



SMALL GROUP
Maximum of
24 Travelers

**LAND
JOURNEY**

Iberian Treasures

Spain & Portugal's
Less Traveled Regions

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Envision the glory of the Roman Empire at Spain's impressively preserved ruins: **Segovia's monumental aqueduct** and **Mérida's stunning theater**.
- ▶ Stay in **medieval, walled Trujillo** overlooking the plains of Extremadura, the rugged birthplace of New World conquistadors.
- ▶ Stroll through **magnificent Toledo**, graced with the heritage of three cultures.
- ▶ Roam the winding medieval streets and quiet squares of **old Cáceres**, where history resonates from the stones.
- ▶ Take in incredible landscapes of sweeping plains and rolling hills dotted with olive and cork trees in **Portugal's alluring Alentejo region**.
- ▶ Delight in **charming Vila Viçosa**, a jewel in the Alentejo countryside.
- ▶ Experience seven **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Madrid, Spain, at the first-class Wellington Hotel.
- **4 nights** in Trujillo at the first-class Parador de Trujillo.
- **3 nights** in Vila Viçosa, Portugal, at the deluxe Alentejo Marmoris Hotel & Spa.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Discovery excursions** and **Personalize Your Journey** | **PYJ** choices highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:**
We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city✈
- Day 2** Arrive in Madrid and transfer➡ to hotel
- Day 3** Madrid
- Day 4** Segovia
- Day 5** Toledo | Trujillo
- Day 6** Trujillo
- Day 7** Cáceres | Trujillo
- Day 8** Monastery of Guadalupe
- Day 9** Mérida | Vila Viçosa
- Day 10** Elvas | Estremoz | Vila Viçosa
- Day 11** Évora
- Day 12** Transfer➡ to Lisbon airport and depart for gateway city✈

✈Flights and ➡transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



Vila Viçosa



**SPARTAN
PATHWAYS TRAVEL**
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Discovery

Madrid and Spanish Art. In Spain's regal capital, admire works by Velázquez, Rubens, Goya, El Greco and others during a Prado Museum tour. Enjoy some free time on your own and a scenic tour with stops at the Plaza Mayor and the stately Palacio Real.

Segovia. Step back in time to old Castile as you see the Plaza Mayor and the glorious Gothic cathedral. Tour the fairy-tale Alcázar, the fortified palace of the Castilian kings, and marvel at the massive Roman Aqueduct, one of the best-preserved in the world.

Toledo. Spain's majestic former capital dazzles with its unique blend of Christian, Jewish and Muslim cultures. See the Puerta de la Bisagra, then visit the cathedral, Santa María la Blanca synagogue and the Santo Tomé church to see El Greco's masterwork, "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz."

Trujillo. Stroll through this romantic town, your home base in the beautiful Extremadura province, the land of Spain's 16th-century conquistadors. Visit the grand Plaza Mayor with its statue of Francisco Pizarro and walk to see the medieval old town's gems.

Old Town of Cáceres. Go inside the old town's medieval walls to take in its splendid mix of architectural styles on a guided walk. See ancient towers, plazas and arches, then visit the Santa María Cathedral. Walk in the Jewish quarter and explore a fortress tower.

Guadalupe's Magnificent Monastery. Discover this exquisite jewel built on the site where the Virgin Mary appeared to a shepherd in the 14th century, according to legend. Admire the monastery's gorgeous architectural details and its artistic treasures.

Mérida. At Mérida's finely preserved ruins, witness remarkable vestiges of Rome's 700-year-rule over Spain. Stand in the ancient theater still in use today and see the amphitheater where gladiators fought.

Elvas and Marble Towns of Estremoz & Vila Viçosa. Amid the wild splendor of Portugal's Alentejo region, visit Elvas, a highly fortified town rich in character and history. Explore gleaming Estremoz and Vila Viçosa, filled with traditional architecture adorned with marble quarried in the region.

Évora and the Golden Age of Portugal. Surprises await around every corner in this breathtaking city, an open-air museum of the many chapters in Portugal's intriguing past.

PYJ | A choice of unique excursions:

Trujillo, Spain

- Medieval Evening Walk
- Gourmet Tour & Evening Walk
- Mysterious Trujillo & Holy Inquisition Evening Walk

Enrichment

► **Spain & Portugal: Kingdoms of Iberia**

► **Extremadura: Land of the Conquistadors**

► **Alentejo: Portugal's Best Kept Secret**

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic City of Toledo
2. Old Town of Segovia and its Aqueduct
3. Old Town of Cáceres
4. Royal Monastery of Santa María de Guadalupe
5. Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida
6. Historic Center of Évora
7. Garrison Border Town of Elvas and its Fortifications



Cáceres



Roman theater in Mérida

Accommodations

Hotel Wellington ○○○○○

Parador de Trujillo ○○○○○

Alentejo Marmoris Hotel & Spa ○○○○○



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AHI Sustainability Promise

We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit, whenever possible.

Environmental Impact | Thoughtful choices to minimize our environmental footprint: eco-friendly transportation, guided walks in lieu of bus tours and less plastic waste.

Social Impact | Ongoing initiatives to support local businesses that employ and benefit people in the community. Curating meaningful experiences by staying in intimately sized locales instead of cities affected by overtourism.

Economic Impact | Community-based tourism using expert local guides and lecturers, plus program scheduling during quieter, "shoulder seasons."

AHI Travel Expertise

Passenger Service Representative | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides and lecturers | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our **personalized air program** features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

DATES & PRICES

April 20 – May 1, 2022

From Price **\$4,245**

Special Savings **\$250**

Special Price \$3,995

VAT is an additional \$395 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$795 (limited availability).