



# THE HEART OF SPAIN

## WALLED CITIES, ROYAL TREASURES AND TIMELESS CHARM

Air and Land 9 Days, 8 Nights Including Hotels, Meals, Day Trips, and  
Airfare From New York  
With an Optional Barcelona Extension

Ávila



Discover the heart of Spain on a journey designed for travelers who value adventure, culture, and meaningful experiences. Enjoy a relaxing **7-night stay in Ávila**, the beautifully preserved walled city of saints and stone, as you explore some of Spain's most treasured destinations at an easy and rewarding pace. From **Segovia**, famed for its towering Roman aqueduct and fairytale alcázar, to **Salamanca**, Spain's great university city of golden sandstone and intellectual prestige, each day reveals a new layer of Spanish history and charm. Experience **Toledo**, the medieval Imperial City where Christian, Jewish, and Muslim cultures once flourished together; elegant **Madrid**, the royal capital of grand boulevards and world-class art; and **El Escorial**, the monumental symbol of Spain's imperial power under King Philip II. With first-class accommodations, guided sightseeing, wonderful cuisine, and the comfort of staying in one charming hotel base, this is Spain at its most inspiring, enriching, and enjoyable. Complete your Spanish adventure with an exciting **2-night extension to Barcelona**, where bold architecture, Mediterranean charm, and vibrant Catalan culture create the perfect finale. Discover Gaudí masterpieces, stroll lively boulevards, savor superb cuisine, and enjoy more time in one of Europe's most captivating cities.

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## PROGRAM INCLUDED FEATURES

- **AIR TRANSPORTATION** Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** 7 nights in a first-class hotel in one location
- **MEALS** 11 included meals consisting of 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners
- **THE PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: a tour of Ávila including the Tierras de Cebreros Winery and wine tasting, a tour of Toledo, a tour of Madrid including the Prado, and a tour of El Escorial
- **JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY SERIES** Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as a visit to the Tierras de Cebreros Winery, and a traditional Damasquinado workshop
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Madrid
- **FIRST-CLASS MOTORCOACHES** Touring by private first-class air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage in/out of each hotel

## OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO BARCELONA INCLUDED FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** 2 nights in a first-class hotel
- **MEALS** 2 included meals consisting of 2 breakfasts
- **THE PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day City tour of Barcelona
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR HOST** Assistance of a professional Tour Host for the entire length of the tour
- **FIRST CLASS MOTORCOACHES** Touring by private first-class air-conditioned motor coach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage in/out of each hotel

## DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Relaxing 7 nights in on location, Ávila • Ávila Medieval city walls and Cathedral of Ávila • El Tostado tomb • Tierras de Cebreros Winery • Garnacha wine tasting • Iberian appetizer tasting • Scenic Alberche Valley • Segovia Roman Aqueduct • Alcázar of Segovia • La Granja Palace and Versailles-inspired gardens • Historic Salamanca • University of Salamanca • Plaza Mayor Salamanca • Spanish ham tasting • Imperial Toledo • Primate Cathedral Toledo • El Greco masterpiece • Damasquinado artisan workshop • Madrid • Prado Museum masterpieces • El Escorial Monastery • Pantheon of Kings • Barcelona • Catalan culture • Gaudí Sagrada Família • Park Güell and much, much more





**Day 1 – Depart the USA** Begin your journey and prepare for an unforgettable Heart of Spain experience. Relax on your overnight flight and enjoy onboard meals and beverages as the anticipation builds for the remarkable adventure ahead.

**Day 2 – Arrive in Spain | Welcome to Ávila** Welcome to Spain, a land of timeless history, gracious hospitality, and unforgettable cultural treasures. Upon arrival at Madrid Airport, you will be greeted by your Tour Host and transferred to your hotel in Ávila, one of Spain’s most captivating walled cities. With its beautifully preserved medieval walls, spiritual legacy, and authentic old-world atmosphere, Ávila offers a peaceful and inspiring introduction to Spain. After check-in, enjoy a welcome briefing that introduces you to the region’s rich heritage and charm, and to the wonderful journey ahead. This evening, begin your adventure in true Spanish style with a welcome dinner with wine at your hotel, the perfect way to relax, settle in, and savor your first taste of Spain’s renowned cuisine. (D)

