# Discover the South of the Iberian Peninsula

Lísbon, Seville, Granada & Murcía



If you have always dreamed of exploring the south of the Iberian Peninsula, there has never been a better time. This specialized itinerary covers the best of the entire southern peninsula. Lisbon, Andalusia and Murcia are all unique regions that will cover a wide range of territory, cultures, gastronomy, eno-tourism and history.

Located on the Southwestern corner of the Peninsula, Lisbon has always been known to be a city famous for its hospitality, authentic cuisine and hypnotizing Fado music, breathtaking beaching and charming diversity. Lisbon is also known for the picturesque city of Sintra, one of the country's most beautiful and mesmerizing cities.

Moving eastward from Portugal to Spain, we will visit the regions of Andalucia and Murcia. Known for their spectacular national parks, endless miles of sandy coastline, impressive architecture, their mouthwatering gastronomy and historical significance, these regions will be the highlight of the tour.

#### Your tour package includes

4\* handpicked hotels/city center All breakfasts 5 dinners 4 lunches Select Sightseeing Tours 24 hour bilingual Tour Director Walking tours with local guides Private transportation Customized group itinerary

\*Alcoholic beverages not included

#### **Included highlights**

Historical walking city tours Visit three important sites in Sintra Alhambra Palace and Flamenco Experience Shopping around la Calle Elvira Wine and tapas tasting The Royal Alcazar of Sevilla Parque Maria Luisa (World Heritage Site) La Catedral de Sevilla Barrio Santa Cruz Cartagena and Murcia Center

#### **Route Map in Spain** FRANCE 4° Bay of Biscay Gijón Toulouse Montpellier Santander Bilbao A Coruña 0 /iedo Q Santiago de Compostela Lugo Pamplona ANDORRA Pontevedrao Ourense Logroño Figueres Burgos 42° Lleida Zaragoza Contract Contract alladolid Zamora Due Barcelona Porto Salamanca Tarragona Viseu Guarda Balearic Sea ATLA Teruel Madrid W OCE Cuenca Castellón de la Plana 40° 40° PORTUGAL Toledo Palma Menorca Cáceres Guadalupe Valencia Mallorca Ibiza Merida Albace C Lisbon Ciudad Real **P**Ibiza **Balearic Islands** Badajoz Formentera 0 Benidorm ora Alicante Murcia 38° 38° Córdoba Sevilla Cartagena Granada Huelva 💐 Faro Mt. Mulhacén 3,478 m Almeria Málaga SPAIN Algiers Cádiz Marbella Gulf of Cádiz National capital 0 Autonomy capital Gibraltar (U.K.) • 36° Ceuta (Sp.) City, town 0 OTangier ALGERIA International boundary Melilla (Sp.) Roads 50 100 km Railroad MOROCCO + Airport 100 mi 50 0 8° Vations Online Proj

### Trip Details:

Though this trip is scheduled to depart from John F. Kennedy in New York City, travelers interested in attending from any other city should contact our travel team to price out the flight from the alternative airport.

#### Tour Availability:

From September – November / April – August

If you are interested in customizing your trip, please contact your tour coordinator for alternative options at <u>TourArchitex@gmail.com</u>

#### SAMPLE ITINERARY

**Overnight Flight from JFK Day 1: Travel day** Board your overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal

Lisbon Day 2: Arrival Included meals: Welcome lunch and dinner

Welcome to Portugal! Meet your tour director and the other members of your group.

Transfer from the airport to the hotel in the city center.

The group will be given time to rest and have free time before our evening walking tour of the historic center. After a brief but informative walking experience, we will make our way to our local restaurant to enjoy our welcome dinner, where we will become acquainted with the group and discuss the details of the next couple of days.

Day 3: Lisbon Included meals: Breakfast

Good morning and welcome to Lisbon. Today we will spend the day in Sintra, which is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Portugal. We will be visiting the exotic gardens, grotto caves and the Crayola-colored Palace. We will also have a chance to taste some of the local wines while we sample some of the local cuisine.

#### Day 4: Seville

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast, our local guide will lead us through a historic tour to learn of the importance Seville played during the time of the conquests and the discovery of the Americas. During the tour, we will enter the Royal Alcazar and witness the splendor that existed during the reign of the Moorish Empire. As the afternoon approaches, we will head to a local Tapas and Vino bar to enjoy the local cuisine. Once lunch is finished, we will enjoy some free time until dinner in Triana.

