



PANORAMA CRUISE & TRAVEL

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Highlights include:

- 2 nights San Sebastian including Pintxo tour.
- Guggenheim Museum Bilbao.
- 2 nights El Transcantabrico Classic train cruise, an experience not to miss.
- Spaces on this tour **are limited** to maintain the specialness of this experience.
- Gentle pace with mainly 2 or 3 night stays.
- The Roman town of Portus and the spectacular Douro Valley.
- Lunch & wine tasting at the lovely Quinta da Pacheca.
- Dine & Stay at Palace do Bussaco (built for the last king of Portugal in 1885).
- Several speciality dining experiences and wine tastings including a farewell dinner in the oldest restaurant in Portugal.
- Sintra a UNESCO world listed city.



SPAIN & PORTUGAL **23 Days Departing: 06 Jun 2015**



Included for \$12,698.00*:-

**Conditions are outlined in the completed itinerary.*

- All Airfares Economy class including airport & airline taxes
- All 4 star hotels + a 5 star Palace stay.
- Private air conditioned minibus/coach tour, with a professional & experienced English speaking tour director, plus private special location guides.
- 3 Day El Transcantabrico Classic train cruise.
- All breakfasts, four lunches & nine dinners including several speciality dinners as specified on itinerary
- All transfers, sightseeing including entrance fees as indicated in itinerary.
- Gratuities and tips for Guides and Drivers.
- Return transport Bathurst to Sydney.
- Price is per person based on two people per room.

Experience the difference of one of Panorama Cruise and Travel's Small Group holidays. Call Robert or Greg 02 63317044



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Full Itinerary

Sat. 06 JUNE Depart BATHURST

Meet for your transfer to Sydney International Airport to catch your flight to Spain.

Sun. 07 JUNE ARRIVE BARCELONA

Welcome to Barcelona! On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy this wonderful city, Spain's second city and capital of the region of Catalunya. A walk along Barcelona's most famous boulevard 'Las Ramblas' is a bustling street of cafes, shops and street vendors. As evening falls, the group will come together to enjoy a Welcome Dinner. Dinner at the hotel. **Overnight Barcelona (D) Hotel Barcelona Center 4***

Mon. 08 JUNE BARCELONA

After breakfast, this morning you have a half day tour with local guide, visiting some of Barcelona's monuments. The tour begins in the historic centre, visiting places such as Via Laietana, the cathedral and its cloister, the Gothic Quarter and Plaça Sant Jaume. Continue on to visit the Passeig de Gracia, and Gaudi's famous building Casa Batlló (outside) and Casa Milà (outside), followed by Gaudi's famed Sagrada Familia church, an emblem of a city and Gaudi's greatest work. Work began in 1883 and even now construction continues, financed by public subscriptions. Enjoy a typical Barcelona lunch. This afternoon is at leisure. **Overnight Barcelona (B, L) Hotel Barcelona Center 4***

Tue. 09 JUNE BARCELONA – ZARAGOZA – PAMPLONA – SAN SEBASTIAN

Today your coach services begin. Travel north to San Sebastian via Zaragoza and Pamplona. In the evening enjoy a Pintxo tour! This is a special group dining experience, sampling the very finest pintxos (tapas) in San Sebastián. Using our expert, up-to-the-minute knowledge, we guide you on an informal and inspiring culinary experience, hopping-from-bar-to-bar on an evening of eating and drinking your way around the Old Town of San Sebastián. **Overnight San Sebastian (B) Hotel Silken Amara Plaza 4*.**



Wed. 10 JUNE SAN SEBASTIAN

On this morning city tour with local guide, experience the architecture, history and fabulous food culture of our city taking in local landmarks, churches, plazas and bars. Through the quaintness that is Parte Vieja (Old Town) with its narrow streets that seem to be endless! Free afternoon at your leisure. In the evening enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. **Overnight San Sebastian (B, D) Hotel Silken Amara Plaza 4*.**

Thu. 11 JUNE SAN SEBASTIAN – BILBAO – ESPINOSA DE LOS MONTEROS

After breakfast, you have a mid-morning departure for Bilbao to meet with the El Transcantabrico Classic train. There will be a reception on board the train at 10:00 at the Concordia Station in Bilbao. You will enjoy a trip around the city and a visit to the Guggenheim Museum. Have lunch and spend some free time in the city before travelling by



train to Espinosa de Los Monteros, where you will have dinner and spend the night. **Overnight El Transcantabrico Classic (B, L, D)**



Fri. 12 JUNE ESPINOSA DE LOS MONTEROS – MATAPORQUERA – CISTIerna

Whilst having breakfast, the train will arrive in Mataporquera. You will travel by coach to the Canal de Castilla, Carrion de los Condes, Fromista and Villalcazar de Sirga, where you will have lunch. You will travel by train to the Roman town of La Olmeda, later continuing on to Cistierna where you will have dinner and spend the night.

