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## TOURS & TRAVEL

FOR THE DISCERNING TRAVELLER

### SPAIN & PORTUGAL ENGLISH ONLY COACH TOURS 2024

All prices are in Australian Dollars unless otherwise stated

16/11/23

#### 11 DAY PORTUGAL TOUR with BARCELONA & MADRID from BARCELONA (BPTCME)

**DEPARTS BARCELONA FRIDAYS                      APRIL – OCTOBER 2024**  
*ENGLISH SPEAKING ONLY, SMALL GROUP – MAXIMUM 24 PASSENGERS*

**Day 1 (Friday)                      ARRIVE BARCELONA**  
Arrive Barcelona airport, transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Accommodation.

**Day 2 (Saturday)                      BARCELONA**  
Breakfast at your hotel. Morning city tour of Barcelona. Drive along the main avenues with its impressive Gaudi modernist buildings such as La Pedrera and Casa Milá. The Montjuïc Park with spectacular views of the city and harbor, Olympic Ring, monument to Columbus and the Olympic Port. Visit the most important landmark in the city of Barcelona, Sagrada Familia. Admire Gaudi's masterwork by the hand of your expert local guide. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation.

**Day 3 (Sunday)                      BARCELONA / MADRID**  
Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to Barcelona train station to take the high-speed train to Madrid. Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Accommodation.

**Day 4 (Monday)                      MADRID**  
Breakfast at your hotel. Discover the beauties of the city with a guided city tour. Barrio de la Morería, the Hapsburgs District, Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and Plaza de la Villa; the Madrid of the Bourbons and the complex town planning schemes of Charles III, the Royal Palace, Cibeles and Neptuno Fountains and the Puerta de Alcalá. The contemporary Madrid with areas such as Gran Vía, Castellana, the district of Salamanca, Plaza Castilla and Parque del Oeste, as well as commercial and financial areas of Modern Madrid, the emblematic Las Ventas Bullring and the Santiago Bernabéu Football Stadium. Afternoon free to continue exploring the wonders that the city has to offer. Join your fellow travellers for an authentic Welcome Tapas Dinner at a local restaurant. Accommodation. (BD)

**Day 5 (Tuesday)                      MADRID / SALAMANCA / PORTO**  
Breakfast at your hotel. Then depart for Portugal via Salamanca. Enjoy some free time in this University City World Heritage of great architectural and artistic wealth. Continue to the Portuguese border to reach Porto. Located along the Douro River estuary in northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European towns, and proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996. Accommodation. (B)

**Day 6 (Wednesday)                      PORTO**  
Breakfast at your hotel and then a guided sightseeing tour of Porto. Admire the Cathedral, Stock Exchange building and Santa Clara church. Afterwards, enjoy a Douro River Cruise and discover famous Port Wine Cellars with a wine tasting experience included. Rest of day at leisure. Accommodation. (B)



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### **Day 7 (Thursday) PORTO / COIMBRA / FATIMA**

Depart for Coimbra a city with one of the oldest universities in Europe and the birthplace of Fado; Free time then continue to Fatima. Centre of the Christian Faith and World Pilgrimage Sanctuary with its impressive Basilica and the Cova da Iria place where the Virgin Mary appeared. The Chapel of the Apparitions, heart of the sanctuary, with the tombs of the three shepherds, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. Tonight, it may be possible to attend the procession of the candles. Accommodation. (B)

### **Day 8 (Friday) FATIMA / BATALHA / NAZARE / ALCOBACA / LISBON**

Today, depart for the Batalha Monastery, a masterpiece of Gothic and Manueline style and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Next travel to the picturesque fishing town of Nazaré. Free time. Continue to Alcobaca, another UNESCO World Heritage site, with its 12th century Gothic church and Cistercian monastery. Later continue to Lisbon. Accommodation. (B)

