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Classical Cities of

# Spain

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**October 19-27, 2021**

Featuring Professor Marsha S. Collins



# A World of Discovery

Journey into the heart of Spain, where regal cities, magnificent architecture and world-famous masterpieces are yours to explore and enjoy.

What sets our journey to Segovia apart is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the region's people, places and culture, especially at this important time in history. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic experiences, AHI invests in each destination, its people and local ways of life. Enriching and transformative, our journeys deliver new insights as we rediscover a global community more eager than ever to engage.

The value of the AHI journey is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These thoughtful professionals create a welcoming atmosphere while handling every last detail so you can focus on the wonder before you. We also partner with knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines.

Designed for you, the Curious Traveler, this AHI journey invites you to open a new chapter that begins inside the classical cities of soulful Spain.

*Above: Ancient walls of Ávila | Cover photo: Segovia*

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Stay in the **heart of Segovia's old town** at a 17th-century convent-turned-deluxe hotel.
- ▶ Marvel at Segovia's **Roman aqueduct** and fairy-tale **Alcázar**.
- ▶ Feast your eyes on the **"Golden City" of Salamanca**.
- ▶ Sip **Duero Valley wines** over a delicious lunch at a hacienda.
- ▶ Survey the medieval wall that surrounds the **historic city of Ávila**.
- ▶ Admire the stunning cityscape of **Toledo, Spain's former capital**.
- ▶ Study the masterpieces in Madrid's celebrated **Prado Museum**.



**Marsha S. Collins**

Marsha S. Collins is a Professor in the Department of English and Comparative Literature at UNC-Chapel Hill. She is a hispanist and a comparatist, specializing in the Literature and Culture of Early Modern Spain in relation to other European Literatures and Cultures of the 16th and 17th centuries. She is the author of *Imagining Arcadia in Renaissance Romance* (Routledge, 2016), and is currently writing a book on friendship and community in Miguel de Cervantes's *Don Quixote*. Professor Collins earned her PhD at Princeton University.



**Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,**

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends as you stroll Spain's maze-like alleyways, enjoy tapas in historic plazas and move through magnificent landmarks like a local. Spain's proud, regal landmarks are an integral part of everyday life. Engage with a global community while discovering new insights on your comprehensive journey.

Stay in a 400-year-old convent hotel in enchanting Segovia. See a fascinating mix of cultures woven together in Toledo beneath El Greco's epic sky. Hear the purest form of the Spanish language in the ancient university town of Salamanca. Gaze at Spanish masterpieces at the Prado in Madrid and embrace saintly Ávila and palatial splendor in San Ildefonso.

This exciting journey has been thoughtfully planned with enriching lectures by local experts to expand your understanding of this historic Spanish region. It also combines the security, ease and camaraderie of group travel with opportunities to make your own discoveries during free time. Space on this exclusive journey is limited, and this trip is sure to sell out quickly, so book this experience today.

Yours at Carolina,

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*Plaza Mayor, Segovia*





### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Madrid, Spain. 🌐

### Day 2 | Madrid, Spain | Segovia

Upon arrival, transfer 🔄 to Segovia and check in to the Eurostars Convento Capuchinos.

**Enrichment: Contemporary Spain.** Learn about life and current topics in Spain today.

Tonight, get better acquainted with your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

### Day 3 | Segovia

**Discovery: Segovia.** Step back in time to Old Castile as you explore Segovia's ochre-tinged landmarks, stone bridges and lively streets. See the Plaza Mayor and the glorious Gothic Cathedral. Stroll through the threshold of the fairytale-like Alcazar, a magnificent cliffside fortress said to have inspired Walt Disney's design for Sleeping Beauty's castle. Later, marvel at Segovia's monumental Roman Aqueduct standing guard over the Old City.

Enjoy lunch with your group at a traditional Segovian restaurant.

