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# Spain's Classic

**Guaranteed Departure Date: May 19, 2012**

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upon request, from  
any Canadian  
gateway!**

**10 Days • 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 5 Dinners**



**COLLETTE**  
VACATIONS



**Highlights...** Madrid • Prado Museum • Toledo • Cordoba • Seville • Flamenco Show  
Granada • Alhambra • Valencia • Barcelona

Starting At Per Person Rates: **Double \$2,149.00 \***

\*per person, land only, double occupancy. Call for airfare from your gateway.  
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**Complimentary Door to Door Sedan Transfers are available with any air inclusive vacation.**

\*\*Passengers must purchase land & air from Collette Vacations to qualify for transfers.

- Tour Toledo, the former capital of the Spanish Empire.
- Enjoy reserved seating at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- Visit 9 UNESCO World Heritage sites.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

#### Day 2: Arrive Madrid, Spain

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's capital and largest city. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Madrid - Prado Museum - Toledo - Madrid

During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic centre, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. A guided tour of the Prado Museum, open since 1819, provides you with an historical and cultural perspective of this magnificent museum that boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. **This afternoon travel to Toledo, a UNESCO site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13th century synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage.** Also stop in the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Today, your Tour Manager provides a brief lesson on the origin and history of the Spanish language. Then, travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. This UNESCO site, an architectural marvel, built by the Moors in the 8th century as a magnificent mosque, was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital." *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 5: Seville

Today you will see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral, a UNESCO site, and Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint old Santa Cruz Quarte with its bright flowers, white-washed buildings and winding streets; then continue to Plaza D'España and the beautiful Maria Luisa Park, one of the loveliest in all of Europe. **A local flamenco dancer joins you for a typical "tapas lunch" featuring small portions of hot and cold specialties; here you learn about the history, culture and artistry of flamenco.** This evening, take your reserved seats for an authentic flamenco show featuring Seville's top performers. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

#### Day 6: Seville - Granada

Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic

monarchs in 1492. **Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra, the immense hilltop palace that is a UNESCO site.** Also tour the Generalife, meaning "garden of the architect," where the grounds are beautifully designed with waterfalls, courtyards and smaller secret gardens. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 7: Granada - Valencia

Today you travel through Spain's amazing landscape viewing rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves while en route to the Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 8: Valencia - Barcelona

A city tour of historic Valencia features the ornate 14th century Serranos Tower and imposing 15th century Quart Tower. You'll also see the bustling central market, one of the largest in Europe, and view the Gothic Cathedral, where construction began in 1262 on the site of an ancient mosque. Your trip to Valencia would not be complete without a stop at Lonja, the old Silk Exchange, recognized by UNESCO as one of the most beautiful buildings of European civil Gothic architecture. *Today breakfast will be included.*



**Day 9: Barcelona**

Get an in-depth look at Barcelona, one of the most vibrant and lively cities in Spain! Your locally guided tour showcases Las Ramblas Boulevard, the most famous in Barcelona, dotted with bird and flower stalls. Also see Columbus Monument; Parc Montjuic; Antonio Gaudi's UNESCO World Heritage

sites including "La Sagrada Familia," Parc Guell, Bartlo House and the unconventional Casa Mila building. This afternoon continue to explore colourful Barcelona on your own. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a lovely trip to Spain! *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 10: Barcelona - Tour Ends**

You return home with vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. *Today breakfast will be included.*

*Experience It!*

**The Flamenco**

"El cante", "el baile," and "la guitarra." Combine the three into one romantic tour de force, and you have the essence of the flamenco...the song, the dance and the guitar. The flamenco's roots began in southern Spain as a 17th-century art form created by Andalusian gypsies. Similar to the blues that originated in America's Deep South, the "cante," or song, was a way for the gypsies to express their sorrow and repression. They sang their lyrics in the dark mines where they worked, using verse to help ease each other's personal grief. As the 18th-century approached, the gypsies gained more legal rights and many were able to purchase musical instruments. Soon the "guitarria," or guitar, was added to their repertoire. The "baile," or dance, quickly followed - and like any great art form, the flamenco took off. Soon performances in more mainstream venues like local cafes and dance halls combined with old-fashioned commercialism to make the flamenco the national dance of Spain.

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day	2, 3	Melia Galgos Hotel, Madrid
Day	4, 5	Melia Sevilla, Seville or Melia Lebreros, Seville
Day	6	Hotel Tryp Albayzin, Granada
Day	7	Hotel Beatriz Rey Don Jaime, Valencia
Day	8, 9	Hotel Colon, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Please Note:**

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 PM. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

## IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

### IDENTIFICATION

Obtaining the proper proof of citizenship for entry to destination countries is the responsibility of each client. Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside Canada.

NOTE: Passports must be valid for up to eight months beyond the travel date to their destination country(ies). Some countries require a visa in addition to a passport. Please check with the appropriate consulate for specific information on passport/visa and entry requirements. Visit [www.voyage.gc.ca](http://www.voyage.gc.ca) for the latest details.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients travelling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

When travelling outside of Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more information.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of

50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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