



OPENING HOURS

The opening hours for most shops throughout the country are from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Saturday. From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. shops are closed for the famous Spanish "siesta". On Saturdays many small shops (i.e. the majority of "Estancos") are only open to 2 p.m. Major shopping malls, department stores and supermarkets stay open without a break from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. or in some cases until 10 p.m. Restaurants start serving lunch from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and dinner from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. In small restaurants and bars it is normally possible to get served a fixed number of menus at any time of the day.

ELECTRICITY

All appliances require a double round pin type plug for 220 volts AC, 50-hertz.

TIPPING

In principle prices are net, but it is usual to round up (taxi, restaurants, bars) and to give a few Euros to waiters and porters.

SHOPPING

Enjoy your favourite fashions to the full with a day's shopping in Spain. You will discover that there are many cities here with famous designer shops, major shopping areas and modern, attractive options. There are so many alternatives available that you will feel short of time to see them all. Don't worry – in Spain these temples of fashion close very late. Madrid, the shop window with a thousand styles, where fans of glamour and alternative fashions come in equal parts. The so-called "golden mile" (Salamanca neighbourhood with Serrano and Ortega y Gasset streets) is home to the most prestigious Spanish brands, alongside world names in luxury fashion. Prefer the latest trends? Then visit Calle Fuencarral and time will fly as you explore its varied clothes shops and the authentic trends in Fuencarral Market. Is it Sunday? Then don't forget to visit the "Rastro", a street market in the centre of the city.

You are sure to find something!

Also when you get to Portugal, make sure you bring back a bottle of the delicious Portuguese sweet wine.

DISTANCES

The following information will give you a better idea of the times travelled to help you plan your day:

- ➔ Madrid-Granada: 420km, 5h
- ➔ Granada-Cordoba: 201km, 2hr 45min
- ➔ Cordoba-Sevilla: 132km, 2hr
- ➔ Sevilla-Lagos: 274km, 3hr 45min
- ➔ Lagos-Lisbon: 302km, 4 hr
- ➔ Lisbon-Madrid: 625km, 7hr 30min

ACCOMMODATION

The hotel selection on Travel Talk tours is 3 star locally rated and the main criteria in the hotel selection process is cleanliness, private bath-room facilities, usually but not always centrally located. Solo travellers not wishing to pay a single supplement will be accommodated in a double, twin or triple room according to availability with a passenger(s) of the same gender. We can not guarantee the availability of double beds for couple travellers.

Pre & Post Tour Accommodation

Should you require pre or post tour accommodation, please notify us (or your agent) at the time of booking and we can make the arrangements for you. This information will be clearly stated on your voucher.

TRANSPORTATION

You can expect comfort and reliability on our modern coaches and mini buses. Most vehicles feature air-conditioning, safe and secure luggage storage, comfortable seats, and a sound system.

TOUR LEADER

Your tour leader's role is to ensure that all aspects of the trip run smoothly. He/she will share their local knowledge, advise you on ways to spend your free time and coordinate the day-to-day running of the tour. From time to time situations can arise and things may not always go according to plan. If this occurs, your tour leader may require your cooperation and understanding. Furthermore, should you have any problems on tour please let your leader know so that the correct steps can be taken.

Please bear in mind that when you travel on a combined tour, you will have different groups and a different leader for each leg.

ARRIVAL

The arrival hotel for Spain & Portugal tours is **Hotel City House Florida Norte – Madrid (25 August Arrival Hotel)**

Address : Paseo De Florida 5, 28008, Madrid
Phone : +34 91 542 8300

Hotel Mayorazgo – Madrid

Address : Calle Flor Baja, 3, 28013 Madrid,
Phone : +34 915 47 26 00

Airport Transfer

There is not an airport transfer provided by Travel Talk. You need to make your own way to the arrival hotel. Please check the arrival details to find your hotel.

ENTRANCE FEES

The entry fees to museums and sights are not included in the tour price. Below are the approximate prices given in Euro.

Mosque Cordoba	10 Euro
Cathedral Sevilla	10 Euro
Monastery of Jeronimos Lisbon	10 Euro
Cathedral, Sto Tome & Synagogue	13 Euro
Alhambra & Generalife Granada	20 Euro

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Your tour Leader will inform you about optional activities and detailed information in every town such as places to visit, beautiful beaches to swim, places where you can hire bikes for reasonable prices, sport activities, great restaurants, cafes and bars with good traditional food.

LOCAL PAYMENT

We ease your cash needs by dividing the tour cost into two payments : tour price and local fund. You just need to pay the tour price to purchase your travel. The compulsory local payment will be done when you join the trip. The local payment is a part of the tour cost (a tool to ease your cash need on booking date) and it does not cover any extra costs like meals, entry fees, drinks, tips, personal expenses or other type of travel costs.

