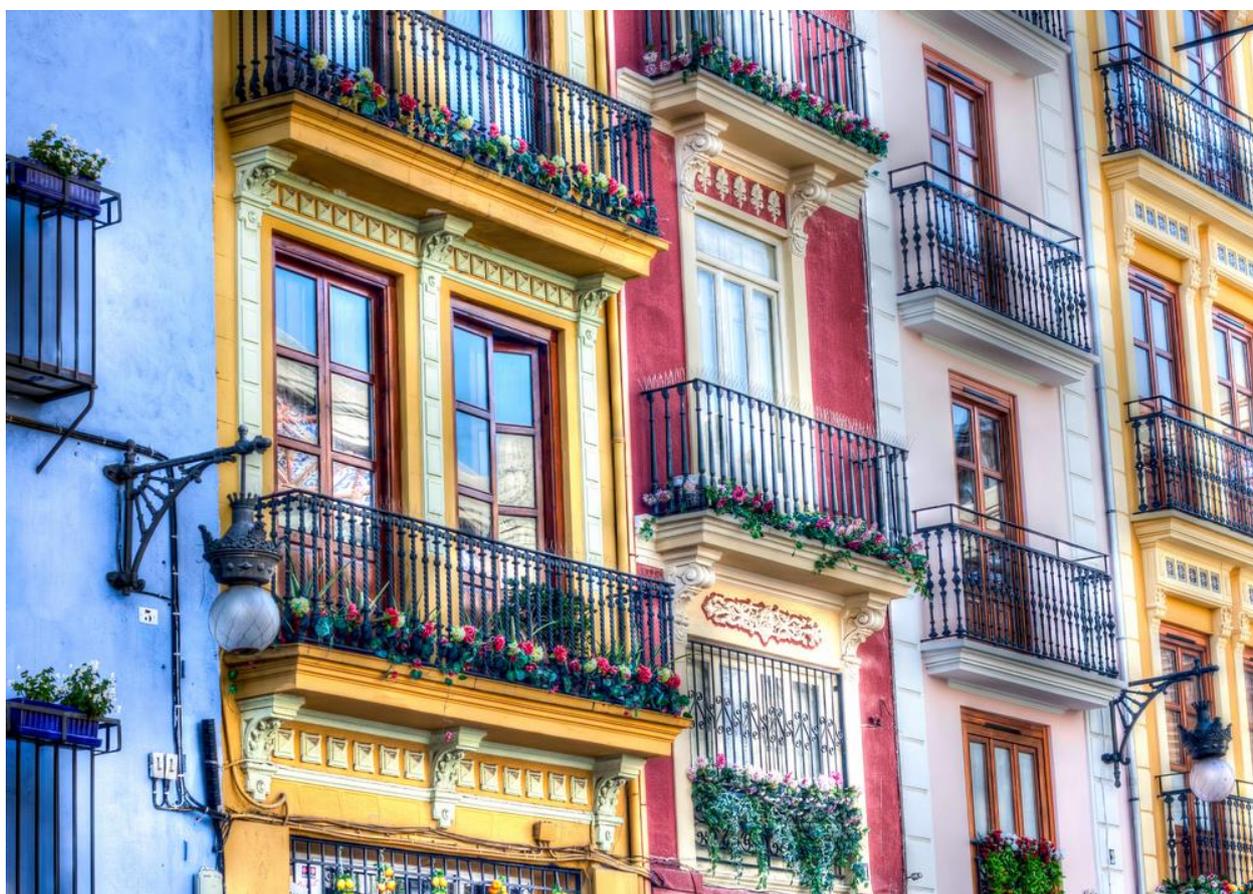




# SPAIN & PORTUGAL

*Confirmed itinerary for  
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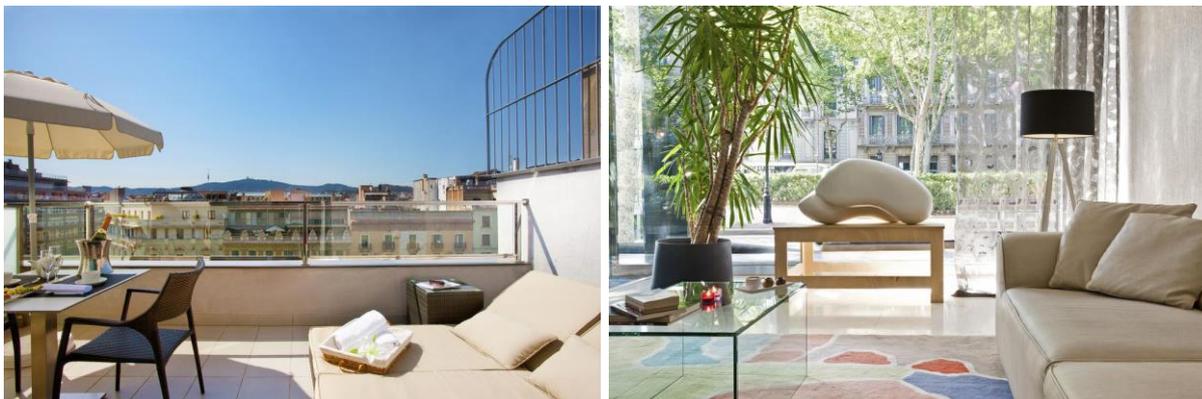
SEPTEMBER 2019

**MON 23 ARRIVE BARCELONA**

Welcome to Spain. On arrival into Barcelona Airport you will be transferred by airline chauffer driver to your hotel. Following check-in, the remainder of the day is at your leisure.

**Gran Via 678**

*Accommodation for 4 nights in a Standard Room + additional bed, including breakfast*



Stay in the heart of Barcelona! The stylish Gran Via 678 is situated 700 m from Plaza Catalunya in central Barcelona and features an outdoor pool with a sun terrace. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel. Modern rooms at this design hotel include satellite TV and a minibar. Gran Via 678 offers a restaurant which serves Mediterranean and international cuisine. Guests can enjoy meals on the terrace. Urquinaona Metro Station is 400 m away while the Arc de Triomf monument is less than 10 minutes' walk from the hotel.

**TUE 24 BARCELONA** <sup>ⓑ</sup>

Breakfast at the hotel. At a scheduled time, meet your local guide to start your private half day Barcelona Modernist Tour, including La Sagrada Familia entrance. You will go through the most relevant areas in Barcelona, starting from the Passeig de Gracia, Plaza de Catalunya, where you will admire some work of Gaudí, continuing through the Ramblas and getting to know a little more about the Boquería Market and the Gothic Quarter. This tour will continue to the Sagrada Familia, one of the most iconic places in the city of Barcelona and perhaps the most famous of Gaudí's work.