**Day 3 – Ávila | Medieval Grandeur and Wine Country Elegance** After breakfast, discover the enduring beauty of Ávila on a guided walking tour through one of Spain’s most atmospheric historic cities. Admire the city’s famous medieval walls, a powerful symbol of the warring and monastic past that shaped this remarkable destination. Step inside the Cathedral of Ávila, where soaring stone columns, vaulted ceilings, and glowing stained glass create a setting of quiet grandeur. Inside, admire treasured works including the magnificent main altarpiece and the alabaster tomb of “El Tostado,” one of the cathedral’s great Renaissance masterpieces. Later, continue to the scenic Tierras de Cebreros Winery in the beautiful Alberche Valley beneath the Sierra de Gredos. Here, centuries of tradition meet refined modern winemaking in one of Spain’s emerging wine regions. Learn about the area’s 13th-century wine heritage and enjoy a tasting of the estate’s celebrated Garnacha Tinta and Albillo Real wines, accompanied by an Iberian appetizer. (B)

**Day 4 – Ávila - Optional tour to Segovia and Spain’s Answer to Versailles** Today, enjoy Ávila at your own pace or take an optional tour to Segovia, one of Spain’s most beautiful and historic cities. On your guided visit, marvel at the city’s awe-inspiring Roman Aqueduct, a monumental engineering achievement that has stood for nearly 2,000 years and remains a proud symbol of Segovia. Then visit the storybook Alcázar of Segovia, one of the most famous and best-preserved medieval castles in Europe, said to have inspired some of Walt Disney’s most beloved castle designs. After time to enjoy Segovia’s charming streets and splendid architecture, continue to Palacio de La Granja de San Ildefonso, the elegant 18th-century royal retreat of King Philip V. Often described as Spain’s answer to Versailles, this magnificent palace enchants with richly decorated halls, beautifully designed French-inspired gardens, and spectacular fountains that reflect the grandeur of the Spanish court. (B)

**Day 5 – Ávila | Toledo, the Imperial City** Today, explore Toledo, one of Spain’s most treasured historic cities, where Christian, Jewish,

and Muslim cultures once flourished side by side. Known as the Imperial City, Toledo charms visitors with its winding cobblestone streets, ancient monuments, and extraordinary artistic legacy. Your guided tour includes the Plaza del Ayuntamiento, the magnificent Primate Cathedral, and the old Jewish Quarter, where you will visit the Church of Santo Tomé, home to El Greco’s masterpiece The Burial of Count Orgaz, and the Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca, a powerful symbol of Toledo’s “Three Cultures.” You will also visit a traditional Damasquinado workshop, where skilled artisans continue Toledo’s famous decorative metalwork tradition by hand, creating exquisite jewelry, boxes, plates, and keepsakes. After lunch in a local restaurant, enjoy time at leisure for shopping before returning to Ávila. (B,L)

**Day 6 – Ávila | Optional tour to Salamanca, Spain’s Great University City** Today, enjoy a day in Ávila relaxing in its city squares, shopping in local boutiques or take an optional tour to historic Salamanca, a city of golden beauty and intellectual distinction. A UNESCO World Heritage City, Salamanca is famed for its honey-colored stone architecture, rich artistic heritage, and the prestigious University of Salamanca, founded in 1218, one of the oldest universities in Europe. On your guided tour, admire the city’s remarkable mix of Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture as you visit the Old Cathedral and the soaring New Cathedral, whose construction spanned more than two centuries. See the celebrated University façade, where tradition invites visitors to search for the famous frog, and stroll through the magnificent Plaza Mayor, one of the most elegant squares in Spain. To complete your visit, stop at a local market to mingle with vendors and enjoy a tasting of authentic Spanish ham with a drink included. Return to your hotel this evening for dinner. (B,D)

