

THE SPANISH “IBÉRICO HAM” TRAIL: 15 DAYS OF DELIGHT



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14 Nights:
2 N Salamanca
2 N Cáceres
3 N Sevilla
3 N Cordoba
2 N Granada
2 N Madrid

On this unique and pioneer tour focused on the Spanish gastronomy and specially on the Iberian ham culture, we will take you to the four different production areas around Spain. You will explore the highlights of our country but also the most unspoiled corners off the beaten paths. On this fascinating two weeks journey you will visit local farmers and artisan producers who will teach you how Ibérico Ham is cured, you will practice the art of carving, you will enjoy delicious gastronomy, taste fabulous wines but also learn about the incredible Spanish history and of course experience our lifestyle, culture and traditions.

WHY TAKING THIS FASCINATING TOUR?

1.- Health benefits of the acorn-feed ham:

Iberian ham has countless health benefits substantiated by studies from prestigious universities.

In 100g of iberian ham there are 33% of the proteins that we need for our day.

The acorn-feed or “bellota” ham is also very rich in calcium and phosphorus, and also contains vitamins B1, B2 and iron. Acorns fed pigs have a higher proportion of unsaturated fats that lower cholesterol and counteract the effects of cardiovascular disease, improving the circulatory system.

The best iberian ham is rich in monounsaturated fatty acids like **oleic acid**, which is well suited for most recent dietary recommendations considered a healthy fat.

The cholesterol content in the ham is very low, (30-40 mg/100 g), which is even lower than the rate of lean meats like chicken or turkey.

2.- Discover a unique Mediterranean landscape named as “Dehesa”

The Iberian pig breeding area is called Dehesa, a Mediterranean pasture land and oak forest agroecosystem located in the South West of the Iberian Peninsula. It might be considered as one of the most successful and efficient examples of nature conservation and sustainable rural development. The four areas or designations of origin which produces almost the entire Iberian ham production are **Extremadura**, **Guijuelo** in Salamanca, **Jabugo** in Huelva and **Los Pedroches** in Cordoba.

Each of these areas have the ideal climate, soil and environment for the Iberian pig breeding and drying process. They also have large areas of fields to allow the pigs to graze and eat the precious acorns in the season when they fall from the holm oak trees (between November and February). Animals are constantly moving around and therefore burn more calories than confined pigs. This, in turn, produces the finest kind of *jamón ibérico*. At least a hectare of healthy *dehesa* is needed to raise a single pig, and since the trees may be several hundred years old, the prospects for reforesting lost *dehesa* are slim at best. True *dehesa* is a richly diverse habitat with four different types of oak that are crucial in the production of prime-quality ham.

3.- Learn about a breed that won't be found anywhere else

The Iberian pig is native to the Iberian Peninsula and its origins can probably be traced back to the Neolithic, when animal domestication started and currently found in herds clustered in the central and southern part of Portugal and Spain.

The Iberian pig can be either red or dark grey/black, with little or no hair and a lean body, thus giving rise to the familiar name *pata negra*, or "black hoof".

4.- It is not just about eating delicious ham!

This round trip tour of 15 days starting and ending in Madrid, is a great mix of history, gastronomy, natural beauty and a lot of cultural immersion. It is fun, pleasant and a *once in a lifetime trip!*

DAY 1

Arrival in Madrid & Transfer to Salamanca

AM: Upon arrival at Madrid airport, private transfer to your hotel in Salamanca (aprx 2hrs)

First day at your leisure

First afternoon and evening to get acquainted with this cosmopolitan city and the vibrant atmosphere that Salamanca will offer over your stay.

We will provide with maps, tips and recommendations for good places to go for dinner so you will feel as much as a local as possible.

DAY 2

Salamanca guided tour

Morning

Your art historian expert guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for a 2.5hrs walking tour to the historic the city center. You will visit two glorious Cathedrals (la Nueva and La Vieja), the University building (which holds the records of the Spanish Inquisition), the Shell house (Casa de las Conchas and the famous Plaza Mayor (widely considered Spain's most beautiful plaza). You will also see interesting medieval plazas an beautiful sandstone architecture. This tour will uncover both: hundreds of year old history and lively modern vibe.

