

Madrid and Heritage Sites Tour IC4

Madrid - Segovia - Ávila - Salamanca - Cáceres - Toledo

Circular itinerary from Madrid with historical and cultural cities from start to finish.

Caminos

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Summary

Starting in Madrid - Spain's vibrant capital-, this circular trip gives you the opportunity to discover priceless jewels of the Spanish heritage without too much driving.

Monumental cathedrals, royal palaces, impressive squares, world-class museums and ample gardens are witnesses of a glorious past and will accompany you throughout the journey.

Though it is a rendezvous with history, you won't miss modern comfort. Wherever you go you will find living culture, excellent gastronomy, good wines and stunning scenery.



Your Route

Tour Highlights:

- UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Madrid - Spain's vibrant capital
- Segovia, Ávila, Salamanca & Toledo
- Ribera de Duero and other wine denominations
- Cáceres - A living museum
- Dehesa landscapes - Jamón Ibérico
- Sierra de Madrid, Sierra de Gredos, Sierra de Francia & Guadarrama

Travel tips:

This route is best enjoyed flying in to Madrid

- the best options are:

- Gatwick, Luton, Bristol & Edinburgh with Easyjet
- Stansted, Manchester, Birmingham & Dublin with Ryanair
- Dublin with Aer Lingus

Madrid is also the best destination airport for intercontinental connections. There are several options for customers coming from EEUU, Australia, etc.

Please consult for other travel options



Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room *	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Madrid		
1	Day 1 to 3	Madrid	Madrid	HMAD3 Family run hotel in Madrid's artistic centre, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	30mins from airport
2	Day 4 & 5	Segovia	Segovia	HSEG3 Historic city hotel at the heart of Segovia, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	1hr 20mins
3	Day 6 & 7	Avila	Avila	HAVA1 Stylish boutique hotel in the heart of walled city, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	1hr
4	Day 8 to 10	Salamanca	Salamanca	HSAL3 Charming boutique hotel in Salamanca, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	1hr 10mins
5	Day 11 & 12	Extremadura	Cáceres	HPAR7 Parador de Cáceres, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	2hrs
6	Day 13 & 14	Toledo	Toledo	HTDO1 Charming hotel in Toledo, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	2hrs 30mins
			Departing Madrid		1hr 10mins to Madrid airport

* Double room (2 sharing) can be either double or twin bedded. If you have specific requirements, please let us know.

Your Quotation

What the cost includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- 4 door economy class car hire from leaving Madrid
- Regional roadmap
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary touring map and regional guidebook
- Our own travel application & document manager
- NB Flights not included

If you would like to book this itinerary please call us at your earliest convenience.

If, on the other hand, you require further help or information or wish to investigate alternatives please don't hesitate to contact us.

Stage 1



Region: Madrid

El Prado, Reina Sofia and Thyssen-Bornemisza - three world-class museums
 Visit Santiago Bernabeu Stadium home of Real Madrid
 Take a stroll in El Retiro Park
 Visit El Rastro - Madrid's famous flea-market
 Take a trip out to Toledo or Segovia
 Take a relaxing cafe con leche in the Plaza Mayor or the Puerta del Sol where there's always something going on
 The Royal Palace - Europe's largest
 Templo de Debod - an authentic Egyptian temple in the middle of the city!

Family run hotel in Madrid's artistic centre

Set in the genuine Madrileño neighbourhood of Lavapiés yet with all the city's major art galleries - El Prado, the Thyssen-Bornemisza and the Reina Sofia - within a short walk, this small, family-run hotel is a breath of fresh air. The building, which has been in the family for two generations, has been recently restored with clean, white decor throughout making the most of Madrid's wonderful light whilst retaining some delightful original fe...[Read More](#)



Stage 2



Region: Segovia

Segovia - Roman Aqueduct, Moorish Alcazar, Cathedral and large Jewish Quarter. Beautiful landscapes
 Local lamb and suckling pig
 Medieval Pedraza - castle owned by Basque artist Zuloaga
 Sepulveda, entrance to Hoces de Duraton, fine Romanesque churches
 Sierra de Guadarrama National Park
 Hoces del Duratón nature Park - canoe or hike through this breathtaking landscape of steep gorges carved out by the Duraton river
 Hermitage of San Frutos - patron of Segovia
 La Granja de San Ildefonso - the Spanish Versailles

Historic city hotel at the heart of Segovia

Right in the heart of Segovia, just a short walk from the Cathedral, the aqueduct and the Alcazar, this 16th Century palace has been recently converted into a very comfortable four star, family owned hotel. The hotel has thirty three individually decorated and furnished, spacious rooms, distributed on three floors. The central, covered patio, which was the original cloisters, has a bar (open to the public) and is where breakfast is served. ...[Read More](#)



Stage 3



Region: Ávila & the Sierra de Gredos

Walking and climbing in the Gredos range
 Birdwatching - many rare species
 Astronomy & stargazing - the village is a Dark-Sky location
 Spa treatments with pure mountain water in the Aguas de Gredos balneario
 Visit Ávila with its magnificent walls or Barco de Avila
 Walk the Puerto del Pico Roman way at one time linking Ávila and Mérida.

