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## 17 Days Itinerary

# Portugal and Spain Trip - Luxury

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| <b>Day 1</b>  | Flight from Phoenix to London (11 hrs) +1   |
| <b>Day 2</b>  | Lisbon Basic Info<br>Flight from London to Lisbon (2 hrs, 45 min)<br>Transfer · After Hours Private Transfer<br>The One Palacio Da Anunciada (2 Nights) |
| <b>Day 3</b>  | Half-Day Lisbon Tour  |
| <b>Day 4</b>  | Full Day Sintra, Cabo da Roca and Cascais   |
| <b>Day 6</b>  | Mafra Palace, Peniche, Wine Tasting and Obidos  |
| <b>Day 7</b>  | Transfer<br>Algarve Basic Info<br>Conrad Algarve (3 Nights)   |
| <b>Day 9</b>  | Silves and Monchique + Wine Cellar Visit and Tasting  |
| <b>Day 10</b> | Transfer Almancil to Seville - Stop in Tavira<br>Seville Introduction<br>Gran Meliá Colón (2 Nights)  |
| <b>Day 11</b> | Historical Seville Walking Tour<br>Flamenco Show With Dinner  |
| <b>Day 12</b> | Transfer to Granada With Tour of Ronda  |

	Granada Basic Info Melia Granada (2 Nights)
Day 13	Granada Alhambra and Generalife Gardens
Day 14	Transfer Madrid Basic Info Flight from Granada to Madrid Transfer · After Hours Private Transfer Hyatt Centric Gran Via Madrid (3 Nights) Private Gourmet Wine & Tapas Tour
Day 15	Madrid Walking Tour at Bourbons Quarter and Prado Museum
Day 16	Toledo Half Day Excursion
Day 17	Transfer · After Hours Private Transfer Flight from Madrid to London (2 hrs, 20 min) Flight from London to Phoenix (9 hrs, 50 min)

## Day 1

Phoenix, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to London, London Heathrow Airport

*British Airways (BA)*

BA Carrier/Flight	PHX •	+1 LHR •	11 hrs Duration
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## Day 2



**LISBON, PORTUGAL**

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### Lisbon Basic Info

The hodgepodge of historical periods and cultures represented in Lisbon, Portugal, is a major source of its charm and travel appeal. A sprawling city on the banks of the Tagus River, Lisbon constantly reminds travelers that Portugal has been conquered several times, that it developed (and lost) its own illustrious empire and that, for much of the 20th century, it isolated itself from the rest of the world. But when Portugal joined the European Union in 1986, it experienced a major economic boost.

A completely new quarter sprang up on the banks of the Tagus. Lisbon is modernizing fast as a European travel destination. As visitors to Portugal walk Lisbon's hills—or, better, take one of Lisbon's vintage trams—they'll find restored medieval facades, wonderful art-nouveau buildings, black-and-white mosaic sidewalks (known as calcada), fine museums and plenty of modern shops. Lisbon's citizens seem to have absorbed their city's many-sided character.

Visitors can witness the popularity of fado, the melancholy music that developed in Lisbon in the early-19th century. Though the performers sing about tragedy and distant glory, the audience is very much a part of modern Lisbon—a flourishing, fashionable business and leisure center.

For more information please see the Lisbon Guide in the "Guides" section of your mobile app

## London, London Heathrow Airport to Lisbon, Lisbon Portela Airport *British Airways (BA)*

BA Carrier/Flight	LHR •	LIS •	2 hrs, 45 min Duration
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### Transfer · After Hours Private Transfer *Lisboa, Lisbon Portugal*

**Departure Location**  
Lisboa, Lisbon

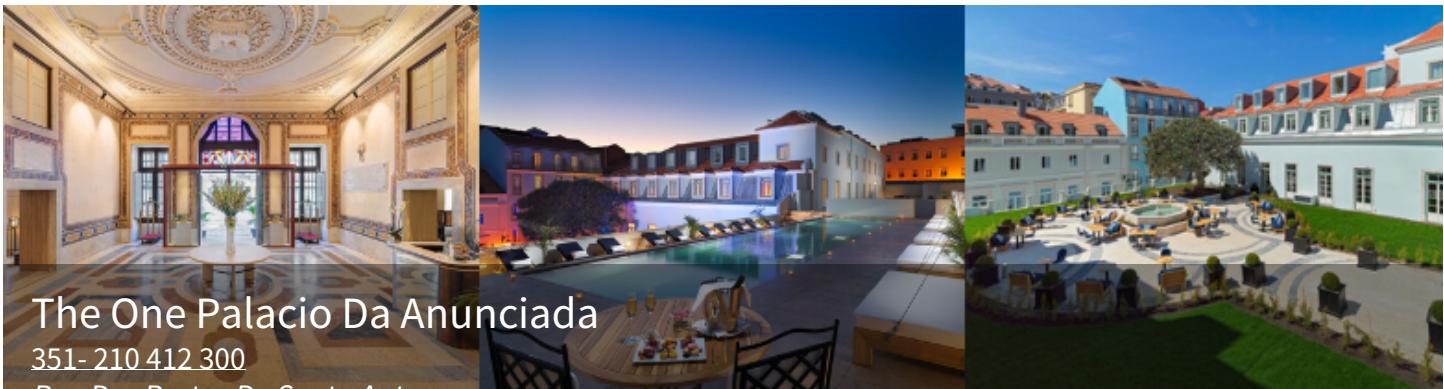
**Arrival Location**  
The One Palacio da Anunciada

**Vehicle**  
After Hours Private Transfer

#### Notes

Airport(LIS) to Hotel(1PA)  
Transfer provided by Tempo-VIP - PH # (+351) 91 832 81 79.

INSTRUCTIONS: Your driver will be waiting outside the Customs/Baggage Claim area holding a sign with your name on it. Driver will wait up to 60 minutes from your actual flight arrival time. If you are delayed, or need further assistance upon arrival, please contact Tempo-Vip (+351) 91 832 81 79 or alternate arrangements should be made at your own expense.



