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Best of Portugal & Spain Tour

October 21 – November 3, 2027 (14 Days)

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 21 - Home–Overnight Flight to Lisbon, Portugal

- For those who have purchased the Collins Tours All-Inclusive Air Package, make your way to your local airport for your connecting flight in Toronto/Montreal, for your overnight Air Canada flight to Lisbon. **NOTE: 1st checked piece of luggage is free for international flights (up to maximum of 50lbs). 2nd 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 for more details on luggage fees. Luggage payment is paid directly to Air Canada and not included in tour package for overweight or 2nd 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 22 – Altis Avenida Hotel, Lisbon, Portugal (Welcome Reception)



- Upon arrival at the Lisbon airport, please proceed to customs & immigration and then to the baggage carousel to collect your luggage. Please remain in the baggage claim area until everyone has collected their luggage and the group is together. **Do not leave the baggage carousel without your tour manager.** Once the group is assembled, those who have purchased the Collins Tours All-Inclusive Air Package will board the motorcoach for an included transfer to Time Out Market, where we will enjoy lunch (your expense).
- After lunch, we will be met by our professional local step-on guide for a sightseeing tour of Lisbon by motorcoach, featuring the Alfama neighbourhood, Belém Tower, Monument to the Discoveries, Praça do Comércio and an introduction to the city's history. **Kindly note: some walking will be required during the city tour as the motor coach cannot access certain historic areas and narrow 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 **(1 bag per person included)**; all a part of the signature Collins Tours service you will receive throughout your journey

together. Please have your physical passport readily available as the hotel will require it to complete the check-in process.

- Tonight, enjoy an exclusive Collins Tours Welcome Reception **(included)** with your Tour Manager and fellow travellers in the hotel. Enjoy wine, beer, and hot and cold appetizers while we toast to the natural beauty around us!
- Following the Cocktail Reception, dinner and the remainder of the evening are on your own (your expense).

Day 3 – Saturday, Oct 23 – 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, your own pace and your expense. It is a great day for sightseeing or visiting attractions on your own in Lisbon.
- Tonight, meet your tour manager and fellow travellers for an included deluxe Welcome to the Iberian Peninsula Group Dinner at the rooftop restaurant in our 5-star hotel **(meal includes a glass of wine or beer).**
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).

Day 4 – Sunday, Oct 24 – Lisbon (B) ***Portuguese Wine Tasting & Lunch Optional Excursion

- Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast included at our hotel this morning.
- **OPTIONAL EXCURSION** - Join your tour manager and fellow travellers for a leisurely half-day excursion into the beautiful Azeitão region. Just outside Lisbon, the Azeitão region is known for its long-standing wine traditions and picturesque countryside. Upon arrival at the winery estate, we begin with an introduction to its rich history, followed by a leisurely stroll through the beautiful gardens and a visit to its historic cellars. Here, we discover where some of Portugal's most renowned wines mature, including Periquita and some of the oldest Setúbal Moscatels. The experience continues with a six-wine tasting, offering the opportunity to savour a selection of the estate's distinguished Portuguese wines, produced here for almost two centuries. This is followed by a delicious traditional Portuguese lunch at the estate's flagship restaurant, featuring local specialties served to share and paired with a selection of regional wines. This excursion offers a wonderful opportunity to experience Portugal's wine, food and traditions beyond Lisbon, all in one memorable afternoon. **(Price TBA).**
- The remainder of the afternoon, dinner and evening are on your own (your expense).

Day 5 – Monday, Oct 25 – Lisbon – 5-Star Luxury Collection Pine Cliffs Resort, Algarve, Portugal (B) – 9 Hole Golf Course on Site!

