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**STUNNING SPAIN**  
**OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup> 2017**  
**TENTATIVE DAY BY DAY ITINERARY**

**DAY 1**

**ARRIVE MADRID (2 NIGHTS)**

Welcome to Madrid. Relax or explore this lively city before meeting up with your fellow travelers and Travel Director. Enjoy an evening drive to take in some of the city's main sights followed by a Welcome Reception.

**HOTEL - Ayre Gran Colon/Melia Castilla**

**MEALS - Welcome Dinner/Reception**

**DAY 2**

**TOLEDO EXCURSION AND MADRID SIGHTSEEING**

This morning your Local Specialist takes you on a walking tour of Toledo. Watch craftsmen at work when you visit a traditional steel factory and gain a Cultural Insight into this historical craft. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, home to one of El Greco's most famous paintings - The Burial of Count Orgaz. Visit the synagogue during your guided walk through the narrow streets. Return to Madrid to admire the monument to Cervantes at the Plaza de España and see Puerta del Sol, the city's hub with your Local Specialist. Later why not join your newfound friends for a typical Spanish dinner.

**MEALS - Buffet Breakfast**

**DAY 3**

**MADRID – CORDOBA – SEVILLE (2 NIGHTS)**

Travel southwards from Madrid, through La Mancha, to Cordoba. Visit the Mosque of the Caliphs and learn about the influence of the Moors from your Local Specialist. Tonight you might like to take an Optional Experience to watch a fiery flamenco show

**HOTEL - Zenit/Hesperia**

**MEALS - Buffet Breakfast**

**DAY 4**

**SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING**

Meet your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Seville. View the Bell Tower of the Giralda. See the tiled fountains, pavilions and lush palms in the Maria Luisa Park, renowned for its landscape design and walk through the imposing Plaza de España. Marvel at Christopher Columbus' ornate tomb in the cathedral. Finally take a walk through the former Jewish Quarter. This evening experience a unique Be My Guest dinner at an olive oil mill where you learn how oil is produced from the 6,000 trees.

**MEALS - Buffet Breakfast, Specialty Dinner**



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## **DAY 5**

### **SEVILLE – GRANADA**

Visit the magnificent Alhambra Palace in Granada with a Local Specialist. A fine example of Moorish architecture, the Alhambra was built during the 14th century towards the end of Islamic rule in Spain. Walk through the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the royal Summer Palace, once linked to the Alhambra by a covered walkway across the ravine.

**HOTEL - Carmen/Urbandream**

**MEALS - Buffet Breakfast**

## **DAY 6**

### **GRANADA – GUADIX – VALENCIA**

This morning travel via the Mora Pass and arrive in Guadix in the northern foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains where you can take pictures of the troglodyte dwellings. In Valencia view the Bullring and admire the architecture of the medieval cathedral and the Serrano and Quart Towers. Stop to view the City of Arts and Sciences which is a large-scale urban recreation centre for culture and science and designed by Santiago Calatrava. This complex is also featured in the George Clooney movie 'Tomorrowland'. Dine tonight at your hotel.

**HOTEL - Silken Puerta/Tryp Oceanic**

**MEALS - Buffet Breakfast, Dinner with wine**

## **DAY 7**

### **VALENCIA – PEÑISCOLA – BARCELONA SIGHTSEEING (2 NIGHTS)**

Head north along the coast through the Levant region and stop at Peñíscola to view the ancient castle of the 'Spanish Pope', used in the film El Cid. Continue along the Costa Dorada to Barcelona, Spain's most cosmopolitan city. See Gaudi's architecture at the inspiring Sagrada Família. Walk the Ramblas and visit Plaça Catalunya. View the monument to Christopher Columbus and enjoy panoramic views from Montjuïc during your guided sightseeing tour of the city with a Local Specialist. Tonight consider visiting a Catalan-style restaurant for a delicious dinner of local specialties.

**HOTEL - U232/Hesperia Tower**

**MEALS - Buffet Breakfast**

## **DAY 8**

### **BARCELONA**

This morning enjoy free time in the city to shop or explore or join an Optional Experience to the monastery at Montserrat to see the mystical Black Madonna. This evening join your companions and Travel Director for a special Farewell Dinner with wine.

**MEALS – Buffet Breakfast, Farewell Dinner**

## **DAY 9**

### **DEPART BARCELONA**

Say 'adios' to Spain, your fellow travellers, and Travel Director at the end of a memorable holiday. Transfer to Airport, and check in for our flight home to Toronto, carrying with us many fond memories of this fabulous country!

Limousine service to your homes.

**MEALS - Buffet Breakfast**