



Spain & Portugal

Ellicott City Chorale





Program Itinerary

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June 22 - July 3 2020

Day 1 – Monday June 22

Flight to Europe

DAY Today board your overnight flight to Europe. Meals served on plane.

Day 2 – Tuesday June 23

Arrival Lisbon (D)

AM Upon arrival at the airport of **Lisbon** meet & greet with your tour managers. Transfer from the airport to the centre of the capitol of Portugal! Enjoy a brief orientation tour by coach. Lunch on your own and enjoy some free time in the old center.

Today enjoy a **guided city tour** of Lisbon. You will see the old City, its monuments Rossio Square, Comércio Square, Marquês de Pombal Square, historical quarters Cathedral and Castelo de Sao Jorge, and drive along the riverside to admire Black Horse Square, crossing the Bridge over Tagus River. Late afternoon check in your hotel.

EVE Welcome dinner as a group at or nearby the hotel.
Overnight in Lisbon.

Day 3 – Wednesday June 24

Performance #1

Lisbon (B,D)

AM Breakfast at your hotel. In the morning visit of the Belem quarter and visit of the **Belem Tower and the Jeronimos Monastery**. Construction of Jerónimos Monastery started in 1501 and it was completed in 1601. The king chose the religious order of Hieronymite monks to run the monastery and they did indeed give spiritual guidance to sailors for centuries until the monastery was abandoned in 1833. What was created was more than just a symbol of the exploration era and it was more than a home for religion. The building is also a treasure of architectural beauty.

PM Free time for lunch on your own. In the afternoon **possible performance** at Lisbon Cathedral (subject to availability and approval) or another church like the St George Church Lisbon or similar.

EVE Group dinner and overnight in Lisbon.

Day 4 – Thursday June 25

Lisbon – Faro – Seville (B,D)

DAY Breakfast at your hotel. Check out and board coaches for Sevilla. Enjoy a long day trip through the beautiful countryside to Sevilla in Spain via "Faro".

PM Upon arrival in Faro enjoy lunch on your own and **some free time in Faro**.

Faro is the administrative centre for the whole of the Algarve region with a population in excess of 58.000 people. The city has both Arab and Roman ruins but most of the present attractive older buildings were constructed after the disastrous earthquake of 1755 and the earlier one of 1532. Continue to Seville for hotel check in.

EVE Tapas dinner and overnight in Seville.

Day 5 – Friday June 26

Performance #2

Seville (B,D)

AM Breakfast at your hotel. **Morning bus & walking tour of Seville** with local guides to see the city highlights: Plaza de España, UNESCO World Heritage-listed wonders like Seville Cathedral and the Royal Alcazar Palace. A visit to the **Cathedral** is included.

PM Free time for lunch on own. **Possible performance** at Circulo Mercantil, Basilica de Gran Poder or similar.

EVE Group dinner and overnight in Seville.

Day 6 – Saturday June 27**Seville – Cordoba – Granada (B,D)**

DAY Breakfast at your hotel. Board your coach and transfer to Granada. En route stop in **Cordoba including visit of Mezquita** with audio-guide. It's impossible to overemphasise the beauty of Córdoba's great mosque, with its remarkably serene (despite tourist crowds) and spacious interior. One of the world's greatest works of Islamic architecture, the Mezquita hints, with all its lustrous decoration, at a refined age when Muslims, Jews and Christians lived side by side and enriched their city with a heady interaction of diverse, vibrant cultures. Continue on to Granada and upon arrival check in your hotel.

Late afternoon enjoy **guided walking tour** of Granada. (Pending on Alhambra availability we might switch this tour with Alhambra visit.

EVE Group dinner and overnight in Granada.

Day 7 – Sunday June 28**Performance #3****Granada (B,D)**

AM Breakfast at your hotel. Morning guided visit to the **Alhambra**, one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built. See the Nasrid Palace, the Gardens and towers, the Emperor Charles V's Palace and the Alcazaba, the oldest part of the Alhambra and enjoy the amazing views of Granada.

PM Lunch on own. Possible **performance** at the Basilica San Juan de los Dios or similar.

EVE Group dinner and overnight in Granada.

Day 8 – Monday June 29**Granada – Toledo – Madrid (B,D)**

DAY Breakfast at your hotel. Board your coach and transfer to **Toledo**. The city looks untouched since the time of El Greco who lived here in the 16th century.

Enjoy a **guided tour** of this historical city here you see displays of El Greco's work, beautiful old synagogues in the Jewish quarters and you will visit the huge **cathedral**.

Continue on to Madrid. Upon arrival check in your hotel.

EVE Group dinner and overnight in Madrid.

- Optional attend evening concert – pending schedule. Between Euro 25-55 per person for mid-priced tickets (and pending on which show/concert)

Day 9 – Tuesday June 30**Madrid - Barcelona(B,D)**

AM Breakfast at your hotel. In the morning enjoy a **guided city tour** of Madrid. During the tour you will see the main sights such as the Monument to Cervantes, the famous author of "Don Quijote", Plaza Mayor, the Neptune and Cibeles Fountains and more.

Enjoy a visit of the **Prado Museum**.

PM Lunch on own and transfer to the train station of Madrid. Take the fast train to Barcelona Sants station. Board coach and transfer to your hotel.

PM Dinner together close to your hotel and overnight Madrid.