## The One Palacio Da Anunciada

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## THE ONE PALÁCIO DA ANUNCIADA

*Lisbon, Portugal*

3:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

With a privileged location in Lisbon most exclusive area -is a new five star hotel housed in an old 16thcentury palace. The hotel has 83 elegant rooms a gastronomic restaurant an outdoor pool- the Despacio Spa at The One and unique spaces for events.

### Room Selection

#### Room Category

Deluxe

## Day 3



This private half-day tour of Lisbon's highlights includes most of the sights of interest along with a well balanced combination of driving and walking and offers a comprehensive view of the city, including its main monument: the Jeronimos Monastery.

See the main sights without wasting tour time parking! This tour has separate guide and driver. You are dropped off / picked up close to the sites of interest and your guide is always with you at sights.

Start your private Lisbon half-day tour with a convenient pick up at your Lisbon hotel. You'll head to Alfama, the oldest district of Lisbon and one of the most typical, once the Moorish and Jewish quarter. There, you will see its 12th-century Cathedral (Sé), before continuing on to a magnificent viewpoint overlooking the medieval district, Saint George Castle, Lisbon and the Tagus river.

You then travel up to Belem, emblematic district of the Portuguese Discoveries. With your guide, you will visit the church of the Jeronimos Monastery and stop for photos and guide notes at the Tower of Belém and the majestic Monument to the Discoveries. Also, don't miss the chance to taste the delicious and one-of-a-kind "Pastéis de Belém" (Belém Pastery - own expense).

This panoramic tour with dedicated live guide will pass the heart of Lisbon - Avenida da Liberdade, Restauradores, Rossio Square and Pombaline Downtown - where you'll get to know the Lisbon Great Earthquake 1755 details.

## Day 4



## SINTRA, PORTUGAL

### Full Day Sintra, Cabo da Roca and Cascais

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#### Meeting Point

Hotel entrance

Meet your guide at your hotel in Lisbon, where you will be picked up to begin your Sintra day trip. While heading west (40m trip), you will know the whole story behind the magic of Sintra.

Once you get to Sintra, you will be driven by its forested hillsides, enjoying a mystical walk into the depths of the Pena Park (optional). At the top, your guide will go inside the Pena Palace with you.

After, you will have the chance to explore Sintra Old Town and taste some local delicacies like the "queijadas" and "travesseiros" (pastry). You can take your time walking its cobblestoned narrow streets, full of little shops with traditional Portuguese products.

You will then continue to the westernmost point of Europe, the Cabo da Roca (Cape of Roca), where "the land ends and the sea begins".

You will then pass the Guincho beach on the way to Cascais. Take a slow stroll around the charming bay of Cascais with its beach, have lunch (own expense) and enjoy the surrounding coastline.

Your day trip to Sintra and Cascais will end at your Cascais hotel.



## MAFRA, PENICHE & OBIDOS PORTUGAL

### Mafra Palace, Peniche, Wine Tasting and Obidos

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We will visit the Palace of Mafra (closed on Tuesdays). The Palace is the most important baroque monument in Portugal, and built in the 18th century by order of King João V. The Palace of Mafra was built in the 18th century by order of King João V (1689-1750) in fulfilment of a vow he made, to be blessed with an heir from his marriage to Maria Ana of Austria, or be cured of a serious illness, the Royal Convent and Palace of Mafra is the most important baroque monument in Portugal. All in limestone and marble from this region (Pêro Pinheiro and Sintra), the building covers an area of almost four hectares (37.790 m<sup>2</sup>), including 1.200 rooms, more than 4.700 doors and windows, 156 stairways and 29 inner yards and courtyards.

The Royal Convent was initially designed as a small convent for 13 monks, Mafra's project suffered successive changes, ending in a huge building of approximately 40.00 m<sup>2</sup>, with all the facilities for 300 Franciscans monks. The basilica is the central point of the main façade, flanked by two bell towers. It was designed by João Frederico Ludovice, a German goldsmith who, after a long stay in Italy, designed it in the Italian baroque style.

Stop for an authentic Adega Mae Wine Tasting and then head to Peniche.

The town of Peniche is popular for its long, fabulous town beach, nearby surf strands and also as a jumping-off point for the beautiful Ilhas Berlengas nature reserve, Peniche is spectacularly set on a headland surrounded by sea. It remains a working port, giving it a slightly grittier, more 'lived in' feel than its resort neighbours. The seaside fort where Salazar's regime detained political prisoners is a must-see for anyone interested in Portuguese history; artisan lovers will enjoy Peniche's speciality, handmade lace known as Renda de Bilros (bobbin lace), and you can watch the nimble fingers of women at work; and outdoors enthusiasts will love the beaches and the spectacular, heavily eroded limestone cliffs that jut out from the tip of the headland at Cabo Carvoeiro like a jagged jigsaw piece timelessly waiting for a never-to-come unification.

Obidos is the finest example of a Portuguese walled town, and is one of the best day trips from the Lisbon region. Historically, Obidos was presented to the Queen of Portugal on her wedding day, a tradition that began with Queen Urraca in 1214 and continued until the 19th century. This royal patronage has left an enduring legacy of pride within the town, and today it is one of the most characterful towns of central Portugal.

For visitors, Obidos is a charming town to explore; there are narrow-cobbled streets, traditional painted houses, and an imposing medieval castle.

## Day 7



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### Transfer

**Departure Location**  
Cascais Hotel

**Arrival Location**  
Conrad Hotel

#### Notes

Pick up at hotel in Cascais Drop off at Conrad Hotel Algarve (Quinta do Lago)



### Algarve Basic Info

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Portugal's southernmost province, Algarve, offers some of the finest beaches and recreational facilities in Europe. The white-sand beaches are clean, and the fishing, watersports and golfing are world-class. (The courses designed by Henry Cotton at lovely Vilamoura are among the largest in Europe.)

It's fun to drive along the coast through picturesque villages, watching for the distinctive Algarvian chimneys, stopping to watch the fishermen and enjoying the arid scenery. Almond trees bloom in January and February, covering the ground with lovely white petals. To add to the charm, the weather is usually comfortable, the people are friendly and the food can be excellent. For all these reasons, the Algarve is very popular among European travelers.