- Enjoy another buffet breakfast **(included)** before checking out of your room in preparation for our departure. Before leaving the hotel, please ensure that any personal charges or incidentals have been settled with the front desk.
- This morning, hotel porters will collect your luggage **(1 bag per person included)** from your room and load it onto the motorcoach. Your tour manager will advise of the scheduled luggage collection time and will handle the 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 our route today (your expense).
- This afternoon we arrive at the elegant, 5-star Luxury Collection Pine Cliffs Resort in the Algarve with beach access and an executive 9-hole golf course. Your tour manager will once again assist with the hotel check-in process, distribute your room keys and have your luggage delivered to your rooms **(1 bag per person included)**. Please have your physical passport readily available, as the hotel will require it to complete the check-in process.
- Once settled, 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 26 – Algarve (B, Group D) **Included Caves and Boat Tour- Valued at $125 CAD per Person**

- Buffet breakfast is included at the hotel this morning.
- This morning, join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for an exciting half-day adventure along the spectacular Algarve coastline. Set out from the Albufeira Marina and cruise along approximately 18 km of dramatic coastline, passing beautiful beaches, striking rock formations and spectacular sea caves, including the famous Benagil Cave. Then, we head out into the sea in search of wild dolphins in their natural environment. Keep watch for these magnificent creatures, as well as seabirds, flying fish and other marine life that may be encountered along the way. Following the cruise, enjoy lunch at Albufeira Marina on your own (your expense) before returning to the hotel. **Kindly note: conditions at sea can be cool. We recommend bringing a warm layer of clothing or jacket.**



- Tonight, meet your fellow travellers and tour manager for another delicious group dinner in one of the restaurants at the resort **(included).**
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).

Day 7 –Wednesday, Oct 27 – Algarve – 4.5-Star Amare Beach Hotel, Marbella, Spain (B) ***Flamenco Show and Dinner Optional Excursion

- Enjoy another buffet breakfast **(included)** before checking out of your room in preparation for our departure. Before leaving the hotel, please ensure that any personal charges or incidentals have been settled with the front desk.
- This morning, hotel porters will collect your luggage **(1 bag per person included)** from your room and load it onto the motorcoach. Your tour manager will advise of the scheduled luggage collection time and will handle the hotel check-out.
- We will drive to Marbella today with lunch stop along the way (on your own).
- We arrive late in the afternoon for check-in at the luxurious adult-only Amare Beach Hotel, our home for the next three nights. Our hotel is located on the promenade, and it is only a 5 minute walk from Marbella's old town. Your tour manager will handle check-in for the group, distribute your room keys, and have your luggage delivered to your rooms **(1 bag per person included)**.
- **OPTIONAL EXCURSION** - Join your tour manager and fellow travellers for a memorable evening of Spanish flavours and authentic flamenco in the heart of Marbella. Begin the evening with a delicious tapas dinner (1 drink per person included) featuring a selection of traditional Spanish flavours in an intimate and welcoming setting. Following dinner, take your seats for an authentic flamenco performance, where the passion and intensity of southern Spain come to life through powerful music, expressive dance, live guitar and vocals. Experience an unforgettable evening combining traditional tapas, Spanish hospitality and the captivating artistry of flamenco. **(Price TBA)**
- Free evening to explore and dinner on own (your expense) if you are not joining the optional excursion.

Day 8 – Thursday, Oct 28 - Marbella (B) **Discover Gibraltar Optional Excursion (Lunch Included if Joining the Optional Excursion)

- Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast included at the hotel today.
- **OPTIONAL EXCURSION** - Join your fellow travellers and tour manager for an exciting optional excursion to Gibraltar, a fascinating British territory set against the southern coast of Spain. Cross the border and discover

the unique blend of British and Mediterranean influences that make Gibraltar unlike anywhere else on your journey. We will travel by vehicle to the summit of the Rock of Gibraltar, taking in spectacular views across the Strait of Gibraltar and, on a clear day, as far as the coast of North Africa. Along the way, encounter Gibraltar's famous macaques, the only wild monkeys found in Europe. As part of today's tour, we will explore the fascinating St. Michael's Cave, a spectacular natural cavern within the Rock, and we will venture into the historic Great Siege Tunnels, an impressive network carved into the limestone that played an important role in Gibraltar's military history. Following our exploration of the Rock, enjoy an included lunch before returning to Marbella. This memorable excursion combines dramatic scenery, fascinating history, unique wildlife and a taste of British culture on the Mediterranean. **Kindly note: this excursion involves a moderate amount of walking when visiting St. Michael's Cave and the Great Siege Tunnels. Important: you are required to have your passport on hand to enter Gibraltar. (Price TBA)**



- When we return to your resort in Marbella, enjoy a free evening to explore and dinner will be on your own (your expense).

