

The BEST of SPAIN & PORTUGAL

TOUR 6820—13 days from Madrid to Madrid

TOUR 682E—16 days from Madrid to
Barcelona

Priced From  1,659^{US}



BELEM TOWER, LISBON

YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Individual headsets 

SIGHTSEEING: Visits to Loja, Montilla wine tasting, Evora, Fátima sanctuary, Coimbra, Salamanca Plaza Mayor, Avila St. Theresa's convent, Segovia
 ■ Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description including admission charges where applicable.

GUIDES: Local Guides for city sightseeing in Toledo, Granada-Alhambra complex, Cordoba Mezquita, Seville, Lisbon, Oporto, Madrid; professional Tour Director while touring

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS: Costa del Sol, Andalusia, Douro Valley

TRANSPORTATION: Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach; high-speed train (Tour 682E)

ADD BARCELONA TO YOUR HOLIDAY: (Tour 682E) with Monograms (part of the Globus family of brands)

HOTELS: Listed below or equivalent. Rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, portorage, tips and service charges

MADRID Praga (ST), **GRANADA** Alixares (ST) or Abba (F), **CORDOBA** Selu (ST), **SEVILLE** Don Paco (ST), **LISBON** Roma (ST), **OPORTO** Quality Portus Cale (F), **SALAMANCA** Ibis (ST), **MADRID** Novotel Puente de La Paz (F) or Praga (ST)

MEALS: Buffet breakfasts (B) daily; 4 dinners (D), including dinner at a local restaurant in Oporto

MyACCOUNT: Personalise your tour ahead of time with additional excursions. Visit our website for details and conditions.

Day 1, Tue. ARRIVE IN MADRID, SPAIN. Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is for you to relax or start exploring Madrid. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers. (D)

Day 2, Wed. MADRID-TOLEDO-GRANADA. Drive south to Toledo. Spectacularly situated on a granite hill surrounded by a loop of the Tagus River, the ancient Castilian capital attracts more visitors from around the world than any other Spanish town. Visit the walled Old Town with a Local Guide and marvel at the 12th-century CHURCH OF ST. TOME, known for its large painting by El Greco of *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*. Later, cross the Guadalquivir River and head for the olive and orange groves that dot the rolling Andalusian hills. Overnight in history-steeped Granada at the foot of the Sierra Nevada. (B,D)

Day 3, Thu. GRANADA-LOJA-MONTILLA-CORDOBA. Granada was the Arabs' most treasured city, and they still mourn its loss in their prayers. With a Local Guide, visit the

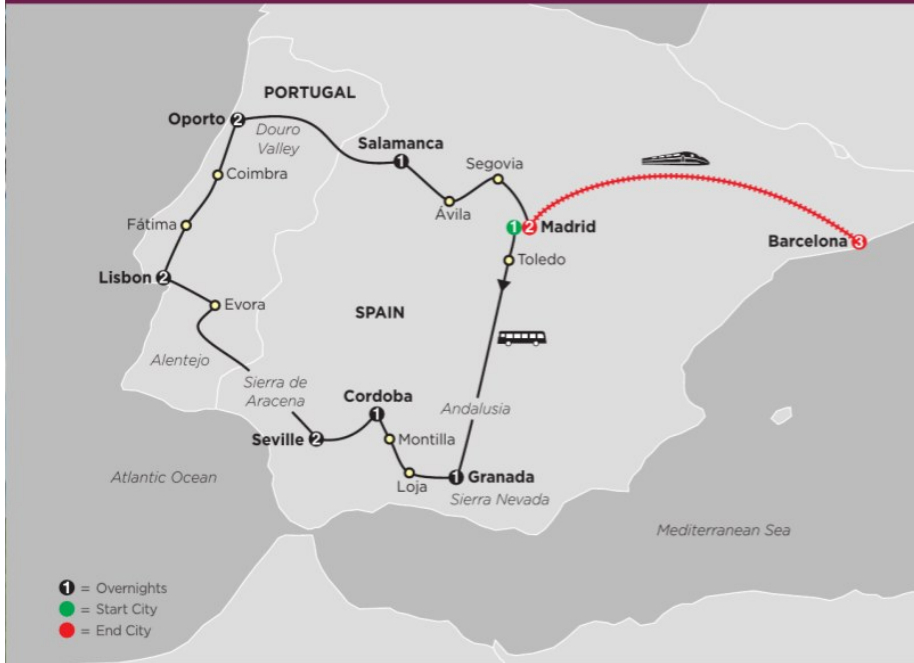
ALHAMBRA COMPLEX, built by Moorish kings. More grand scenery as you travel to Loja. Captured and held by the Moors, it was formerly known as Medina Lawsa until it was recaptured by the Christians in 1486 during the *Reconquista*. Explore this "flower among thorns" before reaching Montilla to visit a local WINE CELLAR and taste some of its wine. Then, continue to Cordoba on the banks of the Guadalquivir River. (B)