Overnight El Transcantabrico Classic (B, L, D)

Sat. 13 JUNE CISTIerna – LEON

On the last day on board the El Transcantabrico Classic train, whilst breakfast is being served, you will arrive in Leon. You will take a trip around the city whilst your coach takes your luggage to the Parador de San Marcos which will bring your train journey to an end at 14:00. Transfer to your hotel. **Overnight Leon (B) Hotel Tryp Leon 4***.

Sun. 14 JUNE LEON – MADRID

After breakfast, your coach services recommence today. Travel south to the capital of Spain, Madrid! Spain's capital is situated close to the geographical centre of the country. Madrid's main attractions include three

internationally famous art galleries, a royal palace, grand public squares and many museums filled with the treasures of Spain's history. Stretching from the Medieval Plaza de la Villa to the busy Puerta del Sol, the compact heart of Old Madrid is rich in history and full of interesting sights. Dinner at a local restaurant. **Overnight Madrid (B, D) Hotel Husa Princesa 4***



Mon. 15 JUNE MADRID

This morning you will take a half day guided tour down the wide tree-lined avenues to see the busy Puerta del Sol, Gran Via, Paseo de la Castellana, Cibeles Fountain, the Cervantes Monument in the Plaza de España and the

Plaza Mayor. You then visit the Prado Museum, one of the internationally famous art galleries in Madrid. The Prado is the best Neo-classic construction in Madrid, with an enormous collection of masterpieces of Spanish painters, such as Goya, Velazquez, Zurbarán, as well as other Europeans masters like Rubens, Bosch and many more. The afternoon will be at leisure to further explore this city on your own; you may like to visit the Retiro Park. **Overnight Madrid (B) Hotel Husa Princesa 4***



Tue. 16 JUNE MADRID – SALAMANCA

Continue on the road to Salamanca via Avila for a brief stop. The centre of the city is encircled by the finest-preserved medieval walls in Europe. Built in the 11th century, the walls are over 2km long and they are punctuated by 88 studded turrets. Continue onto Salamanca. **Overnight Salamanca (B) NH Palacio Castellanos 4***.

Wed. 17 JUNE SALAMANCA

This morning you have a half day tour of historical Salamanca. Salamanca is a wonderful university town, with great traditions and a magnificent old quarter. **Overnight Salamanca (B) NH Palacio Castellanos 4***.

Thu. 18 JUNE SALAMANCA – CIUDAD RODRIGO – PORTO

This morning the group is met at the hotel in Salamanca and driven to Porto via Ciudad Rodrigo. Arrival into Porto and enjoy free time. The present city of Porto occupies the site of the Roman town of Portus, sprawling down the long, steep north bank of the Douro, 6km from the sea. Dinner at the hotel, including alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. **Overnight Porto (B, D) Hotel Vila Gale Porto.**



Fri. 19 JUNE PORTO

Morning tour of the city: Visit Rua de Santa Catarina (Majestic Café), Avenida dos Aliados, Sé (Oporto Cathedral), Praça da Batalha and Praça do Infante. Brief passage through the mouth of the river Douro and the Fort of São Francisco Xavier (Castelo do Queijo). Visit to the Torre dos Clérigos (Clergymen's Tower) and to the Lello Bookstore, considered one of the most beautiful in the world. Stop at the São Bento Station and then crossing the D. Luis Bridge to visit the area of Vila Nova de Gaia, with passage on the famous riverside area and visit to the Oporto wine cellars. Afternoon free at leisure. **Overnight Porto (B) Hotel Vila Gale Porto.**

