

**Tentative Tour Itinerary**



Thank you for joining Collins Tours on this exciting journey through the Iberian Peninsula to the countries of Portugal and Spain! Discover Lisbon before relaxing on the pristine beaches of Portugal's Algarve Coast. Live like the rich and famous while exploring the beauty of Spain's Costa del Sol and Gibraltar (UK) before heading to Alicante, one of the most dynamic spots on Spain's sun-drenched Costa Blanca. We will cap off our tour in Catalonia's cosmopolitan and exciting city - Barcelona, the birthplace of world-renowned architect Antoni Gaudí. From thrilling cities to relaxing coastal towns, this tour has it all! Prepare your senses to be ignited by the wonders of this special corner of Europe. Your tour manager looks forward to meeting you and delivering a well-managed and enjoyable escape where all you have to do is... sit back, relax, and enjoy!

*-Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO*

**Day 1 - Thursday, Oct 22 - Home-Overnight Flight to Lisbon, Portugal**

- For those who have purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package, make your way to your local area airport for your assigned flight connecting in Montreal/Toronto to your overnight Air Canada flight to Lisbon. **NOTE: 1<sup>st</sup> checked piece of luggage is free for international flights (up to maximum of 50lbs). 2<sup>nd</sup> bag is an additional cost and based on weight. Additional fees apply for overweight and oversized bags. Carry-on luggage is free; your bag must be light enough that you can store it in the overhead bin unassisted with a maximum weight of 22lbs per carry-on bag.**
- Visit [www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com) for more details on luggage fees. Luggage payment is paid directly to Air Canada and not included in tour package for overweight or 2<sup>nd</sup> pieces of luggage. Fees are charged on both outbound & return flights. Please be sure to read the important information section regarding Valid Passports for check-in and traveling to Europe.

**Day 2 - Friday, Oct 23 - Altis Avenida Hotel, Lisbon, Portugal (Welcome Reception)**

- Please proceed to immigration, collect luggage and meet your tour manager and fellow travellers at the baggage carousel when you arrive at Lisbon airport. Your private motor coach will meet you at the airport and take you into the city centre for free time and to enjoy lunch.
- Later this afternoon you will be met by our professional local step-on guide for a city tour travelling by motor coach featuring: Alfama neighborhood, Sao Jorge Castle, Tower of Belem, Tower of the Discoverers, Praca do Comercio & city history. **Kindly note: some walking will be required during city tours as buses are not permitted or capable of travelling through some inner-city streets.**
- After our city tour, we will be taken to our beautiful home for the next two nights; the 5-star Altis Avenida hotel in the heart of Lisbon's historic centre close to all major attractions! Your tour manager will handle the group check-in process, distribute your rooms keys, and have your luggage delivered to your rooms; all a part of the signature Collins Tours service you will receive throughout our journey together.
- Tonight, enjoy an exclusive Collins Tours Welcome Reception (**included**) with your Tour Manager and fellow travellers. Enjoy wine, beer, and hot and cold appetizers while we toast to the natural beauty around us!
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening is on your own.



### Day 3 – Saturday, Oct 24 – Lisbon (B, Welcome Dinner)

- A delicious buffet breakfast is included at our hotel this morning.
- Today, enjoy a free day in Lisbon. You are welcome to enjoy, “The City Of Seven Hills” at your leisure and your own pace. It is a great day to look at sightseeing or visiting attractions on your own in Lisbon.
- Tonight, meet your tour manager and fellow travellers for an included deluxe Welcome Group Dinner at the rooftop restaurant in our 5-star hotel! **(includes wine or beer)**.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).