Salamanca is an ancient Celtic city in northwestern Spain belonging to the community of *Castila y León*. The city lies on several hills by the Tormes River. Its Old City was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988. The University of Salamanca was founded in 1218. It is the oldest university in Spain, the fourth oldest western university and one of the most important university cities in Spain supplying 16% of Spain's market for the teaching of the Spanish language. With its 30,000 students, the university is, together with tourism, a primary source of income in Salamanca.



Free afternoon & evening in Salamanca

Free afternoon & evening to further explore the city at your leisure.

Here are some of our recommendations:

- Clerecia (Universidad Pontifica)
 - Roman Bridge by the Tormes River
 - Casa List (Art Nouveau museum – private collection)
 - Convento & iglesia de San Esteban
 - Huerto Calixto & Melibea (public park and gardens)
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DAY 3 La Alberca & Hervás (aprx 9h)

3 Full day trip with private driver and guide to explore Castilla León and Extremadura countrysides.

After checking out, your private driver together with your tour guide will pick you from your hotel and will take you on a very scenic drive through Dehesas of Iberian pigs farms to the charming little town of La Alberca (aprx 1h drive). At La Alberca, you will have a first introduction to the cured ibérico ham by visiting the “Oh, Espacio del Jamón” (an interactive museum and tasting center where you will learn all about the different breeding areas in Spain and the varieties. You will taste up to 5 different ones!

After a short walking tour of aprx 1 hour around the picturesque town of La Alberca, you will be transferred to Hervás where you will enjoy a delicious lunch before the afternoon panoramic guided tour of this historic little town.

At aprx 18:30h, you will check-in at your hotel in Cáceres

La Alberca is a charming town nestled on the northern slopes of La Sierra de França at 1084 meters (3,556 feet) above sea level. It was founded in the 1300s and was the first village to be declared a National Historical Monument by the Spanish government. La Alberca’s fabulous medieval architecture is extremely well-preserved, from its narrow cobblestone roads to its thatched roofs. Most of the houses were built with the intention of raising animals and smoking meat inside, as a result, many floors have holes in them, to allow for the curing of meat on every floor. Today, La Alberca abounds with fine meat shops, offering a large variety of delectable ham.

Hervás, a town with a Jewish flavour. Hervás houses one of the best preserved Jewish quarters in the whole country (declared a Historical Artistic Site in 1969). This is a neighborhood settled by Jews who came to the town in the 15th century and one on which they left their indelible mark on its streets and buildings. You will find the narrowest street in Spain. It is barely a metre and a half and is called Travesía del Moral. Its granite, sun dried brick and chestnut wood buildings endow Hervás with a matchless beauty.

Free evening in Cáceres

Free evening to get acquainted to this magic city. We will provide you with maps, tips and recommendations for local bars & restaurants



DAY 4 Cáceres guided tour

4 Morning

Your art historian expert guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for a 3 h walking tour of the wall city of Cáceres where you will explore its monuments and know all its history. Embark on an exciting journey into the past by this monumental City as you travel through all its corners and cobbled streets. You will start the visit at Playa Mayor, will then visit the Juderia Nueva, the Forum of the Balbos and the Town Hall (Ayuntamiento). You will continue the visit exploring the Torre de Bujaco, the most important of the city and whose viewpoint offers splendid views, the Plaza del Socorro, the Albarranas Towers belonging to its historical wall and the Arch of Spain.

After your tour, it's time to try the traditional gastronomy of the area at a Gourmet & Deli shop located right in the heart of the historic town. Together with your guide you will taste local wines and iberico cured meats from Extremadura.

Old Town of **Caceres** has a privileged Monumental Ensemble which is one-of-a-kind in Spain as well as in Europe. The walled area of Caceres contains the best Spanish Renaissance Ensemble of both Civil and Religious Architecture, which keeps intact nowadays. The majority of the religious and civil buildings belonging to the Old Town of Caceres date back to late 14th century, specially from refurbishments, extensions and newly constructed buildings made between 15th and 16th centuries. Because of this monumental splendour, Caceres was declared as a Spanish National Monument in 1949, as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986.



