



BEST OF SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Spring Break Tour

March 16 – March 25, 2001

ASD Cultural Exchange Reference Number: SP2A01

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 FRIDAY MARCH 16

DENVER TO LISBON, PORTUGAL

Meet at Denver airport for check-in. Depart from Denver on our transatlantic overnight flight bound for Lisbon, Portugal, the capital and cultural center of Portugal. Relax and enjoy your in-flight meals and movies! (S, D on flights)

Overnight Transatlantic flight

DAY 2 SATURDAY MARCH 17

CASCAIS/LISBON

Mid-day arrival in Lisbon. Upon arrival, you will be clearing customs and immigration, and then you will transfer you to your centrally located hotel in Cascais, the sophisticated and lively beach resort outside of Lisbon. Orientation sightseeing on the way during the transfer. Check-in at your hotel and balance of the day at leisure to relax and enjoy the local hospitality at the resort town Cascais. Evening free to perhaps enjoy dinner at our hotel. (B/S on flights)

Accommodation in a tourist class in Cascais/Lisbon (3 Star - Tourist Class)

DAY 3 SUNDAY MARCH 18

LISBON

Welcome to Lisbon, Portugal's capital. Lisbon sits on the north bank of Tagus estuary 10 miles from the Atlantic. The city center is essentially 18th century. We enjoy a morning Lisbon Panorama City Sightseeing, where we will see the medieval Alfama quarter, impressive Rossio Square, Jeronimos Monastery, a magnificent 16th century monastery, and the Tower of Belem, a beacon for navigators returning from the Indies and the New World and a symbol of Portuguese naval power. Afternoon and evening at leisure to further explore and enjoy Lisbon as well as the beautiful coast of Portugal. Evening free to enjoy the local hospitality at the resort town Cascais. (B)

Accommodation in a tourist class in Cascais/Lisbon (3 Star - Tourist Class)

DAY 4 MONDAY MARCH 19

CASCAIS/LISBON TO SEVILLE, SPAIN

We bid Cascais/Lisbon and Portugal farewell! Early morning departure! Today we will depart the serenity and beauty of the Portuguese resort city of Cascais. We drive through scenic Portuguese and Spanish countryside, and cross from Portugal into Spain at Elvas, famed for its 600-year aqueduct. Mid-afternoon arrival to Seville, Spain, where we immediately begin with Seville Panorama sightseeing and find out more about the history of this vibrant and intriguing city. We will see the Maria Luisa Park, the Plaza de Espana and the Gold Tower. We will also stroll through the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter and see the Tomb of Christopher Columbus. Evening free - tonight you may decide to perhaps visit and enjoy a fun and exciting evening Flamenco Show. (B)

Accommodation in a tourist class hotel in Seville (3 Star - Tourist Class)

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DAY 5 TUESDAY MARCH 20**SEVILLE/CORDOBA/GRANADA**

We start our morning with a continuation of our Seville City Panorama Sightseeing. We will see the magnificent Seville Cathedral, the largest cathedral in Spain, as well as the Moorish bell tower La Giralda before we continue to Cordoba. Early afternoon arrival to Cordoba where we immediately begin our Cordoba City Panorama Sightseeing. The heart of Cordoba is the old Jewish quarter, situated to the west of the Mezquita's towering walls. A walk around this area gives the sensation that little has changed since the 10th century when this was one of the greatest cities in the Western world. On our sightseeing we will see the Mezquita, Cordoba's great Mosque, dating back 12 centuries and embodying the power of Islam on the Iberian Peninsula. Construction began in 786 AD, and for centuries it was the greatest mosque in the Islamic world. We will see the Fortress and Palace of the Christian Kings (Campo Santo de los Martires) and the Synagogue, one of just three historical examples of its kind remaining in Spain. We will also see the Almodovar Gate, built by the Moors during the 14th century, and the Roman Bridge, originally built during the time of Julius Caesar. After our Panorama sightseeing in Cordoba, we then continue direct to Granada. Evening free in Granada to perhaps enjoy an evening of dinner and the uniquely Andalusian art form - a Flamenco show in the famous and exciting Sacromonte's caves - folklore with music, singing and dancing. (B)

