

Madrid



13 Day Shrines of Spain Tour

Toledo ♦ Granada ♦ Cordoba ♦ Avila ♦ Segovia
Salamanca ♦ Fatima ♦ Santarem

October 7 – 19, 2024

\$4,190.00 Per Person From Orlando

Includes: Roundtrip Bus Transfer Service From Royal Palm Beach and Vero Beach to the Airport, Roundtrip Air Transportation From Orlando, First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy, 2 Meals A Day – Buffet Breakfast & Dinner (With 1 Glass Of Wine At Dinner), Daily Mass, Daily Sightseeing With English Speaking Tour Guides, Entrance Fees, Airport Taxes, And Fuel Surcharges - Which Might Subject To Change, And Tips To Guides And Drivers.

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SHRINES OF SPAIN TOUR

DAY 1 DEPART FOR MADRID

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight(s) to Madrid.

DAY 2 MADRID / TOLEDO

Upon arrival in Madrid, you will collect your luggage in the baggage claim area and continue to the Arrival's Hall where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Transfer and check-in in the hotel in Toledo.

DAY 3 TOLEDO / GRANADA

Following breakfast, we will visit the Imperial City of Toledo where Saint John of the Cross was imprisoned by his fellow Carmelites. Toledo sits on a rocky mound isolated on three sides by a looping gorge of the Río Tajo. Every available inch of this city has been built out: churches, synagogues, mosques and houses are heaped upon one another in a haphazard spiral which the cobbled lanes infiltrate as best they can. Toledo is known as the City of the Three Religions or Cultures, because for many centuries the Christians, the Moors and the Jews lived together in relative equality and peace. The city, surrounded by walls, hides great treasures: its awesome Cathedral, a robust Gothic construction which took over 250 years (1227 – 1493) to complete; the Church of Santo Tomé, where El Greco's masterpiece is located: The Burial of the Count of Orgaz; the Tránsito Synagogue and its Museo Sefaradita; Santa María La Blanca Synagogue, the superb Church of San Juan de los Reyes, whose exterior is uniquely decorated with chains worn by Christian prisoners from Granada released on the reconquest of the city; the different doors that keep the city safe: Puerta de Bisagras, Puerta del Cambrón, Puerta del Sol, etc. Continue to Granada for dinner and overnight.

Mass at Toledo Cathedral

Granada

DAY 4 GRANADA

Breakfast in the hotel and then begin your sightseeing. We start with a visit to the Church of Saint John of the Cross where he was Prior in Granada for many years and we will follow his steps in the city. In the afternoon we will visit one of the most beautiful palaces in the world: The Alhambra. The meaning of the word Alhambra is "the red fort" which comes

from its reddish walls. The Alhambra was a palace, citadel, fortress and home of the Nasrid sultans, high government officials, servants of the court and elite soldiers (from the 13th to the 14th century). Today, the monument is divided into four main areas: the palaces, the military zone or Alcazaba, the city or Medina and the agricultural estate of the Generalife. Woods, gardens and orchards surround all of these areas. Other notable buildings belonging to different time periods are also included such as the Renaissance style Palace of Charles V, which houses the Alhambra Museum (most of the items are from the site of the monument) and the Fine Art Museum. In the evening we will enjoy a beautiful and magnificent view of the Alhambra from the San Nicholas viewpoint. Dinner and overnight in Granada.

Mass at Saint John the Cross**DAY 5 CORDOBA**

Depart Granada to Cordoba and see the Mosque Cathedral of Cordoba, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue to tour the amazing royal castle - Alcazar Reyes Christianos, walk through the lush gardens and climb the watchtowers for an unforgettable view. Stop at the Roman Bridge and tour the Jewish Quarters to see the synagogue and souks. Get a feel for the city's Andalusian flavor and learn about its history as you stroll through the scenic streets. Dinner and overnight in Cordoba.

Mass at Cathedral of Cordoba

Avila

DAY 6 MADRID / AVILA

This morning we depart Cordoba onto Madrid. We will be able to attend Mass at the first foundation of Santa Teresa, The Convent of Saint Joseph. Continue to visit the Prado Museum with over 2,300 paintings and 1,000 sculptures by some of Europe's greatest artists. Enjoy a walking tour of Madrid to include the exterior of the Royal Palace, through the Plaza Mayor, and stop at the Cathedral de la Almudena. Drive to Avila for dinner and overnight.

