

ESCAPE WITH FRIENDS IV
SPAIN & PORTUGAL ITINERARY
APRIL 25 – MAY 4, 2019

Day 1: Thursday, April 25th ~ Boston - Spain

Depart in the evening from Logan International Airport on your overnight flight to Malaga, Spain (via Zurich) on our Swiss flights to arrive on April 26th.

Day 2: Friday, April 26th ~ Arrive Malaga - Torremolinos

Upon arrival in Malaga, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us transfer to our hotel in Torremolinos. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Prior to dinner at the hotel, our group will get together for a Welcome Drink and orientation. (Dinner)

Your accommodations from 4/26 to 4/29:

Hotel Melia Costa Del Sol

Paseo Maritimo Bajondillo, s/n

Torremolinos (Malaga)

+34 952 386 677

Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, a/c, safe, swimming pool

www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/torremolinos/melia-costa-del-sol/index.html

Day 3: Saturday, April 27th ~ Ronda

After breakfast we are off on a full-day excursion to Ronda, which is situated on a rocky precipice in the Serrania de Ronda Mountains. Here, kings and nobles have sought out the peacefulness of the mountains and the incredible views of the river from the heights of the walkways. We will visit the Church of St. Maria la Mayor, the Ronda Bullring (the oldest in Spain and the home of modern bullfighting), and the Don Bosco House. We will have lunch in Ronda at Restaurant Parador de Ronda before returning to Torremolinos for some free time prior to dinner. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 4: Sunday, April 28th ~ Granada

After breakfast at the hotel, we will be escorted on a full-day trip to splendid Granada. Here, in the capital of Spain's last Moorish kingdom, we will visit one of the most outstanding examples of architecture of the period, the Alhambra fortress of the 13th century ruler Al Ahamar. We will also visit the Water Gardens of the Generalife (the Royal Summer Palace) and the Royal Chapel. Lunch will be included at Restaurant Tendido. Return to Torremolinos for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 5: Monday, April 29th ~ Seville

After breakfast and hotel check out, we will take a tour of the magnificent city of Seville, visiting the most important monuments, such as the Alcazar (a splendid example of Mudejar Style), the cathedral (with some of the most important paintings and sculptures in the world), the famous Giralda Tower, and the Parque Maria Luisa. Today, lunch will be included at Restaurant Taberna del Alabardero. There will also be some free time to shop and explore on our own, prior to checking in to our hotel in Seville. Tonight we'll have dinner (with wine included) at a flamenco show as we prepare to say "adios" to Spain. Return to our hotel for overnight. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Your accommodations from 4/29 to 4/30:

Hotel Vertice Sevilla

Avenida de la Aeronautica, S/N

Seville, Spain

+34 954 47 5847

<https://www.verticehoteles.com/en/hotels/hotel-vertice-sevilla/>

Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, a/c, safe

Day 6 : Tuesday, April 30th ~ Evora - Estoril

After breakfast and hotel check-out, we must bid farewell to Seville and Andalucia, and head towards the Portuguese border. En route to Estoril, we will visit one of the most important examples of the Roman Period on the Iberian Peninsula - the walled town of Evora. Here we will stop for lunch on our own. We will visit the Temple of Diana, the Bones Chapel, and the university. Continuing west, we will drive through the world's largest cork-growing region and arrive at our hotel in the seaside town of Estoril, with time to freshen up prior to dinner. (Breakfast and dinner)

Your accommodations from 4/30 to 5/4:

Hotel Vila Gale Estoril

Av. Marginal 49, 2766-90

Estoril, Portugal

+351 21 464 8400

www.vilagale.com/en

Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, swimming pool

Tourist / City Tax per person per day approx. 2.00 Euros payable directly to hotel

Day 7: Wednesday, May 1st ~ Fatima - Nazare - Obidos

After breakfast, we will enjoy a full-day tour, with the morning dedicated to Fátima, to visit the Sanctuary and Apparitions Chapel. Since the Virgin Mary appeared to the peasant children in 1917, Fatima has become a world center of pilgrimage. After lunch in the colorful fishing village of Nazare (*on your own*), we continue to Obidos (an enchanting medieval walled town). We will return to Estoril via the farming region of Ribatejo. Dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 8: Thursday, May 2nd - Lisbon

After breakfast at our hotel, we are off for a visit to Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. Our visit will include Alfama (the oldest part of the city), St. George's Castle (for the best view of the city), the Belem District, the Belem Tower, the Jeronimos Monastery, the Monument of Henry the Navigator, and the Royal Coach Museum. Lunch is on your own, and then we will have an afternoon tour of the Tropical Greenhouses. We will return to Estoril via the coast road. Dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 9: Friday, May 3rd ~ Estoril - Lisbon

After breakfast, we have a day at leisure for some last-minute shopping or independent sightseeing. This evening, we will enjoy a special one-hour Sangria Party/"open bar" along with dinner at the hotel as we share memories of our incredible tour. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 10: Saturday, May 4th Lisbon ~ Boston

After breakfast and hotel check out, we transfer to the Lisbon Airport to board our return flight to Boston (via Frankfurt) with meal and beverage service (on the long haul flight), as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (Breakfast)

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