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Dear Curious Travelers,

Join us on a captivating journey through the heart of Spain, a region where centuries of history, a legacy of traditions, and boundless landscapes converge. Divided into two historic regions, Castilla-La Mancha and Castilla-León, this area was once the cradle of Spain's medieval power.

During this well-paced exploration through each, uncover ancient cities, imposing fortresses, and stunning UNESCO World Heritage sites, all highlighted by the area's rich cultural and culinary flavors.

You'll stay at two historic properties during this adventure: Parador de Chinchón and Parador de la Granja—both offering wonderful accommodations, modern amenities and a sophisticated atmosphere.

We share this program with other educational study groups. Availability is limited and with significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this program will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today! Family and friends interested? We'll send them a brochure or have them call us! To reserve, call 1-800-942-5004, email us at travel@wacphila.org, or visit us online at www.wacphila.org.

Best regards,

Andrew Haught
Director of Travel
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

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Flavors of Madrid, Segovia and Castile | Itinerary Highlights (subject to change)

Day 1 EN ROUTE FROM U.S. Full travel day from U.S. ✈️

Day 2 ARRIVE IN MADRID, SPAIN • CHINCHÓN (R,D) Upon arrival at Adolfo Suárez Madrid–Barajas Airport an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the property in Chinchón. Settle in before meeting fellow travel companions for a welcome reception followed by dinner featuring an assortment of tapas. Overnight: Parador de Chinchón

Day 3 MADRID (B,L,D) Meet with a local guide for a comprehensive panoramic city tour of Madrid. Traveling by motor coach, see highlights including Sabatini Gardens, Plaza de Oriente and Almudena Cathedral. Continue to Plaza de España for photography opportunities of the iconic bronze statues of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza. Arrive at the Royal Palace to view renowned works by Velázquez, Goya, El Greco and other masters. Walk through the Royal Palace complex and gardens. Return to the property for dinner and a relaxing evening. Overnight: Parador de Chinchón

Day 4 ALCALÁ DE HENARES • ARANJUEZ (B,L) Set out for the municipality of Alcalá de Henares, the birthplace of Miguel de Cervantes, one of the greatest writers in Spanish history. Enjoy an inside visit to Museo Casa Natal de Cervantes followed by a panoramic city tour including the University of Alcalá before stopping for lunch. This afternoon visit the Royal Palace of Aranjuez, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001. Stroll through some of the estate's 275 acres of meticulously landscaped grounds and ornate botanical gardens. Take the scenic drive back to the property for an evening at leisure. Overnight: Parador de Chinchón

Day 5 CONSUEGRA (B,L) Visit a family-owned Manchego cheese creamery for a tour and tasting. Watch the cheesemaking process then be seated for a delightful cheese tasting paired with local wine and accompanied by fruit and nuts. Take a short drive to see the 12 legendary windmills prominently featured in Cervantes' *Don Quixote*. Stop for lunch in Puerto Lápice, and briefly visit the village of Tembleque for photography opportunities. Overnight: Parador de Chinchón

Day 6 TOLEDO • LA GRANJA DE SAN ILDEFONSO (B,D) After breakfast and check-out explore Toledo, a diverse city whose historic center was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986. Visit Toledo Cathedral then continue to the former Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca. Next visit Santo Tomé Church to see El Greco's masterpiece, *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*, considered one of the most influential paintings in Western art. Enjoy independent exploration before continuing to the property for check-in and dinner. Overnight: Parador de la Granja

Day 7 PEÑAFIEL • SEGOVIA (B,L) Take an easy walk from the property to visit the Royal Palace of La Granja de San Ildefonso, the summer residence of the kings of Spain during the reign of King Philip V. Afterward board a motor coach for the drive to Peñafiel in the heart of Ribera del Duero wine region for an immersive wine experience. After a welcome glass of wine, follow your guide through a network of underground galleries carved into the mountain. Arriving at a modern winery, meet with a sommelier for a tasting of three varietals paired with local artisanal meats and cheese followed by lunch featuring a menu of seasonal cuisine. Before returning to the property, stop at the medieval Alcázar de Segovia, famous for its visually iconic fairy tale-structured towers and slate roofs, for an inside visit. Overnight: Parador de la Granja

