

SPAIN

Madrid to Barcelona

Hosted by Ann & David Bruntz

September 3-13, 2024



Dear Friends,

We invite you to join us as we explore the agricultural highlights on a beautiful and educational journey to Spain.

If you imagine that Spain is only flamenco, tapas, and bullfights ...

Our Spain is whitewashed villages and courtyards, spiced red and sweet white wine, balanced with aromatic herbs and delicious fruits, to bring us "Tinto de Verano"-sangria. It is vast olive groves, pinnacles of thousand-year-old civilizations that have fascinated travelers for eons, beautiful coasts of transparent waters, a magnificent mix of art, culture, and architecture from the sleepiest rural village to some of Europe's most modern cities.

Steeped in a myriad of sensations and rich cultural traditions, we surrender ourselves to the luring magic of the flamenco and, of course, ...the Spanish Fiesta!

Our route guides us along the ramparts of history. We start in Madrid, visit Toledo, a city of three cultures, marvel at the splendors of the 1,000-year-old cities of Seville and Granada and their rich Moorish heritage. We stroll the remnants of Valencia's farthest past to the most innovative and avant-garde buildings from the new millennium, relishing true Paella Valenciana. And we collect our last impressions in the capital of Catalonia, a paradise of Gaudi's modernism, fashion, food, wine, and culture, Barcelona.

We taste the olive oils, hams, and cheeses of the region and sip our way along some of the most famous wine routes in the world.

Every day is a fiesta in Spain, and we hope you will join us on this once-in-a-lifetime journey.

Sincerely yours,

Ann and David Bruntz, Tour Hosts

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Mouth-watering Jamon



Toledo



Andalucian White



September 3, 2024 - Tuesday Traveling to Spain

Our adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Madrid. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to a unique country.

September 4, 2024 - Wednesday Madrid

Upon our arrival at Madrid airport, we will meet our English-speaking tour director, who will follow us throughout our journey. We are off on a short drive to the Spanish capital. We will enjoy a panoramic city tour featuring the highlights of this elegant city. Lunch at a local restaurant; it's time to enjoy the world-famous tapas and a special jamon-cutting (ham) masterclass! Check into our hotel to unwind. B (flight) | L

September 5, 2024 - Thursday Toledo

After a delightful breakfast, we are off to Toledo, Spain's historical and cultural heart. A city of three cultures: Christian, Jewish, and Islamic, and a UNESCO World Heritage site. This magical city was also the adopted home of the artist El Greco. Our walking tour through its narrow, winding streets will showcase a series of incredible monument buildings, still very much alive both inside and out. Lunch is served in the city and you will have time to stroll the picturesque street, relax, and people-watch. We will be back in Madrid in the late afternoon for an evening

at leisure. B | L

September 6, 2024 - Friday Local Farm Visit

After breakfast, we head out to enjoy a morning in the countryside to learn about the day-to-day life of a typical Spanish farm. Interact with the owners and hear about their routines and concerns of the animals. Lunch in the nearby countryside. We return to the center of Madrid to enjoy an afternoon of shopping and more sightseeing of your own choice. B | L

September 7, 2024 - Saturday Winery - Seville

We will enjoy breakfast and then depart Madrid to head towards Seville. On the way, we will stop to visit one of the most acknowledged wineries in the region. Exceptional places make exceptional wine! Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and Petit Verdot, cheers to a great visit and lunch. We continue to Seville, which is reached in the afternoon. Seville is a remarkable blend of old-world charm and modern-day elegance and is also the home of another infamous character, the legendary "Don Juan." It is one of those cities that has practically everything. You can take part in history while also experiencing a modernized city whose model of urban development promotes sustainability and quality of life. The streets and plazas breathe wellness, a kind of outdoor comfort that makes them

an extension of the home. There is a very special sense of togetherness, a vital celebration of life. We will take guided city tour before we check in to our hotel. Flamenco, anyone? Enjoy the magic and fiery of the Flamenco over dinner. We are happy to assist with a reservation. B | T | L

September 8, 2024 - Sunday The Story of a Champion

No visit to Seville without focusing on the beautiful Andalusian horses! After breakfast, we will take off to experience "The Story of a Champion," the story of foals that will become World Champions. These are bred in the most exclusive stud farm in the world: Torreluna. During our visit, we will discover the reproductopm and the entire though process behind the exceptional work with the horses. This visit will blow you away! To end the day, we will enjoy a wonderful local country meal served in a private room at the stud farm. The late afternoon and evening are yours in Seville. B | L

September 9, 2024 - Monday Olive Oil - Granada

We pack our bags and take a short drive to discover some of the best olive oils in the region. In the heart of Ronda lies LA Organic. We will take a journey through the olive trees and vineyards of an idyllic enclave. You will discover the greenhouse, the organic orchard, and Dona Lola's chapel. We will tour the estate and taste the oils.