But don't expect to have this part of Portugal to yourself. (In fact, since the influx of package tours, some people think the charm of the area has all but evaporated.) Parts of the coast have been marred by runaway development that is only now being reined in. If you can get into the spirit of the place while rubbing shoulders with masses of (primarily) Canadian, German, British and Scandinavian tourists, then you'll have a good time.

We think it takes a minimum of one week to do the area justice—there are so many beaches, small towns and historical sites. Among the areas to visit are the following: Albufeira, Armacao de Pera, Cabo Sao Vicente, Faro, Lagos, Loule, Monchique, Monte Gordo, Olhao, Portimao, Praia da Rocha, Sagres, Silves, Tavira and Vila Real de Santo Antonio. See the guides for each town for more information.



## Conrad Algarve

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**CONRAD ALGARVE**

*Almancil, Portugal*

3:00 PM	12:00 PM	3 Nights
Check In	Check Out	Duration

Conrad Algarve offers guests a luxurious break in a world of style, service and connection. The 154 room property evokes a true sense of place, from the 18th century Portuguese palace design, to the local ingredients used in the spa and extensive gastronomic offerings. Ensuring a stylish getaway, the hotel is an opportunity for guests to experience smart luxury in contemporary crafted surroundings. The Conrad Algarve is just a short, 20 minute drive away from Faro International Airport. Our key offering is the 300m<sup>2</sup> Roof Garden Suite, awarded as the Best Hotel Suite in Europe 2014. Conrad Algarve guarantees a tailor-made retreat with authentic local experiences, from clam picking in Ria Formosa, culinary master classes or the adrenaline pursuit of driving a fast car at the Algarve International Motor Park.

### Room Selection

#### Room Category

Deluxe Pool View King

## Day 9



# SILVES AND MONCHIQUE PORTUGAL

## Silves and Monchique + Wine Cellar Visit and Tasting

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### FULL DAY DAY EXCURSION TO SILVES AND MONCHIQUE x 7 hours

Drive to the East to visit the town of Silves with remains of the castle, Roman bridge and the cathedral. Then to the north to visit the rustic Monchique village with the Franciscan Monastery and the Parish church. We will visit a wine cellar in Tufos village.

Silves was once the capital of the whole district and was still referred to in the beginning of the 19th Century as the “Kingdom of the Algarve”. Evidence shows that it was already a place of note in Roman times but it really became an important place during its occupation in the early 11th Century by the Moors. Giving it the name of Xelb, they constructed lavish palaces and created a cultural centre of learning for the whole Iberian Peninsula. Although it was important as a town it still fell under the mantle and control of Cordoba in Spain. It is recorded that in 1189 there were over 15.000 inhabitants when the Knights of Santiago sacked the city with the assistance of the Anglo-Norman Crusaders. Two years later it was retaken by the Caliph Ben Yussef. In 1242 that it was again under the control of the Portuguese Kings.

The impressive remains of the castle dates back to Moors and there is a impressive underground water reservoirs that are still used by the city today. As a reminder of the Romans occupation is the Ponte Romana, a fine strong bridge over the Rio Arade below the city walls and having been rebuilt from the original in the 15th Century. The city's earlier 13th Century Cathedral was built on the site of a Mosque and has suffered considerable alteration over the centuries

Monchique lies in the saddle created by the two high hills, Foia and Picota, the former reaching to 902 metres above sea level. As with “mountain” people the world over the 10,000 inhabitants of this town have retained its rustic atmosphere with steep cobbled streets and small dark doorways housing various artisan trades. There is a very neglected 17th~Century Franciscan monastery which overlooks the town from which a visitor enjoys a panoramic view over the beautiful countryside. The 16th Century Parish Church has excellent examples of Manueline craftsmanship around its doorway. The surrounding area flourishes on the production of cattle, pigs, cork and wood. Another important local product is the popular "medronho", which is the name of a strong schnapps style of drink made from distilling the fruit from arbutus bushes.

## Day 10



## TAVIRA PORTUGAL

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### Transfer Almancil to Seville - Stop in Tavira

Pick up at your hotel Conrad and transfer to Seville, stopping for lunch (on your own) in the lovely and historic town of Tavira.



## Seville Introduction

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Exploring the labyrinthine old city of Seville, Spain, might give you a clue as to how Sevillanos in the 1500s developed the skills to become masters of global navigation. Even with today's GPS apps, finding your way through the maze of narrow winding streets can pose a challenge. But you'll know it's worth the effort when you glimpse a plant-filled patio with a trickling fountain or stumble upon a lovely plaza alive with people enjoying drinks and tapas.

Seville offers plenty to see and do. First there are the adapted Moorish gems and the Gothic and baroque trophies erected during the centuries when the city was a dominant commercial hub. Then there are the sights maintained from the two international fairs hosted in the 20th century when Seville reclaimed its place on the world stage. And if you're lucky enough to witness a Semana Santa procession, or see Sevillanos decked out in their flamenco finery at the Feria de Abril, or catch a whiff of orange blossoms and jasmine, then you'll truly understand what it means to be in the capital of Andalusia.

See more about Seville in the "Guides" section of your itinerary.



## Gran Meliá Colón

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**GRAN MELIÁ COLÓN**  
*Seville, Spain*

3:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

In a city famous for its splendor rises the new Gran Meliá Colón. Completely renovated with a striking combination of art, color and style, it stands as part of the most prestigious assets of the city: Belle Epoque architecture, the purest Andalusian flavor, and reknowned Spanish tradition merge with a surprising interior decor and the best in contemporary comfort. As part of the history of Seville transmitted from generation to generation, the place where bullfighters depart for the Maestranza, Gran Meliá Colón Hotel is called upon to be a reference of the new luxury that Meliá Hotels International reinvents for you.

### Room Selection

#### Room Category

Red Level Grand Premium

## Day 11



3 hours and 30 minutes

Walking tour with the Royal Alcazar fortress and gardens, the third largest cathedral in the world and the Barrio de Santa Cruz Jewish quarter.

