

Fr Mar 2: JFK, board AA94 6:55PM flight to Madrid



6 hour time change (set watches ahead).

Sa Mar 3: Fly overnight, arrive Madrid 8:10AM, afternoon free

Arrive, take train to Atocha station, taxi(s) to hotel (early check-in requested). Afternoon free.

Hotel Catalonia Puerta Del Sol, Atocha, 23, Madrid, +34 91 369 71 71

<https://www.cataloniahotels.com/en/hotel/catalonia-puerta-del-sol>



Su Mar 4: Free day in Madrid

Museums, tapas, friends... 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. (We were all here together in 2011 -[See trip](#))

Mo Mar 5: Madrid, with day trip to Toledo

Depart Atocha station by train @ 9:20 (arrive Toledo 9:53), return train 16:18 (arrive Atocha 16:53).



Day trip to Toledo, tour with Daniel. ~3 hour tour, then free for lunch, then 2 hour tour. 240€ paid directly to the guide. Meet him at the station (he will have a sign). Take (2) taxis to town, including panoramic view on the way into town. ~15€ each.

Daniel has a degree in Tourism from the Complutense University of Madrid and has been a guide in Toledo for 4 years. Mother is Austrian, father from Toledo, and he is a fan of history and European art

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Toledo is truly one of Spain's most magnificent cities and a UNESCO Heritage site. Dramatically sited atop a gorge overlooking the Río Tajo, it was known as the 'city of three cultures' in the Middle Ages, a place where Christian, Muslim and Jewish communities peacefully coexisted. Unsurprisingly, rediscovering the vestiges of this unique cultural synthesis remains modern Toledo's most compelling attraction. Horseshoe-arched mosques, Sephardic synagogues and one of Spain's finest Gothic cathedrals cram into its dense historical core.



Tu Mar 6: Seville (Travel there, then free time)

11AM high speed train to Seville, arrive 13:32. Taxi to hotel. Afternoon free.

Hotel Casa De Colon, Calle Hernando Colón, 3, 41004 Sevilla, España, +34 955 11 78 28

<http://www.hotelcasadecolon.com/index.php/en/>

The hotel Casa de Colón is located in a historic manor house dating back to the 18th Century. Reconstructed in 1886, it is right in the heart of the city just a few steps away from the main tourist sites like the Cathedral, the Alcázar Palace or the Santa Cruz old quarter.



Seville: Originally founded as a Roman city and now home to three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Seville is bursting with antique charm. The Alcazar palace complex is a stunning collage of architectural styles, and the Cathedral will impress you with its beauty and its status as the burial site of Christopher Columbus. The Metropol Parasol is the world's largest wooden structure, a massive mix of grids and swirls that contains a market and a terrace observatory.

We Mar 7: Seville, half-day walking tour

10AM – the guide from [Naturanda](#) will pick us up at the hotel for a 3-hour private walking tour. (210€)

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Th Mar 8: Seville, day trip to Carmona & Cordoba

9AM the guide (and car) from Naturanda will pick us up at the hotel. We will drive to Carmona, a very beautiful Andalusian town. After this stop we go to Cordoba to visit the Mosque, the Jewish quarter and the city center. Return to hotel around 19:00 (~10 hours). (425€)

Carmona: Situated on the plain of the River Corbones, Carmona is a city which stands out due to its size and the traces left by the various cultures that have populated it during its extensive history. Its churches, palaces and city walls form part of the broad artistic heritage it houses in its historic quarter,

dominated by the imposing image of its Arab fortress, the Alcazar del Rey Don Pedro.



Cordoba: A UNESCO Heritage site, 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.



Fr Mar 9: Seville, free day with afternoon Flamenco

The morning is free.



17:00 1-hour Flamenco performance, followed by self-guided Flamenco museum tour.

Venue: Museo del Baile Flamenco, Calle Manuel Rojas Marcos 3, 41004 Seville Spain

See the map at: <https://www.flamencotickets.com/museo-del-baileflamenco-seville>

Sa Mar 10: Fly to Lisbon, afternoon free

Transfer (method TBD) to Seville Airport for TAP (Air Portugal) TP1101 to Lisbon at 12:10, arriving 12:20.

1 Hour time change (set watches back).

Private transfer from airport to hotel by Portugal Premium Tours (PPT).

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Remainder of trip arranged by PPT.