Free afternoon & evening

Free afternoon & evening to further explore the town at your leisure. We will provide you with maps, tips and recommendations for local bars & restaurants.

DAY 5

Mérida guided tour & Ribera del Guadiana wine region (aprx 7h)

Full day trip to explore Badajoz province and the Extremadura countryside.

On your way to Sevilla (aprx 3 hours drive in total) you will make a couple of stops to explore two of the most attractive spots of this part of Spain, the nearby border of Portugal. Firstly, you will discover the well preserved archeological site of Mérida by taking a 2.5hrs guided tour around the Roman Amphitheatre, Theatre and the archeological museum. Afterwards, you will visit the vineyards of Santa Marina wine state, part of the Alvear family wine producers, one of the oldest wineries in Andalucia and therefore in Spain. At the winery, you will taste 4 different wines and enjoy a delicious tapas lunch of traditional local products such as cured meats, cheeses and homemade patés.

After lunch, you will be transferred to your hotel in Sevilla (aprx 2hrs drive)

The Archaeological Ensemble of **Mérida** has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1993. Located in Extremadura, it has its origins in the year 25 BC, when Augustus completed the conquest of the North of Hispania and founded the Colony of Augusta Emerita. The city was created as an idealised model of Rome and was the capital of Lusitania, the western-most province of the Roman Empire. Following Diocletian's reform, it functioned as the capital of the Diocese of Hispania. It was also temporarily the royal seat of two Germanic peoples - the Suebi and the Visigoths - and under the Arabic dominion, Mérida was one of the three border capitals of Al-Andalus, together with Toledo and Zaragoza, ensuring control of the western part of the Iberian peninsula. The modern city of Mérida has been built on top of Emerita; yet, archaeological remains are well preserved and still evidence the Roman city



Free evening in Sevilla

Free evening to get acquainted to the city at your leisure. We will provide you with maps, tips and recommendations for local bars & restaurants.

DAY 6

Sevilla guided tour

Morning

Your art historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for an introductory walking tour of aprx 3h to discover the main sites of the historic Sevilla (including the Cathedral, the Royal Alcazar /Palace and the Santa Cruz Jewish quarter). This is the perfect way to explore Seville's historical center with a knowledgeable private guide. In just a half day you'll be able to visit the most important monuments of the city and learn about the part they played in the history of Seville.

This tour includes 'skip the line' access to the Cathedral and the Alcazar so there is no need to queue, all entrance fees are also included.

Seville is the capital and largest city of the autonomous community of Andalusia. It is situated on the plain of the River Guadalquivir. The metropolitan population of about 1.5 million makes it the fourth-largest city in Spain. Its Old Town, the third largest in Europe with an area of 4 km², contains three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Alcázar palace complex, the Cathedral and the General Archive of the Indies. The Seville harbour, located about 80 kilometres (50 miles) from the Atlantic Ocean, is the only river port in Spain.



Sevilla-Free afternoon

Free afternoon in Sevilla at your own leisure.

Our recommended places to visit and things to do are:

- Jardines de Murillo
- Plaza de España (representation of the Iberoamerican Exhibition from 1929)
- María Luisa Park
- Hotel Alfonso XIII: excellent example of the Neo Mudejar style built in 1928 for the Ibero American exhibition. The building belongs to the Sevilla city council as a protected monument so dont need to be a guest in the hotel to come, take a look and enjoy a drink in the courtyard or bars.
- Plaza del Salvador (Iglesia del Salvador)
- Plaza de San Francisco
- Plaza Nueva
- Casa Pilatos (a magnificent example of Italian Renaissance and Andalusian Mudejar style)
- Hospital de los Venerables (historic building with an important art collection from Murillo and Zurbarán)
- Plaza de la Encarnacion and the Metropol platform for a 360° panoramic views over the whole of Sevilla (highly recommend at sunset time)



Evening: Flamenco show + dinner

Flamenco performance and dinner at one of the most emblematic "Tablaos" in Sevilla.