Day 8 ÁVILA (B,L,D) After breakfast enjoy a scenic drive to Ávila for an inside visit of the imposing Ávila Cathedral, Spain's oldest Gothic cathedral. After lunch drive to the Spanish royal palace, monastery, college and library complex of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984. This evening gather with fellow travel companions for a special farewell dinner featuring traditional Castilian cuisine with contemporary influences. Overnight: Parador de la Granja

Day 9 LA GRANJA DE SAN ILDEFONSO • MADRID • DEPART FOR U.S. (B) After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, Reception)



What's Included

- 7 nights luxury accommodations
- A special welcome reception, 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners served with wine/beer or soft drinks
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- All private tours, tastings and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
- Private motor coach transportation
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- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



Madrid Royal Palace and Gardens

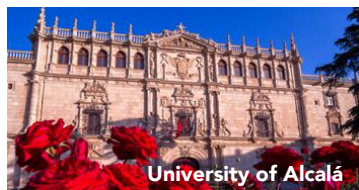


Ribera del Duero



Consuegra Windmills

Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for those with mobility issues may be limited.



University of Alcalá



Aranjuez Royal Palace



Toledo Cathedral

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Accommodations *(subject to change)*

PARADOR DE CHINCHÓN

Founded by the first Lords of Chinchón in the 15th century, Parador de Chinchón is situated in the former monastery of Nuestra Señora del Paraíso. The site retains its original cloister, staircase and the primitive church—which has been transformed into a unique suite. Located in the heart of the medieval town of Chinchón, the inn boasts extensive gardens and a traditional convent orchard, now filled with fruit trees. This serene setting provides an ideal space for relaxation including a pool that occupies the former monastery stables. The property also features a stunning glass-enclosed cloister showcasing an exclusive collection of religious art.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, complimentary Wi-Fi, TV, safe, minibar, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.



PARADOR DE LA GRANJA

This lovely property is the former House of the Infantes, which was commissioned in 1770 by King Charles III to house his sons and their servants. The impressive building allowed the princes and their staff to live close to the royal family during their summer holidays in the Royal Palace of La Granja in Sierra de Guadarrama. The property features modern amenities and bright, comfortable rooms plus a stunning glass-enclosed cloister showcasing an exclusive collection of religious art.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, complimentary Wi-Fi, TV, safe, minibar, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.



Optional Post-Tour Madrid

Take advantage of additional time in Madrid to broaden your perspective of this inspirational capital city. Impressive museums, lush parks and lively entertainment are at your fingertips.

Day 9 **MADRID** After checking into your hotel, enjoy time to explore at leisure. Discover the city's lively tapas bars, colorful parks offering peaceful green spaces to relax, and vibrant nightlife with cozy cafés open late into the evening.
Overnight: H10 Villa de la Reina

Day 10 **MADRID (B,L)** Following breakfast venture to the Prado Museum for a guided tour of the gallery's must-see highlights. Then gather at a local restaurant for lunch featuring Madrid's seasonal specialties. Continue to El Retiro, the city's largest park spanning more than 300 acres. Originally owned by the Spanish monarchy, the park was opened to the public in 1868. Stroll by the vast gardens and monuments, see the Great Pond and visit the stunning Glass Palace exhibition hall.
Overnight: H10 Villa de la Reina

Day 11 **MADRID • DEPART FOR U.S. (B)** After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary group transfer to the airport for flights home.

What's Included

- Group transfer between Castilla-León and Madrid
- 2 nights hotel accommodations
- 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Guided inside tour of the Prado Museum including admission
- Guided walking tour of Madrid's city center
- Luggage portorage
- Guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director
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