TREASURES OF PORTUGAL & SOUTHERN SPAIN

March 9-23, 2020

15 days for $4,924 total price from Oklahoma City
($4,345 air & land inclusive plus $579 airline taxes and fees)

An Exclusive Small Group Tour Sponsored by the OU Alumni Association Sightseeing Sooners Program

This tour is provided by Odyssey Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Sooners from March 9-23, 2020, on an exclusive 15-day journey to discover the best of the Iberian Peninsula. Enjoy captivating sights, excellent cuisine, and memorable experiences while traveling overland from Lisbon to Madrid. Along the way, stay in intimate lodgings of Portugal’s pousadas and Spain’s paradores: medieval monasteries, historic fortresses, and stately palaces.

Begin with an exploration of Lisbon, including iconic Belém Tower and the National Palace of Queluz. Next, visit the Alentejo region, staying in one of Portugal’s finest pousadas in charming Evora – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Crossing into Spain, see Mérida, with its outstanding Roman ruins. Enjoy visits to Seville, the UNESCO World Heritage site of Cordoba, and Granada’s extraordinary Alhambra and Generalife Gardens. Explore Toledo, Spain’s medieval capital, before concluding in sophisticated Madrid. For those wishing to visit Spain’s bustling cultural and commercial capital, an optional four-day/three-night post-tour “Barcelona – On Your Own” extension is available.

This exclusive OU tour is limited to 24 guests total, so please call today to register!

Sincerely,

Lea Ann Quirk
Director of Alumni Travel
OU Alumni Association

THE OU RESERVATION FORM – TREASURES OF PORTUGAL & SOUTHERN SPAIN

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Treasures of Portugal & Southern Spain departing March 9, 2020. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or you may call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.

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Please book my/our air from ________________________________ I/We request an air upgrade to ____________
I will share a room with _____________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

Post-Tour “Barcelona – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up ❑

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Treasures of Portugal & Southern Spain, March 9-23, 2020, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _________________________________________________________________ Date _________________

Method of Payment ❑ Check ❑ American Express ❑ Discover ❑ MasterCard ❑ VISA
Account # _____________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date __________________
Name of Cardholder __________________________________________________________________________
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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
You’re invited on a distinctive small group journey through the Iberian Peninsula to the intimate lodgings of Spain’s paradores and Portugal’s pousadas. We feel the spell of Iberia’s rich Roman and Moorish past – and the pull of its vibrant contemporary life.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lisbon, Portugal

Day 2: Arrive Lisbon We arrive in the Portuguese capital and transfer to our hotel. As guests’ arrival times vary, we have no group activities planned during the day. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner.

Day 3: Lisbon/Queluz This morning’s city tour includes the Jerónimos Monastery, a masterpiece of Manueline architecture; iconic Belém Tower; and the Monument to the Discoveries commemorating Portugal’s storied explorers. Then we visit the National Palace of Queluz, the former residence of Portuguese royalty now used for state occasions. After returning to Lisbon, the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore as we wish.

Day 4: Lisbon/Evora Leaving Lisbon this morning, we travel through the rolling hills of the agricultural Alentejo district, with its bountiful fields of wheat, fragrant vineyards, and stands of olive and cork trees. After stopping for lunch in the fortified hilltop town of Monsaraz (pop. 150), late afternoon we arrive in Evora, capital of the Alentejo and site of our pousada, considered Portugal’s finest.

Day 5: Evora Our morning walking tour of Evora introduces us to the many charms of this architectural gem – a university town, prosperous regional capital, and UNESCO World Heritage site thanks to the many relics of its Roman and Moorish heritage. We sample Alentejo wines at a local winery and then the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy this “Golden Age” city as we wish.

Day 6: Evora/Mérida, Spain/Carmona Today we travel east through countryside peppered with the ruins of fortresses and castles to the Spanish border town of Mérida. Once the capital of ancient Lusitania (Latin for the kingdoms of Spain and Portugal), Mérida boasts outstanding Roman ruins. There’s time to explore and eat lunch on our own before we continue on to Carmona and our parador, a restored 14th-century Arab fortress.

