

8-Days Spain Travel Itinerary

Dreaming of Spain? Get ready for an unforgettable adventure through vibrant cities, historic neighborhoods, world-famous cuisine, stunning architecture, Mediterranean coastlines, and lively plazas that come alive long after sunset. es



Explore Spain Your Way (Solo or With Friends or Family)

Discover Spain at your own pace—whether you're traveling solo, with a partner, or exploring with friends and family. This 8-day itinerary combines iconic landmarks, authentic local culture, incredible food, day trips, and relaxing moments, giving first-time visitors the perfect introduction to one of Europe's most captivating destinations.

From Barcelona's artistic streets and Madrid's royal elegance to Seville's flamenco traditions and Toledo's medieval charm, every day offers a different side of Spain.

Day 1-3: Barcelona

Day 1: Arrival in Barcelona - Gothic Streets & Mediterranean Vibes

- **Morning**

Arrive in Barcelona and check into accommodation in the Gothic Quarter for historic charm or Eixample for easy access to major attractions.

→ [Find social stays](#) & [Central hotels here](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Start your journey by wandering through Las Ramblas before exploring the narrow streets of the Gothic Quarter. Visit bustling local markets, discover hidden plazas, and stop for your first tapas lunch.


Continue toward the Barcelona waterfront and enjoy a relaxing walk along Port Vell.

→ [\[Join Barcelona Old Town Walking Tour\]](#)

Evening:

Watch the city transform as locals fill outdoor terraces. Head to El Born for wine bars, tapas, and vibrant nightlife.

→ [\[Join Barcelona Evening Tapas & Wine Tour\]](#)

 **Solo Trip Tip:** Food tours and walking tours are among the easiest ways to meet fellow travelers while exploring Spain.

Day 2: Gaudí Masterpieces & City Views

- **Morning**

Begin at the magnificent Sagrada Família before crowds build, then admire the colorful architecture that makes Barcelona unique.

→ [\[Get Sagrada Família Skip-the-Line Ticket\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Visit Park Güell for panoramic city views and artistic mosaics before exploring Passeig de Gràcia, home to elegant shops and Gaudí's famous buildings.

→ [\[Get Park Güell Skip-the-Line Ticket\]](#)

Visit Gaudí's 2 masterworks at once ?

→ [\[Join Park Güell & La Sagrada Familia Tour\]](#)

- **Evening**

Take the cable car to Montjuïc or enjoy sunset from one of Barcelona's popular sunset cruise before dinner.

→ [\[Get Montjuïc Cable Car Ticket\]](#) ---xnotyet

→ [\[Join Barcelona Sunset Catamaran Cruise with Live Music\]](#)

Day 3: Beach Life & Local Neighborhoods

- **Morning**

Slow down with breakfast by Barceloneta Beach and enjoy the Mediterranean atmosphere.

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Explore the creative neighborhoods of El Born and Gràcia, filled with independent boutiques, cafés, art galleries, and local markets.

Alternatively, spend the afternoon relaxing on the beach or cycling along the coastline.

→ [\[Join Barcelona Bike or eBike Tour\]](#)

- **Evening**

Experience authentic Catalan cuisine paired with local wines.

Or Try unique experience of cooking Spanish dish with a chef

→ [\[Join Paella Cooking Experience\]](#)

Day 4-5: Madrid



Day 4: Royal Madrid & Historic Squares

- **Morning**
Royal Madrid & Historic Squares
→ [\[Get Royal Palace Admission Ticket\]](#)
- **Midday & Afternoon**
Explore Plaza Mayor, Puerta del Sol, and the Royal Palace before strolling through charming streets filled with cafés and bakeries.
→ [\[Join Madrid City Highlights Tour\]](#)
- **Evening**
Visit Mercado de San Miguel for gourmet tapas before experiencing Madrid's lively nightlife.
→ [\[Join San Miguel Market and Street Food Walking Tour\]](#)



Day 5: Art Museums & Toledo Day Trip

- **Morning**
Visit the Prado Museum and admire masterpieces from Spain's greatest artists.
- **Midday & Afternoon**
Option 1: Madrid Neighborhoods & Museums
Walk through Retiro Park, enjoy a boat ride on the lake, and explore elegant neighborhoods like Salamanca.
→ [\[Get Prado Museum Entry Ticket\]](#)
Option 2: Toledo Day Trip
Travel just outside Madrid to discover one of Spain's most beautiful medieval cities.
Explore ancient streets, historic churches, panoramic viewpoints, and centuries of cultural heritage.
→ [\[Join Toledo Full-Day Tour\]](#)
- **Evening**
Return to Madrid and enjoy dinner at a traditional Spanish tavern.

