College Study Tours

SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

INCLUDED ON TOUR

Round-trip flights on major carriers; Full-time Tour Director; Air-conditioned motorcoaches and internal transportation; Superior tourist-class hotels with private bathrooms; Breakfast daily; Select meals with a mix of local cuisine.

Sightseeing:
Lisbon; Evora; Seville; Granada; Barcelona

Entrances:
Castelo De Sao Jorge
Mosteiro dos Jeronimos
Palacio Nacional de Sintra
Bone Chapel
Cork Factory Tour, Sao Brás de Alportel
Fortaleza de Sagres
Cathedral, Seville
Alcazar, Seville
Wine Tasting Course, Ronda
Alhambra, Granada
Park Guell, Barcelona
Business Visit, Barcelona

Overnight stays:
Lisbon (2)
Algarve (3)
Seville (1)
Costa del Sol (2)
Granada (1)
Barcelona (2)

NOT INCLUDED ON TOUR

Optional excursions; Global Travel Coverage; Beverages and lunches (unless otherwise noted); Transportation to free-time activities; Customary gratuities (for your Tour Director, bus driver and local guide); Porterage; Adult supplement (if applicable); Weekend supplement; Shore excursion on cruises; Any applicable baggage-handling fee imposed by the airlines (see efct.com/baggage for details); Expenses caused by airline rescheduling, cancellations or delays caused by the airlines, bad weather or events beyond EF’s control; Passports, visa and reciprocity fees
YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Board Your Overnight Flight to Lisbon!

Day 2: Lisbon

Arrive in Lisbon

Built around the wide, winding River Tagus, the Atlantic port of Lisbon was conquered from the Moors in 1147 and later set forth intrepid seafaring discoverers such as Vasco de Gama. You could take a tram up and down the narrow cobbled streets of Lisbon’s seven hills and admire the magnificent government square of Praca do Comercio, rebuilt after the devastating earthquake of 1755.

Walking Tour of Lisbon (time permitting)

Experience Old World atmosphere as you stroll the winding streets in Lisbon’s age-old Moorish Alfama district. Discover the secrets of this hillside medieval quarter as you explore the former center of Moorish aristocracy. Many of the city’s surviving historical buildings are located in the Alfama, including 16th century aristocratic palaces and churches. Here you will wander the narrow winding cobblestone streets that make up this district. In places the streets are only 4 feet wide!

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Lisbon

Day 3: Lisbon

Guided Sightseeing of Lisbon

Recall the Age of Discovery at Padrão dos Descobrimentos and the Torre de Belém. It was from here that many navigators set sail, including Bartolomeu Dias, who sailed around the southern tip of Africa. Then visit the Castelo de São Jorge, Lisbon’s oldest monument, in the Alfama district. The early kings of Portugal once resided inside the castle, enjoying breathtaking views of the city and the Tagus River below.

Visit the Mosteiro dos Jerónimos

Further relive the days when Portugal was a great trading empire as you visit the Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, built by King Manoel to honor the country’s great voyagers. Here the king lies buried, along with Vasco da Gama, who sailed from Portugal in 1497 and discovered a sea route to India.

Guided Excursion to Sintra and Cascais

Enjoy a half-day excursion to the hillside town of Sintra, referred to by Lord Byron as “glorious Eden.” Here you’ll visit the National Palace of Sintra, whose two conical chimneys reign as the town’s most recognizable landmarks. Continue to the charming beach town of Cascais, home to many of the exiled royal families of Europe after World War II, including those of Spain, Italy and Bulgaria.

Fado Evening Dinner & Show

“Fado” is a musical tradition in Portugal, a performance of ballad-like songs that tell stories of the joys and hardships of everyday life. The Fado evening provides you with a firsthand perspective on this aspect of Portuguese tradition as talented performers present a program of centuries-old songs and dances.

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Lisbon

Day 4: Evora | Algarve

Transfer to the Algarve Region via a Guided Sightseeing of Evora

A local guide will lead you on a sightseeing tour of Evora. A walled town since Roman times, Evora is now mostly Moorish in character with alleyways cut by arches and brilliant, whitewashed houses decorated with colorful azulejos (tiles). Evora was once the seat of Portuguese royalty. Its town center, the Praca de Giraldo, has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During your tour, you will see the Agua de Prata Aqueduct (Silver Water Aqueduct) and the Igreja Real de Sao Francisco. This church is famous for its chapel of bones which you will also visit.

Arrive in the Algarve Region

Portugal is a nation with close ties to the sea. For centuries, many of its people have made their living as fishermen, and some of Western civilization’s best-known explorers began their journeys into the New World from the seaports of Portugal.

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in the Algarve Region

Day 5: Algarve

Excursion to a Cork Factory

Portugal produces almost half of the world’s commercial corks. The best quality cork is obtained from the province of the Algarve. Travel to the Cork Route, where you will learn more about the production of cork in Portugal.

Free Time at the Beach

This afternoon you will have free time to relax on a beautiful beach!

Overnight in the Algarve Region

Day 6: Cabo de São Vicente

Excursion to Cabo de São Vicente

Unspoiled by hordes of tourists, Cabo de São Vicente is a nature lover’s paradise. The area is home to an impressive variety of bird and marine life. As you walk along the steep cliffs, see if you can spot a Bonelli’s eagle, stork or peregrine falcon. Make sure you stop to see the lighthouse, which overlooks one of the world’s busiest waterways. You can see its powerful lights from 37 miles away! From Cabo San Vicente continue to point Sagres, a fortress on the top of a cliff which you will visit.

