

Iberian Voyage

Feb 13 - Feb 22, 2020

Group Leader:

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Group ID:

231897

Depart From:

New York



what's included



Round-Trip Flights



Centrally Located Hotels

- ✓ All Tipping
- ✓ Madrid Tour with Guide
- ✓ Prado Tour with Personal Headsets
- ✓ Madrid Tapas Evening
- ✓ Madrid-Córdoba AVE
- ✓ Córdoba Tour with Guide
- ✓ Córdoba Mezquita with Audio Guides
- ✓ Paella Dinner



**Daily Breakfast and Dinner
(unless otherwise noted)**



24-Hour Tour Manager

- ✓ Seville Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Seville Cathedral and Giralda Tower
- ✓ Flamenco Lesson and Show in Seville
- ✓ Mérida Tour with Guide
- ✓ Mérida Roman Ruins
- ✓ Lisbon Tour with Guide
- ✓ Jerónimos Monastery
- ✓ Cascais Tour
- ✓ Sintra National Palace

OUR promise

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from “good enough” to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. *Travel changes lives.*

cultural connections



HIGHLIGHTS waiting to happen

Flamenco Lesson and Show in Seville

Follow the steps of your expert flamenco teacher, then later see them perform in a professional show.

Madrid Tapas Evening

Savor the culture of Spanish cuisine as you dine like a local on tapas specialties such as traditional cheeses, jamón or tortilla española.

“Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive.”

Matthew L. Participant



trip itinerary - 10 days

Feb 13, 2020: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

Feb 14, 2020: Madrid

¡Bienvenidos a España! Arrive in Madrid, meet your ACIS Tour Manager and settle in before exploring the wide avenues and open plazas of Spain's capital city. (D)

Feb 15, 2020: Madrid

Madrid's rich heritage comes alive on your guided sightseeing tour of classic Spanish boulevards, grand plazas, and the diverse architecture of modern-day Madrid. Highlights include the Plaza de España with its statue of Don Quixote, the majestic Alcalá Gate, and the famous bullring Las Ventas. Then visit the magnificent Prado (skipping the lines with a timed reservation), one of the world's premier art museums. Here, an expert provides illuminating commentary via personal headsets on the artwork of Velázquez, Goya, Raphael, Rubens, and Bosch. Even the 18th-century Neo-Classical building that houses the collection is stunning. Later enjoy a special tapas evening in true Spanish style: you try different local specialties as you sidle up next to the madrileños for whom this is a culturally important and typical way to spend an evening. Classic tapas dishes include items such as tortilla española, patatas bravas, bacalao, cheeses, olives or jamón. We'll walk it all off with an evening stroll down to see the artists and street performers in Plaza Mayor. (B,D)

Feb 16, 2020: Seville

Sweep across the golden plains of La Mancha and into Andalucía on the high-speed AVE train. Arrive in Córdoba in time for a guided sightseeing tour of the city, including a visit to the candy cane arches and 4,000 copper lamps of the great Mezquita, using audio guides. Then spend time exploring the old Jewish quarter with its flower-filled patios. Continue on to Seville, where a traditional Spanish paella dinner awaits—a spicy tango of rice, seafood and vegetables considered by many as Spain's national dish. Enjoy an evening paseo along the river to see the Torre del Oro and colorful Barrio de Triana. (B,D)

Feb 17, 2020: Seville

Discover Andalucía's prettiest city on a morning sightseeing tour, including Christopher Columbus' tomb in the Cathedral, and enjoy views from the grand Giralda Tower. During your free afternoon wander the streets of the Santa Cruz quarter. Tonight at a flamenco lesson, you'll learn the steps to this famous dance from professionals, and then see your instructors perform it at a show. (B,D)

Feb 18, 2020: Merida

Drive through the province of Extremadura, birthplace of Spain's conquistadores including Cortés, Pizarro and Balboa. Visit Mérida, the ancient capital of Lusitania. An expertly guided sightseeing tour shows you the highlights of this city with the most Roman ruins in Spain, including the Roman Theater, Amphitheater, Circus Maximus and Puente Romano. (B,D)



Feb 19, 2020: Lisbon

Depart for Portugal, cross the sweeping 25th of April Suspension Bridge and arrive in Lisbon. Begin to unlock the secrets of this fascinating city, once the capital of the world's greatest maritime empire. (B,D)

Feb 20, 2020: Lisbon

In the morning a sightseeing tour with a local expert shows you the Monument of the Discoveries, Alfáma district, Rossio Square and St. George's Castle before you enjoy a visit inside Jerónimos Monastery. This afternoon enjoy a bike ride (pending availability). (B,D)

Feb 21, 2020: Lisbon

Depart for Cascais for a free morning and time for lunch on your own. This afternoon visit the hillside town of Sintra and its National Palace, which was the summer residence of Portuguese kings and is famed for its tilework. Then return to Lisbon for your final night in Europe. (B,D)

Feb 22, 2020: Departure

Depart for the USA. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.





learning objectives

1. Students will have an introduction, through art, to the Spanish Royal Families and the role of the current Royal Family in Spanish society.
2. Students will learn the Three Republics of Portugal.
3. Students will learn how the geography of Lisbon affects its economy, culture and art.

tour cost

Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$3899
Early Registration Discount	\$-100
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$300

Total Participant Fees² \$4099

² Valid through 03/01/19 with \$200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge	\$100
Single Room Supplement	\$760
Double Room Supplement	\$400
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$250

notes from acis

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Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

education



81%

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



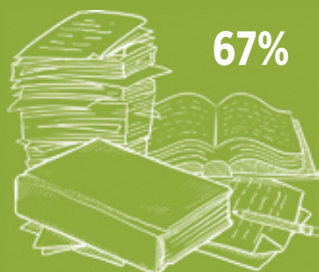
of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



57%

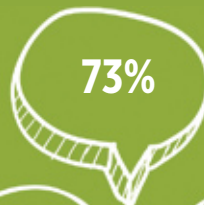
of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

language skills



67%

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



73%

of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

personal development



94% felt more independent after their trip.

78% saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

92% noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



65%

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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