Mass at Cathedral de la Almudena**DAY 7 AVILA**

After breakfast we will visit the city of Avila. Here the atmosphere has changed very little since the days of St. Teresa, to whom the city is dedicated. St. Teresa the great mystic, was the first woman to be named a Doctor of the

Church. We will visit: the crypt of La Santa Convent, built on the site of the house where she was born; La Encarnacion Convent, where St. Teresa became a nun and home to the most comprehensive museum dedicated to her life; the Cathedral and the Cuatro Postes (four columns) which commemorates St. Teresa, at the age of seven convinced her brother to run away with her to die as martyrs in the land of the Moors. The uncle caught them at this site, Cuatro Postes, and returned them home. Dinner and overnight in Avila.

Mass at the Cathedral of St. Teresa



Salamanca

DAY 8 SEGOVIA / AVILA

Visit the town of Segovia, where Saint John of the Cross is buried. Segovia is a relatively small city, strategically located on a rock ridge, it is deeply and proudly Castilian. It retains a panoply of squares and mansions from its former days of golden age grandeur when it was a royal resort and base for the Cortes (parliament). It was here in Segovia where Isabel La Católica was proclaimed Queen of Castilla. We will find a huge number of impressive monuments and buildings inside its medieval walls: the Roman Aqueduct and Segovia Acueducto. It was built at the end of the first century during the reigns of the Emperors Nerva and Trajan. Return to Avila for dinner and overnight.

Mass at Convento de San Juan de la Cruz – the site where St. John of the Cross is buried

DAY 9 ALBA DE TORMES / SALAMANCA

Breakfast in the hotel. In the morning we will do an excursion to the surrounding areas of Avila including a visit to the town of Alba de Tormes and the city of Salamanca. Alba de Tormes is where Saint Teresa died in 1582 and where she is buried. In the museum of the Carmelite Convent of the Annunciation we will be able to see the incorrupt heart and left arm of the Saint. It was in Salamanca where Saint John of the Cross studied Theology and was ordained priest and where Santa Teresa founded the Carmelite Convent in 1570. The Plaza Mayor is the finest in Spain; and the surviving university buildings are tremendous throughout, all of them distinguished by the same warm stone. Today we will visit this impressive and beautiful city: The grand Plaza Mayor is the hub of Salmantine life, the vast Baroque church of La Clerecía, the Casa de las Conchas (House of Shells), named after the rows of carved scallop shells. These shells are symbols of the

Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella. See how the shells decorate the façade of this house, the University, many churches, the Roman Bridge, etc. Dinner and overnight in Salamanca.

Mass at Carmelite Convent of the Annunciation in Alba de Tormes

DAY 10 COIMBRA / FATIMA

Depart Salamanca to Coimbra, see the Santa Cruz Church and Monastery, Almedina Arch and Tower, Coimbra's Old Cathedral "Se" Velha. See the historic University of Coimbra built on the grounds of a former palace. Time for lunch and on to Fatima for dinner and overnight.

Mass at Coimbra's Old Cathedral

DAY 11 FATIMA

This morning attend two important shrine ceremonies and visit the Aljustrel children's houses, the Batalha with its Santa Maria de Vitoria, Nazarre and Alcabaca. In the evening join in the Candlelight Procession. Overnight in Fatima for dinner and overnight.

Mass at the Basilica in Fatima

DAY 12 SANTAREM / FATIMA

Depart to visit Santarem where we will stop and see the Moinhos Velhos Cave, which is one of the most important cave systems known in the Portuguese Estremadura Limestone Massif, with about 9 km in extension. Continue to see the Church of St. Stephen, site of the 13th century Eucharistic Miracle then back to Fatima for dinner and overnight.