Overnight in the Algarve Region

Day 7: Seville

Transfer to Seville

Arrive in Seville-capital of Andalusia, birthplace of Velázquez, and host of the 1992 World’s Fair. If you’re lucky enough to arrive in spring, Seville will greet you with the sweet fragrance of orange blossoms.
Guided Sightseeing of Seville
Hispalis, as Seville was called in Roman times, rests on the banks of the Río Guadalquivir and is Spain’s only river port. See the Old Tobacco Factory, setting of Bizet’s opera Carmen, and pass the Plaza de Toros, one of Spain’s preeminent bullrings. Then visit María Luisa Park to view the beautiful mosaics of Plaza de España, built for the 1929 Ibero-American Fair. Next, walk through the geranium-strewn alleys of the Barrio de Santa Cruz, an aesthetic treat you’ll always remember. As you wind your way through this historic Jewish Quarter, notice the whitewashed houses with sand-colored trim—this is typical of Sevillian-style architecture. Top off your tour with a guided visit to the Seville Cathedral, the world’s third largest church, and the Moorish Alcázar. Built for Pedro the Cruel in the 14th century, the Alcázar is one of the purest examples of mudéjar architecture in the world.

Paella dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Seville

**Day 8: Ronda | Costa del Sol**

Transfer to the Costa del Sol via Ronda

**Walking Tour of Ronda**
Your Tour Director will take you through this picturesque Spanish town perched on a mountain. Visit the birthplace of modern bullfighting in the beautiful village of Ronda which boasts the prestigious Plaza de Toros and accompanying Museo Taurino. Marvel at the 200 year-old bridge straddling the gorge on the crest of the sierra. This town impressed Ernest Hemingway so much that he immortalized the town in For Whom the Bell Tolls.

**Wine Tasting Course**
Learn the ins and outs of enjoying Spanish wine, during a professionally-led wine tasting course.

**Arrive in the Costa del Sol**
Travel through the whitewashed villages and olive groves of the stunning Andalucian sierras, to the cosmopolitan Costa del Sol. This blue-skied coast is a treasure trove of small coved fishing villages and family holiday resorts popular with seafood lovers, water sports enthusiasts and beach-goers alike.

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Costa del Sol

**Day 9: Costa del Sol**

Free Time in Costa del Sol
Soak up international culture on the relaxing sandy beaches of the Mediterranean.

Overnight in Costa del Sol

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**Day 10: Granada**

Transfer to Granada
Journey to Granada, which was once the capital of Moorish Andalucia. It is now an architectural masterpiece and thriving university city. Strategically located between the foothills of the imposing, snowy-peaked Sierra Nevada and the beautiful Mediterranean coast, Granada boasts an eclectic cuisine of sweet Moorish desserts. It also boasts one of Europe’s most romantic buildings, the exquisite Arabian palace of the Alhambra.

**Guided Sightseeing of Granada**
Recall both The Arabian Nights and the works of Washington Irving as you tour Spain’s most celebrated building: Granada’s 14th-century Alhambra. See the exotic mosaics and richly ornamented courtyards of the country’s last Moorish stronghold. Here Christopher Columbus discussed with the king his plans for sailing to India. Then walk in the footsteps of sultans as you tour the Generalife—a 14th-century palace surrounded by magnificent rose gardens—where they often spent their summers. (*Please note: Because of the Alhambra’s extreme popularity, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons.*)

Dinner is included this evening.

Overnight in Granada

**Day 11: Barcelona**

Fly to Barcelona
Follow the long sandy beaches along the low-rise Costa Brava towards Barcelona, Spain’s second-largest city. As the capital of fiercely nationalistic Cataluña, Barcelona was the hotbed of resistance under the rule of General Franco and celebrates its unique identity through its language, its increasingly influential government, and on the global stage as host to the unforgettable 1992 Olympic Games.

**Walking Tour of Barcelona (time permitting)**
Absorb the colorful and dynamic atmosphere of Barcelona during your walking tour down Las Ramblas; a mile-long tree-lined pedestrian boulevard which runs from the pulsating Plaza de Catalunya down to the towering monument of Christopher Columbus pointing out to sea. Flower stalls, mime artists, puppeteers, diners and waiters all vie for your attention. You will also see the thrice-burned-down Gran Teatro de Liceu, the nostalgic Café de l’Opera, and still have chance to savor the splendid La Boqueria food market.

Dinner with Locals
Your group will be split up into smaller groups and have the opportunity to dine with locals this evening!

Overnight in Barcelona
Day 12: Barcelona

Guided Sightseeing of Barcelona
Your guided tour takes you past the controversial and still unfinished La Sagrada Familia (the Church of the Holy Family). This masterpiece of twisting spires and colorful mosaics was designed by Gaudí, who estimated it would take 200 years to complete. You’ll also stroll the narrow lanes of the 14th-century Barrio Gótico, the oldest surviving part of the city. Continue on to Gaudí’s masterpiece, the fantasyland of Parc Güell, complete with a bright mosaic lizard fountain and the longest bench in the world. Then enjoy a marvelous harbor view from atop Montjuïc Hill, where much of the 1992 Olympics took place.

Visit a Local Business
Today you will visit a local business.

Farewell dinner with one beverage is included this evening.

Overnight in Barcelona

Day 13: Board Return Flight Home

Transfer to the Airport for Your Return Flight
Your Tour Director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you’ll check in for your return flight home.

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