Built on the banks of the Guadalquivir River, Seville is heir to a rich Arab legacy, and to the condition of being a prosperous trading port with the Americas.

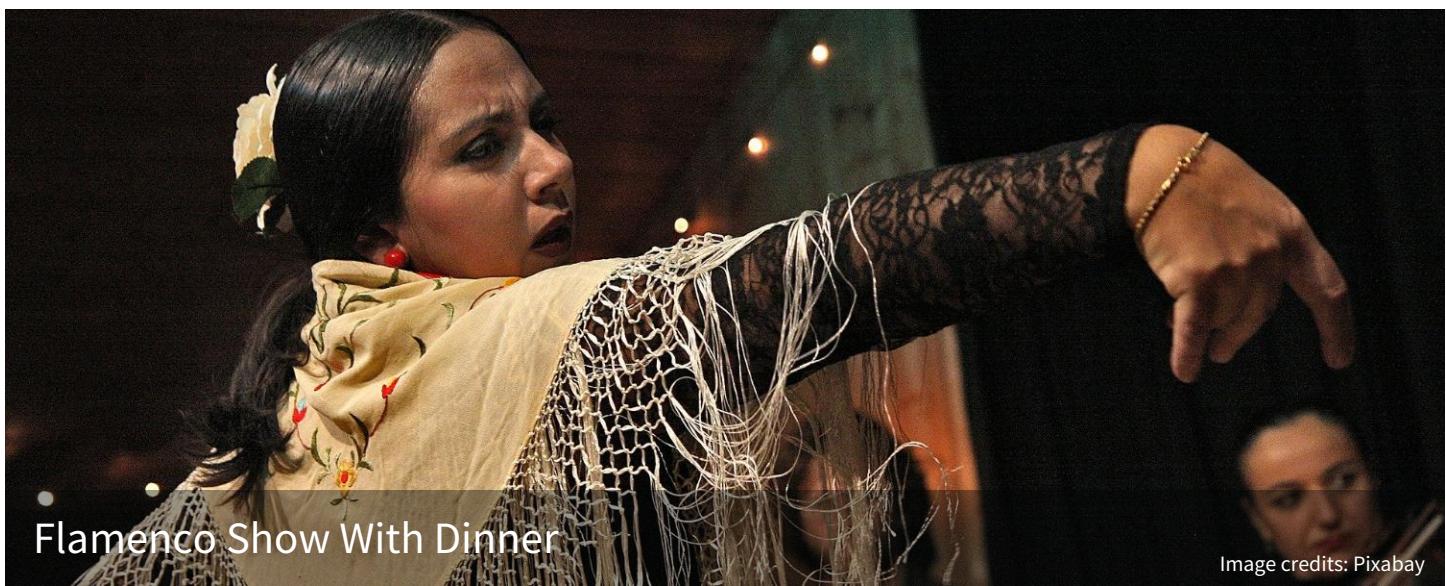
Every street and square that makes up the historic quarter of the Andalusian capital bursts with joy and bustle. This area has an interesting collection of historic buildings, many of which have been declared World Heritage Sites.

Founded by the Roman General Publius Cornelius Scipio, the city witnessed the birth of two Roman Emperors: Trajan and Hadrian. The long Muslim rule, from the year 711 till 1248, left indelible marks in this city. The end of the Cordovan Caliphate in the 11th century gave rise to the splendour of the Taifa Kingdom of Seville, especially under the rule of al-Mutamid, the Poet-King.

The monumental site formed by the incredible Cathedral, (the 3rd largest cathedral in the world and Museum exhibiting priceless collections of precious metalwork, paintings, reliquaries, jewels and religious vestments) the Royal Fortresses and Archive of the Indies was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and is the city's emblem. The Gothic church, built on top of the Almohad Mosque of Seville, is located among whitewashed houses in the district of Santa Cruz, the former jewish quarter. Of the Arab legacy, the old minaret is preserved, which nowadays is the famous Giralda, as well as the Patio de los Naranjos (the Courtyard of the Orange Trees).

Next to these, the Reales Alcázares (Royal Fortresses) are built on top of an Arab citadel from the 9th century, yet we owe the Mudéjar decoration to Pedro I the Cruel in the 14th century. The walls enclose numerous rooms, lavish halls, and intimate courtyards. Its spacious gardens, with Arabic and Renaissance elements, frame the whole complex.

The Santa Cruz quarter is without any type of doubt the most popular and crowded quarter in Seville. It is located in the old part of the city of Seville on the place of the former Jewish quarter. When the king Fernando III conquers the city, the most important Jewish community in Spain is congregated here. The quarter consists of narrow streets full of flowery grilles, quiet courtyards and unlikely legends. All these factors make this quarter to be the perfect place for taking a walk and breathing in the aroma of orange blossom and flowers so typical of this city.



## Flamenco Show With Dinner

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FLAMENCO SHOW EVENING (dinner & show)

A dinner will be enjoyed at a "Tablao Flamenco". Afterwards watch a typical Flamenco Show where a performance of flamenco folklore will thrill you.

Flamenco is a genuine Spanish art, and to be more exact an genuine Southern Spanish art. It exists in three forms: Cante, the song, Baile, the dance, and Guitarra, guitar playing.

Gypsies are very often named as its fathers, and at least it can be taken for certain that they played an important part in its creation. But also the popular songs and dances of Andalucia have influenced early Flamenco considerably.

Certainly there were other influences, too, as it will not surprise in a country that has been dominated by most diverse cultures and civilizations during its different historical epochs. There were the legendary Tartessos, and seven centuries of Muslim occupation hardly could have passed without leaving traces. All that, directly or indirectly, influenced Flamenco.

## Day 12



Ronda, Spain  
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### Transfer to Granada With Tour of Ronda

#### HISTORICAL RONDA WALKING CITY TOUR x 2 hours and 30 minutes

Ronda stands on an enormous outcrop of rock. The centre of town is split by a Bridge built in the 18th century. Wander across the bridge and you are in La Ciudad (old town) inhabited in old days by groups of marauding bandits. During the course of the day you will visit the town's impressive Cathedral, the Bullring, San Juan Bosco House and the Mondragón Palace.