Hotel Lisboa Plaza, Tv. Salitre / Av Liberdade, Lisbon, 1269-066, Portugal

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Hotel Lisboa Plaza is a charming Boutique hotel in the historic center of Lisbon

Located close to the exclusive Avenida da Liberdade, the Plaza is a charmer. Family owned and operated since its construction in 1954, it reflects the character of an old Lisbon in a relaxed atmosphere.



Su Mar 11: Lisbon, with day trip to surrounding area.

9AM pickup at hotel for a full day private tour (8 hours) of Sintra with Cabo da Roca, Cascais and Estoril. Your tour will start at the medieval village of Sintra and you'll visit one of the many 19th century palaces, built by the Royal family. You are going to have time at the village to taste the famous pastries: Queijadas of Sintra and Travesseiros.

After lunch your tour guide will drive through the Natural Park of Sintra to Cabo da Roca; the westernmost site of Continental Europe. On your drive back to Lisbon, we will take the coastal road passing by the Guincho beach, Cascais and Estoril.



Mo Mar 12: Lisbon, with city tour

9AM pickup for full day tour (8 hours): visit the main squares of the city of Lisbon and drive through the old neighborhoods of Alfama, Mouraria, Graça and Madalena. Visit the most popular district of Lisbon: Belém, where you can see the Monument for the discoveries, Jerónimos Monastery (visit the church) and taste the best custard tarte of Portugal.



Tu Mar 13: Lisbon, free day

Free day

We Mar 14: Lisbon, with day trip to surrounding area

9AM pickup for day trip (8 hours) to Alentejo district including Evora: visit and walk around one of the most traditional regions of Portugal. We'll visit: The historical center of Évora, Évora's Cathedral, the Roman Temple, Bones Chapel, Reguengos de Monsaraz, S. Pedro do Corval and Monsaraz.



Th Mar 15: Transfer to Porto, via the Western coast of Portugal

9AM pickup for day tour and transfer (8 hours). Day trip: visit Aveiro, known as the ‘Venice of Portugal’, is in the ‘Baixo-Vouga’ region, in the North of Portugal. In Aveiro, take a boat trip (local traditional boat ‘Moliceiro’). Here you can find a very rich and varied landscape, characterized by a long sandy coastline, a pretty estuary and several parks and gardens. Also visit Obidos: a beautiful and historic walled town that makes for an enjoyable day trip.



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Hotel Teatro Porto, Rua Sa da Bandeira, 84, Porto 4000-427, Portugal
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In the center of the beautiful and historic Portuguese city of Porto, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Hotel Teatro is an elegant innovation set in shades of bronze and gold. It was built on the site where the revered 1859 Teatro Baquet once stood.



We Mar 16: Porto tour and boat trip

9AM pickup for a Tour of Porto and Douro river trip (8 hours). Experience the history and immense charm of the city. We'll visit the most important monuments and the riverside area 'zona Ribeirinha do Porto'. You'll go on a boat trip where we'll have the opportunity to enjoy a unique view of the city from the Douro River.



Th Mar 17: Porto

Free day.

Fr Mar 18: Porto

9AM pickup for a day trip (8 hours) from Oporto to discover Braga, a city of Archbishops and the city of Guimarães, with a unique historical center, classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. This visit takes place between the two cities from Minho's region, going through its most iconic landmarks.



Mo Mar 19: Transfer to Lisbon via the inland route from Porto

9AM pickup for transfer and travel to Coimbra, city of the students and a World Heritage Site. Here were born six kings of Portugal and the first university in the country, one of the oldest in Europe. When visiting the city, you'll find monuments and historical treasures, the vibrant Mondego River and the Fado sung by singers of the region.

Then, travel on to Tomar, a beautiful city in the center region of Portugal, with one of the most famous UNESCO World Heritage Sites – the Convent of Christ.



End the day in Lisbon at the 9Hotel Mercy. In a culturally rich city brimming with authenticity, our boutique hotel with contemporary design is located in the heart of the historic center of Lisbon.

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Tu Mar 20: Lisbon

Free day, or sunset sail (TBD).

We Mar 21: Fly from Lisbon to Madrid

13:00 PPT Transfer to airport

TAP 1016 at 15:40 arrive Madrid 17:50

1 hour time change (set watches ahead).

Shuttle to Hotel Ibis Madrid Aeropuerto Barajas

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Th Mar 22: AA95 to JFK, depart 9:35AM, arrive 13:25PM

Shuttle to airport, then fly to JFK