

Mitch Parker: Iberian Tour ***May 3 – 17, 2015***

Sunday, May 03, 2015 - Depart Canada

Depart Toronto for your flight to Lisbon, Portugal. Your flight includes meals, drinks, and in-flight entertainment for the journey

Monday, May 04, 2015 - Arrive in Lisbon

Arrive and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner and orientation

overnight: Lisbon, Portugal

Meals: Dinner

Tuesday, May 05, 2015 - Lisbon City Tour

Today begin with a morning city tour of Lisbon. View the Belem Tower and the Monument of the Discoveries, and visit Jeronimos Monastery and the Tomb of Vasco da Gama. Walk through the cobbled alleys of Alfama, the seaman's quarter, and admire the wide Liberdade Avenue.

Enjoy an afternoon tour that includes a scenic drive along the Estoril coast with a short stop in Cascais. Then continue to Sintra, an UNESCO World Heritage Site because of the town's Romantic architecture. On arrival, visit the Sintra Royal Palace, an 15th-century royal residence, containing one of the largest tile collections in Portugal. Then enjoy some free time in the Village Historical Center

Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal

Meals: Breakfast

Wednesday, May 06, 2015 - Lisbon - Evora - Seville

Depart Lisbon and drive to Évora, one of the former main Inquisition Centers of Portugal. Évora once had one of the largest Jewish communities in Portugal, and several houses still bear traces of the old Mezuzot. See the Court of the Inquisition and the Inquisitor's Palace, which displays the coat of arms of the "Holy" Office.

Next, to the picturesque Andalucian town of Seville arriving by early evening.

This evening, enjoy a drink and traditional Flamenco show. As performed by some of Seville's leading Flamenco artists, enjoy routines based on the cante jondo or "deep song," which describes the performer's profound emotions in ancient poetic phrases. Although the development of Flamenco has centered principally in the region of Andalusia, it has come to embrace many of the folk traditions of the Northern provinces. As a result, it has become, along with the bullfight, a popular symbol of Spain. (Approximate duration is 2 hours).

Overnight: Seville, Spain

Meals: Breakfast

Thursday, May 07, 2015 - Seville & Cordoba Sightseeing

This morning view the Moorish architecture of the Giralda Tower and visit the Cathedral, the world's largest Gothic monument. Drive to the Plaza de España, passing Maria Luisa Park, and explore the narrow streets and the many plazas of the Santa Cruz Quarter.

Enjoy a half day tour of Cordoba, founded by the Romans, and one of the most cultured and refined cities of

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Medieval Europe. Visit the Mezquita, a former Moorish Mosque that today is Cordoba's main Cathedral. Continue with a walking tour of the city and visit the Jewish Quarter and the medieval synagogue.

Overnight: Seville, Spain

Meals: Breakfast

Friday, May 08, 2015 - Gibraltar

Drive to Gibraltar arriving before mid-day. Enjoy a visit to the impressive Rock of Gibraltar, a British Colony for over 300 years standing guard over the Strait of Gibraltar, where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean and Europe meets Africa. Enjoy a tour of the area with mini buses climbing up to see St. Michael's Cave and the famous Barbary Apes with dramatic views of both the Spanish and Moroccan coastline.

The Jewish presence in Gibraltar is strong; it has five synagogues, three schools, a cemetery, stores and kosher restaurants, various minyanim, a kollel and a rabbi. We will spend the afternoon exploring this side of Gibraltar, and enjoy a Kosher Shabbat Dinner

Overnight: Gibraltar, Gibraltar

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Saturday, May 09, 2015 - Day in Gibraltar

Full day at leisure.

Overnight: Gibraltar, Gibraltar

Meals: Breakfast

Sunday, May 10, 2015 - Gibraltar to Granada

Depart for Granada. Visit the famous Alhambra Palace founded in the 13th century and originally composed of houses, schools, baths, barracks, and gardens surrounded by seemingly impenetrable walls. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Quarter and stroll through the Water Gardens of the Palacio de Generalife

Overnight: Granada, Spain

Meals: Breakfast

Monday, May 11, 2015 - Granada - Toledo - Madrid

Travel via the region of La Mancha, legendary home of Don Quixote; featuring panoramic views of its famous windmills. Continue to Toledo, once the spiritual and intellectual center of Spain. A walking tour will include visit to the Church of Santo Tomé with the masterpiece painting by El Greco and the Synagogue of Santa Maria La Blanca. Also visit Sinagoga del Transito, which today houses The Sephardic Museum. Continue to Madrid. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight: Madrid, Spain