Sat. 20 JUNE PORTO – DOURO VALLEY – PORTO

A tour today to the beautiful Douro Valley. Home to the first demarcated wine region in the world, the steep hills of the valley are lined with vines and famous port estates. You will first stop in Amarante where you will visit the S.Gonçalo Church and historical centre. Departure towards Mesao Frio, with a stop to appreciate the view of the Douro River before continuing to Peso da Regua for a visit and wine tasting at the lovely Quinta da Pacheca. Enjoy lunch at the winery before continuing onto Pinhão, a small town 25km east of Peso da Regua, famous for its quality port-wine production followed by a short visit to Vila Real's historical centre. Arrival back in Oporto. **Overnight Porto (B, L) Hotel Vila Gale Porto.**



Sun. 21 JUNE PORTO – AVEIRO – BUSSACO

Travel south to Bussaco. In a clearing in the centre of the park stands a former royal hunting lodge, now a fine hotel. Its appearance is unusual, the design being a pastiche of the Manueline style. This legendary palace, built for the last kings of Portugal in 1885, was converted into a deluxe hotel in 1917, providing the very best of Portuguese hospitality. Dinner at the hotel including alcoholic and non- alcoholic drinks. **Overnight Bussaco (B, D) Hotel Palace do Bussaco 5***

Mon. 22 JUNE BUSSACO – COIMBRA – ALCOBACA – OBIDOS

Today you head further south to Obidos. Enjoy a stop in Coimbra, Portugal's third largest city, which tumbles down a steep riverbank by the Mondego River. The city offers a fine museum, Museu Machado de Castro, and a regal university quarter, plus mansions, monasteries and churches, including the most imposing Romanesque church in the country. Continue back on the road to Batalha for panoramic tour and Alcobaca. Return to the road and head further south to Obidos. Free evening at leisure. **Overnight Obidos (B) Hotel Real D'Obidos.**

Tue. 23 JUNE OBIDOS – SINTRA – LISBON

The group heads to the UNESCO World Heritage listed city of Sintra for a sightseeing stop. The tall conical chimneys of the Palacio Nacional de Sintra and the fabulous Palacio da Pena are unmistakable landmarks. Continue on your journey south onto Lisbon. Tonight enjoy a Fado dinner and show. **Overnight Lisbon (B, D) Hotel Marques de Pombal 4*.**



Wed. 24 JUNE LISBON

Enjoy a city tour today. The tour will head south to the Rossio district, continuing for a little walk in Alfama, the oldest and the most picturesque quarter of the city, proceeding along the riverside to enjoy Praça do Comercio, ex libris of Lisbon, and one of the Tagus Bridges, crossing to the suburb of Belem, where you will visit the Torre de Belem, the Jeronimos Monastery and the Monument to the Discoveries. A gourmet highlight today is a stop at the famous "Casa Pasteis de Belem" to sample a delicious "pastel de nata" or Portuguese custard tart. Your driver will then take you back to the city centre, to the Castelo San Jorge. **Overnight Lisbon (B) Hotel Marques de Pombal 4*.**

Thu. 25 JUNE LISBON

Free day at leisure. Lisbon's sights are best savoured on foot offering pleasures which extend beyond traditional sights. Farewell dinner at Restaurante Tavares, the oldest restaurant in Portugal. **Overnight Lisbon (B, D) Hotel Marques de Pombal 4*.**

Fri. 26 JUNE DEPART LISBON

Departure transfer to the airport for your flight home. **(B)**

Sat. 27 JUNE Arrive SYDNEY - BATHURST

Arrive Sydney and transfer to Bathurst.



Cost

The cost is per person based on two people per room \$12,698.00*

*Cost is based on the current USD rates and current fuel costs, airfares etc. Any significant change in these would have to mean an ammendment of the cost. As a general rule, costs are fixed when total moneys are paid.

Single room supplement is available for \$1720.00

Included in costs-

Package includes:-

- Meals as specified on itinerary (B) breakfast, (L) lunch, (D) dinner
- Economy class flights and all airport taxes
- All transfers, sightseeing as indicated in itinerary.
- All Entrance fees to all attractions included in the itinerary.

Not included in costing –

- Meals not specified
- Beverages not specified
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (recommended by Aust. Government and Panorama Cruise & Travel)
- Non Australian passport holders may also require a visa or Australian re-entry certificate.
- Any services not specified in the above inclusions.

Spaces on this tour are limited to maintain the specialness of the expearance. A place on the tour can only be held by a non refundable deposit of \$3500 per person (this will include the purchase of a non refundable non changeable airfare).

Payment of the balance will be due on or before Mon 02 Feb. 2015

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