Return to the hotel for time at leisure.

**WED 25 & THU 26 BARCELONA** <sup>ⓑ</sup>

Breakfast in the hotel. Enjoy two days at your leisure to explore the city at your own pace. There is plenty to keep you busy – please talk to hotel staff who will gladly assist with sightseeing recommendations.



### FRI 27 BARCELONA > MADRID (B)

Breakfast in the hotel. At scheduled time, meet your driver who will take you to the train station where you will board on an AVE (high speed train) to Madrid. Once in Madrid, you will be met by your local representative who will take you to your hotel. During this transfer you will be introduced to the city of Madrid and have an orientation tour.

#### **Hotel Emperador**

*Accommodation for 3 nights in a Standard Double Room + additional bed including breakfast*



Hotel Emperador is a true architectural landmark with excellent views of the city. It was designed and built in 1947 by the Otamendi brothers, Julián and Joaquín, architects who were also responsible for other emblematic buildings in Madrid such as the Communications Palace in Cibeles and the España Building. The hotel received its first guests in 1948 as one of the best five-star hotels of its time. It offered one of the few rooftop pools open in the city and a solarium, thus inheriting the title of having the largest one of its kind in Madrid. Thanks to its location, in the middle of the city's main theatre area, the hotel has always had a strong link to celebrities from the world of politics, art, culture and society in general, being the stage of some of Madrid's most important movie and TV events and hosting guests such as Sophia Loren, Ernest Hemingway and Ava Gardner among others.

