

SPANISH SERENADE

ITINERARY NIGHTS: Madrid (3), Valencia (2), Barcelona (2)

HIGHLIGHTS: Madrid City Tour • Prado Museum • Plaza Major Walking Tour • Segovia Tour • Alcázar • Ávila Tour • Cathedral of San Salvador • Tapas Dinner • Toledo City Tour • Toledo Cathedral • Sword Workshop • Cuenca • Valencia City Tour • Valencia Cathedral • Tarragona • Las Ramblas Evening Walking Tour • Barcelona City Tour • Sagrada Familia

OPTIONS: Option Flamenco Performance • Dalí Museum in Figueras



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DAY 1 Board your flight, bound for Spain.

DAY 2 MADRID ¡Bienvenido! says your TSA Tours guide will meet you at the airport. Start your adventure with a guided **Madrid City Tour**. See the Plaza de España, the statue of Cervantes, the Royal Palace, and other highlights. Later enjoy a tour of the world-renowned **Prado Museum** to view the art treasures of Spain. This evening, take a **Walking Tour** with your guide to the lively Plaza Major in Old Town Madrid.

DAY 3 MADRID Explore the ancient walled city of **Ávila** on a **City Tour**. Visit the massive **Cathedral of San Salvador**, begun in 1091 but not completed until the 13th century. Then on to **Segovia**, site of well preserved Roman ruins, including an aqueduct built in the first century. Tour the **Alcázar**, a magnificent example of Old Castilian architecture, built in the 12th century but later enlarged and embellished. The interior is very interesting with a series of fine rooms containing old furniture, tapestries,

weapons and armor. Savor a **Tapas Dinner**, delectable dishes of many varieties,

from salads to meatballs.

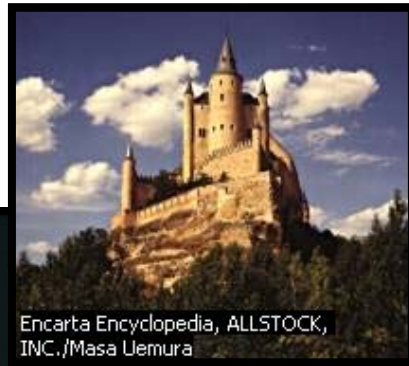
DAY 4 MADRID Venture to historical **Toledo**, where the influences of Christian, Jewish and Moorish cultures can still be seen in the architecture and the art of the city. See the masterpieces by El Greco in the **Cathedral**. Also see the Old Synagogue, the Church of Santo Tomé, the Royal Palace, and visit a **sword workshop**.

DAY 5 VALENCIA Travel east through **Cuenca**, a town that stands in a spectacular setting between the Levant Plains and the Castilian Meseta. Fantastic rock formations make this most picturesque of medieval towns famous for its *Casas Colgadas* or "hanging houses." Arrive in **Valencia**, a Mediterranean town notable for its pleasant, mild climate and quality of light. It is here that the famous oranges are grown. An ancient saying describes Valencia as "a piece of heaven fallen to earth."

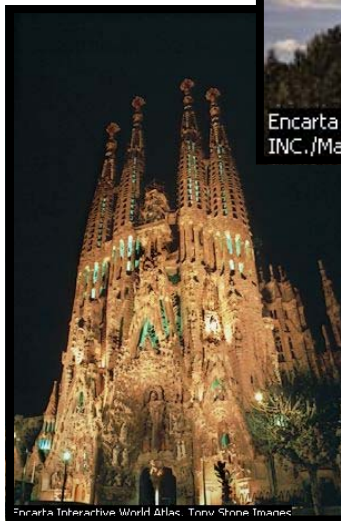
DAY 6 VALENCIA This morning's guided **Valencia City Tour** takes you through the Old Town, to the Plaza del Caudillo with its musical fountain, and into the imposing Cathedral, built between 1262 and 1482 on the site of a mosque. The afternoon is free for discovery with your advisors.

DAY 7 BARCELONA Travel through the historic city of **Tarragona** for beautiful views of the Mediterranean and a look at the seaport's Roman amphitheatre. Arrive in Barcelona, capital of Catalonia. This evening you will enjoy a guided walking tour of **Las Ramblas**, the vibrant avenues of flower vendors, bird sellers, musicians and more.

DAY 8



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BARCELONA Explore Barcelona on a guided **City Tour** that starts on Montjuïc Hill with a panoramic view. You will see the Parque de la Ciudadela, Barceloneta and its beaches, the Barrio Gótico (medieval quarter), Plaza de España, Palacio Nacional, then visit the Gaudí's spike-towered and surreal Church of the **Sagrada Familia**. The afternoon is free for discovery. **Option:** Visit nearby Figueras, birthplace of Salvador Dalí, the famous Surrealist artist. Tour the Dalí Theatre-Museum, an eccentric building topped with statues and egg sculptures. This was the biggest work of the artist's life, and he's buried in an unmarked crypt at the center of the main exhibition hall.

DAY 9 DEPART Board your flight home with the sweet sounds of the last week's Spanish Serenade playing through your memories.

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