfer From Porto To Lisbon	Private Service
		Sightseeing En Route	
Sat 24 Feb 24	Lisbon	Airport Transfer	Private Service
Sat 24 Feb 24	Sevilla	Arrival Transfer Seville Airport	Private Service
Tue 27 Feb 24	Sevilla	Transfer To Rail Station	Private Service
Tue 27 Feb 24	Sevilla	Rail To Madrid	Shared Service
Tue 27 Feb 24	Madrid	Arrival Transfer Madrid Train Station	Private Service
Fri 01 Mar 24	Madrid	Transfer To Rail Station	Private Service
Fri 01 Mar 24	Madrid	Rail To Barcelona	Shared Service
Fri 01 Mar 24	Barcelona	Arrival Transfer Barcelona Rail Station	Private Service
Sat 02 Mar 24	Barcelona	Gaudi Half Day Tour	Private Driver/guide
Mon 04 Mar 24	Barcelona	Montserrat with Driver and Guide	Private Service
Tue 05 Mar 24	Barcelona	Departure Transfer Barcelona Airport	Private Service

Services

Date	Service	
Sat 17 Feb 24	Bites and Sights Walking Tour	Private Service
Sun 18 Feb 24	Private Douro River Valley With Wine Tasting Tour	Shared Service
Wed 21 Feb 24	Drinks & Bites in Lisbon Tour	Private Service
Thu 22 Feb 24	Private Cascais, Estoril and Sintra	Private Service
Mon 26 Feb 24	Private Half-Day Seville Walking Tour	Private Service
Wed 28 Feb 24	Private 4 Hour Walking Tour of Madrid	Private Service
Sat 02 Mar 24	Parc Guell	Entrance fees
Sat 02 Mar 24	La Sagrada Familia	Entrance fees
Sun 03 Mar 24	Private Gothic Quarter Tapas Tour With Guide	Private Service

All communications costs, hotels taxes and fees are also included and the services of our professional travel experts on the ground are available to you 24/7 days a week throughout your trip.

WHATS NOT INCLUDED: Flights, tips to your driver/guide and guides and anything not mentioned above.