#### Day 5: Seville/Granada

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

After breakfast, we will head to Parque Maria Luisa, the most famous park in Sevilla, and the location George Lucas chose to recreate Planet Naboo in Star Wars Episode One. After enjoying the park and taking some amazing pictures, we will board the charter bus headed to Granada.

Once we have arrived, we will check in and get ready for stroll through the labyrinth streets of El Albaizyn, where we will enjoy the local tapas, something essential and typical of Granada. There is a lot to see in Granada. We will do our best to show you as much as we can but just enough so that you can return.

After lunch, we will enjoy some free time; head back to the hotel and rest up for an evening of flamenco, local cuisine and the most spectacular view of the Alhambra Palace you will ever

witness. If we play our cards right, there may even be some local musicians playing flamenco music as we gaze at the stars and have the Alhambra Palace as our backdrop.

#### Day 6: Granada

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast, we will ascend to the top of the mountain where we will enter one of the most impressive Moorish constructions ever built – La Alhambra Palace. Started in the year 979, it is a sample of the splendor that existed during the time of Islamic Spain.

Once we have finished, whoever would like to make their way down walking with the tour director, we will make our way down walking to experience the outer parts of the Palace on our way to sample more local tapas.

After lunch, take some time to stroll around Calle Elvira to pick up some gifts or some lovely items for yourself. Whenever you are ready, head back to the hotel, rest and get ready for dinner.

This evening we will have dinner at la Calle Navas, one of Granada's popular streets that are lined with a plethora of local restaurants. After dinner, whoever is interested, can accompany your tour director for an evening stroll and eventually sit at the foot of Granada's beautiful cathedral.

#### Day 7: Granada/Murcia

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch. Dinner

After breakfast, we will say farewell to Granada and head over to Murcia, one of Spain's most diverse but unknown regions. Murcia has an impressive coastline, award winning cuisine and wines, wonderful beaches, historical cities, beautiful mountains and endless orchards with all sorts of products that are shipped all over Europe. We are sure you will enjoy your last couple of days in Spain.

Once we have arrived in Murcia, you will check in to your hotel and have some time to rest. In the late afternoon, we will head out to explore this boutique city and piece together the history we have learned from visiting Seville and Granada.

In the evening, we will have a participatory cooking experience with one of Murcia's most talented chefs and end the night strolling next El Rio Segura in the history center.

#### Day 8: Murcia

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Today we are headed to the coast to board a private sea vessel and spend some time exploring Murcia's coastline. Bring your bathing suit and get ready for a whole lot of fun.

After spending some time at sea, we will take a break to have lunch in an exclusive place near the beach. Let's take advantage of the situation, kick back and enjoy the last full day in Spain.

Once we have returned to the hotel, get changed and let's get ready for our last dinner together. We will culminate the trip with an exclusive dinner and private musical performance by local artists.

### Day 9: Last day/Return to NY

Included meals: Breakfast

Check out of the hotel. Your tour manage will escort you to Madrid.

## Trip price: Only \$3,450.00 p/p

Based on double occupancy/main cabin flights Single supplement additional \$850 Upgradable airline accommodations are subject to availability

**Payment plans available.** Limited to 15 Pax Friend Referral Fee is an additional savings of \$100

For more information, please contact us at

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#### How to register?

1) Submit your email address to **TourArchitex@gmail.com** to receive an application to fill out and submit online.

2) Submit your application along with an up-to-date copy of your passport. Please make sure you read the terms and conditions and sign the bottom before submitting. If you need assistance acquiring a Visa, please contact us; one of our staff members will be more than happy to assist you with that process.

3) Submit a \$500 – nonrefundable, **(but transferrable)** deposit to be paid by the following methods;

#### Methods of Payment

*Option 1* Chase Bank **Tour Architex & Associates, Inc.** Routing Number 021000021 Account Number 730760623

Option 2

Quick Pay/Zelle options available upon request.

(If you have any issues where you cannot attend, you will have to appeal to the travel insurance company for a refund. Please be aware that your reasons for cancellations must be within the guidelines of trip interruption/cancellation policy guidelines).\* Included in this price is basic travel insurance; however, if you require a more comprehensive insurance, we can certainly help.

Deposit to be received by ..... The last payment must be received by .....

4) Once you have registered, you will receive your confirmation information along with periodic updates about the event.

If you have any questions, please contact us as soon as possible. We look forward to you participation in this tour.

Sincerely,

**Jose L. Rodriguez Ed.D.** Executive Tour Director

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