

# PORTUGAL & SPAIN

10 Days | European Student Tour

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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

History and culture are the stars of this 10-day student trip throughout Portugal and Spain. Explore coastal cities with rich Moorish heritage and gorgeous natural landmarks that will leave your class breathless. Begin the tour in Lisbon to see Manueline architectural jewels before making your way to the capital of the Algarve region, Faro. Discover Spain's port cities, nature reserves and prehistoric villages along the way to Madrid, where your trip will end with a Flamenco show and a traditional cooking class.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:



### Tours of:

Lisbon, Seville, Gibraltar, Faro, Granada, Madrid



### Site Visits:

Prado Museum, Seville Cathedral, Rock of Gibraltar, Plaza de Toros Oval, Alhambra Palace



### Local

Tour Leader



### Accommodations

3-star centrally located hotels



### Transportation

Flights, private motor coach, trains



### Meals

Breakfasts, dinners





# WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

## PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Guaranteed Flights and Hotels:** We confirm the booking of flights and hotels when you submit your deposit to avoid last minute hiccups.
- **Centrally Located Accommodations:** Save hours avoiding long commutes and maximize your time in destination with hotels within the city limits.
- **Private Tours:** Personalize your class trip to suit your needs and be assured that your students will never be joined with another group.
- **Go, Discover, Inspire:** You are not a tourist but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.

## EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

Our local partnerships allow for personalized tours that are a hybrid of traditional and unconventional.

95%  
OF TEACHERS  
LOVE OUR  
TOURS

60+  
YEARS OF  
TRAVEL  
EXPERIENCE



## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

### 24/7 GLOBAL SUPPORT

No matter your destination or itinerary, our state-of-the-art Operations Centre is designed to proactively protect you and your students during your educational trips around the globe. From the best insurance to advanced incident management software to 24/7 emergency assistance, we've got you covered.



*"Lisbon is full of colourful streets and ornate architecture. There is so much history in every part of the city. Seeing a bull fight and a flamenco show in Spain was such a cool experience!!"*

*History Teacher, TVDSB*

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**Day 1: Board your flight to Lisbon.**

**Day 2: Lisbon**

- Meet your tour leader at the airport.
- Take a guided tour of the city where you will see the Manueline architectural jewels, the **Belem Tower**, which is the symbol of Lisbon, and the **Jeronimos Monastery**.  
You will also see the stunning monument to **Henry the Navigator**.

**Day 3: Lisbon - Faro - Seville**

- Travel to the 'capital of the Algarve region,' the resort town of Faro.
- Explore the historic town with a guided tour where you will visit the cobbled street of **Old Town Faro**, the 16th century church of **St. Francisco** and enjoy the views atop the medieval tower of the **Chapel of Santo Antonio do Alto**.
- Head to the seaside for views of the iconic cliffs and beaches of the Algarve.
- Drive to Seville.

**Day 4: Seville**

- Start your day with a guided walking tour visiting the famous **Gypsy Town**, the **Seville Cathedral** and the "icon of Seville" the magnificent **Giralda** (a UNESCO World Heritage Site).
- Experience a tour at one of the most iconic settings in Spain, the '**Plaza de Toros**'.

**Day 5: Gibraltar - Torremolinos**

- Travel to the **Rock of Gibraltar**, a colossal limestone peninsula that is Crown property of the United Kingdom.
- Embark on a half day guided Rock Tour and visit **St. Michael's Cave**, a large natural grotto used for concerts and plays, the **Ape's Den**, the **Moorish Castle** and the **Garrison Chapel**.
- Drive along the southern coast of Spain to Torremolinos.

**Day 6: Mijas - Benalmádena - Torremolinos**

- Travel to **Mijas**, which was founded in prehistoric times by the Tartessians.
- Explore the town with a guided tour, and see the hermitage site of the **Virgen de la Peña**, built in 1520 and the **Plaza de Toros Oval**.
- Discover majestic views of the **Costa del Sol** in a cable car ride that takes you up 3 kilometres.

**Day 7: Granada - Torremolinos**

- Travel to **Granada**, the favourite city of Moorish Kings.
- Take a guided tour of the city with entrances to the **Alhambra Palace and Fortress**, which is considered the most beautiful palace built by the Moors and the **Cathedral of Granada**.
- Return to **Torremolinos**.

**Day 8: Madrid**

- Depart for **Madrid**.
- Enjoy a **Flamenco** show, a Spanish art form made up of guitar playing, song and dance.

**Day 9: Madrid**

- Start the day with a guided tour of Madrid, the capital city of Spain. Highlights include **Museo del Prado**, Spain's national art museum, **Mercado de San Miguel**, a market known as the Cultural Culinary Centre of Madrid, **Restaurante Sobrino de Botin**, the 'oldest restaurant in the world' and **Plaza de la Villa**, an intimate square with buildings dating back to the Middle Ages.
- Enjoy a paella cooking class followed by dinner (you'll eat what you've cooked!).

**Day 10: Depart to the airport for your flight home.**

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