Day 1: Madrid, Spain

Arrival at Madrid airport, assistance by OSIRIS representative and transfer to the hotel.

Free time to relax of the day i or start exploring lively Madrid. Diner and overnight in Hotel in Madrid.

Day 2: Madrid – Avila – Salamanca – Coimbra

Breakfast at hotel.

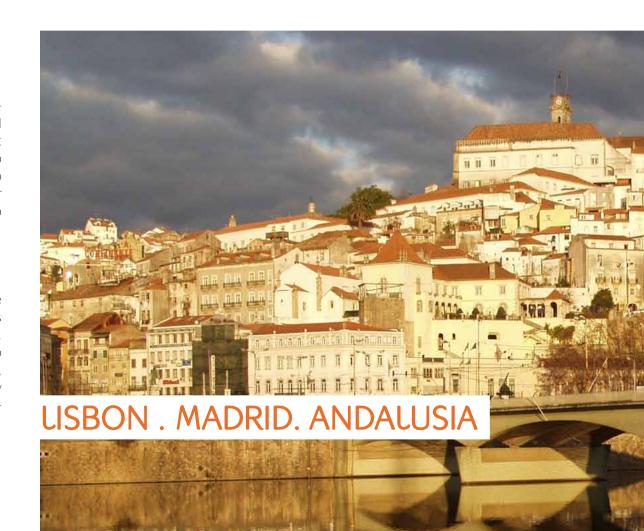
Departure to AVILA, panoramic visit of the city. Then on to SALA-MANCA just six miles from the spot where Wellington routed Napoleon's army in 1812. Visit of Salamanca's Plaza Mayor, the most beautiful square in SPAIN. Leave Salamanca and head westwards to the fortress town of Ciudad Rodrigo, perched high above the Rio Agueda. A profusion of woodlands and mountains awaits you as your journey into the valley of the SERRA DA ESTRELA on your way to COIMBRA. Arrival diner and overnight at hotel in Coimbra.

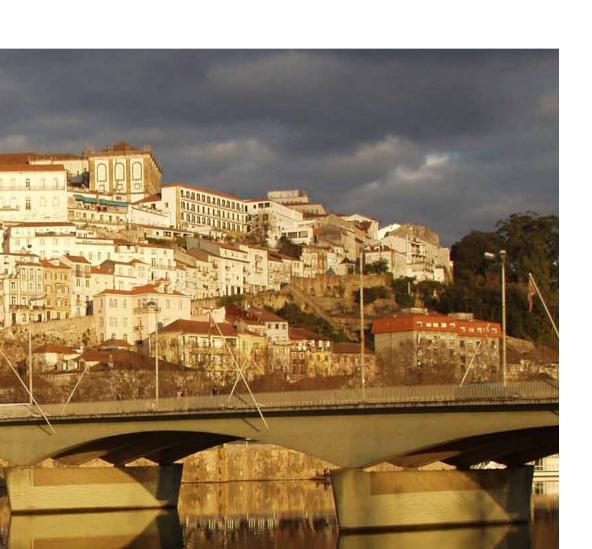
Day 3: Coimbra – Fátima – Obidos – Lisbon

Breakfast at hotel.

In the morning tour of COIMBRA, situated on a hill overlooking the Mondego River, considered the "city of Students" and famous for its university (722), one of the oldest of Europe. Continuation to FÁTIMA. Visit of the sanctuary, made famous by the Virgin Mary's apparition to three shepherd children—Francisco, Jacinth, and Lucia—on May 13, 1917. The tour proceeds to ÓBIDOS, a fortified city still flanked by towers and bastions overlooking the countryside dotted with windmills. At the end of the day arrival in Lisbon.

Diner and overnight at hotel in USBON.





Day 4: Lisbon

Breakfast at hotel

Guided sightseeing excursion of Lisbon: The old quarters of Alfama Moorish quarter, Downtown, Commerce square, Belem quarter with the Geronimo's Monastery (visit of the church), the Discoveries Monument (glimpse), the Belem Tower (glimpse) and other highlights of the city. In the afternoon we will visit the new part of Lisbon, "the Park of Nations", where the Expo 98 took place. Diner and overnight at hotel in Lisbon.

Day 5: Lisbon - Seville

Drive southeast this morning into the Alentejo through the countryside famous for its production of cork. Then, on to the border at Vila Verde and cross into Spain for the journey into Andalusia, enjoying quite different scenery as you skirt the Sierra de Aracena before reaching delightful Seville for two overnights.

Diner and overnight at hotel in Seville

Day 6: Seville

Breakfast at hotel

Seville is one of Spain's most colorful cities. In the morning enjoying an sightseeing tour including the main highlights of this vibrant city.

Diner and overnight at hotel.



Day 7: Seville – Cordoba – Madrid

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive north towards Carmona, an Old World country town dominated by an ancient Alcazar (fortress), to Cordoba. This is Spain's most Moorish city with its great mosque, which is rightly known as one of Islam's greatest pieces of architecture outside the Arab world and now a Catholic cathedral since 1236. Later, into the very heart of La Mancha, famed for its castles and windmills.

Diner and overnight at the hotel in Madrid.

Day 8: Madrid

Breakfast at hotel.

Not only is it the capital of Spain, but because it is situated 2,180 feet above sea level, the Spaniards rightly say Madrid is the nearest thing to heaven. Enjoy the main highlights on the included guided sightseeing excursion. The optional trip to Toledo is rewarding in more ways than one; the splendid setting of this old walled city above the Tagus was made famous in El Greco's painting, and even now it's like a great open-air museum of Spanish history and art. Diner and overnight at hotel.

Day 9: Madrid

Breakfast at hotel and in due time transfer to Madrid airport. End of our services.