Stylish boutique hotel in the heart of walled city

This recently rehabilitated, small, 16th century mansion (on the site of an old sinagogue and rabbi's house), has been transformed into a stylish hotel with modern decoration in the minimalist style, yet respecting the original features. Somewhat Scandanavian in feel with its colour scheme of black, white and pine, blending in with stone and brick, it also has a tempting restaurant, an atmospheric bodega down in the cellar and an attractive ba...[Read More](#)



Stage 4



Region: Salamanca

Magnificent Salamanca Spain's foremost university town
 Walking in the Sierra de Francia
 Gijuelo ham, one of the best in Spain
 Site of Wellington's famous victory at the Battle of Salamanca and nearby Ciudad Rodrigo
 Via de la Plata - ancient Roman route linking Sevilla with Gijón on the north coast
 Arribes del Duero Nature Park - breathtaking catamaran journey on Duero river
 Wines of Sierra de Salamanca and nearby Toro and Rueda

Charming boutique hotel in Salamanca

Situated between the cathedral and the river this small yet historic hotel is the perfect base from which to explore the old quarter of Salamanca. Though centrally placed the thick stone walls offer a peaceful retreat from the city noise. The emphasis here is very much on quality and outstanding personal service with great care being taken over every detail. The owner Julian and his staff will go out of their way to make sure you get the best ...[Read More](#)



Stage 5



Region: Central Extremadura

Ruta de los Conquistadores - Pizarro, Cortés...the conquerors of Latin America
Castillo & Plaza Mayor of Trujillo
Guadalupe, pilgrimage site - enormous monastery, Cathedral and Zurbaran paintings
Caceres, Spain's first listed heritage city
Roman Mérida, once capital of Lusitania UNESCO World Heritage Site.
Monfrague Nature Park - vast holm and cork oak forests teeming with bird life

Parador de Cáceres

Housed in a 14th century palace, the Parador de Cáceres is located in the heart of the city's old quarter, declared a World Heritage Site. It's just a few minutes' walk from the Main Square, monuments, palaces, house-fortresses, churches as well as shopping streets and bars and restaurants. The elegance of this Renaissance palace is combined with stylish but sober touches which create a relaxed atmosphere. All rooms - 39 spacious rooms i...[Read More](#)



Stage 6



Region: Toledo

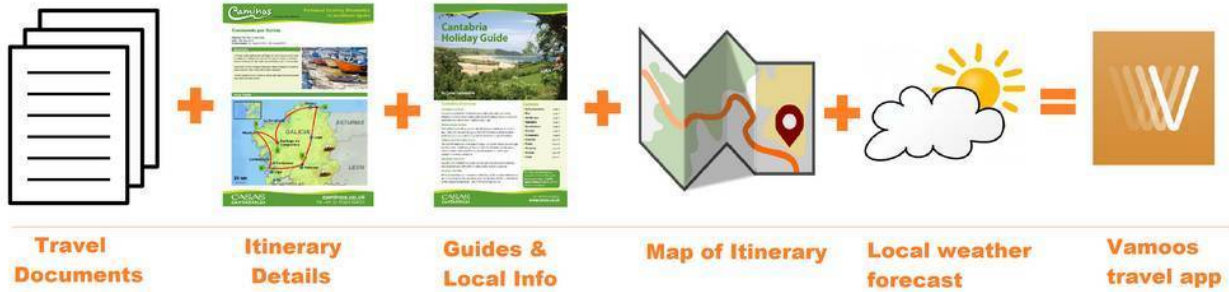
Take a walking tour of Toledo old-town with its 13th century cathedral and magnificent Alcazar
Walk up to the Mirador del Valle - the best city photo
Try the Queso Manchego - there's a dedicated museum
Monasterio de San Juan de los Reyes - breathtaking cloister
Puerta de Bisagra - the imposing medieval main gate

Charming hotel in Toledo

Formerly an archbishop's summer home, this C18th palace, with its charm and faded elegance is a real gem of a hotel. Sitting above its beautiful garden and terrace with little fountains (and bar and restaurant, open to the public), surrounded by the original C11th century Moorish wall, it is right next to the gate of Alfonso V1, at one time the main entrance into Toledo. The escalator which magically gets you up to the old city and the amazing...[Read More](#)



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