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Day 1 - Travel to Madrid

We depart for Spain from Phoenix International Airport for our overnight flight to Madrid.

Day 2 - Madrid - Toledo

Upon arrival in **Madrid** we enjoy a city highlights tour of Spain's Capital. Then continue to the significant UNESCO town of **Toledo**, due to the extensive cultural and monumental heritage, as well as its historic contribution to the Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities during the Middle Ages.

We tour Toledo's magnificent 13th century Cathedral, renowned as one of Spain's finest examples of Gothic architecture as well as a very unique 14th century synagogue.

We then visit the home/museum of master painter 'El Greco', to marvel at a display of his magnificent art work including his masterpiece the **Burial of the Count of 'Ordaz'**. (L)

Day 3 - Toledo / Avila

Today we travel to Avila, the birthplace of **Saint Teresa de Jesus**. This **UNESCO World Heritage Site** dates to pre-Roman times with its **medieval Walls of Avila** and Bronze Age "Verraco" statues.

We will learn why Avila is called the "Town of Stones and Saints" as we discover its historic and religious importance through centuries of its architecture.

This town's religious significance draws pilgrims and travelers to sites including one of the most visited, the Convent of Saint Teresa. Built in the **17th century after her canonization**, it houses her relics with the holy remains of St. John of the Cross, above the home where she was born.

October is an ideal time to visit Avila in homage of Saint Teresa as month-long festivities honor her with proclamations, processions, and special ceremonies around her Feast Day.

We return to Toledo to visit the fifth convent Saint Teresa established in 1568, the **Convent of the Barefoot Carmelites**.

This evening we enjoy dinner in one of Toledo's historic Restaurants. (B, D)

Day 4 - Toledo - Segovia

This morning we continue to **Segovia**, an **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, where we will spend the night. Segovia is one of Spain's most exquisite regions above two great rivers, the River Eresma and the River Clamores.

Saint Teresa chose Segovia to establish her ninth convent, the **Barefoot Carmelite Convent of San Jose**, in 1574. It is also widely visited for its importance as the resting place of Saint John. While in this Romanesque city, Saint Teresa was inspired to begin writing the memorable 'Las Moradas'.

The **Alcázar of Segovia**, former home to the Catholic King and Queen served as a model for Disney's Snow White Castle. Inside we will find authentically decorated rooms and a unique Museum of weaponry.

The **Aqueduct de Segovia** is one of most impressive and memorable symbols we will find in Europe. This famous, two-tiered Aqueduct was built at the end of the first century AD by the Romans and was still in use until the late 19th century. Today it towers above the Plaza Azoguejo, a charming square surrounded by centuries-old shops and gourmet restaurants. (B, L)

Day 5 - Segovia - Valladolid

After breakfast we travel to Valladolid, a city with an illustrious past that drew Spain's prominent royal and cultural elite. Its historic legacy began when it was settled by the Celts before Roman rule. This coveted land has survived religious conquest and the reign of monarchs.

We will visit the **Casa de Cervantes** where Spain's most beloved author, **Miguel de Cervantes**, lived in 1605 while writing 'Don Quixote'.

Within the beautiful historic quarter, we'll also find the 15th century **Cathedral of Valladolid** and the **Gothic Church of Santiago** among vast architecture that includes the Renaissance and Baroque era.

This thriving center is where Saint Teresa chose to open her fourth convent in 1568, in the quarter now known as '**Rondilla de Santa Teresa**'. Visiting her former cell, we'll find the largest

collection of her authentic letters and writing. This includes her handwritten version of what she called her “**living book**,” “**The Way of Perfection**”. The Convent of Saint Teresa also houses beautiful art in the cloister, such as the life-size Christ at the Column by the 17th century sculptor, Gregorio Fernandez. (B, L)

Day 6 - Valladolid - Fátima

This morning we travel to Fátima. On route we will stop and have lunch in one of the many picturesque and historic Portuguese towns.

Fátima became well known after May 13, 1917, when in **Cova da Iria**, three local shepherd children: **Lúcia Dos Santos** and her cousins, **Francisco and Jacinta Marto** witnessed the apparition of a lady dressed in white. The lady was later referred to as **Our Lady of the Rosary**.

Our Lady of the Rosary, announced that she was sent by God with a message for prayer, repentance and consecrations. She visited the children on the 13th day of each month from May to October. The last apparition occurred on 13 October 1917. During the Spanish flu epidemic Jacinta died in 1919 and Francisco in 1920. They were later beatified by Pope John Paul II, in 13 May 2000. **Lúcia Dos Santos** became a nun and died in 2005.

Since 1917 Fátima has become an important site for Catholic and spiritual pilgrimages. The original chapel was built in 1919 Cova da Iria, now the site of the **Shrine and Sanctuary Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary**, surrounded by a beautiful Colonnade.

In front of the Basilica we find the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue. To one side of the Sanctuary is the Chapel of the Apparitions, where daily Masses take place in different languages. Every evening we can hear Mass followed by a daily procession.

At the Sanctuary, we can attend Mass and evening candlelight Procession. (B, L, D)

Day 7 - Fátima / Aljustrel

Today we visit the **Sanctuary in Fátima**. Over four million pilgrims and visitors arrive each year. In 2006 Pope John Paul II visited Fátima,



and blessed the first stone laid for the construction to build the impressive and modern Basilica of the Holy Trinity within the Sanctuary.

This afternoon we enjoy a tour of **Aljustrel**, a hamlet on the outskirts of Fátima where the three shepherds were born. This site has spiritual importance surrounding the **Miracle of Fátima as Our Lady** was reported to have appeared there multiple times. We will visit the small museum to learn more about the religious significance and history of miracles in Aljustrel. This evening we can return to attend Mass and join in the evening candlelight Procession once more. (B, L, D)

Day 8 - Fátima - Lisbon

This morning we travel to **Lisbon** where we will spend our last night. Lisbon is one of the oldest cities in the world in Western Europe, predating other modern European capitals such as London, Paris and Rome by hundreds of years.

Today we enjoy a comprehensive panoramic tour of this great city with stops along the main historic sites. We will start our tour by visiting the **Monument of the Discoveries** honoring the **Portuguese Sailors** that sailed across Continents and the **Tower of Belem**. This will be followed by a visit to the **Jeronimos Monastery**. Both are listed as **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

Then we continue to **Lisbon's Historic Quarter** while we travel along the elegant Marques de Pombal Avenue. In the lively Historic Quarter, we will visit the **Alfama Saint George Castelo** (Castle) from where we can enjoy excellent panoramic views of the city.

This evening our farewell dinner is a typical ‘**Fado**’ dinner accompanied by the melodies of Portuguese love songs. (B, D)

Day 9 - Lisbon - Home

Today our transfer will drive us to Lisbon's International Airport for our flight home. (B)



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