Accommodation in a tourist class hotel in Granada (3 Star - Tourist Class)

DAY 6 WEDNESDAY MARCH 21**GRANADA/LA MANCHA/TOLEDO**

We start our morning with City Panorama Sightseeing in Granada, the Spanish city with the richest history and some of the most beautiful monuments in Spain. Granada, one of Andalusia's most visited cities and described by the famous guitarist Andres Segovia as a "place of dreams, where the Lord put the seed of music in my soul". The city was first occupied by the Moors in the 8th century and its golden period was from 1238 to 1492 when artisans, merchants, scholars and scientists all contributed to the city's international reputation as a center for culture. We will explore Granada, which old city center is located around the cathedral and is a maze of narrow one-way streets. We will see the Cathedral, the old quarters, Albaicin, where you will feel closest to Granada's Moorish ancestry and Sacromonte with its Benedictine Monastery at the top of the hill. We will also visit The Alhambra and Generalife. The Moors began construction of the Alhambra in the 13th century and further palaces were added during the 14th century. Alhambra was a fortified city, palace, alcazar (castle) and small town all in one. Its magical use of space, light, water and decoration characterizes this architectural masterpiece. From Alhambra's northern side, a footpath leads to the Generalife, the country estate of the Nasrid Kings where they could escape from palace intrigues and enjoy tranquility high above the city, a little closer to heaven. After an interesting visit and city sightseeing of Granada, we head north towards Madrid by way of our comfortable motorcoach, enjoying the countryside of La Mancha as it passes by. La Mancha's beauty, its windmills and medieval castles, silhouetted above the sienna plains, was immortalized by Cervantes in Don Quixote's epic adventures. Our next stop is the monument filled city of Toledo, the old Castilian capital, where we arrive late afternoon. Evening at leisure in charming Toledo. (B).

Accommodation in a tourist class hotel in Toledo (3 Star - Tourist Class)

DAY 7 THURSDAY MARCH 22**TOLEDO TO MADRID**

We get an early morning start in Toledo, the old Castilian capital. Picturesquely situated on a hill above the River Tagus is the historic center of Toledo. Behind the old walls lies much evidence of the city's rich history. We enjoy a morning Toledo Panorama City Sightseeing highlighting the splendid Toledo Cathedral, the Alcazar (The Fortress and Palace of the Christian Kings), as well as the medieval and Jewish quarters. Mid-day we continue north to the city of Madrid and our hotel. Welcome to exciting and vibrant Madrid! We enjoy an afternoon motorcoach Panorama City Sightseeing of Madrid, Spain's capital city. Stretching from the medieval Plaza de la Villa to the busy Puerta del Sol, the "Gate of the Sun", the

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compact heart of Old Madrid is steeped in history and sights. Our sightseeing also highlights Plaza Mayor, Gran Via and you may also see the Royal Palace. Tonight is free to perhaps enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant in Madrid serving hearty Spanish food. (B)

Accommodation in a tourist class hotel in Madrid (3 Star - Tourist Class)

DAY 8 FRIDAY MARCH 23 MADRID

Full day to further explore, sightsee and enjoy Madrid. We enjoy a Walking Sightseeing of Madrid. We will walk the streets of the heart of the city, stretching from the medieval Plaza de la Villa to the busy Puerta del Sol, the “Gate of the Sun”, the compact heart of Old Madrid is steeped in history and sights. Our walking sightseeing also highlights Plaza Mayor, Gran Via and we may also decide to visit the impressive Royal Palace - Palacio Real. We also have time to perhaps visit the famous El Escorial as well as Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza. Evening at leisure in Madrid. (B)

Accommodation in a tourist class hotel in Madrid (3 Star - Tourist Class)