### **Day 9 (Saturday) LISBON**

After breakfast join a morning sightseeing tour of the ancient Olissipo, drive through its main squares and avenues, Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Coach Museum, Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square, Liberty Avenue. Afternoon at leisure for you to catch the nostalgic corners of Alfama Quarter, the old city gathered next to its Castle, with old buildings nested in narrow twisting "Ruas" full of colour housing the genuine "tabernas". Join your fellow travellers and enjoy a typical Portuguese dinner visiting one of the oldest Fado venues in the city and located in one of the most interesting cultural neighbourhoods in the area. Accommodation. (BD)

### **Day 10 (Sunday) LISBON / CACERES / MADRID**

Today leave Lisbon to return to Madrid. En-route stop in Caceres to visit this ancient city. Old Town Caceres has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site because of its historic architecture; a blend of Roman, Islamic, Northern Gothic and Italian Renaissance styles. Walk through its Old Town and Plaza Mayor during this short stop. Continue to Madrid. Accommodation. (B)

### **Day 11 (Monday) DEPART MADRID**

After breakfast; transfer to Madrid airport. (B) END OF TOUR.



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2024 Departure Dates Fridays	Per Person in Double / Twin	Per Person in Single
April: 5, 19 May: 24 June: 7, 14, 28 July: 5 August: 9 September: 20, 27 October: 4, 11, 18	AUD 4600	AUD 6400
May: 3, 10, 17 August: 30 September: 6	AUD 5090	AUD 6890

### Tour Includes:

Airport transfers for Barcelona arrival & Madrid departure on day 1 & day 11;  
Daily Breakfast,  
Welcome Tapas Experience Dinner in Madrid, Fado Show and Dinner in Lisbon  
Guided visits in Barcelona (Sagrada Familia entrance included), Madrid,  
Porto (Douro River Cruise and Port wine tasting included), Lisbon;  
High speed train ticket tourist class Barcelona-Madrid  
with transfers from hotel in Barcelona and to hotel in Madrid;  
Transport by coach and English speaking tour director\*

### First Class (4\*) Tour Hotels used (or similar):

Barcelona – Hesperia President;  
Madrid – Hyatt Regency Madrid  
Porto – BessaHotel Voavista, Vila Gale Porto;  
Fatima – Santa Maria, Aurea, Regina, Estrela  
Lisbon – Lutécia

### Additional Information:

Passport details are required in advance;  
\*During the Barcelona & Madrid Stays, the tour escort will not be available;  
Tourist city taxes (in applicable cities) are to be paid locally;  
In the event that the guided tour of Madrid is not operated for technical reasons  
will be replaced by the Madrid Hop-on Hop-off Bus 1 day instead.  
Luggage Limit: one suitcase per person (max. 25kg, 157cm total dimensions),  
If 2 passengers are sharing one suitcase larger measurements will be accepted.

*Private Driver-Guide & Tour Directors: The operator is aware of the importance of the accompanying driver-guide and tour directors during the journey, therefore, they are selected from among the most qualified professionals, who know perfectly well our routes and cities to visit. During the tour, they will make explanations about it, coordinate the accommodation services and take care of the proper development of the circuit, making your trip an unforgettable experience.*

*When the group is made up of 10 or fewer passengers, the circuit will have no guide, but a knowledgeable expert driver-guide. Such change will not be considered as a significant change of the trip.*

*Guaranteed Departures: All departures are guaranteed with a minimum of 8 passengers. If, for occupancy reasons, we can't deliver our Small Group Journey, we will give you the option of joining our regular coach tour, with the same departures dates and tours as your Small Group Journey. This alternative will carry out a discount to be advised.*

*Generally, coach tours in Spain, Portugal, Morocco use local guides in cities/destinations visited. Tours are also normally accompanied by a tour escort. Your tour may comprise a combination of tours, other participants in your tour may be going to or leaving for other destinations. Your tour escort may also change during the course of your program.*

**THE OPERATOR, JULIA TRAVEL, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER HOTELS OR ITINERARY IF NECESSARY**



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