



RANDOLPH
COLLEGE

An IBERIAN Odyssey

PALACE OF PENA

OCTOBER 6 - 16, 2024

Embark on a captivating exploration of the Iberian Peninsula, discovering the unique charm of Madrid, Granada, Seville, Lisbon, and Oporto. Experience the historical allure of Madrid, the energy of flamenco in Seville, the captivating Alhambra in Granada, and the soulful melodies of Fado in Lisbon. Navigate the lively streets of Lisbon, blending old-world charm with a modern vibe.

From the impressive architecture of Madrid's Royal Palace to Lisbon's captivating tilework, each city offers a distinctive chapter in this memorable journey. Delight in local flavors with tapas in Madrid and pastel de nata in Lisbon.

Our adventure concludes in Oporto, where the Douro River winds through vineyard-covered hills, providing a scenic backdrop to the birthplace of port wine. This tour promises an immersive experience, unveiling the hidden treasures of Iberia.

Join fellow R-MWC alumnae and Randolph College alumni, family, and friends for an enriching adventure that will leave a lasting impression.



TILEWORK IN SEVILLE

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

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| LAND ONLY (no airfare inc): | \$ 5490 |
| SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: | \$ 1440 |

*Airfares are available from many US gateways.
Please call for details.*

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 9 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe guide throughout the tour, and local guides where noted on the Itinerary
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.
Insurance information will be e-mailed to each registrant by
Randolph College representative upon receipt of deposit.*

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 – Departure from your chosen US gateway. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 – Morning arrival in Madrid where you will be met and transferred to your city-center hotel. You'll have a short orientation tour of the neighborhood before you check in and have time to recuperate from the flight. This evening a dinner party welcomes you to Spain!

(D) OVERNIGHT: MADRID

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 – A panoramic sightseeing tour of Madrid this morning concludes at the Prado with a brief overview of the masterpieces on display there. The afternoon and evening are free to explore at your leisure, with suggestions from your tour guide. Perhaps a visit to the Royal Palace or the Basilica of San Francisco el Grande, or enjoy the heart of Madrid, the Plaza Mayor.

(B) OVERNIGHT: MADRID

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 – Today we travel south by train to Granada, towards the beautiful hilltop towns of the Andalusian Mountains. On arrival, we will have time for lunch before gathering for a tour of the Alhambra. This magical fortress-palace encapsulates Moorish culture and architecture. We'll also tour the gardens of the nearby Palace of the Generalife and stroll over to the Mirador de San Nicolas for incredible views of the Alhambra. Tonight, the group dines together at a local restaurant. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: GRANADA**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 – Departing Granada, we embark on a scenic drive to Seville, winding through the picturesque landscapes of Andalusia, where olive groves and rolling hills frame the journey to the vibrant heart of southern Spain. Along the way we'll pause for lunch, savoring local flavors amidst the enchanting landscapes. Upon arrival, a local guide introduces Seville on a walking tour with visits to the Real Alcazar and the magnificent cathedral. There will be time to rest and unpack before an included dinner at the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SEVILLE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 – An early start this morning takes us to the south coast for our ferry to Tangier where a local guide will meet us for a sightseeing tour. We'll zig-zag through the Medina's maze-like streets with visits to the Kasbah Museum, St. Andrew's Church, and of course, the famous Cinema Rif Café for an authentic local snack. After the tour, we will transfer back to the ferry for the return to Seville. The evening is free to find a local restaurant for dinner. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SEVILLE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 – A morning transfer will collect the group and bring us to Seville Airport for the short flight to Lisbon. Upon arrival, we will check in to our hotel and have time to explore the neighborhood. This evening, we are welcomed to Portugal with the experience of the husky beauty of "Fado", Portugal's traditional music, as we have dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LISBON**



ALHAMBRA



PALACE OF SINTRA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 – Panoramic sightseeing this morning, with a local guide introduces this fascinating city; from the grand neo-classical buildings of the Baixa district to the narrow-cobbled alleys of the Moorish Alfama quarter, we'll experience the rich variety of the city. We'll stop for visits to the Castelo de São Jorge, a hilltop fortification with magnificent views over the city and the Tagus River, Belem Tower, and the exquisite Monastery of Jerónimos. After free time for lunch, we gather again for an excursion to Palacio Marques. The evening is free to sample the local cuisine.

(B) OVERNIGHT: LISBON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 – Turning north, we make our first stop in the beautiful beach town of Sintra. Here we'll visit the Moorish- and Manueline-style Sintra National Palace, distinguished by dramatic twin chimneys and elaborate tilework. After time for lunch as a group, we continue to the hilltop 19th-century Pena National Palace—

known for its whimsical design and sweeping views. We then continue north to our hotel in the dazzling city of Oporto. The evening is free for further exploration. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: OPORTO**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 – Morning sightseeing of the city with a local guide includes the Cathedral District, the riverside quarter of Ribeira, and the civic and shopping centers of Central and Baixa. This afternoon, an excursion to Portugal's most spectacular religious sanctuary, "Bom Jesus do Monte." The 18th-century giant baroque stairway was designed to lead up to the small shrine, the church of Bom Jesus. The afternoon is free to do some last-minute gift shopping before we gather in the evening for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: OPORTO**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 – This morning we will transfer as a group to Oporto Airport for our included flight back to Lisbon to catch your return flight to the US. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner