

RMC Travel *presents:*

# SPAIN

Madrid~Seville~Barcelona

April 7~14, 2012



Step inside the grand Moorish palace of the Alcazar; gaze at treasures – inside and out – at the world renowned Picasso Museum in Barcelona; Take guided tours of Madrid and historic Toledo, and you will understand the historical, cultural and religious passion throughout this carefully woven Spain tour.

Spain is a colorful pageant of art, history and culture set against a backdrop that spans sunny Mediterranean shores and grand mountain ranges, dotted with groves of oranges and olives. Explore Andalucía, resplendent with Moorish regal flair. Feel the passion of the Flamenco.

## OUR ITINERARY

**Day 1 – Saturday, April 7: Depart USA**  
Overnight flight to Madrid



**Day 2, Sunday, April 8:  
Arrive Madrid (D)**

After your arrival in Madrid you will be transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy our Welcome Dinner.

**Day 3, Monday, April 9:  
In Madrid and Toledo (B)**

Morning sightseeing in the beautiful Spanish capital takes us to view the Royal Palace, Puerta del Sol and Plaza Espana with its monument to Cervantes. We also include the historic Plaza Mayor, Plaza de Oriente, the famous Cibeles fountain, Neptune's fountain, the impressive Castellana

Avenue, Christopher Columbus square, as well as the main shopping areas, parks and gardens such as the beautiful Retiro Park. In the afternoon, we head south to the ancient Castilian capital of Toledo. Once the model of Religious tolerance in Europe, it became the home of horrors through the Spanish Inquisition.

The entire town is a national monument; tiny streets surrounded by Gothic and Renaissance buildings allow one to 'feel' the history. Its churches and palaces house some of Spain's best artistic treasures. Additionally, the city boasts a wealth of local crafts such as the famous "Damasquinado", gold woven into iron. The tour will include visits to the Cathedral, and a visit to the Chapel of St. Tome which houses "The burial of Count Orgaz", a masterpiece painted by El Greco Our sightseeing here includes the tiny streets surrounded by historic buildings, the 13th-century Gothic Cathedral and with time for shopping for the famous damascened Toledo steel. Dinner on your own.



### OUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Round-trip transportation from Montauk to JFK
  - Round-trip airfare from New York City
  - Round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Baggage handling at airports & hotels
- Great hotels in Madrid, Seville and Barcelona
  - Hotel taxes and service charges
- Daily breakfast and dinners as per itinerary
- All guided sightseeing including entrance fees
  - Train ride from Madrid to Seville
  - Flight from Seville to Barcelona

### ADDED FEATURES

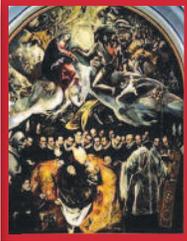
- Welcome to Spain dinner.
- Welcome to Seville drink
- Panoramic Horse-drawn carriage tour of Seville
- Optional Flamenco dinner and show in Seville
- Free time in Madrid & Barcelona for shopping & exploring
  - Special Farewell Dinner in Barcelona





#### Day 4, Tuesday, April 10: In Madrid (B)

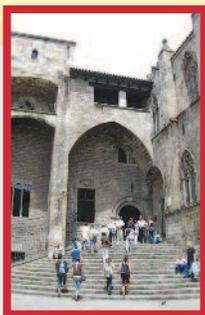
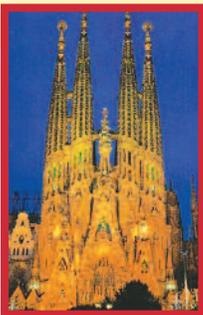
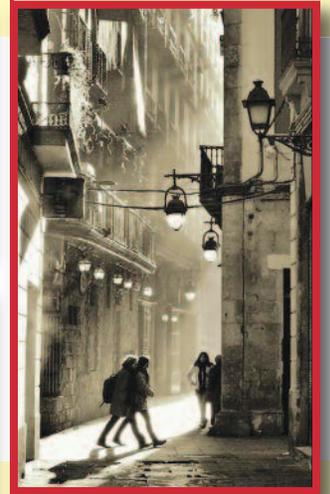
A full day free for independent exploration and shopping. Madrid is a beautiful city combining cobbled, antiquated streets with imperial, tree-lined avenues. Ornate buildings in the old town juxtaposed with the beautifully designed glittering, modern steel towers of the commercial district reaching high into the clear blue skies. Added to this is the slightest excuse for a statue, or a square with a fountain, which results in a city full of attractions to catch your eye at every turn. Madrid also has some of the world's most prestigious and exciting museums can be visited in what is called the triangle of Art. Three famous museums, including the Prado are situated so close to each other that one could do all of them in just a day. Dinner on your own at one of our recommended restaurants.



#### Day 5, Wednesday, April 11: To Seville (B)

Early departure by high-speed train for Andalusia and Seville. After checking into our hotel, a welcome drink and lunch on our own, we have a 45 minute panoramic sightseeing tour by horse-drawn carriage that is a step back in time as we observe 700 years of influence by the Moors. Admire Maria Luisa Park and its beautiful pavilions built at the early 20th century for the Iberian American Exhibition of 1929, with the Plaza de España being the most impressive and emblematic monument. Have a glimpse at the Golden Tower, a former

Arabic lighthouse which purpose was to protect the river from the pirates and later on register all the goods coming from the Americas. You will also see the old Tobacco Factory (today University of Seville) the Guadalquivir River Banks and some of its 9 bridges or the San Telmo Palace (the former maritime school). The tour will finish at the foot of the Cathedral and Alcazar, two very special sights we will visit inside. The Cathedral of Seville, the biggest Gothic Cathedral in the world. It was built in the 15th century, after the destruction of the old Mosque. All that remains from this Muslim Mosque is the 200 foot high Minaret, called La Giralda and it has become the symbol of the city. This is the most impressive building in Seville and also houses the impressive tomb of Christopher Columbus. Then, opposite to the Cathedral, we will see "Alcazar", the Arab Kings Palace, preserved by the Christians because of its beauty and artistic meaning. This is the place where Isabel and Fernando welcomed Columbus from America. Back to the hotel for dinner on your own, or you have the opportunity to experience authentic Andalusian at an optional dinner / flamenco show.



#### Day 6, Thursday, April 12: To Barcelona (B)

Morning at leisure in Seville. Mid afternoon transfer to the airport for the short flight to Barcelona...Europe's new "IN" city. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for the afternoon and evening on your own.

#### Day 7, Friday, April 13: In Barcelona (B/D)

This morning, we will have a tour of Spain's second largest city. This tour is devoted to the Medieval part of the city including the lively and well known Ramblas Boulevard, the Columbus Monument, the Basilica of Santa Maria Del Mar, the City Hall, the Gothic Quarter and the famous Cathedral. Balance of the day at leisure on your own to see the "Modern Barcelona" that cradles Modernist Architecture including the elegant tree-line Rambla, the Passeig de Gracia where you can see Gaudí's wonderful buildings La Pedrera and Casa Batlló, and the popular historic Plaza de Catalunya. Maybe take in the Picasso Museum, located in the increasingly popular Born Quarter, very close to the Gothic Quarter, with its unique collection of works done by the painter in his youth. It was while Picasso was in Barcelona that the "New Barcelona" was in the process of fashioning its appearance. This evening we will have a special farewell to Spain dinner.



#### Day 8, Saturday, April 14: To New York (B)

We bid Spain adios as we board our flight home.

## Hotels (or similar)



### **HOTEL ALCALA TORRE – MADRID**

Magnificent skyscraper with 15 floors located in the centre of Madrid with excellent panoramic views and the newest technological innovations, with laptops in all the rooms and free Wi-Fi!! The hotel is located in the heart of the centre of Madrid, at the beginning of the famous calle Alcalá, between Gran Vía and the Puerta del Sol This noteworthy building is a replica of the famous skyscraper in Chicago and has a total of 15 floors, with beautiful views of Madrid which begin to impress after the fifth floor. Its 59 modern rooms are equipped with the latest technological innovations, such as the hydro-massage showers, laptop computers in all the rooms, and free Internet connection.