This town in the Málaga region sits on either side of the Tajo del Ronda, a narrow gorge more than 150 metres deep. Celts, Phoenicians, Romans and Arabs all inhabited these lands, which were reconquered by the Catholic Monarchs. The historic quarter, reminiscent of the Arab age and with a medieval layout is scattered to the south of the Guadalevín, while more modern Ronda, the part which sprang up after the 16th century, unfolds to the north of the course of this river.

The major religious work is Santa María la Mayor, where Arab and Christian features combine. On the site of an old Roman temple, the Arabs built the Main Mosque of Ronda in the 13th century. Preserved from this period are the mihrab arch, decorated with stucco, and the minaret, transformed into a belltower.

The civil architecture of Ronda is reflected in its ancestral homes and aristocratic small palaces such as the Palaces of Mondragón and of the Marquis of Salvatierra. The Mondragón palace was for centuries the residence of Muslim and Christian kings, and today it houses the city's Archaeological Museum.

The San Juan Bosco House is a modernist palace built at the beginning of the 20th century. It is located at the Tajo's edge, at the heart of the historical city quarter of Ronda. It has got a nice courtyard, decorated with arab style ceramics and a very complete collection of regional ceramics. It is also advisable to see its 19th century tapestries and its walnut furniture. The gardens are very interesting, due to its placement, being one authentical balcony on to the Serrania.

Three bridges span the ravine measuring more than 100 metres in depth and lead to the other side of the city. The Arab bridge was built in the 14th century and gave access to the Old Outskirts. The so-called old bridge is comprised of a single arch measuring some 10 metres across. But most emblematic of all is the New Bridge, a colossal feat of engineering which joins the

neighbourhoods of Mercadillo and Ciudad. And the bullring one of the oldest in Spain and most emblematic for the famous "goyescas" bullfight.



## GRANADA, SPAIN

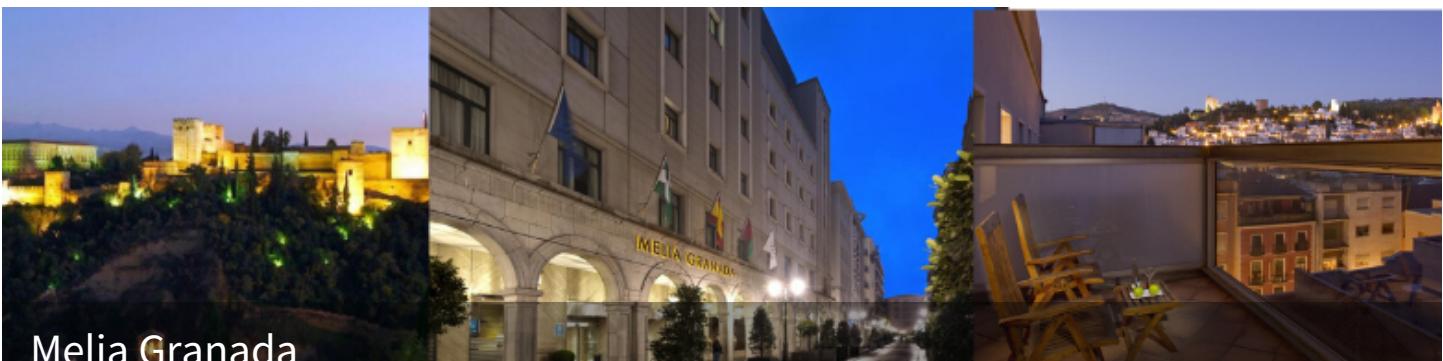
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### Granada Basic Info

Granada offers a lot more to see and do than you would normally expect from a provincial capital. The biggest attraction is no doubt the Alhambra, which consistently draws more visitors than any other sight in Spain. Because Muslim rule lasted the longest in Granada—roughly 250 years longer than in Cordoba and Seville—the city has the widest-ranging inventory of medieval Moorish structures on the Iberian Peninsula: Arab courtyard homes, bathhouses, cisterns, defensive walls and horseshoe-arched gates, mostly in the Albaicin district. Likewise, the Christian conquest in 1492 sparked a building boom as the new monarchs put their stamp on the city. Centuries-old monasteries, churches, palaces and civic buildings in styles ranging from Gothic, baroque and Renaissance to mudéjar define the cityscape.

As impressive as its monuments are, modern-day Granada in no way languishes in the past. In restaurant terraces and tapas bars, fun-loving Granadinos mingle with a steady stream of tourists from all over the world and a local and international student population of 60,000. As the beautiful views and gastronomic bounty attest, nature has been extremely generous. Traveling less than an hour in any direction will take you to lovely mountain or coastal scenery where, depending on the season, you can ski, snowboard, hike, cycle, kayak or swim.

See more information about Granada in the "Guides" section of your itinerary.



### Melia Granada

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HOTEL MELIÁ GRANADA

Granada, Spain

2 Nights

**Room Selection**

**Room Category**  
Classic with Terrace

**Day 13**

Granada is a city steeped in history of the ancient Moors. Once inside the Palace of the Alhambra, you will feel as if you have been transported into another century as you wander through the Lion's Court and the Room of Secrets and lovely views over the Albaicin old district and the Sacromonte, which houses Spain's largest congregation of gypsies. Then we walk through the exquisitely beautiful Generalife Gardens filled with fountains and flowers

The Alhambra's reddish hills house the Nazarite Royal Palaces. This artistic gem of Arab Granada, built between the 13th and the 15th centuries, is composed of many rooms linked by courtyards, gardens and fountains. It is an extraordinary living fable of stucco, bricks and marble, fragile ornamentation and solid structure. It is a citadel that looks inward on a series of rich courtyards and pools, lattice miradors and cool halls. Every niche, door, archway, ceiling and window offers an amazing and breathtaking visual feast, fashioned by artisans who were truly masters of their craft. The palace was meant to create the effect of paradise on earth. Its delicate execution is evident in such places as the courtyards of Arrayanes and Leones, and in the Salón de los Embajadores or the Sala de las Dos Hermanas

The Generalife gardens, the summer residence of the Nazarite Monarchs, is also located on this hill. With the mountains of Sierra Nevada providing a spectacular backdrop, the Generalife was a holiday estate used by the kings of the Nasrid dynasty. Its vegetable gardens also supplied the kitchens of the Alhambra with produce. This was where the monarchs came in search of peace and privacy.

