



Oregon State University
Alumni Association

Paradores & Pousadas

Historic Lodgings of Spain & Portugal

October 6-20, 2022

15 days for \$5,274 total price from Portland

(\$4,695 air & land inclusive plus \$579 airline taxes and fees)



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A Special Small Group Tour for
Alumni and Friends of Oregon State University



Dear OSU Alumni and Friends,

Join other OSU alumni and friends on a special 15-day small group journey to discover the best of the Iberian Peninsula. Enjoy captivating sights, excellent cuisine and memorable experiences while traveling overland from Lisbon to Madrid. Along the way, stay in intimate lodgings of Portugal's *pousadas* and Spain's *paradores*: medieval monasteries, historic fortresses and stately palaces.

Begin with an exploration of Lisbon, including the iconic Belém Tower and the National Palace of Queluz. Next, visit the Alentejo region, staying in one of Portugal's finest *pousadas* in charming Evora – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Crossing into Spain, see Mérida, with its outstanding Roman ruins. Enjoy visits to Seville, Cordoba, and Granada's extraordinary Alhambra and Generalife Gardens. Explore Toledo, Spain's medieval capital, before the journey ends in sophisticated Madrid. For those wishing to visit Spain's bustling cultural and commercial capital, an optional 4 day/3 night Barcelona post-tour extension is available.

We are pleased to be sharing this departure with alumni and friends from the University of Southern California. Space is limited to 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days prior to departure. Book risk-free today!

Sincerely,

Your friends at the Oregon State University Alumni Association

The OSU Alumni Association Travel program promotes fellowship, education and enjoyment for our alumni, their families and friends by providing attractive travel and lifelong learning opportunities.

OSU RESERVATION FORM: PARADORES & POUSADAS

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**

Attn: Special Interest Groups

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

Post-Tour "Barcelona – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up ☐

Membership: Membership in the OSU Alumni Association is required to travel with OSUAA Group Travel. If you are not a member, please contact the Membership Dept. at 877-678-2837 to sign up today or join online at www.osualum.com. If you prefer to send a check, please include \$60 for a single membership and remit to: OSU Alumni Association, 204 CH2M Hill Alumni Center, Corvallis, OR 97331-6303.

Tour membership limited to 24 guests

Paradores & Pousadas

Historic Lodgings of Spain & Portugal

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You're invited on a distinctive small group journey through the Iberian Peninsula to the intimate lodgings of Spain's paradores and Portugal's pousadas: medieval monasteries, historic fortresses, and stately palaces, each reflecting the spirit of its region. We feel the spell of Iberia's rich Roman and Moorish past – and the pull of its vibrant contemporary life.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lisbon, Portugal

Day 2: Arrive Lisbon We arrive in the Portuguese capital and transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times vary, we have no group activities planned during the day. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner. *D*

Day 3: Lisbon/Queluz This morning's city tour includes the Jerónimos Monastery, a masterpiece of Manueline architecture; iconic Belém Tower; and the Monument to the Discoveries commemorating Portugal's storied explorers. Then we visit the National Palace of Queluz, the former residence of Portuguese royalty now used for state occasions. After returning to Lisbon, the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore as we wish. *B*

Day 4: Lisbon/Evora Leaving Lisbon this morning, we travel through the rolling hills of the agricultural Alentejo district, with its bountiful fields of wheat, fragrant vineyards, and stands of olive and cork trees. After stopping for lunch in the fortified hilltop town of Monsaraz (pop. 150), late afternoon we arrive in Evora, capital of the Alentejo and site of our *pousada*, considered Portugal's finest. *B,L,D*

Day 5: Evora Our morning walking tour of Evora introduces us to the many charms of this architectural gem – a university town, prosperous regional capital, and UNESCO World Heritage site thanks to the many relics of its Roman and Moorish heritage. We sample Alentejo wines at a local winery and then the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy this "Golden Age" city as we wish. *B,D*

Day 6: Evora/Mérida, Spain/Carmona Today we travel east through countryside peppered with the ruins of fortresses and castles to the Spanish border town of Mérida. Once the capital of ancient Lusitania (Latin for the kingdoms of Spain and Portugal), Mérida boasts outstanding Roman ruins. There's time to explore and eat lunch on our own before we continue on to Carmona and our *parador*, a restored 14th-century Arab fortress. *B,D*

Day 7: Carmona/Seville This morning we visit splendid Seville, Moorish capital of Spain's Andalusia

Small Group Tour Highlights

Eight nights' accommodations in distinguished historic lodgings • National Palace of Queluz, Portugal • Lisbon sightseeing, including Belém • Evora, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Roman ruins at Mérida • Moorish Toledo • Tour of Cordoba, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Seville and its renowned Catédral • Granada's Alhambra and Generalife Gardens • Three-night stay in sophisticated Madrid • Madrid sightseeing, including Prado, Plaza Mayor, and Royal Palace

| Day | Itinerary | Hotel | Rating |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Depart U.S. for Lisbon | | |
| 2-3 | Lisbon | Corinthia Hotel Lisbon | Deluxe |
| 4-5 | Evora | Pousada dos Loios | First Class |
| 6-8 | Carmona | Parador de Carmona | First Class |
| 9-10 | Ronda | Parador de Ronda | First Class |
| 11 | Úbeda | Parador de Úbeda | First Class |
| 12-14 | Madrid | Wellington Hotel | Deluxe |
| 15 | Depart Madrid for U.S. | | |

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: On Day 11, we tour the Alhambra, the Moors' historic palace and fortress complex now a UNESCO site.