### **HOTEL GIRALDA – SEVILLE**

This hotel is located in the historic center of Seville. It is very near to the beautiful, typical quarter of Santa Cruz and a few minutes walk away from monuments such as the cathedral, La Giralda and Maria Luisa Park. Lovely and comfortable rooms with all the amenities of a first class hotel.



### **HOTEL GALLERY – BARCELONA**

Gallery Hotel is a 4-star superior hotel exceptionally positioned in the centre of Barcelona just a stone's throw from Paseo de Gracia and with Plaza Cataluña nearby. The Hotel has 115 rooms offering you comfort, tranquillity and where every last detail is taken care of to guarantee your stay will meet your every expectation. In our El Café de Gallery Restaurant - Terrace you will find top quality cuisine along with a long list of wines you can enjoy either in the calm of our outdoor terrace or at your leisure inside the restaurant. Gallery Hotel stands in a league of its own in the heart of Barcelona, with a highly personalized service combined with a friendly atmosphere and avant-garde cuisine.



## PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy \$2,599

Add to above costs:

U.S. airline facility, security, taxes and Fuel Surcharge \$299

(This is the current charge but is subject to change by airline at time of ticketing)

Prepaid Gratuities \$75

(for guides, escort, drivers, wait-staff, hotel staff, baggage portorage)

Single room supplement \$499

## REGISTRATION APPLICATION SPAIN - April 7-14, 2012

Please make the following reservations.

Make travel deposits checks payable to RMC and mail to:

RMC Travel, P.O. Box 448, Montauk, NY 11954

Need assistance or have questions?

Call Raymond at 668-5327 or e-mail at Rcortell@aol.com

Name(s): 1: \_\_\_\_\_ 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve: ( ) Double ( ) Single Room

I will be rooming with \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSITS: (note: \$100 of initial \$300 deposit is non-refundable airline deposit)

[ ] Enclosed is my deposit of \$300 per person for

( ) passengers.

I understand that the balance of the trip must be paid as per Terms & Conditions.

[ ] Please charge my credit card as follows:

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: credit card payments will have the 4.75% charge added

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make a copy and keep one for yourself.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Reservations & Payments:** A completed application must be submitted with your reservation including a deposit of \$300 per person to RMC right away to hold your reservation. Final payment due on or before February 7, 2012

**Cancellations & Refunds:** Cancellation fees are as follows: \$100 non-refundable airfare fee. Additional 25% if cancellation is between 70 and 60 days; From 59 to 45 days, there is a 50% charge. Under 45 days, the charge is 100% of the tour price.

**Trip Cancellation/Interruption Insurance:** A Trip Cancellation/Interruption/Medical insurance is NOT included in the package and a brochure will be sent with your confirmation.

**Revisions/Changes:** There will be no charge for an initial revision. There will be a charge of \$20 for each additional revision. This charge is over and above any charges imposed by airlines, hotels and/or ground operators unused transfers, meals and sightseeing tours cannot be refunded. Unused hotels nights are refunded only if they cover a minimum of three nights and only to the extent the operator receives refund from the hotels, after deducting cancellation charges levied by the hotel, if any. Requests for refund must be submitted in writing along with written proof from the hotel, to RMC within 30 days after return from trip.

**Accommodations:** The tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category.

**Air:** All airline tickets are subject to each carrier's Terms & Conditions as to passage and cancellation fees. Tours are sold in conjunction with these approved carrier.

**NOTE:** Trip price based on a minimum of 25 participants. If less than 25 participants, a shortfall surcharge will be invoiced as follows:

16 to 20 travelers @ \$225

21 to 24 travelers @ \$120

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