Day 4, Fri. CORDOBA-SEVILLE. With a Local Guide visit the magnificent MEZQUITA, famous for its 850 pillars of porphyry, marble, and jasper. Then, travel through the stunningly scenic area of Pueblos Blancos—the "White-Washed Villages of Andalusia." This picturesque region is famous for the deep El Tajo gorge that literally cuts it in two, and is the birthplace of modern bullfighting. On to vibrant, festive Seville. (B,D)

Day 5, Sat. SEVILLE. Get to know Seville on the included city tour. Capital of Andalusia and the cultural and financial centre of southern



SEVILLE



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TOUR 682E—16 days



The Monograms portion of your holiday includes travel by high-speed AVE train from Madrid to Barcelona, transfers to/from train stations, three overnights, guided sightseeing, and services of an expert Local Host.

Day 13, Sun. MADRID-BARCELONA.

Travel by high-speed AVE train to Barcelona. Your Local Host is on hand to help you make the most of your stay. (B)

Day 14, Mon. BARCELONA. Morning guided sightseeing includes a visit to Gaudí's CASA BATLLÓ and the extraordinary SAGRADA FAMILIA BASILICA. (B)

Day 15, Tue. BARCELONA. Your Local Host will have many suggestions for your day at leisure. (B)

Day 16, Wed. BARCELONA. Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Your hotel is NH Collection Barcelona Podium (F).

Day 12, Sat. MADRID. Not only is it the capital of Spain, but because it is situated 2,180 feet above sea level, the Spaniards say Madrid is the nearest thing to Heaven. The day is dedicated to discover Madrid's main highlights on the included guided city tour. (B)

Day 13, Sun. MADRID. Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Spain, colourful Seville has much to offer: the cathedral, the third-largest church in the world after St. Peter's in Rome and St. Paul's in London; the beautiful *La Giralda* minaret tower, a symbol of Seville; the Real Alcázar palace with its extravagant Moorish architecture and opulent gardens; *Plaza de España*, used in the filming of Episodes I and II in the *Star Wars* trilogy; and so much more. (B)

Day 6, Sun. SEVILLE-EVORA, PORTUGAL-LISBON. Enjoy the scenery of the Sierra de Aracena before crossing into Portugal and the fertile plains of the Alentejo. Admire the forest of cork trees and make a stop to visit Evora, a delightfully attractive Moorish city with arches, alleys, flower-decked balconies, brilliant white houses, and the Temple of Diana. Continue to Lisbon. (B)

Day 7, Mon. LISBON. Henry the Navigator made Lisbon the 15th-century "Mistress of the Seas." You'll see his monument, the Belem Tower, the Moorish Citadel, the impressive Black Horse Square, and other highlights on the guided sightseeing tour. Spend the afternoon at leisure in the Alfama's tile-decorated streets, or take an optional excursion along the Estoril Coast to Cascais and Sintra. (B)

Day 8, Tue. LISBON-FÁTIMA-COIMBRA-OPORTO. Stop in Fátima to visit its world-famous SANCTUARY, dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Continue to Coimbra, known for its university, one of the oldest in Europe, and to Oporto on the northern bank of the Douro River. For the perfect way to round out your day, why not join an optional Douro River cruise and dinner? (B)

Day 9, Wed. OPORTO. Discover Oporto's highlights on the guided city tour. See its historical cathedral, overlooking the *Port* wine cellars along the banks of the Douro River. This afternoon, maybe

join an optional excursion to Guimarães, considered the "cradle" of Portugal and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tonight, sample local cuisine on the included dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Day 10, Thu. OPORTO-SALAMANCA, SPAIN.

Enjoy the profusion of woodlands and mountains on your return to Spain via the scenic Douro Valley. Reach the ancient and beautiful university town of Salamanca in the early evening and maybe take a stroll in the *Plaza Mayor*. (B)

Day 11, Fri. SALAMANCA-ÁVILA-SEGOVIA-MADRID.

Journey to fortified Ávila with its many towers and visit ST. THERESA'S CONVENT before continuing to Segovia, a medieval town picturesquely set on a rocky hill. Spend some time in Segovia before crossing the boundary between new and old Castile to arrive in Madrid. (B)

TOURS 6820 & 682E DATES & PRICES

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Prices are per person, based on double room occupancy.
Single room supplement: 6820 \$600, 682E \$840-\$1026; guaranteed shares (not available on Tour 682E); see page 5; no triple room reduction.
Extra nights per person in Madrid:
in single room \$106-\$115, in twin / in triple \$57-\$63

Extension 682E - Extra nights per person in Barcelona:
in single room \$190-\$319, in twin \$109-\$175, in triple \$99-\$144
Departure 0327 Easter departure
Departure 0417 Feria in Seville
Departure 1214 Christmas lunch in Madrid.