The Albaicín quarter, with a deep Arab flavour, is located on another one of the city's hills and can be seen from the Alhambra. Narrow and steep streets are filled with cármenes (traditional villas with gardens), old mosques on top of which churches have been erected (San Salvador, San Bartolomé and San José), and little squares like San Nicolás and San Cristóbal.



Transfer

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## Madrid Basic Info

MADRID, SPAIN  
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Madrid, Spain, strikes a balance between constant, almost chaotic motion and uncompromising leisure. Madrileños, as Madrid's residents are called, seem always to be on the go, except when they're taking long breaks to eat, drink and enjoy life. The competing urges to move or sit for hours are cleverly reconciled in the Madrid institution known as *ir de tapas*, which entails leisurely hopping from one tapas bar to the next.

As a visitor to Madrid, you'll invariably be drawn into the city's stream of movement as you rush to see one more art collection, taste Castilian, Basque or Galician dishes at neighborhood restaurants, or buy tickets for an evening performance. But take a cue from Madrileños and incorporate some quiet time into your hectic schedule: People-watch at a terrace cafe, study the mystical quality in El Greco's paintings, savor the subtle hint of saffron in a dish, and appreciate the mournful beauty of flamenco. Take a deep breath, then move on to the next stop.

See more information about Madrid in the "Guides" section of your itinerary.

## Granada, Granada Airport to Madrid, Adolfo Suarez Madrid-Barajas Airport *Iberia Airlines (IB)*

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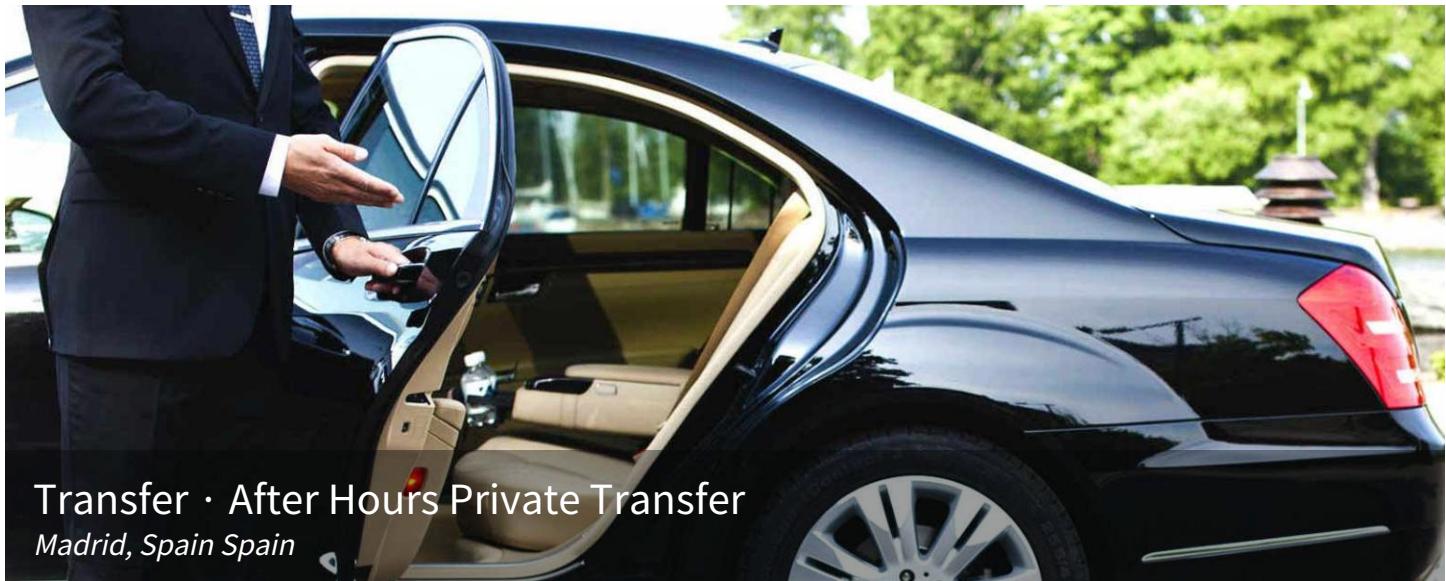
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## Notes

\*\*\*\*\*NAME CHANGES NOT PERMITTED ONCE BOOKED\*\*\*\*\*|This fare has a \$60 change fee once tickets are issued. This fare is|NON-REFUNDABLE once ticketed. This fare must be paid in full and ticketed|within 1 day from when reservations were made.