DAY 9 SATURDAY MARCH 24 MADRID

One more full day to further explore, sightsee and enjoy Madrid. Perhaps visit the National Museum and Queen Sofia Art Centre (Centro de Arte Reina Sofia), named after the present queen of Spain and specializing in 20-th century art by Spanish artists, including famous works by Picasso, Miro, Dali and Juan Gris, with its most famous piece of art being Picasso’s Guernica. Afternoon visit to the famous Museo del Prado, one of the world’s greatest art galleries, where we will see paintings by Velasquez, El Greco and Goya. Evening free to perhaps enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Madrid serving hearty Spanish food. (B)

Accommodation in a tourist class hotel in Madrid (3 Star - Tourist Class)

DAY 10 SUNDAY MARCH 25 MADRID, RETURN TO USA

We bid Madrid and Spain farewell! Early morning departure! Today we will depart the exciting and beautiful capital of Spain and drive to Madrid’s airport for our return flight to Denver. We depart Madrid early morning and fly to Denver (with change of planes), with a late afternoon/evening arrival. (B and L/D, S on flights)

Transatlantic flight
End of tour

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TOUR PRICE, INCLUSIONS & BOOKING CONDITIONS

ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE SPECIAL TOUR PRICE: \$1,495.00

DEPOSIT OF \$200.00 DUE: OCTOBER 1ST, 2000

SECOND PAYMENT OF \$500.00 DUE: DECEMBER 1ST, 2000

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE: FEBRUARY 1ST, 2001

ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE SPECIAL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Transatlantic air in economy class from Denver to Lisbon, Portugal, and return from Madrid, Spain, on TBA via US and/or European connecting gateway
 - US Departure Tax/Customs Fees: \$ 60 (estimated, subject to change at any time)
- Eight nights of accommodations in twin/double rooms in named hotels *or similar*, all with private bath & continental breakfast as follows:
 - 2 nights accommodation in Cascais/Lisbon, tourist class hotel
 - 1 night accommodation in Seville, tourist class hotel
 - 1 night accommodation in Granada, tourist class hotel
 - 1 night accommodation in Toledo, tourist class hotel
 - 3 nights accommodation in Madrid, tourist class hotel

MORE MEALS - ALWAYS!

- 14 Meals throughout the tour and in-flight - as follows:
 - 9 Breakfasts:
 - Breakfast on flight from Denver to Lisbon
 - Breakfast on flight from Madrid to Denver
 - Daily breakfast at the hotels - mixed Continental, Cold Buffet, Hot Buffet, dependent on the choice of each hotel (subject to change per each hotels breakfast service)
 - 4 Lunch/Snack:
 - Snack on flight from Denver to Lisbon
 - Lunch on flight from Denver to Lisbon
 - Lunch on flight from Madrid to Denver
 - Snack on flight from Madrid to Denver
 - 1 Dinner:
 - Dinner on flight from Denver to Lisbon
- (please note – Meal Codes: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; S = Snack; D = Dinner)*

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MORE SIGHTSEEING AND TOURING - ALWAYS !