With more than 40 years of experience this "Tablao" offers the purest Flamenco you can find in Andalusia. Probably the best place in Sevilla to live the excitement and duende of flamenco.

Prior to the performance, à la carte dinner with dishes of high Andalusian cuisine will be served (all drinks are included). Towards the end of the dinner, the show will start and last approximately 1.5h.

This show features up to 15 of the most professional flamenco artists in the whole Spain. Excitement and enjoyment are guaranteed!



DAY 7

Jabugo ham experience (aprx 9h)

Full day trip to visit the birthplace of **Acorn-Fed 100% Iberico Ham** in the *Sierra the Aracena*.

You will be able to see first-hand the secrets of one of Spain's gastronomic icons. You will discover the artisanal process that has been applied for over 130 years. You will be led by one of our experts who will allow you to experience the passionate world of Acorn-Fed 100% *Ibérico Ham*, an authentic national treasure of Spain.

The experience will start with a visit to unique landscape of the Spanish Dehesa habitat, where the black pigs are released and bred in complete freedom from November through March. You will be right in the heart of the Sierra de Aracena Natural Park, a Unesco protected Biosphere Reserve. Afterwards, you will be visiting the curing cellars of one of the most prestigious Iberico Ham producers of the whole Sierra de Aracena in the worldwide-known town of **Jabugo**. The cellars have an ideal location at 660 m above the Atlantic Ocean with the perfect weather conditions which bring this type of hams the exceptional characteristics that define them. You will learn about the history of the cellars, which dated back to 1879. In the cellar facilities you will also find a museum room displaying some interesting images and videos to complete the educational part of the visit. After playing an enjoyable interactive game in which you can test your knowledge acquired during the visit, you will have the opportunity at last to taste the delicatessen.

During the tasting, one of our great master carvers will show you how to cut the perfect slice, a thin morsel, enhancing the nuances and sensations that will flood your senses. A truly unforgettable experience for your senses!!

To complete this Iberian products tasting, nothing better than trying the grilled meats at one of the local restaurants in Jabugo, where you can be delighted by sampling some of this region's most delectable products (including seasonal vegetables like wild mushrooms or chestnuts)

In the afternoon you will be driven to the picturesque town of Aracena where you will have the opportunity to visit the spectacular "**Gruta de la Maravillas**" (the Cave of Wonder).

The audioguided tour of Las Maravillas Cave follows a circular route of around 1km, and takes around 45 minutes. The visit includes two of the three levels of the cavity, at temperatures of between 16-19 degrees and relative humidity of 98%.

After visiting the caves, head back to Sevilla where you will have the rest of the evening free to enjoy at your leisure

The Cave of Wonders is a network of limestone caverns. This natural underground monument is situated under the hill crowned by the medieval castle and Priory Church of la Señora del Mayor Dolor and has been open since 1914.

The scenery of these caves has formed over many thousands of years through a process known as "karstification" - the slow erosion of limestone, gradually dissolved by carbonic acid, producing fissures, sinkholes, underground streams, and caverns.



DAY 8

Free morning in Sevilla

Leisurely morning in Sevilla to do some shopping, visit some museums or simply relax. Some optional activities such as cooking class, tapas tour or a bike tour can be arranged as well

High-speed train to Cordoba

Private transfer from your hotel in Sevilla to the train station where you will take the high-speed train to Cordoba (Only 45 minutes!).

Upon arrival in Cordoba, your private driver will take you to your hotel in the historic centre.

Cordoba guided tour

Afternoon

Your art historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for an introductory walking tour of aprx 3.0h to discover the main sites of this Unesco listed city of Cordoba (the Mosque/Cathedral, the Jewish quarter, the Sinagogue and the Royal Alcazar/Palace).

Córdoba is a city in the southern Spanish region of Andalusia, and the capital of the province of Córdoba. It was an important Roman city and a major Islamic center in the Middle Ages. It's best known for La Mezquita, an immense mosque dating from 784 A.D., featuring a columned prayer hall and older Byzantine mosaics. After it became a Catholic church in 1236, a Renaissance-style nave was added in the 17th century.