Meals: Breakfast

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 - Madrid City Tour

This morning enjoy a sightseeing tour of Madrid. Visit the Beth Yaakov Synagogue. Drive along the Grand Via through the Opera District, Plaza de Colon and view the Royal Palace. Pass through Puerto del Sol Plaza and Plaza España with its monument to the author Cervantes. The tour will end at the Prado Museum, where you will be able to view works of art by famous artists such as El Greco, Velázquez, and Ribera. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

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Meals: Breakfast

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Wednesday, May 13, 2015 - Day in Madrid

Full day at leisure

Optional: Half Day Escorial Tour (PM) - **\$65.00 per person**

Enjoy a visit to what has often been described as the "eighth wonder of the world." "El Escorial" is, perhaps, Philip II's most enduring legacy to Spain. This combination monastery-palace-mausoleum is situated approximately one hour outside of Madrid in the foothills of the Guadarrama Mountains. This austere monastery, erected by King Philip II in 1584, was intended to be a memorial to his father, King Charles V, and to commemorate Spain's victory at Saint Quentin in 1557. It has since become the burial place of subsequent Spanish kings and queens. Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Overnight: Madrid, Spain

Meals: Breakfast

Thursday, May 14, 2015 - Train to Barcelona & City Tour of Barcelona

This morning depart by train to Barcelona. Arrive and proceed on a tour of Barcelona that begins with a drive along the old Harbor to the Plaza Catalunya. In the charming Gothic Quarter, visit the Cathedral. View Gaudi's unusual Sagrada Familia church and drive up Montjuic Hill to the site of the 1992 Olympic Stadium

Overnight: Barcelona, Spain

Meals: Breakfast

Friday, May 15, 2015 - Full Day in Barcelona

Full day at leisure to explore Barcelona independently.

Optional: Half Day Montserrat from Barcelona (AM) - - **\$70.00**

Enjoy a relaxing drive along the picturesque villages of the province to reach Montserrat Mountain. On arrival, visit the Royal Basilica, where you will see the famous 12th-century Romanesque sculpture of "Virgen Moreneta." Then experience a taste of 4 different local liquers, and watch a presentation of "Montserrat Portes Endins" that portrays what life was like in the Monastery. Departs at 9:30 a.m. Pick-up and drop-off from Pullmantur Bus Terminal at 645 Gran Via, Bruc St. corner. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.

Overnight: Barcelona, Spain

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Saturday, May 16, 2015 - Return Home

Full day at leisure to explore Barcelona independently.

Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight: Barcelona, Spain

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Sunday, May 17, 2015 - Return Home

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

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Price per person:

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| 15 - 19 Participants | \$3,446.00 |
| 20 – 29 Participants | \$3,260.00 |
| 30 – 39 Participants | \$3,064.00 |
| Single supplement | \$1,089.00 |

All prices quoted are in US Dollars.

Tour Includes:

- ❖ 13 nights' accommodations at the following hotels or similar
 - 2 nights [Mundial Hotel](#), Lisbon, Portugal
 - 2 nights [Seville Center](#), Seville, Spain
 - 2 nights [The Elliott Hotel](#), Gibraltar, Gibraltar
 - 1 night [Granada Center](#), Granada, Spain
 - 3 nights [Agumar Hotel](#), Madrid, Spain
 - 3 nights [Novotel Barcelona City](#), Barcelona, Spain
- ❖ 13 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners per itinerary
- ❖ Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- ❖ Services of English-speaking tour escort/manager from arrival to return
- ❖ Local guides as required
- ❖ Entrance fees per itinerary
- ❖ Porterage of one piece per person on arrival and departure at each hotel

Special Features:

- ❖ Lisbon City Tour
- ❖ Alhambra Palace, Granada
- ❖ Prado Museum, Madrid
- ❖ *Whisper* technology enhanced touring

Not Included:

- International Airfare, fuel surcharges and airline taxes
- Insurance of any kind
- Optional tours
- Gratuities.

Land rates are based upon group pricing. There is no refund for unused services.

Name changes once full payment has been received will incur \$100 per person per change plus any airline cost associated with the change.

Passports & Visas:

Canadian citizens require a passport valid for six months beyond travel dates.