**Day 7 – Ávila | Madrid and the Legendary Prado Museum** After breakfast, set out for Madrid, Spain’s elegant and energetic capital, where grand boulevards, royal landmarks, and world-class art create an unforgettable day of discovery. During your panoramic city tour, admire the historic Austrian Quarter, the majestic Royal Palace, the iconic Puerta de Alcalá, and the celebrated fountains of Cibeles and Neptuno. Travel along the stately avenues that define Madrid’s refined character, including the lively Gran Vía and the distinguished Paseo de la Castellana. The highlight of the day is your visit to the world-famous Prado Museum, one of Europe’s greatest art museums and home to the finest collection of Spanish painting in the world. Here, you can stand before celebrated masterpieces such as Velázquez’s Las Meninas, Bosch’s fascinating The Garden of Earthly Delights, and Goya’s stirring The Third of May 1808. This is a day of culture, elegance, and unforgettable artistic treasures. (B)

**Day 8 – Ávila | El Escorial and Farewell to Spain** After breakfast, enjoy an inspiring excursion to El Escorial Monastery, one of Spain’s most extraordinary historic monuments. Commissioned by King Philip II in the 16th century, this immense complex served as a



Barcelona Sagrada Família



Barcelona. Park Güel

monastery, palace, basilica, and royal seat during the height of the Spanish Empire. Built between 1563 and 1584, El Escorial remains a masterpiece of Spanish Renaissance architecture, admired for its symmetry, grandeur, and deep historical importance. During your visit, explore the magnificent basilica and the famed Pantheon of the Kings, the richly adorned resting place of generations of Spanish monarchs. Return to Ávila for a relaxing afternoon at leisure. Browse inviting boutiques, enjoy a coffee in a local café, or simply soak in the charm of this memorable city one last time. This evening, celebrate your journey with a farewell dinner in a local restaurant, the perfect ending to your Heart of Spain adventure. (B,D)

### Day 9 – Return to the USA | Optional Barcelona Extension

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA, bringing home wonderful memories of Spain’s history, culture, beauty, and warm hospitality. Or, continue your journey with an optional extension to Barcelona and discover even more of this fascinating country. (B)



**Moderate tour:** On and off coach/boat, a traveler needs to be a proficient walker on all terrains and in relatively good physical shape. Walking tours, standing for 30 minutes or longer in one spot, on slopes, city streets, or village cobblestones.

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## OPTIONAL BARCELONA EXTENSION

**Day 9 – Madrid | Barcelona** After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to **Barcelona**, the dazzling capital of Catalonia and one of Europe’s most captivating cities. Upon arrival, you will be warmly greeted by your **Quest Voyager Tour Director** and transferred to your hotel. Set along the sparkling Mediterranean, Barcelona is a city of striking contrasts, where Gothic charm, seaside elegance, world-famous architecture, and vibrant street life come together in unforgettable fashion. From its historic quarters and celebrated museums to its exceptional cuisine and cosmopolitan energy, Barcelona offers a perfect blend of culture, beauty, and coastal sophistication. The remainder of the day is yours to relax or begin exploring this remarkable city at your own pace. (B)

### Day 10 – Barcelona | Gaudí’s Masterpieces & the Gothic Quarter

After breakfast, discover the magic of **Barcelona** on a memorable sightseeing tour of this artistic and architectural treasure. Begin with a drive to **Montjuic Hill**, site of the **1992 Olympic Games**, where sweeping views over the city, harbor, and sea provide a spectacular introduction to Barcelona. Continue to the awe-inspiring **Sagrada Família**, Antoni Gaudí’s unfinished masterpiece and one of the most extraordinary churches in the world. Marvel at its soaring ceilings, richly symbolic design, and breathtaking interior, then visit the **Sagrada Família Museum**, where drawings, models, and photographs trace the history of this remarkable basilica and offer insight into Gaudí’s visionary life and work. Next, explore the atmospheric **Gothic Quarter**, the oldest part of Barcelona, where narrow medieval streets, hidden squares, and historic buildings reveal the city’s timeless soul. After free time for lunch, continue to **Park Güell**, Gaudí’s whimsical hilltop masterpiece, where colorful mosaics, flowing forms, and panoramic views create one of Spain’s most memorable experiences. Blending art, architecture, and gardens, this UNESCO-listed treasure is a joyful celebration of Catalan creativity and an enchanting finale to your day. (B)

**Day 11 – Barcelona | Return to the USA** After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA, bringing home wonderful memories of **Barcelona’s striking beauty, Mediterranean charm, and rich Catalan culture.** (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner.

Hotel (when listed) and Itinerary are subject to change. Quest Voyager reserves the right to make corrections or adjustments to the travel program as necessary.