DAY 9

Montilla olive oil & wine region day trip (aprx 7h)

On this exciting tour we will venture out to explore the beautiful countryside and hills of **Montilla** (still a very unspoiled wine region in the South of Córdoba). This tour is designed for curious and adventurous wine-lovers, amateurs and experts alike!

Your private driver/tour guide will pick you up from your hotel and will take you to Montilla (aprx. 40' ride). Olive oil, gastronomy and wine are part of Andalucía's popular wisdom. Through this tour, delve into the Montilla region to learn all about the fascinating world of **olive oil and wine**.

Your first stop will be **family-run olive oil mill** where you will learn the full process of olive oil making. You will visit the expansive groves of this family property, learn about the different characteristics, culinary uses and health benefits, taste two of their delicious varieties along with freshly baked bread also made by the family.

The second experience of the day is a visit to a local **family-run boutique winery** located right in the heart of the **Sierra de Montilla**, a stunning rural landscape with endless vineyards and rolling hills. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by a true passionate viticulturist who will take you to the family vineyards to tell you about the history of this ancestry winery and the importance of the landmark surrounding. Next, you will be guided into the wine cellar, named by the family as "*Sacristia*", a remarkable sacred space where they keep the oldest wines of their entire production. On this educational tour, you will learn the fascinating facts about the unique grape variety that only grows in Montilla, the popular and worldwide known "**Pedro Ximenez**". You will also learn about the entire process and aging system of these unique dry and sweet wines, probably the oldest in the whole of Spain. The visit will end with a delicious tasting session including the 5 different varieties produced in the area: Joven, Fino, Amontillado, Oloroso and Pedro Ximenez dulce. Raise your glass for a toast to a great wine experience!

Your olive oil and wine experience will be completed with a lovely **pairing lunch** at one of the most emblematic taverns in town.

After lunch, it's back to your hotel in Cordoba where you will have the free evening at your leisure



Cordoba-Free afternoon & evening

Free afternoon & evening in Cordoba at your leisure.

Make sure that you don't miss a visit to:

- The Viana Palace (a beautiful manour house with stunning courtyards and gardens)
- Julio Romero Museum (a local painter's art collection)
- The Roman Bridge and The Calahorra Tower (Al Andalus museum)
- The Roman Temple
- Plaza de la Corredera
- Plaza de las Tendillas

* Optional: Andalusian Horse show and dressage at the famous Royal Stables of Cordoba (every Wednesday, Friday, Saturdays and Sundays at 9 pm)

**DAY
10**

Los Pedroches full day trip (aprx 7h)

Today, you will discover the unique landscape of the Spanish "Dehesa" habitat where the black pigs are released and bred in complete freedom from November through February.

This is a very exclusive experience for an enjoyable outdoor day including: Iberian ham slicing workshop lead by a master craftsman, ham tasting and homemade lunch (grilled vegetables, beef and pork, fresh tomato salad and traditional desert)

The name **Pedroches** derives from the Spanish word for stone (*Piedra*), referring in this case to the grante that is abundant in the subsoil and which has traditionally been used by masons in the area to build churches, late-Gothic chapels and houses with elaborate arches. *Los Pedroches natural reserve* is located in the *Sierra Morena* area at the Northern end of the Córdoba province. There, you will discover the unique landscape of the Spanish *Dehesa* habitat where the Iberian pigs are released and bred in complete freedom from November through February.



Free evening in Cordoba

Free evening to further explore this ancient city at your leisure. We will provide you with maps, tips and recommendations for local bars & restaurants.

**DAY
11** **Private transfer to Granada**
Morning

After check-out, private transfer from your hotel in Cordoba to Granada (aprx 2h)

Alhambra guided tour

Early afternoon

Meet your art historian guide outside the Mapa Mural (Wall map) at the main ticket sales office by the Generalife entrance gate for a private guided tour of apr 3 h to discover the magnificent Moorish architecture of the Alhambra Palace and the beautiful Generalife gardens.

This tour includes the tickets and 'skip the line' access to the different areas of the Alhambra so there is no need to queue.

