

Spain - A Tangled History of Crusaders and Kings

May 30 – June 14, 2019

4 hours graduate level credit available from Colorado School of Mines - \$175

Cost: \$3670 with air & tuition - \$2,800 without airfare or tuition, class cost includes lodging, transportation, all entry fees, a bullfight, and day trip to Morocco with guide -- class cost includes lodging, transportation, all entry fees, a tour of the Rock of Gibraltar, and day trip to Morocco with guide -

Day 1- May 30, 2019 - Thursday- Leave the US

Day 2 – May 31, 2019 – Friday - Spend the day in Madrid – Visit the Prado Museum, one of the world’s great museum, then walk Puerta del Sol , Madrid’s central square where we will see many of Spain’s historical buildings. Walk to Plaza Mayor and check out the busy *confiteria* La Mallorquina before scoping out the plaza. Stop at La Torre del Oro Bar Andaiu, a temple to bullfighting, festooned with gory décor. (not for the faint of heart) - Sleep in Madrid.

Day 3 –June 1, 2019 -Saturday - Goto the Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, the modern art museum featuring Picasso’s epic masterpiece *Guernica*. Take the early train to Toledo –Toledo is a short train ride from Madrid and the entire town is an UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is perched on a steep hill surrounded on 3 sides by the Tajo River. Spain’s former capital has 2,500 years of tangled history – Roman, Jewish, Visigoth, Moorish and Christian. First stop is the magnificent Catholic Cathedral and the Military Museum at the Alcazar – then off to Santa Cruz Museum that includes 15 El Greco’s. Back to Madrid to sleep.

Day 4- June 2, 2019 - Sunday–Visit the Royal Palace, Europe’s third-greatest palace after Versailles in Paris and Vienna’s Schonbrunn . Take the afternoon train to Seville- buy Flamenco tickets – Concert at 7:30 - walk the Jewish quarter at Barrio Santa Cruz and visit Plaza de Espana near Maria Luisa Park, the remains of the 1929 international fair. Sleep in Seville.

Day 5 – June 3, 2019- Monday–Visit the Cathedral and Giralda Bell Tower, the world’s largest Gothic church with Columbus’ tomb, a treasury and climbable tower - visit Alcazar, a palace built by the moors in the 10th century, the oldest royal palace still in use in Europe. See the room where Queen Isabel debriefed Columbus after his New World discoveries with a portrait of Ferdinand with Columbus, the earliest known portrait and most accurate picture of Columbus. See Gothic Wing with Brussels tapestries (1554). Sleep again in Seville.

Day 6- June 4, 2019- Tuesday- Pick up mini bus in Seville— drive to Jerez –Attend the Horse Symphony at 12 noon at tuesddathe Royal Andalusia School of Equestrian Art. This is an equestrian ballet with choreography, purely Spanish music and costumes from the 19th century. Then walk to Sandeman’s sherry Bodega(winery) for a tour and wine tasting plus a light tapas lunch. Drive to Tarifa and spend the night.

Day 7 –June 5, 2019 - Wednesday– Day trip to Morocco – 9:00 am – Meet our guide, at the ferry for a 5 hour walking tour of Tangiers to enjoy a taste of North Africa and a nonthreatening slice of Islam. – return on the ferry to spend the night again in Tarifa.

Day 8 –June 6, 2019 -Thursday- Drive to Gibraltar. Gibraltar is not part of Spain but is a part of Great Britain. Take the Gibraltar Taxi Orientation Tour stopping to take photos of the tailless Barbary macaques, a type of

monkey making its home on the rock. Stop to tour St. Michael's Cave and the Siege Tunnels used in both WW I & II – Drive on to Granada. Sleep in Granada.

Day 9–June 7, 2019 – Friday - Do the old town walk and visit the Alcaiceria, the old silk market place . Visit the Royal Chapel with the tombs of Queen Isabel and King Ferdinand plus their private art collection - tour Granada's Cathedral, the second largest in Spain. Then on to the Carthusian Monastery with its elaborate white Baroque stucco work, a lavish Baroque monastery and then tour the Great Mosque of Granada.

Day 10 – June 8, 2019 – Saturday - 8 am walk to the Alhambra with 4 sites at the top of the hill-enter at 9 am Palacios Nazaries, an exquisite Moorish palace; then see the Generalife Gardens with a small summer palace; Charles V's Palace and the Alcazaba, an empty old fort with tower and views. In the afternoon explore Spain's Moorish quarter, The Albayzin and the Alcaiceria area - in the evening do the Paseo de los Tristes, a prime strolling strip above the Darro River lined with eateries and peppered with Moorish history. Sleep again in Granada.

Fly home June 9, 2019 – Sunday

Barcelona

Day 11 – June 9, 2019 - Sunday- fly from Granada to Barcelona –Take the bus to Placa de Catalunya – walk to our hotel and check in. Have lunch - check out the huge El Corte Ingles department store on the central Square - walk the Ramblas from Placa de Catalunya to Columbus's Monument and the harbor – check out sites as we go along— Baroque Church(stopping behind the church to Café Granja Viader that has bakery and dairy delights) – La Boqueria Market(a stop at the Pinotxo Bar within the market) - check out Gimeno #100 where you can buy Cuban cigars - Placa Reial(a Neoclassical square with two Gaudi's colorful helmeted lampposts) – on to Palau Guell if it is open that offers a look at a Gaudi interior , one of the first of his innovative buildings with his emerging nonrectangular style – Then finish up at the giant medieval shipyards now the Maritime Museum. There is also a pedestrian bridge that leads to a mall, the Maremagnum. Stop for dinner and back to the hotel . Sleep in our rooms overlooking the Ramblas at Hotel Continental - Rambla de Canaletes, 138 tel 34 933 012 570 - www.hotelcontinental.com .

Day 12 – June 10, 2019 - Monday- A Gaudi day – Visit the Sagrada Familla, Gaudi's remarkable, unfinished cathedral – Tour Casa Mila., the famous melting-ice cream Gaudi creation and Casa Batllo, his creation based on the legend of St. George slaying the dragon – Walk the Block of Discord, the competing Modernista facades(Catalan Art Nouveau) by Gaudi and his rivals – Tour Palau Guell, exquisitely curvy Gaudi interior and finish with Parc Guell, a colorful park at the center of an unfinished Gaudi designed housing project and experience the small museum in the park.

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cathedral ringed by distinctive chapels – Take the 2 hour blue Bus Turistic from Placa de Catalunya that covers Barri Gotic and Montjuic (Mount of the Jews) where we will find the Catalan Art Museum, the Fundacio Joan Miro with abstract art, the 1992 Olympic Stadium and the Castle of Montjuic.

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