## Transfer · After Hours Private Transfer

Madrid, Spain Spain

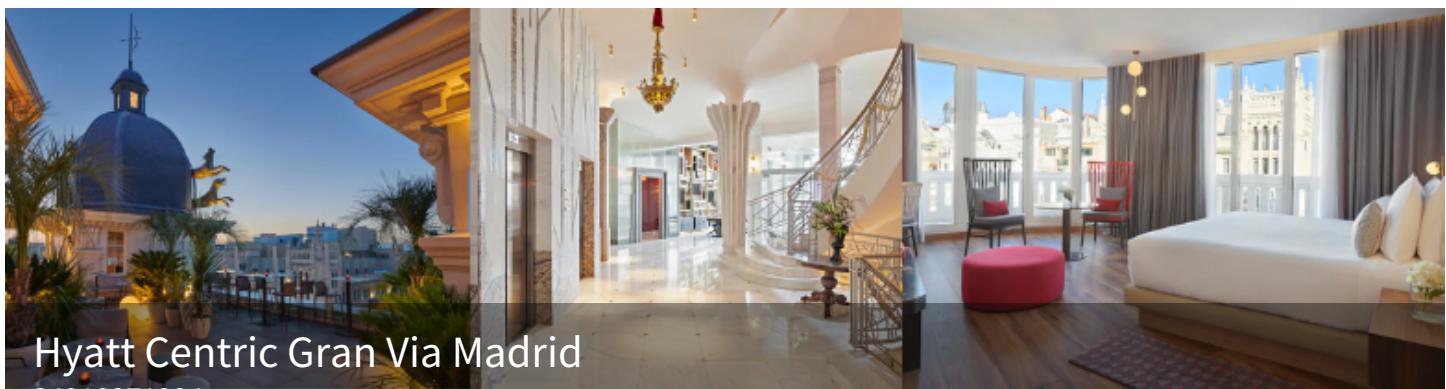
Departure Location  
Madrid, Spain

Arrival Location  
Hotel Indigo Madrid - Gran  
Via

Vehicle  
Private Transfer

## Notes

Airport(MAD) to Hotel(IGV)  
Transfer provided by Blai Limousines - PH # 0034 933 034 334|INSTRUCTIONS: Your driver will be waiting outside of the Customs|Area/Baggage Claim holding a sign with your name on it.



## Hyatt Centric Gran Via Madrid

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HYATT CENTRIC GRAN VIA MADRID

Madrid, Spain

3:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

3 Nights

Duration

Hyatt Centric Gran Via Madrid is located in the heart of one of the most diverse and vibrant city just a few step away from the trendy shopping area, fashion stores, museums, historic sites and lively nightlife restaurants and bars. Each guestroom and suite is stylishly decorated featuring custom designed furniture, functional work areas, 55 TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, and much more.

Our guestrooms and suites are a welcome spot to return to after a day of exploring Madrid. Dine at our curated restaurant Hielo y Carbon at any time of the day for a full breakfast, curious lunch or an exciting dinner. Or step into our music studio Ondas at the lobby level for a vermouth or gourmet coffee to listen to some foot-tapping tunes or enjoy a light snack. During warm weather months, enjoy the panoramic view from the secret rooftop bar, Via Fantastica. Our Lobby lounge has been created as a hub for lively conversation and sharing whats hot in Madrid. With links to local points of interest and a diverse range of books and magazines showcasing the best of this fabulous destination. Body-minded travelers wishing to keep fit during their stay have the option of 24-hour access to the fitness center equipped with state-of-the-art fitness machines.

#### Room Selection

##### Room Category

Superior King



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#### Private Gourmet Wine & Tapas Tour

##### Meeting Point

Anton Martin Metro Station

Savor the best of Madrid on a private gourmet tour of Lavapies, one of the city's oldest districts. Stroll through the evening-lit streets and enjoy the local atmosphere. Each tapa stop is paired with a glass of local wine for an ultimate food experience!

Get a taste of Madrid's culinary scene and explore the local gems in the cool neighborhood of Lavapies. Enjoy delicious tapas paired with local wines and let your knowledgeable guide give you all the insights about the Spanish cuisine.

Greet your private host at a traditional local market and wander around the stalls full of fresh products, cured meat, and yummy cheese. Hear about the origins of tapas and get insights about the local ingredients. Visit a tiny little bar in the market known for its selection of tapas and enjoy a glass of local wine and an appetizer.

Run by an Italian actor, the next place has a very unique atmosphere that you'll love! Taste local wines, sample a tapa called "salmorejo" and let your private guide tell you about the origins of the wine and its characteristics.

The next establishment is one of the most popular places in the Lavapies area. You'll taste amazing pintxo paired with a glass of wine made by a small local wine producer. Your host will recommend you the perfect wine, suitable for the ultimate gourmet experience.

Afterward, stroll through the streets of Madrid and take in the city's vibe while you admire the local gems. At the final stop, try the world-known Vermouth, a fortified white wine flavored with diverse herbs. The drink is considered the traditional drink of the city and it's served on the rocks with sparkling water. Accompany your drink with tapas and enjoy your time with your local guide.

Your host knows the tastings of each venue, so ask them all your burning questions. Don't miss the opportunity to taste, enjoy and learn about Spanish cuisine with your friends and family!

## Day 15



### Madrid Walking Tour at Bourbons Quarter and Prado Museum

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4 hours

A walking tour through the Bourbons (Borbones) quarter of the city with the Casa de Correos, Casa de Postas, Real Casa de Aduanas, Plaza de la Lealtad, Iglesia de San Jerónimo and a visit to the Prado Museum.

To have a walk through the Bourbons' Madrid you should start at Puerta del Sol, where you find the remarkable old post office, Casa de Correos. Walking along Calle Alcalá, one of the most important boulevards of Madrid, you arrive to Casa de Postas, another old post-office, and Real Casa de Aduanas, the Royal Customs Office.

At the end of the 15th Century the San Jerónimo church and an annexed palace were built under the orders of the Catholic Monarchs. Being in the outskirts of Madrid at that time, the monarchs appointed the place as a place of retreat and repose. This temple has undergone many alterations and refurbishments over the years. After the War of Independence against Napoleon's army, it was almost left in ruins. In the 19th Century, various Neogothic reforms were carried out. Inside, there are several valuable works of art, such as sculptures by Benlliure and Juan Pascual de Mena.

The Calle Alcalá and the triumphal arch of Puerta de Alcalá and the Paseo del Prado with its beautiful fountains of Cibeles, Apollo and Neptune, the Botanical Gardens and the Astronomical Observatory.

The Prado Museum is considered by many experts to be the best art gallery of the world, as it has the most complete and impressive collection of sixteenth, seventeenth, and twentieth century art, with the best works from the Italian, Flemish and Spanish schools. It is in the Prado Museum where artists of the stature of Hieronymus Bosch, Rubens, Goya, Velázquez, Murillo, Fra Angélico, Botticelli, Titian, Rafael, Watteau, Tintoretto, El Greco, Ribera, Zurbarán, and very many others, can be admired, along with a magnificent collection of classical sculptures.

