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SPAIN



Spain's diverse landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and relaxed lifestyle make it an ideal holiday destination. From the sunny Mediterranean coastlines to the Moorish architecture in the south and bustling cities full of art and life, Spain has something for every traveller.

Whether you're seeking history, beaches, or culinary adventures, experience it tailored to suit you.

Top Destinations in Spain

Madrid

Known for: Art museums, royal palaces, and lively nightlife.

What to do:

Visit Prado Museum, home to masterpieces by Goya, Velázquez, and El Greco.

Explore Royal Palace of Madrid and Plaza Mayor.

Stroll through El Retiro Park and the Gran Vía shopping district.

Sample tapas in the vibrant neighborhoods of La Latina or Malasaña.

Barcelona

Known for: Modernist architecture, beaches, and Catalan culture.

What to do:

Visit La Sagrada Família and Park Güell, both designed by the famous architect Antoni Gaudí.

Wander through the narrow streets of the Gothic Quarter.

Stroll along Las Ramblas and explore La Boqueria Market.

Relax on the Barceloneta Beach or hike up to Montjuïc for panoramic views.





Seville

Known for: Flamenco dancing, Moorish architecture, and tapas.

What to do:

Visit the Alcázar of Seville, a royal palace with stunning gardens.

Explore the Seville Cathedral and climb the Giralda Tower for city views.

Watch a flamenco performance in Triana, the birthplace of the dance.

Walk along the Plaza de España and stroll through María Luisa Park.



Granada

Known for: The Alhambra, a stunning Moorish palace complex.

What to do:

Visit the Alhambra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and wander through its palaces, gardens, and courtyards.

Explore the Albaicín, a historic district with narrow, winding streets and whitewashed buildings.

Walk up to Mirador de San Nicolás for incredible views of the Alhambra and the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Enjoy traditional Andalusian cuisine in local tascas (taverns).



Valencia

Known for: Beaches, futuristic architecture, and paella.

What to do:

Explore the City of Arts and Sciences, an architectural marvel with museums, aquariums, and more.

Wander through the old town and visit the Valencia Cathedral.

Relax on the long, sandy Malvarrosa Beach.

Try the traditional paella, Valencia's most famous dish, at one of the beachfront restaurants.



Bilbao

Known for: Art, modern architecture, and the Basque Country's unique culture.

What to do:

Visit the Guggenheim Museum, an iconic contemporary art museum. Stroll through the Casco Viejo (Old Town) and enjoy pintxos (Basque tapas).

Take a day trip to nearby San Sebastián for its beautiful beaches and Michelin-starred restaurants.



Mallorca

Known for: Mediterranean beaches, hiking, and charming villages.

What to do:

Relax on the island's famous beaches like Es Trenc or Cala Millor. Explore the charming town of Sóller or the mountain village of Valldemossa.

Hike in the Serra de Tramuntana mountains, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Visit the Catedral de Mallorca in Palma de Mallorca, the island's capital.

Costa del Sol (Málaga & Marbella)

Known for: Golden beaches, upscale resorts, and nightlife.

What to do:

Relax on the beaches of Marbella or Torremolinos.

Explore the city of Málaga, birthplace of Pablo Picasso, and visit the Picasso Museum.

Take a walk through the Málaga Alcazaba and Gibralfaro Castle for historical insights and panoramic views.

Santiago de Compostela

Known for: The final stop of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage.

What to do:

Visit the magnificent Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, where the remains of St. James are believed to rest.

Wander through the medieval streets of the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Learn about the history of the Camino de Santiago at the Museum of Pilgrimages.



Spanish Culture and Experiences

Cuisine

Tapas: Small plates of food, best enjoyed with friends and a glass of sangría or tinto de verano.

Paella: A must-try, especially in Valencia, where this iconic dish of rice, saffron, seafood, and chicken originates.

Jamón Ibérico: Cured ham, a Spanish delicacy that can be found throughout the country.

Churros: Deep-fried dough pastries, typically dipped in thick chocolate.

Seafood: Especially along the coasts, Spain offers a variety of fresh seafood dishes like pulpo a la gallega (Galician-style octopus) and gambas al ajillo (garlic shrimp).



Fiestas and Festivals

La Tomatina (Buñol): The famous tomato-throwing festival held in August.

Semana Santa (Holy Week): A religious festival celebrated throughout Spain, particularly in Seville with grand processions.

San Fermín (Pamplona): The running of the bulls in July is one of Spain's most famous and exhilarating festivals.

Las Fallas (Valencia): A fiery festival in March where large paper-mâché figures are burned in celebration of spring.

Flamenco

Originating in Andalusia, flamenco is a passionate art form of dance, singing, and guitar playing. Seville is the best place to experience an authentic flamenco show.

Wine Regions

Rioja: Known for its rich red wines, La Rioja is a popular destination for wine lovers.

Ribera del Duero: Another region known for its bold red wines.

Sherry: Produced in Jerez, sherry is a fortified wine that's a staple in southern Spain.



Best Time to Visit Spain

Spring (April–June): Pleasant weather for sightseeing, with fewer crowds. This is also a great time for visiting cities like Madrid, Seville, and Granada before the summer heat sets in.