Day 6: Granada

Day 6: The Alhambra & Moorish Heritage

- **Morning**

Travel to Granada and begin exploring one of Spain's most magical cities.

Visit the breathtaking Alhambra Palace, famous for its intricate Islamic architecture, peaceful courtyards, and spectacular views over the city.

→ [\[Get Alhambra & Nasrid Palaces Entry Ticket\]](#)

Or

→ [\[Skip-the-line Guide Tour of Alhambra & Nasrid Palaces & Gardens\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Wander through the Albaicín district, a maze of whitewashed streets, artisan shops, and scenic viewpoints.

Stop at Mirador de San Nicolás for one of Spain's most iconic panoramas overlooking the Alhambra with the Sierra Nevada mountains behind it.

→ [\[Join Albaicin and Sacromonte Walking Tour\]](#)

- **Evening**

Experience Granada's unique tapas culture, where many bars serve complimentary tapas with your drink.

Stroll through lantern-lit streets before resting for the next day's journey.

→ [\[Join Granada Food Tour\]](#)

Day 7-8: Seville

Day 7: Seville & Flamenco

- **Morning**

Travel from Granada to Seville and settle into the Santa Cruz neighborhood.

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Visit Seville Cathedral, climb La Giralda, and wander through picturesque streets filled with orange trees and hidden courtyards.

→ [\[Join Seville City Tour by TukTuk\]](#)

- **Evening**
Experience an authentic flamenco performance, one of Andalusia's most iconic traditions.
→ [\[Get Flamenco Show Ticket\]](#)
→ [\[Join Flamenco Show with Dinner\]](#)

Day 8: Palaces & Final Spanish Moments

- **Morning**
Explore the magnificent Alcázar Palace and its beautiful gardens before visiting Plaza de España.
→ [\[Get Alcázar Skip-the-Line Ticket\]](#)
- **Midday & Afternoon**
Relax in María Luisa Park or enjoy one final tapas lunch at a traditional local restaurant.

Browse artisan shops in Santa Cruz before heading to the airport or train station.
- **Evening**
Wrap up your Spanish adventure with one last plate of jamón ibérico, croquetas, and churros with chocolate before departure.

Spain is Waiting for You!

Spain effortlessly blends history, art, food, music, and Mediterranean lifestyle into one unforgettable journey. One moment you're admiring centuries-old cathedrals, and the next you're sharing tapas in a lively plaza filled with locals.

This 8-day itinerary offers first-time visitors the perfect balance of iconic attractions, authentic experiences, scenic train journeys, and plenty of time to simply enjoy Spanish life.

Visit in spring for blooming gardens and pleasant weather, summer for beaches and festivals, autumn for wine harvests and fewer crowds, or winter for festive markets and mild southern temperatures—every season reveals a different side of Spain.

Smart Travel Tips for Spain

Socializing made easy

Small-group food tours, flamenco experiences, and walking tours are perfect for meeting fellow travelers while discovering local culture.

→ [\[Join activities & tours\]](#)

Getting around efficiently

Spain's AVE high-speed trains connect Barcelona, Madrid, Granada, and Seville comfortably, making this route one of the easiest ways to experience multiple regions in a single trip.

→ [\[Get Train Pass & Rail Tickets\]](#)

Staying connected

A local eSIM or SIM card makes navigating cities, checking train schedules, and translating menus effortless.

→ [\[Get Spain eSIM\]](#)





What to pack

Comfortable walking shoes are essential for cobblestone streets and historic neighborhoods. Pack light layers, sunglasses, and a reusable water bottle, especially if visiting Andalusia during the warmer months.

→  [\[Check the Essential Travel Packing List\]](#)

Plan & Book Your Trip

To make planning easier, here are the platforms most travelers use to book everything in one place:

-  Find the best flight deals and routes
→ [\[Book your flights\]](#)
-  Compare hotels, hostels, and social stays
→ [\[Book your accommodation\]](#)
-  Lock in top tours and experiences (walking guide tours, food tours, day trips)
→ [\[Browse activities & tours\]](#)
-  Exploring places more comfortably? Renting a car gives you the most flexibility
→ [\[Rent a car\]](#)

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