Mass at Church of St. Stephen



Our Lady of Fatima

DAY 13 LISBON / ORLANDO

Transfer to Lisbon airport for flights to Orlando.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Early Registration is highly encouraged!
Seating is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The Tour Price Includes:

Air Transportation: Airfare is based on special contract agreements with various international airlines and include certain restrictions and deadlines. These fares are subject to cancellation penalties, and once tickets are issued, they are **NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE AND CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL**. Please refer to our CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY below. Airfare and tour prices are based on prices effective as of **JANUARY 1, 2024** and are subject to change without notice.

Surface/Land Transportation: All surface/land transportation described in the itinerary will be provided by modern motor coach, designed for highway travel. Groups will be met and transferred upon arrival and departure.

Hotels: We only use first-class hotels. Hotel accommodations are based on double occupancy (2 per room). We reserve the right to substitute hotels of similar quality for those specified in the itinerary.

Single Room Supplements: If you would like a single room, there is an additional cost of **\$1,200.00** that will be added to the tour price. Single rooms are limited and will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. If you request a roommate and none is available, you will be considered a "forced single," and charged one half (½) of the Single Room Supplement cost.

Meal Plan: Meal plans include two (2) meals per day, breakfast and dinner, with timing depending on the itinerary. Taxes and service charges normally appearing on restaurant bills are included in the tour price for these meals. **A list of any and all dietary requests or food allergies must be emailed to cathy@inspirationaltoursinc.com for hotel / airline accommodation at least seven (7) days before departure.** We cannot guarantee any dietary accommodations but will make all efforts to secure special dietary requests. In the event airlines or hotels are unable to accommodate dietary requests, you will be responsible for your meals; it is the individual's responsibility to choose appropriate foods while on the tour. Unused meals will NOT be reimbursed.

Baggage: Inspirational Tours, Inc. restricts all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage (max. 50 lbs.) and one (1) carry-on (max. 18 lbs.). **All passengers should check with the airline for up-to-date baggage weight/dimension information and restrictions, which are subject to change at any time before departure.**

Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges: are included in the tour price and are subject to change.

Tips On The Tour: Tips to guides, porters, headwaiters, and drivers are included in the tour price, unless otherwise specified.

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Expenses related to issuance/renewal of passports, laundry, mineral waters, wine & liquor, after-lunch/dinner tea, coffee, or food not included in the meal plan above; additional baggage; expenses of carriages, guides, sightseeing or other services other than those specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary; insurance for baggage or personal trip or health insurance; all items of a personal nature, in addition to those not listed above as being included in the tour price.

Booking Conditions: Deposits and Payment: **A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person**, payable via cash, check or money order, is required at the time of registration. No registration will be processed without a deposit. Invoices for final balances are issued at or near 90 days before departure. Full and final payment is due 60 days before departure. Registrations received within 90 days of departure require payment in full. If there is any outstanding balance by the Final Payment due date listed on your invoice, all travel services will be subject to automatic cancellation and cancellation fees will apply. A service reinstatement fee may be added to your invoice and must be paid in advance in order to apply for reconfirmation of services. **WE ONLY ACCEPT CASH, CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS FOR THE REGISTRATION FEE.** Payment by credit card is accepted ONLY for final balances or payments towards final balances; all credit card payments will be assessed a **3% non-refundable** convenience fee, which will be added to the total amount being charged.

Cancellations and Refund Policy: All cancellations **MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING VIA FAX, E-MAIL OR U.S. MAIL**. The date of the cancellation request is the date used for purposes of any assessed cancellation fees. Please note that some Registration Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE as stated on the Registration Form. Cancellation fees (as to any monies paid over the deposit for a tour with a non-refundable deposit) depend on the timing of the cancellation request, and are as follows: request received between time of registration and up to 59 to 45 days prior to departure—cancellation fee of **50%** of tour cost; request received 44 days or less prior to departure through date of departure—assessed **100%** of the tour cost (air and land, and any deviation fees) as the cancellation fee. Additional charges/fees for deviations and/or upgraded seats may require full payment at time of booking/confirmation, and may be non-refundable; **if a non-refundable air ticket has been issued prior to receiving notice of a cancellation request, you will be 100% responsible for those fees, in addition to the cancellation penalties listed above.** Package cancellation fees include airfare. Once airfare is purchased, either at time of booking, including but not limited to, deviations or seat upgrade requests, or at time of full payment, airline tickets will be issued and are always subject to a 100% penalty. Once full payment is received, Inspirational Tours, Inc. will issue airline tickets, which are non-refundable. If the tour is canceled for any reason, including but not limited to, tour leader's decision, decision of Inspirational Tours, Inc., weather or natural disasters, strike, acts of war, terrorism, acts of god, quarantine, disease, virus, epidemic, pandemic, compliance with government orders, travel restrictions issued by the U.S. Department of State, or any other force majeure event, Inspirational Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a minimum \$300.00 administrative fee per person, plus any non-reimbursable expenses incurred from airlines and/or overseas operators. **ALL RESERVATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.**