### SAT 28 MADRID (B)

Breakfast in the hotel. At a scheduled time, meet your local guide for a private half day Madrid Historical City Tour (walking). On this tour you will discover the majestic origins of Madrid, exploring the Royal Square, Royal Palace, Royal Theatre, Gran Vía, Puerta de Sol & Plaza Mayor. Among these places, you will also visit a very interesting place to have a quick stop and explore the famed Spanish tapas.



Return to the hotel for time at leisure.

### SUN 29 MADRID > TOLEDO > MADRID <sup>ⓑ</sup>

Breakfast in the hotel. At scheduled time, meet your local guide for a private full day tour to Toledo City. Located 70 km away from Madrid is Toledo, a beautiful city-museum declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO. It is one of the oldest towns in Europe and has a great artistic beauty and buildings from almost all periods in history (Arabian, Gothic, Mudéjar, Renaissance and Baroque style). Toledo is called the “City of the Three Cultures”, as Christians, Muslims and Jews all lived together. In the XVI century, it was also the place of residence of the great painter El Greco. You will see the outside view of the Cathedral; Church of St. Tomé with El Entierro del señor de Orgaz, masterpiece of El Greco; Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca and the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes.



### MON 30 MADRID > LISBON <sup>ⓑ</sup>

Breakfast in the hotel. At a scheduled time, meet your driver to take you to Madrid Airport, where you will board on your flight to Lisbon (flight not included in this quote). Once in Lisbon, you will be met by your local representative who will take you to your hotel. During this transfer you will be introduced to the city of Lisbon and have an orientation tour.

#### **Hotel Portobay Marqués**

*Accommodation for 3 nights in a Superior Room + additional bed, including breakfast*



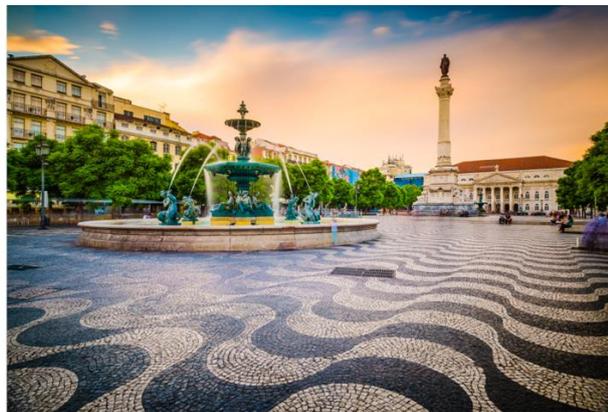
Hotel Portobay Marques is located on Rua Duque de Palmela, right around the corner from Marquês de Pombal Square and just a few steps away from Avenida da Liberdade and a pleasant walk from the city's main attractions. The 72 rooms and suites guarantee optimal comfort, space for families and those seeking wellbeing. On the hotel terrace, discover the charming outdoor pool with jets, the solarium, gym, the sauna and the Turkish steam bath.

## OCTOBER 2019

### TUE 01 LISBON <sup>ⓑ</sup>

Breakfast in the hotel. Meet your guide and commence a private half day Lisbon City walking tour, visiting the most emblematic parts of the city and its curiosities.

Situated on the north banks of the River Tagus, the charm of Lisbon exists in its strong links to the past. Renovated palaces, magnificent churches and an impressive castle mirror the city's rich cultural heritage. Its eclectic blend of neighbourhoods, culture and architecture distinguish this capital city uniquely from the other European capitals and make it a truly fascinating and comprehensive city to visit. A city set on seven hills, as the legend tells, with its cobble stoned pavements and narrow streets full of Art Nouveau cafés promises a lot to discover. Lisbon hosts a great number of remarkable museums of ancient and modern art, some of which are Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, National Museum of Contemporary Art, National Coach Museum, and Carmo Archaeological Museum.