Small Group Tour Highlights

Eight nights’ accommodations in distinguished historic lodgings • National Palace of Queluz, Portugal • Lisbon sightseeing, including Belém • Evora, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Roman ruins at Mérida • Moorish Toledo • Tour of Córdoba, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Seville and its renowned Catedral • Granada’s Alhambra and Generalife Gardens • Three-night stay in sophisticated Madrid • Madrid sightseeing, including Prado, Plaza Mayor, and Royal Palace

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1 Depart U.S. for Lisbon
2-3 Lisbon Corinthia Hotel Lisbon Deluxe
4-5 Evora Pousada dos Loios First Class
6-8 Carmona Parador de Carmona First Class
9-10 Ronda Parador de Ronda First Class
11 Úbeda Parador de Úbeda First Class
12-14 Madrid Wellington Hotel Deluxe
15 Depart Madrid for U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.
Day 7: Carmona/Seville  This morning we visit splendid Seville, Moorish capital of Spain’s Andalusia region and city of beauty and romance. This is the place that inspired Carmen and Don Giovanni; where fragrant orange trees and flower-bedecked balconies delight the senses; and home of the renowned Catedral, the world’s largest Gothic building. After a tour that includes the Alcázar palace and the Arab quarter, the afternoon is free to explore independently. We return to Carmona late afternoon and dine at our parador this evening.  B,D

Day 8: Carmona/Cordoba  Today’s visit to this cultural gem promises to be special indeed. First the capital of Roman Spain, then of Moorish Spain, Cordoba features some of the country’s most important monuments, including the Old Quarter built around the magnificent Mezquita mosque. It was here that the Moors ruled from the 8th to the 11th centuries and fostered a culture of learning and religious harmony known the world over. Cordoba also is home to Andalusia’s only synagogue to survive the expulsion of Spain’s Jews in the 15th century. After touring these and other highlights we have free time to explore on our own. Late this afternoon we return to our parador, where we dine tonight.  B,D

Day 9: Carmona/Ronda  Leaving Carmona this morning we travel south to tiny Ronda, one of Spain’s oldest and most aristocratic towns. It’s set high in the mountains with whitewashed houses clinging improbably to the edge of El Tajo Gorge – 500 feet deep and 300 feet wide.  B,L

Day 10: Ronda  This morning we take a walking tour of Ronda. We return to our parador, Ronda’s original town hall, for a special tapas lunch, then the rest of the day is free for independent exploration.  B,L

Day 11: Ronda/Granada/Úbeda  Continuing our journey, we travel today to Granada, the former stronghold of Moorish Spain set in the foothills of the snowcapped Sierra Nevada. The city’s undisputed highlight is the Alhambra, the extraordinary palace of Spain’s last Moorish rulers. Sprawled across a hilltop above the Darro River, the Alhambra commands breathtaking views of the city below, as we see on our afternoon tour of this splendid citadel. We also visit the Granadian-style Generalife, the palace’s acclaimed gardens. Late afternoon we travel north to Úbeda and our next parador, where we dine tonight.  B,D

We see iconic Belém Tower, the most photographed monument in Portugal, on Day 3.

Post-Tour Extension

March 23-26, 2020

BARCELONA – ON YOUR OWN

4 days/3 nights for $795 total price
Single Supplement: $355

Enjoy this bustling seaport, Spain’s cultural and commercial capital, with its medieval Gothic Quarter and popular Ramblas waterfront promenade.

Your Tour Price Includes:

• Air transportation Madrid/Barcelona, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
• 3 nights’ accommodations at Hotel Avenida Palace (Superior First Class)
• 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
• Transfers to/from airport
Day 12: Úbeda/Toledo/Madrid A highlight is in store today as we visit Toledo, capital of medieval Spain. Declared a Spanish National Landmark, the city is little changed visually from its 16th-century days as a subject for the artist El Greco. Toledo boasts an incomparable hilltop setting overlooking the Castillian plains and surrounded on three sides by the Tagus River. After lunch on our own we see Toledo’s most important sights on our guided tour, including the massive Gothic Cathedral begun in 1226 and not finished until 1493. Then we continue on to Madrid, arriving late afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own; perhaps to dine late as the Madrileños do. B

Day 13: Madrid Our morning tour of this monumental and dignified capital city includes vast Plaza Mayor, the Moorish medieval district, and opulent 18th-century Palacio Real (Royal Palace). Then we sample some of Madrid’s specialties over a lunch of tapas. Our tour ends at the Prado, one of the world’s greatest museums, displaying treasures by Spanish masters Goya, El Greco, and Velazquez. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. Well known for its “foodie” culture, Madrid offers a bounty of restaurants for dinner on our own tonight. B,L

Day 14: Madrid A free day to enjoy the Spanish capital as we wish. Tonight we bid “Adios” to Spain and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 15: Depart for U.S. We transfer to the airport this morning for our connecting flight to the U.S. B

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights’ accommodations: 5 nights in Deluxe hotels; 8 nights in First Class paradores and pousadas
- 25 meals: 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 9 dinners
- Regional wine with dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departs: March 9, 2020
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $579, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,195. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight:
Business Class – $3,595 per person; Premium Economy – $1,595 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade prices are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest.

For information about logistics or registration, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time
We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you may be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase nonrefundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.