Deviations/Seat Upgrades: Deviation policies vary by airline and are normally allowed only on the return journey, **from the same departing city as the group, and is subject to availability.** There is a **minimum** change fee of \$150.00 per person, plus any additional airline charges. Seat upgrade requests may also require additional fees by the airlines and vary. Any additional fees required to be paid by the airline for deviation requests and/or seat upgrade requests will need to be approved by the passenger in writing before confirmed/reserved, and if the request requires payment at the time of confirmation, this must be paid by the passenger at the time requested, and may be non-refundable. **ALL deviation or seat upgrade requests must be made in writing, at least 90 days prior to your departure date.**

Tour Prices: All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements in this tour are based on rates, (including foreign exchange rates), in effect at the time of the original tour agreement with your tour host and Inspirational Tours, Inc. and are subject to increase without notice prior to departure. **NOTE:** Our tours are based on a minimum number of participants. We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any tour for any reason including insufficient participants, or events beyond our control. Any cancellation will be advised at the soonest date possible. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for any costs related to the issuance and/or cancellation of airline tickets or visa fees that are not refunded by those entities.

Travel Insurance: To protect your travel plans, **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF TRIP INSURANCE.** A brochure for a company we recommend will be provided with your deposit confirmation letter, upon our receipt of your registration and deposit. We do not sell travel insurance and travel insurance is not included in the tour price.

Passports: It is your responsibility to provide us with a copy of your current passport with your Registration Form. **Validity date on passports must be for at least six (6) months after the date of return of the tour as per the tour dates, or any deviation request.** If we do not receive a copy of your current passport, the information you provide on your Registration Form will be used for ticketing purposes. If ANY information provided (name, date of birth, etc.) does not match what is on your passport, you may be subject to penalties or fees for corrections to airline tickets, and/or may be denied boarding by the airline. Any name change, including minor spelling corrections, may require reservations to be canceled and re-booked. Reservations will then be subject to availability and pricing at the time of re-booking; any increase in airfare will be borne by the passenger. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for the denial of services by a carrier due to any name or passport discrepancies. If you have a passport issued from any country other than the U.S., it is your responsibility to contact the embassies of the countries to be visited to determine if a visa will be required, and if so, it will be your responsibility to obtain such visa before departure. Please contact us for further information if this applies to you.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance: We recommend you please select a tour suitable to your physical capabilities. Our tours are often-times fast paced and may require lengthy walks over uneven terrain and/or steps. If you require any form of mobility assistance or for any sight/hearing disabilities, you are required to notify us before registering so we can best assist you and/or determine if this tour is suitable. Inspirational Tours, Inc., tour leaders/coordinators, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel, transfers or ship personnel will not provide individual services, such as assistance with walking, pushing wheelchairs, or helping one embark/disembark motor coaches, cruise ships, etc. We reserve the right to reject participation or remove an individual from a tour in the event that notification was not provided and/or when, in our sole judgment, continued participation would significantly hinder the services to be provided to all guests. Expenses, including cancellation fees and/or costs for alternate travel plans or to return home, will be the responsibility of the passenger. All unused services are non-refundable. **Wheelchairs & Walkers:** certain features of tours may not accommodate wheelchairs, scooters, or other special equipment. We cannot provide individual assistance to travelers with wheelchairs or other mobility devices. We regret that some itineraries cannot accommodate these devices. You are required to notify us before registering of a need for a wheelchair, walker or other mobility devices.

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