Alhambra, Granada



Lunch is served in the greenhouse. We will arrive in Granada in the afternoon. If there is a city that truly evokes the essence of Spain, that city is Granada. A cross-road of civilizations since times before one can remember and in an unparalleled location, Granada is a vibrant, friendly, and lively metropolis full of culture. The Alhambra, the flagship of the city's vast historical heritage, stands on a hilltop overlooking the city. Granada is the capital of the province of the same name, and in addition to being the traditional capital, it is also the judicial capital of Andalusia, as the home of the High Court of Justice of the autonomous region. We will check into our hotel and enjoy a laidback afternoon and evening. B | T | L

September 10, 2024 - Tuesday Bulls ...and Valencia

After a good night's rest, we will head towards Valencia. On our way, we will visit Reservatauro, one of Spain's most important and exceptional livestock facilities. Immerse yourself in the habitat of the fighting bull, the Dehesa. During our tour, you will see first-hand - and in all its splendor - the king of the pasture, the adult brave bull. You will witness a Bullfighting Masterclass, and lunch promises something very special! Yet another amazing experience. Valencia is ...fresh! Despite its over 2,000 years of history, it offers stunning ultramodern architecture.

Valencia



Valencia is also famous for its orange trees. The Valencia orange is deliciously sweet. It was first hybridized by pioneer American agronomist and land developer William Wolfskill in the mid-19th century on his farm in Santa Ana, southern California. No visit to Valencia without a glass of the refreshing Agua de Valencia, the local favorite made of freshly squeezed oranges, sparking wine, gin, and vodka. Cheers ...and good night! B | L

September 11, 2024 - Wednesday Barcelona

After an early breakfast, we will swing by a citrus project, to learn the secrets of the sweet (and tangy sanguini) oranges. Next, an enchanting parade of sights awaits as we explore how Barcelona balances the medieval with the modern. We will stop at the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Família (Church of the Holy Family), inspired by Gaudí. The first stone of the Sagrada Família was laid in the year 1882. Construction started one year later under architect Francisco de Paula del Villar y Lozano, who had planned a building in Neo-Gothic style. Due to some disagreements with the project promoter, Francisco abandoned the project soon after starting it. Then, Gaudí, a 31-year-old architect, took over the project. As soon as he was put in charge, the first thing he did was to completely change all that had been planned. He designed a totally different building, in which the most

Barcelona



important elements are the 18 towers that rise high with a parabolic profile. Once the building is completed, it will have four towers above each of its three façades (a total of twelve towers representing the Apostles), two large central dome-towers dedicated to Jesus and the Virgin, and four other towers (the Evangelists) surrounding them. This architectural masterpiece is today still under construction after more than 140 years. Lunch, followed by check-in to our hotel in the late afternoon. The rest of the day is yours; take a promenade on Las Ramblas or get a closer look at the waterfront as you stroll down to the harbor. B | L

September 12, 2024 - Thursday Barcelona

Today is yours at leisure to enjoy Barcelona! Our farewell dinner tonight is special as we say a fond farewell to Spain. And what is a better place than a family-owned local winery?! B | D

September 13, 2024 - Friday Traveling Home

All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Barcelona airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and to clear security. You may wish to do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying west across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B

Itinerary subject to change
B = Breakfast L = Lunch
T = Tasting D = Dinner



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<https://executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours/>

Package Price:

Per person in shared double room: \$5,395
 Per person in a single room: \$6,595*

Triple rooms are not available.

We offer "Pair & Share" service for Solo travelers. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on May 6, 2024, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

EARLY BIRD BONUS - ZERO CREDIT CARD FEES:

Pay for your tour in full upon registration and minimum six months prior to departure using your credit card!
SAVE 3.5%!

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 26 travelers. Should the number fall below 20, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3+ 4

This tour involves a considerable amount of walking, stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are recommended.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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Group airfare is offered. See separate insert.

Accommodations (final accommodations will be announced 90 days prior to dep.):

- Madrid, Hotel Vincci Centrum or similar
- Seville, Las Casas de la Juderia or similar
- Granada, Palacio de Santa Ines or similar
- Valencia, Hotel Vincci Lys or similar
- Barcelona, Hotel Barcelona Catedral or similar

Included:

- 9 nights accommodations in Spain at 4-star hotels
- Porterage at hotels (one bag per person)
- 9 x breakfast
- 8 x lunch
- 1 x dinner
- Tastings as per itinerary
- Private motor coach transportation as per itinerary
- Sightseeing program as per itinerary
- All admissions as per itinerary
- Professional English-speaking tour director and local step-on guides during the entire program
- All local taxes and fees as of November 21, 2023
- Tour hosts, Ann & David Bruntz, September 3-13, 2024

Excluded:

- Airfare - see separate insert
- Travel insurance
- Professional fees, \$75 per person due at the time of registration
- Gratuities to tour director in Spain and motor coach drivers (estimate a total of \$12-15 per person, per day)
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrance fees to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions found at executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours

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AIRFARE DETAILS!

We offer group airfare with United Airlines :

September 3, 2024	Omaha* - Chicago	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
September 3, 2024	Chicago - Washington (IAD)	1:12 PM	4:01 PM
September 3, 2024	Washington (IAD) - Madrid	6:05 PM	8:05 AM (September 4, 2024)
September 13, 2024	Barcelona - Chicago	2:50 PM	5:50 PM
September 13, 2024	Chicago - Omaha*	7:52 PM	9:29 PM

\$1,295 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Reach out to get your quote. If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers in Chicago or Washington on September 3 and return from Barcelona around the same time as the rest of the group on September 13. Individual additional transfers may be necessary if meeting the main group is not possible.

Important notes:

- Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle).
- **Premium seating upgrades** (upgrades) can be purchased and confirmed once the tickets are issued = 30 days prior to departure. Executive Travel cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. Contact us if you have any questions about this and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.
- The airfare is subject to change until tickets are issued, 30 days prior to departure.

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