## Day 16

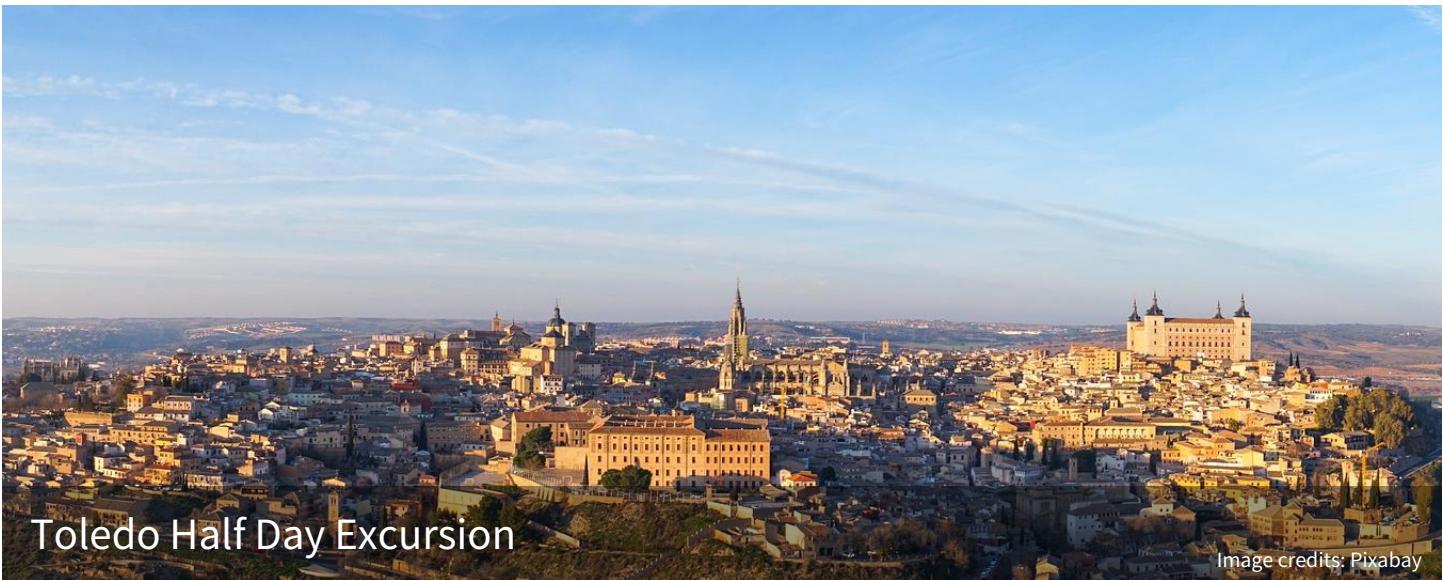


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5 hours

One of the oldest and most interesting historical cities of Europe, reflects the many cultures that have formed it, and perhaps better than any other city reflects the many moods of Spain's art and history. Visits are made to the magnificent Gothic Cathedral, the ancient Jewish Synagogue, the Jewish quarter and the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes.

The city of Toledo has its origins in Toletum, the name the Romans gave to this settlement on the banks of the River Tagus after its conquest in 190 BC. The city maintained its importance for centuries and, in the Visigothic era, became the capital of Hispania (6th C.). The arrival of the Arabs in the 8th century, together with the presence of Christians and Jews, made Toledo the “city of the three cultures”. This was one of the Toledo's most splendid periods when, among other important events, the Toledo School of Translators was founded. Later, when Carlos V came to the throne in 1519, the city became an imperial capital.

The maze of streets making up the historic centre of Toledo is only bounded by walls in which many gates were opened. The Bisagra gate, presided over by two bodies and a great imperial shield forms the main access to the city within the walls. The Sol gate was built in the 13th century in Mudéjar style and contains the remains of a paleochristian sarcophagus.

Via these and other entrances you can reach picturesque places, like the Plaza de Zocodover. In the Arab period, this central space housed an important market, and festivals and all kinds of social events were held here. Nowadays the square, surrounded by buildings with porches, continues to be one of the busiest places in the city. Remains of the Jewish community are still preserved in the city in the synagogues of Santa María la Blanca and El Tránsito.

In the synagogue of El Tránsito, built in 1357, you can admire one of the best Mudéjar coffered ceilings of all those preserved in Toledo, along with walls richly decorated with geometrical and botanical designs and Hebrew inscriptions. Nowadays, this Jewish place of worship houses the Sephardic Museum, in which an interesting collection of pieces of art and various objects used in Jewish ceremonies are exhibited.

The Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes is a superb example of flamboyant Gothic was one of the masterpieces of Juan Guas, who carried out the scheme commissioned by the Catholic Monarchs. The building, in flamboyant Gothic style, has a church which is outstanding for its great ornamentation and for its cloister, of great sculptural value.

One of the most outstanding buildings in the city is the Cathedral, considered one of the high points of Gothic art. The construction of this monumental building, with a basilica floor plan and five naves, because in 1226, although it was not finished until the 15th century. This is reflected in the great superimposition of styles in the building and the large number of renowned artists who left their mark on the church: from Pedro Berruguete, to Enrique Egás, Petrus Petri and Juan Guas. On its

main facade the outstanding feature is the doorway, made up of three doors: Infierno (Hell), Perdón (Forgiveness) and Juicio (Judgement). The exterior is topped by the two cathedral towers, one of them in flamboyant Gothic style and the other in Gothic-Renaissance.

## Day 17



### Transfer · After Hours Private Transfer *Madrid, Spain Spain*

**Departure Location**  
Hotel Indigo Madrid - Gran Via

**Arrival Location**  
Madrid, Spain

**Vehicle**  
Private Transfer

#### Notes

Hotel(IGV) to Airport(MAD)  
Transfer provided by Blai Limousines - PH # 0034 933 034 334|INSTRUCTIONS: Your driver will meet you in your hotel's lobby.

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### Madrid, Adolfo Suarez Madrid-Barajas Airport to London, London Heathrow Airport

*British Airways (BA)*

BA Carrier/Flight	MAD •	LHR •	2 hrs, 20 min Duration
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### London, London Heathrow Airport to Phoenix, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

*British Airways (BA)*

**BA**  
Carrier/Flight

LHR •

PHX •

**9 hrs, 50 min**  
Duration