Day 9 – Friday, Oct 29 - Marbella (B, L, Group D) ***Included Ronda Excursion with Lunch

- Enjoy another 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 professional 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. **Please note this excursion involves a moderate amount of walking as the motorcoach cannot access the town centre.**



- We will return to your hotel this afternoon where you will have time to freshen up before our dinner together.
- Join your fellow travellers and tour manager for another delicious group dinner with a glass of wine or a beer in the hotel's restaurant **(included).**
- After dinner the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).

Day 10 – Saturday, Oct 30 - Marbella – 4.5-Star INNSiDE by Meliá Alicante Porta Maris, Alicante, Spain (B)

- Enjoy another buffet breakfast **(included)** before checking out of your room in preparation for our departure. Before leaving the hotel, please ensure that any personal charges or incidentals have been settled with the front desk.
- This morning, hotel porters will collect your luggage **(1 bag per person included)** from your room and load it onto the motorcoach. Your tour manager will advise of the scheduled luggage collection time and will handle the hotel check-out; a part of the signature Collins Tours service you will receive along our journey together.
- We stop for lunch (your expense) along our route before our late afternoon arrival to check into the INNSiDE by Meliá Alicante Porta Maris hotel located very near Postiguet Beach and the Alicante Marina.
- Your tour manager will assist with the group check-in, distribute your rooms keys and have the hotel staff deliver your bags **(1 bag per person included)** to your rooms.
- Dinner this evening can be enjoyed on your own (your expense).

Day 11 – Sunday, Oct 31 – 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 16th 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 Explananda 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 a delicious tapas-style group dinner **(included).**
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is yours to explore (your expense).

Day 12 – Monday, Nov 1 – Alicante – 5-Star Ohla Eixample Hotel, Barcelona, Spain (B)

- Enjoy another buffet breakfast **(included)** before checking out of your room in preparation for our departure to Catalonia's cosmopolitan and exciting capital city – Barcelona, birthplace of world-renowned architect Antoni Gaudí. Before leaving the hotel, please ensure that any personal charges or incidentals have been settled with the front desk.
- This morning, hotel porters will collect your luggage **(1 bag per person included)** from your room and load it onto the motorcoach. Your tour manager will advise of the scheduled luggage collection time and will handle the hotel check-out; a part of the signature Collins Tours service you will receive along our journey together.
- We stop for lunch (your expense) 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 the group in, provide you with your room keys before having the hotel staff deliver your bags to your rooms **(1 bag per person included)**.
- 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, and shopping districts.
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening tonight can be enjoyed on your own (your expense).

Day 13 – Tuesday, Nov 2 – 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 **(entrance tickets included)** for a memorable journey into Antoni Gaudi'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 **(included)**. 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 14 – Wednesday, Nov 3 – Barcelona – Return Flight Home (B)

- Enjoy your last buffet breakfast in Spain **(included)** before checking out of your room in preparation for our departure to the airport. Before leaving the hotel, please ensure that any personal charges or incidentals have been settled with the front desk.
- This morning, hotel porters will collect your luggage **(1 bag per person included)** from your room. Your tour manager will advise of the scheduled luggage collection time and will handle the hotel check-out; a part of the signature Collins Tours service you will receive along our journey together.
- For those who purchased the Collins Tours All-Inclusive Flight Package, we meet our driver for a transfer to Barcelona 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.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are only a guideline and may be modified by your tour manager. Times on tour itineraries are only estimates as various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues in all forms of transportation, emergencies, and or an "Act of God," can influence tour timing. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by unforeseen events described above or not described above yet may cause similar outcomes. No refunds/reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrence.
- 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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any portion of your planned vacation you have that may or may not be missed. These costs, if any, will be paid directly by the traveler and submitted through the appropriate persons travel insurance for reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance, trip cancellation and interruption coverage, or quarantine insurance. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd does not anticipate any such concerns or events and only wishes for everyone to ensure proper travel insurance has been purchased in advance.

- 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 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

Thank you for traveling with Collins Tours.
We look forward to assisting you with all your future travel plans!

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