



A MAGICAL ADVENTURE IN THE LANDS OF
flamenco & tapas, paella & sangria



TOUR **OUTLINE**



midlife madness in SPAIN & PORTUGAL

A GRAND HASSLE-FREE 26-DAY COACH TOUR

with tour leaders
Robyn & John Cooney



DEPARTING
MAY 12, 2019

ESTIMATED ALL-UP PRICE

from ~~\$17,995~~ **\$17,495 pp**
(\$500 early-bird saving!)

includes all airfares, transfers, hotels, sightseeing,
river-cruise, most meals, tips, and more
subject to unexpected increases & currency fluctuations

Everyone seems to be going to Spain & Portugal these days. Both countries are enjoying an explosion of popularity, reporting gleefully on record years for overseas arrivals.

What's the big attraction? Well, fasten your seatbelt, folks, because we're about to find out!

Our Mad Midlife romp through the Iberian Peninsula will kick off in Barcelona, pulsing with passion, style, art and Antoni Gaudi's stunning architecture. From there we'll follow an enticing trail that ends up in vibrant, energetic Madrid, showcasing the very best that Spain & Portugal have to offer.

Along the way we'll soak up the history of these one-time rival empires ... get lost in their labyrinthine streets ... be treated to some fiery flamenco ... unwind on a laid-back river cruise ... tease our tastebuds with yummy tapas, scrumptious paella and soothing sangria ... and have more fun than you can shake a stick at.



SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

for our free **InfoPack** phone or email
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| BARCELONA | CORDOBA | GRANADA |
| SEVILLE | LISBON | SINTRA |
| COIMBRA | PORTO | DOURO RIVER |
| SALAMANCA | SEGOVIA | MADRID |



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COME FEEL THE LAID-BACK RHYTHM OF DAILY LIFE



MADRID – SPAIN

This Mad Midlife romp through SPAIN & PORTUGAL will get us up-close-and-personal with the region's seductive culture ... its iconic landscapes ... its pulsating cities ... its bustling markets ... its avant-garde art ... its centuries-old architecture ... its to-die-for vino and gastronomy ... its medieval fortresses ... its towering cathedrals ... and its laid-back rhythm of daily life. Add to that a stunning selection of elegant hotels (with two-or-three-night stays wherever possible), lip-smacking gourmet food, and lots of laughs along the way ... you really couldn't choose a better tour!

With the help of travel experts on-the-spot, we've selected what we believe are the very best options for Mad Kiwi Midlifers. The overall goal is simply this: to experience, learn and enjoy as much as possible ... without getting bored or exhausted ... and with time in-between to kick back and relax!

Hassle-free travel: that's our speciality! So if Spain & Portugal are on YOUR 'bucket-list' too, you ought to join us. Together we'll have the time of our lives!

INCLUDED IN OUR FANTASTIC ITINERARY

It's hard to know where to start – because the 'wow' moments will just keep coming, day after day, night after night, highlight after highlight. Come with us and you'll ...

- ◆ fall in love with colourful **Barcelona** and Antoni Gaudí's magical creations, like **la Sagrada Familia**
- ◆ ride a mountain cable-car to the awesome **Monastery of Montserrat** – home of Black Madonna
- ◆ wander picture-postcard **Cordoba**, **La Mezquita** (its Great Mosque) and its Jewish Quarter
- ◆ tour **Granada**, in the foothills of Sierra Nevada, amidst the sensual sound of Spanish guitars
- ◆ explore clifftop **Alhambra Palace** and the breathtaking **Generalife Gardens** of the Nasrid kings
- ◆ roam **Seville**, its **Barrio de Santa Cruz** (Old Quarter), its royal palace and Gothic cathedral
- ◆ shop for olives, fruits, cheeses & **jamon** (the world's finest ham), then make and eat DIY **tapas**
- ◆ admire Lisbon's 500-year-old **Jeronimos Monastery**, **Belem Tower**, and **Discoveries Monument**
- ◆ sample Portuguese cuisine and enjoy a **fado show**, featuring guitars, mandolins and *fadista* singers
- ◆ navigate the cobble lanes of Lisbon's **Alfama District** and inspect the fortified **Sao Jorge Castelo**
- ◆ stroll the gardens of **Parque Natural Serra da Sintra** and Ferdinand 11's colourful **Pena Palace**
- ◆ chill out at **Praia da Claridade**, popular resort on the **Silver Coast** with its heart-pumping surf
- ◆ discover **Coimbra**, Portugal's one-time medieval capital, and visit **Santa Clara-a-Velha Monastery**
- ◆ wander **Porto**, Portugal's buzzing food capital, from **Praca da Liberdade** to the **Ribeira District**
- ◆ enjoy a full day **cruise** on the **Douro River**, sailing through the beautiful Portuguese countryside
- ◆ relax in the lively **Plaza Mayor** in **Salamanca**, and visit the 1000 year old **Iglesia de San Martín**
- ◆ tour **Segovia** – famous for its magnificent Roman **aqueduct** and its unassailable **Alcazar** (palace)
- ◆ feel the pulse of **Madrid**, Spain's capital, bursting with art from the Hapsburg and Bourbon eras
- ◆ check off the **Prado Museum**, **El Retiro Park**, the **Palacio Real** and **Plaza Mayor** in **Old Madrid**
- ◆ sip a glass of Spanish wine while enjoying dinner and a passionate **flamenco song-&-dance show**



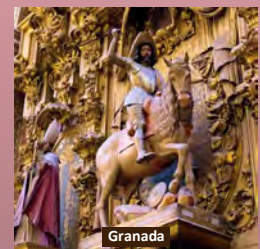
Seville



Porto



Sintra



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Lisbon



Flamenco



Sagrada Familia