## Florida State University Alumni Association presents...

# **Spain's Classics**

with Optional 4-Night Barcelona and Costa Brava Post Tour Extension

February 24 – March 7, 2023



For more information contact Collette (855) 843-2365 Please Refer to Booking #1102087



**12 Days ● 16 Meals**: 10 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Madrid, The Prado Museum, Toledo, Choices on Tour, Cordoba, La Mezquita, Seville, Flamenco Show, Granada, The Alhambra, Valencia, Paella Experience, Barcelona, La Sagrada Familia

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 4 Riu Plaza Espana, Madrid

Days 5, 6 NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas, Seville
Day 7 Barcelo Carmen Granada , Granada
Days 8, 9 SH Valencia Palace, Valencia

Days 10, 11 NH Collection Barcelona Podium, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Friday, February 24, 2023 Overnight Flight You are on your way to a colorful and cultural adventure featuring the best of Spain.

Day 2: Saturday, February 25, 2023 Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers and enjoy a welcome dinner. (*D*)

Day 3: Sunday, February 26, 2023 Madrid During a locally guided panoramic tour of Madrid's historic center, see iconic sites such as the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. Join a local expert to explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum, which opened in 1819 and boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. (*B*)

Day 4: Monday, February 27, 2023 Madrid - Toledo - Madrid Travel to Toledo (UNESCO), the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. Embark on a comprehensive tour, highlighting the magnificent Gothic cathedral. Then, it's your choice! Visit the Church of Santo Tome and view El Greco's masterpiece painting, *The Burial of Count Orgaz* -OR- explore the Santa Maria la Blanca museum, located in a former synagogue recognized as the oldest synagogue building still standing in Europe. (*B*)

Day 5: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 Madrid - Cordoba - Seville Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. Perhaps you'll opt to take the AVE high-speed train to reduce travel time and increase free time in Cordoba. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of *La Mezquita* (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque that was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. End your day in Seville, considered to be Spain's "cultural capital." (*B*, *D*)

Day 6: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 Seville Decide how you see Seville because it's your choice! Walk the Santa Cruz Quarter with an expert guide, admiring the orange trees and white-washed houses before continuing to the Plaza de España -OR- see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River, drifting by timeworn bridges and towers. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral (UNESCO) – the largest gothic church in the world – and see Columbus' tomb and the Giralda Bell Tower. End the afternoon with a light tapas lunch, overlooking the cathedral. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B, L)

Day 7: Thursday, March 2, 2023 Seville - Granada Travel to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Upon







#### Per Person Rates\*:

### Double \$3,748; Single \$4,548; Triple \$3,698

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Tallahassee Municipal, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver/Insurance
\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

arrival, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra\* (UNESCO), a stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerizing example of Islamic architecture. (B, D)

Day 8: Friday, March 3, 2023 Granada - Valencia Travel through Spain's amazing landscape on your way to the Mediterranean coast. Pass by rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves before arriving in the city of Valencia. A treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, Valencia is surrounded by citrus groves. (B)

Day 9: Saturday, March 4, 2023 Valencia - Albufera - Valencia On a panoramic tour of Valencia, see the City of Arts and Sciences – an ultramodern educational institution. Explore the city's old town on foot, discovering the history with a local expert. View the ornate towers before wandering through the bustling central market, where you'll shop side-by-side with the locals. Enjoy time on your own to explore as you wish. Travel to Albufera, the area where paella first originated. Enjoy a boat ride on the canals surrounding the rice field plantations. Visit a traditional fisherman's home, known as a *barraca*, and enjoy a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch. (*B*, *L*)

Day 10: Sunday, March 5, 2023 Valencia - Barcelona Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona's fascinating boulevards including the famous Las Ramblas, dotted with colorful bird and flower stalls. (B)

Day 11: Monday, March 6, 2023 Barcelona Embark on a panoramic tour of Barcelona, showcasing the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, and Antoni Gaudi's Batllo House and Casa Mila building (UNESCO). A local expert will accompany you on a visit to the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Familia\*\* (UNESCO), considered to be the most famous of Gaudi's works. Work on the basilica began in 1882, and it is scheduled to be completed in 2026 on the 100th anniversary of the architect's death. As the day draws to a close, enjoy a farewell dinner celebrating the end of your trip to Spain. (*B*, *D*)

Day 12: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 Barcelona - Tour Ends Return home with memories of a beautiful land and a diverse cultural heritage or begin your Costa Brava post-trip extension. (*B*)

#### **EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH**

Optional 5 Days 4-Night Barcelona and Costa Brava Post Tour Extension Rate: \$1,099.00 USD per person, double, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1102087



#### PLEASE NOTE:

**IDENTIFICATION** 

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after January 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Effective immediately and through December 31, 2022 tour departures, we require all guests to be fully vaccinated in order to participate in this tour. Although destination entry requirements may differ, if you are unvaccinated, you will not be able to join us on this tour. All guests are required to bring proof of vaccination (official vaccination certificate in paper) on tour.

Destination-specific information may change frequently and without prior notice. It is very important that you **frequently check the entry/exit requirements for destination(s) visited on this tour,** to ensure that you are aware of any changes that may be applicable to your travel plans, including right up to your departure. Please refer to our Online Travel Requirements Resource page <a href="https://www.gocollette.com/en/landing-pages/2021/online-travel-requirements-resource">www.gocollette.com/en/landing-pages/2021/online-travel-requirements-resource</a> for detailed information.

All returning travelers to the US must complete a signed Attestation Requirement either in electronic form or paper copy. A paper copy of the form will also be provided to travelers or you may visit <a href="www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Fillable-Attestation-English-p.pdf">www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Fillable-Attestation-English-p.pdf</a> for a copy.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

\*Alhambra tickets are not guaranteed and subject to availability per Spanish Governing Authority. On the occasion that tickets are not available, you will visit another top Spanish attraction and your group leader or travel agent will be notified. Complete passport information is required 120 days prior to departure to book tickets to the Alhambra. If passport information is incomplete or inaccurate within 120 days prior to your tour departure, there is a strong possibility that we will be unable to confirm entrance tickets. You will be subject to any additional charges incurred from failing to provide passport information within the designated time frame.

\*\*On the rare occasion that the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona is not available, you will instead visit another top Spanish attraction.

Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 3:00 p.m.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of August 18, 2022 are based upon availability. Final payment due by December 26, 2022. Deposits are refundable up until August 25, 2022.

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