### Day 4 – Sunday, Oct 25 – Lisbon (B) **\*\*\*Optional Wine Tasting Excursion**

- Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast included at our hotel this morning.
- Join your tour manager and fellow travellers for an optional relaxed half-day escape just outside Lisbon, where we discover one of the region’s welcoming local wineries. Leaving the city behind, we make a short and comfortable drive into the surrounding countryside, known for its long-standing wine traditions and easygoing charm. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by knowledgeable hosts who will introduce you to the history of the estate and the role this region plays in Portugal’s diverse wine culture. Learn about the winemaking process and the characteristics that make these local wines unique. We will then enjoy a guided tasting of a selection of wines, offering a chance to sample regional varieties in a laid-back and authentic setting. A perfect way to spend a few hours, combining local flavour, good company, and a taste of Portugal just beyond the city. **(PRICE TBA)**.
- The remainder of the afternoon, dinner and evening are on your own (your expense).

### Day 5 – Monday, Oct 26 – Lisbon – 5-Star Luxury Collection Pine Cliffs Resort, Algarve, Portugal (B) – 9 Hole Golf Course on Site!

- This morning, enjoy the buffet breakfast **(included)** before checking out of your room in time for our departure. Your tour manager handles group hotel check out; a part of the signature Collins Tours service you will receive along our journey together.
- Today’s drive takes us from the capital city to the Algarve region of Portugal located on the rugged southern coast of the country; specifically, to the city of Albufeira – a centrally located resort town that hangs on the cliffs with breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean!
- We have scheduled a lunch stop along the way today (on your own).
- This afternoon we arrive at the luxurious, 5-star Luxury Collection Pine Cliffs Resort in the Algarve with beach views and an executive 9 Hole Golf Course. Your tour manager will once again check you in and assist the hotel with luggage handling, and distribute your room keys.
- Once settled in, enjoy a free evening exploring the resort property. Enjoy this Luxury Collection resort overlooking Portugal’s most famous beach, Falésia Beach! This beach can be accessed via a scenic walkway and panoramic elevator leading to a private area reserved for the Pine Cliffs resort guests. This beach is considered, by the reputable Conde Nast Traveler, to be in the top 3 most beautiful beaches of Portugal and Spain.
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening will be on your own (your expense).



### Day 6 – Tuesday, Oct 27 – Algarve (B, Group D) **\*\*\*Included Caves and Boat Tour valued at \$100 CAD per person\*\*\***

- Buffet breakfast is included at the hotel this morning.
- This morning, join your Tour Manager and fellow passengers for a 2.5-hour tour to see the coastline, caves, and possibly dolphins! Enjoy lunch (on your own) at the Albufeira Marina before returning to our hotel.
- Tonight, meet your fellow travellers and Tour Manager for another delicious group dinner in one of the restaurants at the resort **(included)**.

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- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).

## Day 7 – Wednesday, Oct 28 – Algarve (B)



- Buffet breakfast is included at the hotel this morning.
- Enjoy a full day at leisure in beautiful Albufeira, with your stay at the stunning Pine Cliffs Resort offering the perfect setting to relax and unwind. Take advantage of the resort's excellent facilities, from its serene pools and walking paths to its inviting cafés and restaurants, perfect for a relaxed lunch (your expense). For those looking to explore a little further, Albufeira's charming Old Town is just a short taxi ride away, where you can wander through narrow streets, browse local shops, or enjoy a drink along the lively waterfront.

- Whether you choose to spend the day soaking up the sun, enjoying the comforts of the resort, or venturing out to discover

more of the Algarve, this is your time to enjoy the region at your own pace.

- Dinner and the evening are on your own (your expense).

## Day 8 – Thursday, Oct 29 – Algarve – 4.5-Star Amare Beach Hotel, Marbella, Spain (B)

- Enjoy a buffet breakfast included at hotel this morning.
- Enjoy a relaxed morning before we check out of the resort. Luggage handling is included before our departure for Spain's Costa del Sol region!
- We will drive to Marbella today with lunch stop along the way near Seville (on own).
- We arrive late in the afternoon for check-in at the luxurious adult-only Amare Beach Hotel, our home for two nights. Our hotel is located on the promenade, and it is only 5 minutes' walking from Marbella's old town. Again, your tour manager will handle check-in for the group, distribute your room keys, and have your luggage delivered to your rooms.
- Free evening to explore and dinner on own (your expense).