The Alhambra is Granada's – and Europe's – love letter to Moorish culture, a place where fountains trickle, leaves rustle, and ancient spirits seem to mysteriously linger. Part palace, part fort, part World Heritage site, part lesson in medieval architecture, the Alhambra has long enchanted a never-ending line of expectant visitors.



Granada-Free evening

Free afternoon & evening to explore Granada at your own leisure. Here are some of our recommendations:

- Stroll the Darro river promenade and the Albaycin Moorish quarter (highly recommended sunset at the Mirador de San Nicolas, the most beautiful view point over the Alhambra).
- Cathedral and Royal chapel
- La Madraza Palace (Moorish library and university from XIIIc)
- Alcaiceria (small zook)
- Plaza Bib-Ramblas
- Plaza del Carmen and the City Hall
- Carmen de los Martires (beautiful 19th century house and gardens nearby the Alhambra with fantastic views over the city of Granada)



DAY 12

La Alpujarra full day trip (aprx 10h)

Today you will discover the wild and picturesque region of the Alpujarra (Sierra Nevada Natural Park). This tour includes some hiking and scenic drive through the most impressive viewpoints of the whole Sierra Nevada NP.

Your private driver will pick you up from your hotel in Granada and will take you to the village of Pampaneira (aprx 1.5h drive) where you will meet your local nature guide at “El Centro de Interpretation de Pampaneira” (the tourism office of the town).

From there, your guide will take you to explore the most picturesque villages of this beautiful area for the rest of the morning. This 3h tour includes some light hiking and a spectacular scenic drive, passing through the most impressive viewpoints of the whole Sierra Nevada NP.

After a short introduction to the area and a walk around **Pampaneira**, you will be driven to the upper town, Capileira (only 4 km North). This is where your down hill hike along the Poqueiera ravine will start. You will pass by Bubi6n, where you will stop to visit a local weaving factory and will continue down to Pampaneira, where your hike and tour will end.

Your guide will then take you to our favourite place in town, a little “bodega” and deli shop where you will taste some “**Jam6n Serrano**” from **Tr6velez** (a different variety from the Iberian ham you have been previously tasting on this tour. You will also taste some local cheeses and craft beers (one drink and tapa is part of the cost of this experience).

Afterwards, your guide will show you the best restaurants to have lunch in town later if you are still hungry after the tapas tasting at the bodega.

In the afternoon you will have aprx 2 hours free time in Pampaneira to visit the chocolate factory of Abuela Ili or have some coffee or homemade juices at Europa Caf6 in the Plaza.

At about 17:00 you will be transferred back to your accommodation in Granada

The region of mountain villages known as **La Alpujarra** clings to the southern flanks of the Sierra Nevada, cloven by deep, sheltered valleys and gorges which run down towards the Mediterranean. The Alpujarra, as it is popularly known, in the singular, is famous throughout Spain because of its unique mini-ecology. Its terraced farmlands are constantly watered by the melting snow from above, constituting a high-altitude oasis of greenery which stands in dramatic contrast to the arid foothills below. The cultural interest of the region lies in its fifty-odd villages, which were the last stronghold of the Spanish Muslims, or Moors. Soon after the Castilians took Granada in 1492, all the city’s Moors were forced to convert to Christianity.



DAY 13

Flight and transfer to Madrid

Morning

Private transfer to Granada airport to take an internal flight to Madrid (aprx 1 h duration)
Upon arrival at Madrid airport, private transfer to your hotel in the city centre.

Madrid guided tour

Afternoon

Your art historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for an Introductory walking tour of approximately 4 h to discover the highlights of Madrid. This tour is focussed on the Hapsburg and Bourbon legacy and includes a guided visit to the magnificent Royal Palace.

Madrid, Spain's central capital, is a city of elegant boulevards and expansive, manicured parks such as the Buen Retiro. It's renowned for its rich repositories of European art, including the Prado Museum's works by Goya, Velázquez and other Spanish masters. The heart of old Hapsburg Madrid is the portico-lined Plaza Mayor, and nearby is the baroque Royal Palace and Armory, displaying historic weaponry.



Free evening in Madrid

First evening to get acquainted with this cosmopolitan city and the vibrant atmosphere that Madrid will offer over your stay.