**Free Time:** The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to explore Segovia or relax at the hotel.

### Day 4 | Salamanca

**Discovery: Salamanca.** Set your sights on Salamanca, home of the oldest university in Spain. Enjoy an insightful introduction as you explore the "Golden City" with an expert guide and take advantage of some free time along the way. See the honey-colored Plaza Mayor,

considered one of the country's most beautiful squares, and a cherished landmark, Casa de las Conchas, adorned with shells. Witness the city's bustling Universidad established by Alfonso IX in 1218, and step inside the city's two famous cathedrals which are joined together: the Romanesque Old Cathedral and the baroque New Cathedral.

🌐 **AHI Connects: Wines of Spain.**

A grape-growing center since ancient times, Spain's tranquil Duero Valley sets the scene for a lunch and wine tasting at a local hacienda.

### Day 5 | Madrid

**Discovery: Madrid & Spanish Art.** Travel to Madrid, Spain's regal yet relaxed capital, where a private guide will escort you through the galleries of the world-famous Prado Museum, home to masterpieces by Rubens, Velázquez, Goya, El Greco and more. Then choose a special spot for an independent lunch before rejoining the group. Madrid's sun-kissed streets are lively and



Top: Salamanca | Above: Wine tasting, Duero Valley



Ávila

inviting. Soak up the street theater during a panoramic tour with stops at the Plaza Mayor and the Palacio Real, and enjoy some free time afterward.

Taste a variety of delectable Spanish specialties at a tapas dinner this evening.

### Day 6 | **Ávila**

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**Free Time:** Sleep in or explore your surroundings before visiting lovely Ávila.

Journey to Ávila, where your first destination is the enchanting Parador de Ávila.

**Enrichment: *The History of Castile.***

Sit down to an enlightening discussion about pivotal figures in Spanish history, including Ferdinand of Aragon, Isabella of Castile and explorer Christopher Columbus.

Savor lunch at the Parador after your lecture.

**Discovery: *Ávila.*** Step inside Ávila's walls and embrace this fascinating UNESCO World Heritage city. Acclaimed for its well-preserved medieval heritage, Ávila is also an important pilgrimage destination as the birthplace of Saint Teresa, the Roman Catholic saint. Visit its celebrated cathedral built into the city walls

and take an up-close look at the mix of architectural styles and religious artistry.

**Free Time:** Wander along Ávila's intimate alleyways, enjoy the ancient turrets and gates, or sip a glass of local wine in a quaint plaza.

### Day 7 | **Toledo**

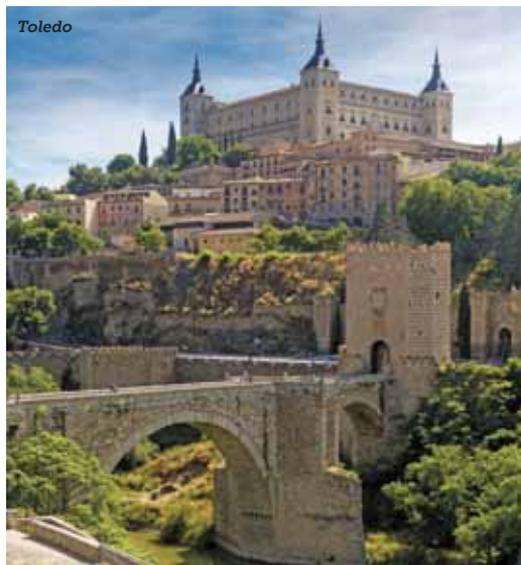
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**Discovery: *Toledo.*** Explore magnificent, storybook Toledo, the former capital edged by the Tagus River. Be welcomed formally as you pass Carlos I's coat of arms emblazoned on the city's northern gate and witness the rich cultural heritage that resulted from the unique interplay between Christian, Jewish and Muslim residents. Feast your eyes on the religious treasures inside the Cathedral of Toledo. Next, see El Greco's masterpiece, "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz," in the modest Church of Santo Tome and walk beneath the white horseshoe arches in Santa María La Blanca Synagogue.

Relax over lunch at the Parador de Toledo.