Upon arrival in Barcelona check in at your hotel. Enjoy group dinner and overnight

Day 10 – Wednesday July 1**Performance #4****Barcelona (B,D)**

AM Following breakfast at your hotel Enjoy a **guided city tour** of Barcelona. See all the highlights of the city including Montjuic, site of the 1992 Olympic Games, the Gothic Quarter with its Roman walls, Parc Guell with its fantastic neo-Catalan villas, and visit Gaudi's Sagrada Familia (Church of the Holy Family), left unfinished at his death in 1926.

PM Lunch on own.

In the afternoon travel to Montserrat. Visit the Monasterio with Black Madonna.

Performance at the Cathedral of Barcelona, Santa Maria del Pi or similar.. Dinner together and overnight in Barcelona.

Day 11 – Thursday July 2**Barcelona (B,D)**

DAY Breakfast included. Day at leisure and transportation card included for today. Spend some of the day on the golden sands of the Mediterranean enjoying the unique sun, sky and light that has been the source of inspiration for the creative genius of artists worldwide

EVE Farewell dinner and overnight in Barcelona.

Day 12 - Friday July 3**Departure (B)**

AM Check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

Inclusions:

- 10 night accommodation in 3 star hotel based on a mix of multi bedded and twin bedded rooms with private facilities
- Daily breakfast
- Daily dinner – set menu excluding drinks.
- Multi lingual tour escort throughout, 1 per coach
- Private luxury coaches for all transfers necessary according to the itinerary
- 1 one way ticket – 2nd class- from Madrid to Barcelona
- 1day Tdia – transportation travel card
- Local step on guides for: Lisbon / Seville / Granada / Toledo / Madrid / Barcelona
- Visit of: Belem Tower and Jeronimos Monastery / Seville Cathedral / Mezquita Cordoba / Alhambra / Toledo Cathedral / Prado museum/ Monasterio with Black Madonna
- Organization and promotion of 4 performances
- Keyboard for 4 performances

Supplements:

- Single supplement: USD 700 per person for 10 nights
- Attend evening concert/show: between USD 30-70 per person pending on show, availability and seating
- Flamenco show (possibly during dinner): USD 40 per person





Program Details

Included in your Travel Program

Transportation

- Round-Trip Air Transportation via regularly scheduled commercial air service – economy Class (in addition to land package)
- Chartered Motorcoach Transportation in Luxury air-conditioned coaches

Accommodations

- Hotel accommodation in 3 and 4 Star properties based on triple bedded rooms.
- In room bathroom facilities

Meals

- Meals are as indicated on your itinerary.
- Breakfasts are continental style and in the hotels unless noted
- Dinners are 3 course and in local restaurants with menu appropriate to your location

Activities & Details

- All scheduled sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary.
- Concert organization and promotion as listed on the itinerary
- Instrument rental is separate and not included
- Instrument transportation costs if any are not included
- Professional Tour Manager throughout
- In the event that the venues listed herein cannot confirm the group for the intended travel dates, Travel Quest International (TQI) reserves the right to substitute venues of a similar standard and adjust our final daily itinerary accordingly. Performance venues often require music repertoire and/or music assessment. It's always a good idea to get started early by sending us a CD or DVD and a copy of expected repertoire. We'll quickly send copies overseas to get the venues excited and interested in having you come to perform.
- Please note that we specialize in customized group travel and can revise this program and further tailor it to meet the group's needs and desires.
- The group will have a private motor coach and driver at their disposal throughout the tour for approximately 8-10 hours daily.
- We have only included guided tours as per the itinerary. In the other cities that do not include guided tours, there may or may not be time to visit on your own time. If there is time, the group will be briefed about the region by their tour escort. Please note that tour escorts are not licensed guides and are not permitted by law to give any sort of sightseeing tours. If you would like a guide for any of these locations, we would be happy to advise the additional costs and make the appropriate arrangements.
- Music stands, risers, keyboards, chairs etc may require an additional charge if requested.
- TQI reserves the right to make alterations necessary due to lack of participation in any custom tour program or festival. Cost will fluctuate when your group size increases or decrease primarily due to transportation utilization.



Program Costs

Cost Quote for your itinerary:

	50+	45-49	40-44	35-39
Land Package:	\$2568	\$2663	\$2784	\$2906
Air Estimate	\$900-1200			

Total Estimated cost for 50+ \$3468

Pricing Notes:

- Above cost is based on 50+ full paying participants - price changes based on participation
- Tour prices are in USD and based on a specific expected exchange rate at the time of travel
- Currency increases may apply if significant changes occur
- Air fare is in addition to the land package price and is currently estimated.
- Air taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change which may cause an increase in air cost.
- Rates are based on a mix of twin & triple rooms
- Adult twin rooms may incur an additional cost if student to adult ratio exceeds 1 to 10
- Single Occupancy Supplement is \$70 per person per night

Cancellation Penalty Schedule

<u>Cancelation Date</u>	<u>Penalty Amount</u>
90 Days or more from departure date	\$400 initial deposit
89-60 Days from departure date	50% of program cost plus any additional penalties from vendors
59-46 Days from departure	75% of program cost plus any additional penalties from vendors
Less than 45 days before departure	No refund

Standard Payment Plan

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Date</u>
\$400	Individual Deposit	Due July 1st 2019
\$500	Individual Payment	Due October 1 st 2019
\$1000	Individual Payment	Due December 1 st 2019
\$1000	Individual Payment	Due February 1 st 2020
Final Balance	Individual Payment	Due April 1 st 2020