- Comprehensive sightseeing per itinerary and as follows:
 - Lisbon Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See medieval Alfama Quarter in Lisbon
 - See Rossio Square in Lisbon
 - See Jeronimos Monastery in Lisbon
 - See the Tower of Belem in Lisbon
 - See the Monument to the Discoveries of the New World in Lisbon
 - Enjoy the coast of Portugal and the Atlantic Ocean at Cascais
 - Enjoy a scenic drive from Lisbon to Seville viewing Portuguese and Spanish countryside
 - Seville Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See Plaza de Espana in Seville
 - See the Gold Tower in Seville
 - See the Santa Cruz Quarter in Seville
 - See Seville Cathedral
 - See the Tomb of Christopher Columbus in Seville
 - See the Moorish bell tower La Giralda in Seville
 - Scenic drive from Seville to Cordoba
 - Cordoba Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See the Mezquita in Cordoba
 - See the Fortress and Palace of the Christian Kings in Cordoba
 - See the Synagogue in Cordoba
 - See the Almodovar Gate in Cordoba
 - See the Roman Bridge in Cordoba
 - Scenic drive from Cordoba to Granada
 - Granada Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See the Cathedral in Granada
 - See Albaicin in Granada
 - See the Sacromonte caves in Granada
 - Visit Alhambra Palace in Granada
 - Visit Generalife in Granada
 - Scenic touring of Don Quixote's La Mancha countryside, Spain
 - Toledo Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See Toledo Cathedral
 - See the Alcazar in Toledo
 - See the Jewish Quarters in Toledo
 - Madrid Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See Old Madrid
 - See Puerta del Sol in Madrid
 - See Plaza Mayor in Madrid
 - See the Royal Palace in Madrid
 - Free time to visit El Prado Museum in Madrid (optional)
 - Free time to visit El Escorial in Madrid (optional)
 - Free time to visit Centro de Arte Reina Sofia in Madrid (optional)
 - Free time to visit the Royal Palace - Palacio Real - in Madrid (optional)



MORE ENTRANCES TO FAMOUS SIGHTS - ALWAYS !

- Entrance Fees for included visits per itinerary:
 - Alhambra Palace, Granada
 - Generalife, Granada
- No additional entrance fees have been included in this tour – when required they are to be paid for locally at time of entrance.
(please note that Panorama City Sightseeing tours does not include entrance fees)

MORE QUALITY SERVICES - ALWAYS !

- All transfers per itinerary
 - Transfer from Lisbon airport to Cascais/Lisbon hotel
 - Transfer from Madrid area hotel to Madrid airport
- All land transportation throughout tour per itinerary (varies: local or long-distance coach), from arrival in Lisbon and departure from Madrid, by private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and emergency washroom.
- Local hotel taxes and service charges
- Tips for drivers, local guides and headwaiters are not included
 - Please note: Tipping of Tour Manager and Driver to be paid locally while on tour – recommended tipping is \$ 3.00-4.00 per person per day for the Tour Manager and \$ 1.00- 2.00 per person per day for the motor coach Driver
(tipping examples: Tour Manager - 9 days on tour x \$ 4.00, for tipping of the tour manager \$ 36.00 per person; and, Driver – 9 days on tour x \$ 2.00, for tipping of the driver \$ 18.00 per person)
- Airline taxes, US departure and customs tax (see supplement - subject to change at any time)
- Exclusive ASD Cultural Exchange Spain and Portugal Travel Information Kit
- ASD Cultural Exchange Travel Bag and Tee- Shirt

END OF SERVICES

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APPLICATION FOR ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
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TOUR CODE: SP2A01
TOUR PRICE: \$1,495.00
TOUR DATE: March 16 – 25, 2001
Deposit of \$200.00 due by October 1st, 2000

CLIENT CODE:
SEX: M F
INSTRUCTOR _____
STUDENT _____
CHAPERONE _____

(AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE)

NAME _____
FIRST LAST MIDDLE

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

HOME PHONE _____ **BIRTH DATE** _____

EMAIL _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL

Tour Deposit & Cancellation Schedule

Application and deposits should be sent to ASD Cultural Exchange or given to your group leader as soon as possible. Because of your group booking, airline and hotel cancellation fees are substantial. Your deposit is non-refundable. Cancellation fees from 60 to 35 days before departure is \$500.00, 34 to 7 days is up to 50% of the tour price plus any airline penalties. Inside 7 days there are no refunds.

Medical Release

I hereby authorize the staff of ASD Cultural exchange to act for me according to their best judgment regarding medical attention and I hereby waive and release ASD Cultural Exchange from any and all liability for any injuries or illnesses incurred while abroad. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment, which would adversely affect the named participant.

Signature of Applicant (Parent/Guardian of Minor)

Date

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