

Catholic Pilgrimage Choir Tour to Spain

Standard Tour #2 (8 nights / 10 days)

Day 1

Departure from USA via scheduled airline service to Madrid, Spain. Enjoy full meal/beverage service and in-flight entertainment during this trans-Atlantic flight.

Day 2 Madrid

Arrive at Madrid Airport. Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for half-day excursion to El Escorial, the magnificent palace and monastery built by Phillip II. Visit the Royal Apartments and the Basilica. A few miles away, view the Valley of the Fallen. Return to Madrid for evening Welcome Dinner and overnight.

Madrid, Europe's highest-lying capital, stands in the foothills of the Sierra de Guadarrama, right in the center of the Iberian Peninsula. It is a very hospitable city, known for the quality of its light and climate. Madrid became the capital of Spain in the 16th century when Spain ruled a vast empire. Its attractions include three internationally famous art galleries, a royal palace, grand public squares and many museums filled with the treasures of Spain's history.

Day 3 Madrid

A morning guided tour of Madrid includes entrances to the Royal Palace and the incomparable Prado Museum. Afternoon at leisure for additional sightseeing, church visits or other planned activities. ***Participate/sing in an evening Vigil Mass in Basilica of San Miguel.***

Day 4 Madrid

Half-day excursion to Toledo. Visit the magnificent Cathedral (with the El Greco paintings and other valuable relics) and the Church of St. Tomé (El Greco's The Burial of the Count of Orgaz). ***Participate/sing in a Mass in Chapel of Santo Tomé.*** Return to Madrid for dinner and overnight.

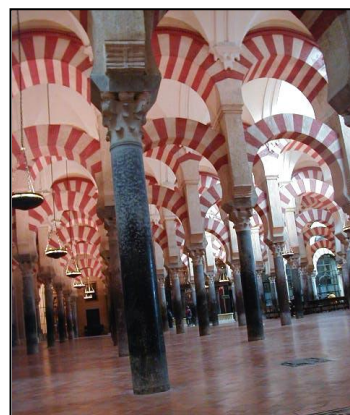
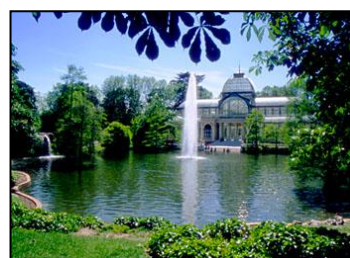
Day 5 Madrid

Day at leisure in Madrid for additional sightseeing, shopping, or other planned activities. Visit some of Madrid's highlights such as Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor, Retiro Park, Plaza d'España etc.

Day 6 Madrid / Cordoba / Granada

Transfer to Granada via Cordoba. A guided tour of Cordoba includes the Mezquita (Mosque) The Mosque was built in the 8th Century and by the 10th Century was one of Islam's most outstanding religious structures, second in size only to the Kaaba in Mecca. Continue to Granada for overnight.

Granada has everything: prestigious and exceedingly beautiful Moorish buildings, luminous skies and a luxuriantly green setting. It was built on three hills at the center of a wide plain that looks out to the snow-capped Sierra Nevada on the horizon.



Day 7 Granada / Seville

A guided tour includes the Alhambra (Red Castle) which includes the Nasrid Palace, exquisite gardens, Emperor Charles V's Palace etc. Entrance is also included to the Generalife (summer palace of the kings of Granada). Entrance is also included to the Royal Chapel where Isabel and Ferdinand lie buried. Late afternoon transfer to Seville for overnight.



Seville ranks as one of the world's great tourist centers. Don Juan romanced and Figaro barbered in Seville; today, gypsies still sing age-old ballads, flamenco dancers whirl to the melodies of the guitar and matadors tease rushing bulls.

Day 8 Seville

A morning guided tour of Seville includes Maria Luisa Park (Plaza de España), entrance to the Giralda, the Cathedral and the Alcazar, one of the most famous buildings in all of Spain. Drive past the Torre del Oro (Gold Tower). ***Participate/sing in a Mass in the Cathedral or other church.***



Day 9 Seville / Madrid

Transfer to Madrid for Farewell Dinner and overnight.

Day 10 Depart for home

Transfer to Madrid's International Airport for return flight to USA. Arrive home in the evening of the same day.



Church of Santo Tomé