Plaza Mayor, Madrid



Toledo

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **7 nights** in Segovia, Spain, at the deluxe Eurostars Convento Capuchinos.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - Embrace Segovia, the heart of Spain, and its Gothic cathedral, legendary palace and Plaza Mayor.
  - Explore Salamanca, an ancient, buzzing university town anchored by a famously beautiful plaza.
  - Feast your eyes on Madrid and Spanish masterpieces at the Prado on a tour.
  - Go inside Ávila's city walls, learn about Castile's famous figures and witness Ávila's Gothic cathedral.
  - In towering Toledo, take in the city gates, arches, synagogue, cathedral and an El Greco masterpiece.
  - Revel in royal splendor at King Phillip V's palace with its opulent grounds.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
  - Free time to pursue your own interests.
  - Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
  - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
  - Tipping of guides and drivers.
  - Complimentary travel mementos.



### UNESCO World Heritage

1. Old Town of Segovia and its Aqueduct
2. Old City of Salamanca
3. Old Town of Ávila
4. Historic City of Toledo

**Free Time:** Explore in Toledo this afternoon.

### Day 8 | San Ildefonso

#### Discovery: *La Granja de San Ildefonso.*

Revel in the splendor of the 18th-century Spanish monarchy at this lavish baroque palace. King Phillip V directed his architects, artists and gardeners to elevate this once-modest farm into a royal palace reminiscent of his birthplace at Versailles. View stunning tapestries and stroll the sumptuous grounds replete with fantastical fountains and a maze.

**Free Time:** Enjoy Segovia this afternoon.

This evening, celebrate your wonderful travels together at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

### Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer  to the airport in Madrid for the return flight  to your gateway city.

**Note:** *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

 *Flights and*  *transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.*

### A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

#### Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches

Eurostars Convento Capuchinos



## AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

### *Before you go:*

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

### *Once you arrive:*

Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

## Eurostars Convento Capuchinos | Segovia

Eurostars Convento Capuchinos is a 400-year-old convent turned deluxe hotel, ideally located in the center of Segovia. Enjoy the wellness center, gardens and a terrace with sweeping views of the Eresma Valley. With Convento Capuchinos as your home base, you can simply walk to many of Segovia's landmarks, relax in its plazas and drink in the beauty of its stone buildings warmed by the glow of the golden hour.

*Hotel guestroom*

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# Classical Cities of Spain

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**Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.**

**If you prefer,** you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

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## Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

## Flights

Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Madrid, Spain, to depart from: \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

First Class  Business Class  Premium Economy

No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **August 5, 2021** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

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## PROGRAM DATES

**Air Program dates:** October 19-27, 2021

**Land Program dates:** October 20-27, 2021

## LAND PROGRAM

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**Single supplement waived for solo travelers!** This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

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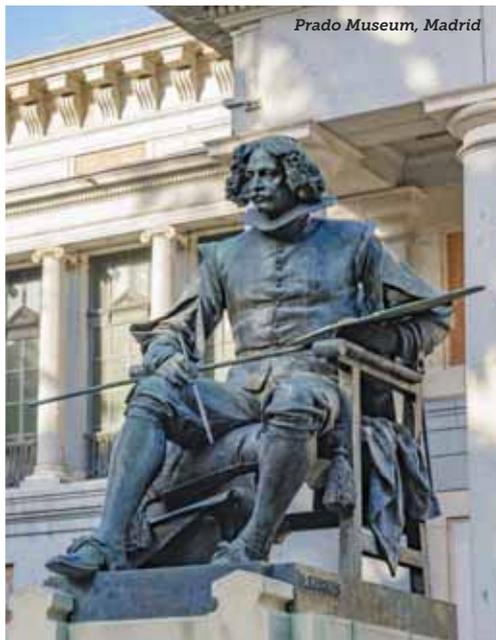
#### **AHI FlexAir**

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

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- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
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with AHI FlexAir.**

*Prado Museum, Madrid*



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For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

**To offer you added peace-of-mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:**

- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.

*La Granja de San Ildefonso*





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Aqueduct of Segovia

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