

ITINERARY AND LOCAL CONTACT INFO

AIRFARE ROUND TRIP (SEE SEPARATE DOCUMENT)

CHARLOTTE-MADRID,
MARCH 13TH, 2014

BARCELONA-CHARLOTTE
SUNDAY 23RD, 2014

DAY 1— MADRID (FRIDAY 14TH)

Arrive in Madrid Barajas at 8:30 am
Metro to hotel
Check in at hotel HOTEL REX Gran Vía, 43, 01. Centro Madrid, 28013 +34915474800
Purchase of Metro Cards
Walk to famous Chocolatería San Ginés for a complimentary traditional Spanish breakfast: hot chocolate and churros
Visit the Royal Palace (18 th c.) https://www.patrimonionacional.es
Walk to historic Calle Cervantes www.chocolateriasangines.com
Visit Lope de Vega's house (if there is time)
Lunch
Visit El Prado Museum http://www.museodelprado.es/en
Walk to la Puerta del Sol , Madrid's most remarkable and historical square
Complimentary Tapas dinner at local taberna off Plaza Mayor
Return to hotel

DAY 2— SEVILLA (SATURDAY 15TH)

Continental breakfast at hotel
High Speed train to Sevilla
Taxi to hotel

<p>Check in at hotel HOTEL CONVENTO LA GLORIA Argote de Molia, 26-28 http://www.hotelconventolagloria.es/</p>
<p>Walk by the Guadalquivir River</p>
<p>Go up to the top of Muslim Tower of Gold (12th c.)</p>
<p>Lunch</p>
<p>Visit the Alcazar (14th c., the oldest royal residence in Europe still in use) http://www.alcazarsevilla.org/</p>
<p>Complimentary Refreshment: traditional horchata drink/icecream</p>
<p>Tablao and Flamenco Show and tapas dinner http://www.sevillaflamenco.com/tablaos-in-seville.html</p>
<p>Evening walk by the river. Coffee and dessert at local chocolaterie</p>
<p>Return to Hotel</p>

DAY 3— SEVILLA (SUNDAY 16TH)

<p>Continental breakfast at hotel</p>
<p>Visit to the enclosed Female Monastery of Santa Paula (Order of St Jerome). http://www.santapaula.es/ Sampling of monastery's homemade assorted cookies (recipes go back to the 16th c.)</p>
<p>Walk to St. Clara's Convent to offer the nuns one dozen eggs (local tradition for our bride-to-be in the group so it does not rain on her wedding day)</p>
<p>Lunch</p>
<p>1-hour river cruise on the Río Guadalquivir http://www.guadaluxe.com/ (highlights: see most emblematic monuments of Seville, including oldest bullring in Spain, place where Columbus planned his trip to India, place where ships would unload tobacco, gold and silver from the Americas)</p>
<p>Visit the Cathedral, including the treasury and the Arab tower of La Giralda (Sevilla's Cathedra, originally as mosque, is the largest Gothic building in the world, the 3rd largest church in Europe and home to Columbus's tomb) http://www.catedraldesevilla.es/</p>
<p>Visit the Torre del Oro, Europe's most famous Almohad minaret http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giralda</p>
<p>Dinner and evening walk</p>
<p>Return to hotel</p>

DAY 4 – CÓRDOBA (MONDAY 17TH)

Continental breakfast at hotel
Train to Córdoba
Taxi to hotel
Check in at hotel EUROSTARS PATIOS DE CORDOBA Diario Córdoba, 13 +34957222462
Visit Córdoba's Great Mosque (8 th c.) http://www.mezquitadecordoba.org/
Free time for lunch around the Great Monst
Visit Cordoba's Zoco and the Jewish Quarters
Visit Maimonides statue
Visit the Casa de Sefarad. The Museum of Sephardic Jews Memory Traditional Sephardic music , live http://www.casadesefarad.es/
Visit the Galería de la Inquisición http://www.galeriadelainquisicion.com/
Walk the Roman Bridge and visit the Muslim Tower of Calahorra
Dinner
Return to hotel

DAY 5— GRANADA (TUESDAY 18TH)

Continental breakfast at hotel
Taxi to train station
Train to Granada
Taxi to hotel
Check in at hotel HOTEL NAVAS Navas 22, Centro http://www.hotelnavas.com/
Lunch

Visit the Cathedral and the Royal Chapel where the Catholic Monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella are buried http://www.catedraldegranada.com/
Walk up the hill to the Mudéjar Church of San Andrés (15 th c.) from famous Calle Elvira to have a panoramic view of La Alhambra at sunset
Picnic dinner on the top of San Andrés hill
Return to hotel

DAY 6— GRANADA (WEDNESDAY 19TH)

Continental breakfast at hotel
Visit to La Alhambra (access to Nazaries Palace, Palace of Emperor Charles V, the Generalife and the Albaycín) http://www.alhambra.degranada.org/en/
Lunch in the courtyard of La Alhambra
Walk through the Albaicín , the old Arab quarter (free time for shopping)
Afternoon refreshment
Visit the Hammam Al Andalus , first Arab baths in Europe (students will have the opportunity to bath and experience a millenary tradition of Arab baths and perfumes treatment) HTTP://GRANADA.HAMMAMALANDALUS.COM/EN/
Dinner
Zambra and Flamenco Show at famous gipsy Caves of Sacromonte (includes, bus ride, guided walking tour of old Albaicin and one drink) http://cuevalarocio.es/
Return to hotel

DAY 7 — BARCELONA (THURSDAY 20TH)

Continental breakfast at hotel
Taxi to airport
Flight to Barcelona
Airbus to apartment
Check in at apartment Coli 24 Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 620, 2 ^º , 4 ^º http://www.enjoybcn.com/barcelona-apartments/apartment_coli-24_578.html

Cultural activity: buy groceries at famous local market La Boqueria http://www.boqueria.info/
Lunch in the apartment
Time for rest
Evening walk to famous Las Ramblas and tapas in Plaza Real
Return to apartment

DAY 8—BARCELONA (FRIDAY 21ND)

Breakfast in apartment
Bus tour of the city (all day): http://www.barcelonabusturistic.cat/ca/home Includes stops at Parc Guell http://www.parkguell.cat/es/ Gaudi's Sagrada Familia http://www.sagradafamilia.cat/ Casa Batlló http://www.casabatillo.es/en/
Explore the old aristocratic Gothic Quarters and visit the Gothic Catedral de Barcelona http://www.catedralbcn.org/
Lunch in Plaza Real
Evening walk through the Gothic Quarters and time for shopping http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gothic_Quarter,_Barcelona
Dinner

DAY 9—BARCELONA (SATURDAY 22ND)

Explore the Passeig Maritim and the Maremagnum
Free time for shopping and preparation for the trip home
Cultural activity: Buy groceries Cook Spanish dinner and Entertain some Spanish guest!

DAY 10— BARCELONA (SUNDAY 23RD, RETURN TO USA)

Breakfast in the apartment

Taxi to airport