We will provide with maps, tips and recommendations for good places to go for dinner so you will feel as much as a local as possible.

DAY 14

Madrid-Free day

Free day to explore other sites of Madrid at your leisure.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Prado Museum (We can pre-book "skip the line" tickets for you if you are interested)
- Reina Sofia Museum
- Thyssen Museum
- Retiro Park (the green lung of Madrid)
- The Crystal Palace (a beautiful glass structure from 1887 located in the heart of Retiro Park)
- Las Letras neighborhood (Plaza de Santa Ana)
- The Debod Temple
- Almudena Cathedral
- Salamanca and Recoletos districts (high end shopping)
- Colon district (try lunch or dinner at the trendy food court La Platea)
- Fuencarral street or Gran Via (shopping districts)

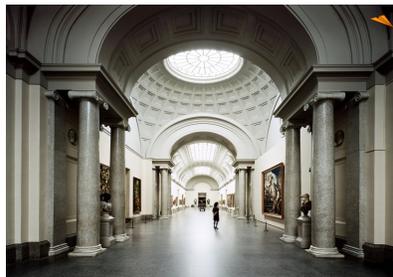


OPTIONAL: Prado Museum-guided visit

Your expert art historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for a 2 hour guided tour of the Madrid's Prado Museum to learn about the stories and figures behind the art. The most characterising pieces from diverse periods in history will be noted; starting from the Renaissance all the way to the height of Impressionism.

The Prado Museum houses one of the finest art collections in the world. It displays thousands of European paintings, sculptures, and other works of art throughout its halls.

Housing more than 8,000 works of art, the museum can be overwhelming to visit independently, but our knowledgeable guide will lead you to the most significant and admired paintings and sculptures, including works by Spanish, Dutch and Italian masters. The most famous piece in the collection that is on display at the Prado is Las Meninas by Diego Velazquez. He dedicated many of his own pieces to the museum and had a hand in obtaining several works from great Italian painters as well. In tribute to Velazquez, his statue is one of the few marking the entrances to the museum.



DAY
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End of your trip

We will arrange for a private driver to take you to the airport for your flight home :(

*Unfortunately all good things must come to an end...
We hope you enjoy your stay with us here in Spain.
Hasta pronto!*



QUOTE & INCLUSIONS

The Spanish “Ibérico Ham Trail”

<p>ACCOMMODATION</p> <p>At Just Explore we understand one of the biggest worries when booking a holiday is the standard of your hotel. That's why we only use pre-viewed character hotels with great locations to help you relax and enjoy your stay with us.</p> <p>Your accommodation will be made up of:</p> <p>3 and 4 star hotels All breakfast included</p>	<p>TRANSPORT (all included)</p> <p>Luxury, AC vehicle</p> <p>All private transfers from airport /railway station to hotel and vice versa</p> <p>All train and flights mentioned in the above itinerary.</p> <p>All private transfers from town to town mentioned in the above itinerary</p>
<p>GUIDED VISITS & TOURS (ALL PRIVATE) (all entrance fees included)</p> <p>Salamanca - City tour Caceres - City tour Mérida - City tour Córdoba - City tour Seville - City tour Granada - Alhambra Madrid - city tour</p>	<p>MEALS & SHOWS (all included)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flamenco show & dinner (Sevilla) - Olive oil, wine tasting & lunch (Montilla) <p>HAM EXPERIENCES (including drivers, guides, tastings and lunch)</p> <p>Day trip to La Alberca, Salamanca Day trip to Jabugo, Huelva Day trip to Los Pedroches, Córdoba Day trip to La Alpujarra, Granada</p>

As with all our clients we will also provide you with a list of recommended places to visit, bars and restaurants to help you enjoy the authentic Spain whilst you are exploring at your leisure.

ASSISTANCE DURING YOUR TRIP

Full support and assistance on hand 24hrs/day

<p>PLEASE NOTE:</p> <p>This is an example itinerary and can always be changed/adapted to suit your exact requirements as needed.</p>	<p>PRICE:</p> <p>Depends on the number of travelers and dates Please enquire for further details</p>
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