We see iconic Belém Tower, the most photographed monument in Portugal, on Day 3.

region and city of beauty and romance. This is the place that inspired *Carmen* and *Don Giovanni*; where fragrant orange trees and flower-bedecked balconies delight the senses; and home of the renowned Catédral, the world's largest Gothic building. After a tour that includes the Alcázar palace and the Arab quarter, the afternoon is free to explore independently. We return to Carmona late afternoon and dine at our *parador* this evening. *B,D*

Day 8: Carmona/Cordoba Today's visit to this cultural gem promises to be special indeed. First the capital of Roman Spain, then of Moorish Spain, Cordoba features some of the country's most important monuments, including the Old Quarter built around the magnificent Mezquita mosque. It was here that the Moors ruled from the 8th to the 11th centuries and fostered a culture of learning and religious harmony known the world over. Cordoba also is home to Andalusia's only synagogue to survive the expulsion of Spain's Jews in the 15th century. After touring these and other highlights we have free time to explore on our own. Late this afternoon we return to our *parador*, where we dine tonight. *B,D*

Day 9: Carmona/Ronda Leaving Carmona this morning we travel south to tiny Ronda, one of Spain's oldest and most aristocratic towns. It's set high in the mountains with whitewashed houses clinging improbably to the edge of El Tajo Gorge – 500 feet deep and 300 feet wide. *B,D*

Day 10: Ronda This morning we take a walking tour of Ronda. We return to our *parador*, Ronda's original town hall, for a special *tapas* lunch, then the rest of the day is free for independent exploration. *B,L*

Day 11: Ronda/Granada/Úbeda Continuing our journey, we travel today to Granada, the former stronghold of Moorish Spain set in the foothills of the snowcapped Sierra Nevada. The city's undisputed highlight is the Alhambra, the extraordinary palace of Spain's last Moorish rulers. Sprawled across a hilltop above the Darro River, the Alhambra commands breathtaking views of the city below, as we see on our afternoon tour of this splendid citadel. We also visit the Granadian-style Generalife, the palace's acclaimed gardens. Late afternoon we travel north to Úbeda and our next *parador*, where we dine tonight. *B,D*

Post-Tour Extension

October 20-23, 2022

Barcelona – On Your Own

4 days/3 nights for \$795 total price

Single Supplement: \$355

Enjoy this bustling seaport, Spain's cultural and commercial capital, with its medieval Gothic Quarter and popular Ramblas waterfront promenade.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Madrid/Barcelona, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 3 nights' accommodations at Hotel Avenida Palace (Superior First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Transfers to/from airport



EVERY STEP WE TAKE
ON EARTH BRINGS US
TO A NEW WORLD.”

– FEDERICO GARCIA LORCA

Day 12: Úbeda/Toledo/Madrid A highlight is in store today as we visit Toledo, capital of medieval Spain. Declared a Spanish National Landmark, the city is little changed visually from its 16th-century days as a subject for the artist El Greco. Toledo boasts an incomparable hilltop setting overlooking the Castilian plains and surrounded on three sides by the Tagus River. After lunch on our own we see Toledo's most important sights on our guided tour, including the massive Gothic Cathedral. Then we continue on to Madrid, arriving late afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B*



Lisbon's Monument to the Discoveries

displaying treasures by Spanish masters Goya, El Greco, and Velazquez. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. Well known for its “foodie” culture, Madrid offers a bounty of restaurants for dinner on our own tonight. *B,L*

Day 14: Madrid A free day to enjoy the Spanish capital as we wish. Tonight we bid “*Adios*” to Spain and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 15: Depart for U.S. We transfer to the airport this morning for our connecting flight to the U.S. *B*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights' accommodations: 5 nights in Deluxe hotels; 8 nights in First Class *paradores* and *pousadas*
- 25 meals: 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 9 dinners
- Regional wine with dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Plaza de España, Seville's popular central square

Tour Departs: October 6, 2022

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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| Boston, New York | \$4,874 |
| Philadelphia, Washington, DC | \$5,074 |
| Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa | \$5,174 |
| Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle | \$5,274 |
| Land Only (transfers not included) | \$4,195 |

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$579, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,195. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,595 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade prices are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves a significant amount of walking up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

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888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

Or call the OSU Alumni Association at 541-737-2351, or toll-free at 877-678-2837, or 877-OSTATER

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any change to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$400 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Responsibility: The OSU Alumni Association (OSUAA), as sponsor, contracts with Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. to offer this trip. The OSUAA assumes no liability for the operation of the tour. The liability of Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the airlines, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assumes no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, if you choose to make your own airline reservations, we recommend that you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for charges. If you choose to make your own air arrangements in this tour, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided approximately 115 days prior to departure.



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