## Day 9 – Friday, Oct 30 - Marbella (B, L, Group D) \*\*\*Included Ronda Excursion with Lunch

- Enjoy a buffet breakfast included at hotel this morning.
- Join your tour manager and fellow passengers for an excursion to one of the most visited destinations in southern Spain: Ronda, a stunning hill town filled with culture. We will invite a local guide to enjoy a historic city walking tour with a focus on the famous historic bridge. Lunch will be included at a local restaurant for today's excursion.
- We will return to your hotel this afternoon where you will have time to freshen up before dinner.
- Join your fellow travellers and tour manager for another delicious group dinner (**wine / beer included**) at an upscale restaurant.
- After dinner the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).



## Day 10 – Saturday, Oct 31 - Marbella (B) \*\*\*Optional Gibraltar Excursion

- Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast included at the hotel today.
- Join your fellow travellers and Tour Manager for an exciting optional excursion to Gibraltar. Discover this tiny piece of Britain clinging to the



Spanish coastline. If it is a clear day, you may be able to see Morocco to the south across the Strait of Gibraltar. Lunch will be included today on this special tour! **(Price TBA)**

- Note this excursion involves a moderate amount of walking. **You are also required to have your passport on hand to enter Gibraltar.**
- When we return to your resort in Marbella, enjoy a free evening to explore and dinner will be on your own (your expense).

### Day 11 – Sunday, Nov 1 – Marbella (B) **\*\*\*Optional Flamenco Show and Dinner**

- Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast included at the hotel.
- Today is yours to enjoy Marbella at your own pace, taking in the charm and elegance of this chic Costa del Sol destination.
- Join your tour manager and fellow travellers for an unforgettable evening as we experience the passion and intensity of authentic Spanish flamenco, paired with a delightful dinner. Set in an intimate venue in Marbella, this optional excursion offers a captivating glimpse into one of Spain's most iconic cultural traditions. As you enjoy a carefully prepared meal, the rhythm of flamenco comes alive through powerful music, expressive dance, and the soulful sound of live guitar and vocals. Each performance tells a story, blending emotion, artistry, and centuries of Andalusian heritage into a truly moving experience. A wonderful combination of local cuisine and culture, this memorable evening brings the spirit of southern Spain to life in a warm and atmospheric setting. **(PRICE TBA).**

### Day 12 – Monday, Nov 2 - Marbella – 4.5 Star Melia Alicante , Alicante, Spain (B)

- Enjoy another delicious buffet breakfast **(included)** and a relaxed morning before check-out.
- Take one last look at this beautiful city before driving east for Alicante on the Costa Blanca shoreline. We stop for lunch (on your own) along our route before our late afternoon arrival to check into Meliá Alicante hotel located very near Postiguet Beach and the Alicante Marina.
- Your tour manager will check you in and provide you with your room keys before having the hotel staff deliver your bags to your rooms.
- Dinner this evening can be enjoyed on your own (your expense).

### Day 13 – Tuesday, Nov 3 – Alicante (B, Group D)



- Enjoy the delicious buffet breakfast included at the hotel this morning.
- Today is a free day to enjoy Alicante, one of the most important tourist destinations in the Spanish east coast. Golf courses and the tranquil waters of the Mediterranean Sea add to the charm of this picturesque harbour city. Alicante sits at the foot of the Castle of Santa Barbara, a silent witness to the various civilizations that have settled here over the centuries.
- Take a walk through the narrow streets and alleyways and maybe visit the Gothic church of Santa María built on top of an old Arab mosque in the 16<sup>th</sup> century or perhaps visit the Casa de la Asegurada Museum, which has an important collection of contemporary art. Make

sure you take a stroll at the Explanada de España promenade, located across from the port which has a lively boulevard filled with terraces and cafés.

