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## Custom Journey to Spain: Sample

Day 1 Depart USA

International flight to Malaga, Spain. Your Spanish adventure is about to begin!

Day 2 Arrive Malaga

Malaga



Buenos Dias! Welcome to Spain! Upon arrival at the Malaga Airport, meet your driver in the arrival halls for a transfer to your hotel in the heart of the city. Check in to your accommodations, settle from your overseas flights and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. We can provide restaurant recommendations or reservations for you in each city. Overnight in Malaga. PT/H

Day 3 Malaga, Marbella

Marbella



Breakfast at hotel. Meet your private bilingual local guide in the hotel lobby this morning at 9:00 am for a special guided tour of the city. Malaga, part of the Costa del Sol, will provide serene beaches along with rich culture and history. Set in the province of Andalucia, Malaga is one of the oldest cities in the world as it was founded in 770 BC. The Gothic cathedral in the city center was built on the site of a former mosque, where you can enjoy the courtyard with orange trees or admire stunning panoramic views from the top of the tower. Entrance tickets will be provided by your guide. One remnant of Málaga's Islamic past are the craggy ramparts of the Castillo de Gibralfaro, spectacularly located high on the hill overlooking the city. Built in the 8th-century, and later rebuilt in the 14th

century, the castle originally acted as a lighthouse and military barracks. The walkway around the ramparts affords the best views over Málaga. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Around 4:00 pm or so, you will meet your private driver in the hotel lobby for transfer to the nearby coastal hotspot of Marbella. Enjoy the evening at leisure and dinner in Marbella before returning to Malaga in the evening. Overnight in Malaga. **B/G/ET/PD/H**

Day 4 Malaga, Granada

## Granada



Breakfast at hotel. At 9:00 am in the hotel lobby, meet your private driver to start a day trip to Granada (90 minutes). Upon arrival, meet your private guide around 10:30 am for your guided tour of Granada. Internationally revered for its unique Alhambra palace, and enshrined in medieval history as the last stronghold of the Moors in Western Europe, you will visit Granada. We will arrange entrance tickets for your convenience to visit the Alhambra. This is a place to put down your guidebook and let your intuition lead the way – through the narrow ascending streets of the Albayzín and the tumbling white-walled house gardens of the Realejo quarter. Endowed with relics from various eras of history, there is lots to do and plenty to admire in Granada; the mausoleum of the Catholic monarchs, old-school bars selling generous tapas, and an exciting nightlife that bristles with the creative aura of counterculture. You may fall in love here, but you may spend days and weeks trying to work out why. Enjoy free time after your tour. In the late afternoon, meet your driver to return to Malaga. Overnight in Malaga. **B/PD/G/ET/H**

Day 5 Malaga, Ronda

## Ronda



Breakfast at hotel. Meet your private driver at 9:00 am in the hotel lobby for transfer to Ronda (1h 30 min). This beautiful whitewashed town will be a genuine experience of Spanish culture. Upon arrival around 11:00 am, meet your private bilingual certified guide for a two hour walking tour. Visit the legendary Plaza de Toros and learn the history of bullfighting. Gaze into the El Tajo River gorge, part of Andalucía's first natural park. Perhaps you will opt to taste local wines at the Sangre de Ronda winery.

After the tour, enjoy time at leisure and take in the beautiful views. You will surely enjoy the beautiful view and strolling around the hilly town. In the late afternoon, return to Malaga with your driver for time at leisure. Overnight in Malaga. **B/PD/G/H**

#### Day 6 Malaga

Breakfast at hotel. Today is yours at leisure in beautiful Malaga. You may choose to try one of the amazing bar de tapas, or to explore the new port with its small shops and handmade products. Stop at Mercado Atarazanas for a local experience; the colorful and animated daily market is sure to please. Overnight in Malaga. **B/H**

#### Day 7 Malaga, Barcelona

### Barcelona



Breakfast at hotel and check out. Meet your private driver in the hotel lobby for transfer to the Malaga airport, where you will board a quick inter-Spain flight to Barcelona. Upon arrival at the Barcelona airport your private driver will meet you in the arrivals hall holding a sign with your name on it. You will then proceed to your hotel right in the heart of the city. Upon arrival, check-in, and settle. Overnight in Barcelona. **B/PT/FLIGHT/PT/H**

#### Day 8 Barcelona

### Barcelona



Breakfast at hotel. Afterwards, meet your private guide and private driver in the hotel lobby for a three hour tour of the city. The incredible city of Barcelona is the capital of the province of Catalonia, Spain, and the country's second largest city. It was founded as a Roman city in the middle ages. After merging with the Kingdom of Aragon, Barcelona continued to be an important city in the Crown of Aragon. Besieged several times during its history, the city has a rich heritage and today is an important cultural center and a major tourist destination. Particularly renowned are the architectural works of Antoni Gaudi in the Barri Gotic (the ancient quarter of the city), which have been dedicated as UNESCO World Heritage sites. Today, you will visit the city's main basilica, the unique Sagrada Familia as well as many other main

highlights of the city. We will arrange entrance tickets for your convenience. After your tour, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight in Barcelona. **B/PD/G/ET/H**

### Day 9 **Barcelona, Montserrat**

Breakfast at hotel. This morning, meet your private driver in your hotel lobby around 9:30 am for a day trip to Montserrat. Thirty miles northwest of Barcelona, Montserrat (meaning serrated mountain) gets its name from the rock formations that look like they have been sawed and sculpted, the result of thousands of years of wind and rain.

#### Montserrat



The unique rock formation is home to a Benedictine monastery and is a famous pilgrimage spot as it is home to the 12th century wooden statue of La Moreneta (The Black Virgin), Catalonia's patron. Besides the religious and cultural importance of Montserrat, the mountain boasts unbeatable views from its peaks. A cogwheel train could take you to a lookout point where all of Catalonia and the Pyrenees can be seen. After exploration, with your driver, you can visit a working vineyard and winery, where you will learn about and sample Spanish wines. Return to Barcelona with your driver in the late afternoon for overnight. **B/PD/WT/H**

### Day 10 **Depart Barcelona**

Breakfast at hotel and check out. Then, your private driver will wait for you in the hotel lobby for a transfer to the Barcelona Airport, where you will board your flight to the USA. **B/PT**

**CODES:** B=Breakfast    L=Lunch    D=Dinner    H=Hotel    G=Guide    ET=Entrance Ticket  
PD=Private Driver    PT=Private Transfer    TRTK=Train Ticket    BR= Boat Ride    WT=Wine Tasting  
PWT=Private Water Taxi    CL=Cooking Lesson

Once the "flow" of the itinerary is perfect for your journey, we are happy to provide a package price, per person, for the land portion only. Due to confidential and exclusive contract with our suppliers, we are unable to accommodate request for price breakdowns. Kindly note that your final quote for the land portion of this journey does not include international airfare, tipping, meals where not indicated and a city tax required by the European governments to be paid upon check out of each hotel. The tax is to be paid in cash and is approximately 1.50-5.00 euro per person per day.