Return to the hotel for time at leisure.

### WED 02 SINTRA, CASCAIS & ESTORIL <sup>ⓑ</sup>

Breakfast in the hotel. At a scheduled time start your private half day Sintra, Cascais & Estoril Tour. Drive to the picturesque village of Sintra to visit Sintra City Palace, a unique palace that dates back to the time of the Moors. You will have free time to stroll around the narrow streets and taste the famous pastry “queijadas or travesseiros”. On your return to Lisbon, stop at the westernmost point of continental Europe – Cabo da Roca – to admire the wonderful landscape from the top of the cliffs. A stop will be

made in Cascais for a short walk and some pictures. The seaside road to Lisbon will pass by Estoril for a sightseeing of the Casino's famous gardens.



### THU 03 LISBON > PORTO ②

Breakfast in the hotel. Meet your local representative in your hotel to be and transfer to Porto in a private car. Upon arrival, check-in to your hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### **Hotel Carris Porto Ribeira**

*Accommodation for 3 nights in a Superior Room + additional bed (or sofa), including breakfast*



Having fun is easy when everything is within your reach. Discover the city of Porto by walking along its river and through its characteristic streets. You will have fun exploring the city and learning about its culture, its great wines and its gastronomy. In our rooms, restaurant, bar and common areas you will find your well-deserved rest. A large and comfortable room with a neat decoration, so cosy that you will right at home. Room with a modern decoration, flat-screen TV and satellite channels, infusion kit and an en-suite bathroom with toiletries and hairdryer.

### FRI 04 PORTO ②

Breakfast in the hotel. Meet your guide and start your private half day Porto walking tour, including port wine tasting.

Porto is at the same time the name of a city and a fortified wine, one of the most famous in the world, aged at the wine cellars of Vila Nova de Gaia, next to the Douro River. Its historical center has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and preserves many beautiful monuments, namely from the Baroque period which is contemporary to the glory and wealth achieved with the trade of Port Wine. On your tour you will see the Cathedral (Sé), the Church of Saint Francis, the Stock Exchange Palace and the Clérigos Tower.



Return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure.

**SAT 05 PORTO** (B)

Breakfast in the hotel. Enjoy your day at leisure.

**SUN 06 PORTO > ALGARVE** (B)

Breakfast in the hotel. Checkout and depart Porto, transferring by private vehicle south the Algarve. On arrival, check-in to your resort and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Hotel Vilalara Thalassa**

*Accommodation for 5 nights in a Junior Suite with Garden View + additional bed, including breakfast*



The five-star Vilalara Thalassa Resort is an exclusive space in a unique landscape with access to a golden sand beach, and totally dedicated to your well-being. Everything in Vilalara is thought to your total comfort, all blended in to the surrounding hills and cliff tops. In-between magnificent 11 hectares of seaside garden cared to perfection and amongst five delightful swimming pools, you even have a wellness center that is home to one of the five best Thalassotherapy Centers in the world and to a Longevity Medical Spa.

**MON 07 – THU 10 ALGARVE** (B)

Breakfast in the hotel. Enjoy 4 full days at your leisure to relax at the beach and enjoy the facilities at the hotel.



**FRI 11 ALGARVE** <sup>ⓑ</sup>

Breakfast in the hotel. At a scheduled time, meet your local representative and transfer from the Algarve to Lisbon airport for you onwards flight.

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**YOUR WORLD JOURNEY CONCLUDES**

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**INCLUSIONS:**

- Accommodation and hotels as per itinerary or similar
- Meals as specified within itinerary (ⓑ Breakfast Ⓛ Lunch ⓓ Dinner)
- Rail ticket Barcelona – Madrid
- Transfers on a private basis throughout
- Sightseeing on a private basis with English speaking guide
- Service and back up of our partners in Europe and 24 hour emergency contact

**EXCLUSIONS:**

- Flights, airline Taxes, fuel surcharges and ticketable taxes
- Visas & travel insurance
- Spanish city taxes paid to hotels directly
- Meals & beverages other than specified
- Gratuities/tipping