Summer (July–August): Ideal for beach holidays, especially on the Costa del Sol, the Balearic Islands, and the Canary Islands. However, southern cities can get very hot during this time.

Autumn (September–October): Another excellent time to visit, with comfortable temperatures and fewer tourists.

Winter (November–March): Milder temperatures in the south and ideal for skiing in the Sierra Nevada or Pyrenees.



10 Day Sample Itinerary of Spain

Day 1



Arrive in Madrid
Morning: Arrive in Madrid and check into your hotel.
Afternoon: Start with a leisurely stroll through Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, two of Madrid's most famous squares.
Evening: Enjoy a traditional Spanish dinner in the La Latina neighborhood and try tapas at Casa Lucio or Sobrino de Botín, the world's oldest restaurant.

Day 2



Explore Madrid
Morning: Visit the Prado Museum, home to masterpieces by Goya, Velázquez, and El Greco.
Afternoon: Explore Retiro Park, one of the city's most beautiful parks, and see the Crystal Palace.
Visit Royal Palace of Madrid and the Almudena Cathedral.
Evening: Stroll along the Gran Vía and enjoy the nightlife of Malasaña or Chueca.

Day 3



Day Trip to Toledo
Morning: Take a day trip to Toledo (30-minute train ride from Madrid), a UNESCO World Heritage city known for its medieval architecture and mix of Christian, Jewish, and Moorish influences.
Visit Toledo Cathedral, Alcázar, and the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes.
Afternoon: Wander through the old streets and enjoy views from the Mirador del Valle.
Evening: Return to Madrid for a quiet dinner.

Day 4



Madrid to Seville
Morning: Take the AVE high-speed train from Madrid to Seville (2.5 hours).
Afternoon: Arrive in Seville and check into your hotel.
Visit the Seville Cathedral (the largest Gothic cathedral in the world) and climb the Giralda Tower for stunning city views.
Explore the Alcázar of Seville, a magnificent Moorish palace with lush gardens.
Evening: Watch an authentic flamenco show in Triana, the birthplace of this passionate dance.

Day 5



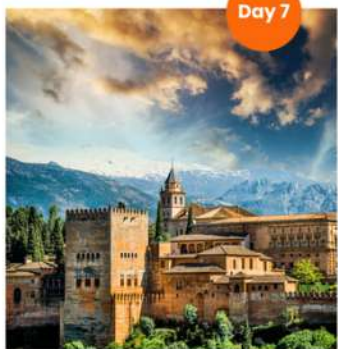
Explore Seville
Morning: Visit Plaza de España, a stunning square with a semi-circular building and moat. Enjoy a boat ride on the canal.
Afternoon: Wander through Barrio Santa Cruz, the old Jewish Quarter, with its narrow streets and charming plazas. Walk along the Guadalquivir River and explore Torre del Oro.
Evening: Enjoy a tapas dinner in El Arenal or Alameda de Hércules.

Day 6



FDay Trip to Córdoba
Morning: Take a day trip to Córdoba (45 minutes by train), famous for its Mezquita-Cathedral, a stunning example of Islamic architecture.
Visit the Roman Bridge and Alcázar of the Christian Monarchs.
Afternoon: Explore the beautiful streets of the Judería (Jewish Quarter) and the Patios of Córdoba.
Evening: Return to Seville and relax with a glass of tinto de verano (red wine and soda) by the river.

Day 7



Seville to Granada
Morning: Take a bus or train from Seville to Granada (about 3 hours).
Afternoon: Arrive in Granada and check into your hotel.
Explore the charming Albaicín neighborhood, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its narrow streets and whitewashed houses.
Visit Mirador de San Nicolás for incredible sunset views of the Alhambra and the Sierra Nevada mountains.
Evening: Enjoy a traditional Granada tapas dinner, where every drink comes with a free small dish.

Day 8



Visit the Alhambra
Morning: Spend the day at the Alhambra, the crown jewel of Moorish architecture in Spain.
Explore the Nasrid Palaces, Generalife Gardens, and the Alcazaba fortress.
Book tickets in advance as the Alhambra is very popular.
Afternoon: Walk around Carrera del Darro, one of the most scenic streets in Granada.
Evening: Visit a traditional Arab bathhouse (Hammam) for some relaxation, or enjoy a dinner in Sacromonte, known for its cave houses and flamenco shows.

Day 9



Granada to Barcelona
Morning: Fly or take a train from Granada to Barcelona.
Afternoon: Arrive in Barcelona and check into your hotel.
Visit La Sagrada Família, Antoni Gaudí's famous basilica.
Stroll around Passeig de Gràcia to see Gaudí's modernist masterpieces, Casa Batlló and Casa Milà (La Pedrera).
Evening: Explore Las Ramblas and stop by the vibrant La Boqueria Market for some local snacks.

Day 10



Explore Barcelona
Morning: Visit Park Güell, another of Gaudí's whimsical creations, with colorful mosaics and panoramic views of the city.
Afternoon: Walk through the Gothic Quarter and visit Barcelona Cathedral.
Take a stroll around the Barceloneta Beach or rent a bike to explore the waterfront.
Evening: Have a farewell dinner at a rooftop restaurant with views of Montjuïc or the Magic Fountain.