- Tonight, meet your fellow travellers and Tour Manager for another delicious group dinner in a nearby restaurant **(included)**.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is yours to explore (your expense)

## Day 14 – Wednesday, Nov 4 – Alicante – 5-Star Ohla Eixample Hotel, Barcelona, Spain (B)



- Buffet breakfast is included at our hotel before check-out and departure to Catalonia's cosmopolitan and exciting capital city – Barcelona, birthplace of world-renowned architect Antoni Gaudí.
- We stop for lunch (on own) along our route before our late-afternoon arrival to check into our final hotel, the 5-star Ohla Eixample Hotel. Located in Barcelona's l'Esquerra de l'Eixample district, it is the coolest neighbourhood in the world according to the Time Out international magazine thanks to its characteristic architecture where each block of apartments features its own interior courtyard.
- Your tour manager will check you in and provide you with your room keys before having the hotel staff deliver your bags to your rooms.
- Enjoy a free evening in Barcelona. Our hotel is located within a few minutes' walk of the city's major landmarks, such as Casa Batlló, Casa Milà, La Sagrada Família, and shopping districts, on the site of the original Teatro Calderón, completely immersed in the spirit of Barcelona.
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening tonight can be enjoyed on your own (your expense).

## Day 15 – Thursday, Nov 5 – Barcelona (B, Farewell Dinner)

- Buffet breakfast is included at our 5-star hotel today.
- This morning, we will invite our professional local guide to step on the bus with us and provide a comprehensive half-day included guided city tour of Barcelona. We will visit Montjuic and take advantage of a photo opportunity of Barcelona from the highest point in the city. This tour includes city highlights and a guided walking tour at the colourful Park Guell for a memorable journey into Antoni Gaudí's playful and imaginative world. This tour provides a great overview of the Barcelona area. **Kindly note: some walking will be required during city tours as buses are not permitted or capable of traveling through some inner-city streets.**
- Tonight, we gather for our final deluxe Farewell Group Dinner (**including wine or beer**) at an upscale restaurant located near our hotel. We will discuss our wonderful memories made together, plan our next journey and prepare for our return home to Canada.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening can be enjoyed on your own (your expense).

## Day 16 – Friday, Nov 6 – Barcelona – Return Flight Home (B)

- Breakfast included this morning.
- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Flight Package, we meet our private airport shuttle for a transfer to the airport. Thank you for traveling to Portugal and Spain with Collins Tours!
- If you've arranged airfare on your own, thank you for joining Collins Tours on this inspired adventure.

### **Hotel Contact Information:**

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| • Amare Beach Resort. Av. Severo Ochoa, 8, 29603 Marbella, Spain                          | Ph: +34 951 56 20 83 |
| • Meliá Alicante Hotel. Plaza del Puerto 3, 03001 Alicante, Spain                         | Ph: +34 965 20 50 00 |
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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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- Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport that is good for at least **THREE MONTHS BEYOND** your expected last day in Europe. Citizens of other countries should call and verify their documentation required.
- **Baggage allowance details:** For all Air Canada flights to and from Europe: You are allowed one personal and one carry on item at no charge (max dimension 23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm). You are also allowed one free checked bag (max weight 23 kg; \$100 fee for overweight bag each way). Airline fees for any checked baggage overages or additional bags (both outbound and inbound flights) are **NOT** included in your tour package and any additional costs are your responsibility paid directly to Air Canada.
- Currency used in Spain and Portugal is the **Euro**. Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 CAD per person when you have travelled outside Canada for at least 48 hours.
- All liquids/gels you plan to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag. Once at the security checkpoint, this bag must be removed from your carryon & placed in bin for TSA screening. Prescription medication should be kept in original container or carried with you during travel.
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- **REMEMBER**, your tour manager handles hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation with airlines, hotels, group activities, Customs and Immigration, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his/her experience to the fullest. **Gratuities for your Tour Manager are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying “Thank You,” for a job well done.
  - **Here are our guidelines on Tipping Etiquette:**
    - Collins Tours, Tour Manager - from \$8 - \$10 per person, per day
    - Bus driver 4€ - 5€ per person, per day
    - Private city tour guides- 3€ per person, per day



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