

## Performing Travel Experience Designed Especially for Shepherd University



# Music in Portugal and Spain 38002-0-21












May 5 - May 15, 2018

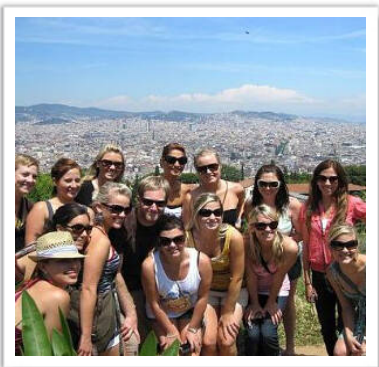
### ITINERARY OVERVIEW

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- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM DULLES INTL AIRPORT
- DAY 2 ARRIVE LISBON (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 LISBON - CONCERT PERFORMANCE
- DAY 4 LISBON - SINTRA - EVORA AREA (1 NIGHT)
- DAY 5 EVORA - SEVILLE AREA (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 6 SEVILLE - CONCERT PERFORMANCE
- DAY 7 SEVILLE AREA - CORDOBA - GRANADA AREA (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 8 GRANADA
- DAY 9 GRANADA - TOLEDO - MADRID (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 10 MADRID - CONCERT PERFORMANCE
- DAY 11 DEPARTURE FROM MADRID

## ITINERARY

 Educational Tour/Visit	 Cultural Experience	 Festival/Performance/Workshop	Tour Services
 Recreational Activity	 LEAP Enrichment	 Match/Training Session	    








### DAY 1 Saturday, 05 May 2018

-  Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Dulles to Lisbon, Portugal





### DAY 2 Sunday, 06 May 2018

Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.

-  We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next nine days.
  -  Lisbon is a charming capital city with a rich cultural heritage. The city is a striking mix of old and new, whose laid back pace welcomes visitors to this European capital.
  -  Explore the Belem district and view the Monument to the Discoveries, built to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Henry the Navigator's death.
  -  Visit Torre de Belem built by King John II as a ceremonial gateway to Lisbon commemorating Lisbon's integral role in during the 15th -17th centuries.
- For the next two evenings we will enjoy the convenience of our centrally-located Lisbon hotel, where daily breakfast will be included.
-  This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.

### DAY 3 Monday, 07 May 2018

During the course of our tour we will gain from the knowledge and insight of eight half-day local guides while we are here in Spain.

-  Enjoy a Walking Tour and explore the riverfront Praco do Comercio, Lisbon's most famous and popular square. View the Equestrian Statue of Dom Jose and walk through the city's Alfama area, the old-fashioned residential neighborhood that survived the earthquake of 1755.
-  Tour the Mosteiro dos Jeronimos, a monastery ordered by Manuel the Fortunate to commemorate Vasco da Gama's voyage to India. The monastery is one of Portugal's finest examples of Manueline architecture that combines flamboyant Gothic and Moorish influences with elements of the nascent Renaissance. The church features tombs of many of the great figures in Portuguese history, including Vasco da Gama.
-  This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.
-  Your concert performance will be today. Venue options include The Sé Cathedral and the Mosteiro de Santa Maria in Belém. Additional possibilities include the richly decorated Church of São Roque and the Belém Cultural Center.



**DAY 4 Tuesday, 08 May 2018**

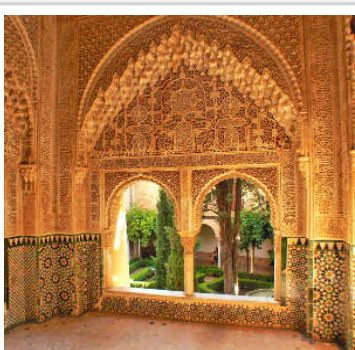
- Today we will travel from Lisbon to Evora. En route we visit Sintra
- At only half an hour from Lisbon, the beautiful town of Sintra is dotted with historic palaces and surrounded by wooded hills. The town which was once the favourite summer residence of the Kings of Portugal, has been internationally acclaimed by poets and artists over the years and was declared a UNESCO world heritage site for its Cultural Landscape in 1995.
- Visit the spectacular Palace of Peña, built in the 19th century as King Ferdinand's summer home. King Ferdinand loved art, nature and new inventions, which is reflected in the interior of this enchanting palace that is filled with oddities from all over the world. Explore the park that surrounds the palace.
- Explore the Palacio Nacional de Sintra, the city's royal palace featuring unique architectural styles, including a heavy Moorish influence. Our visit will include the Sala dos Brasoes, the domed majestic room; the Sala dos Cisnes, the banquet hall; and the Sala das Pegas, the gossip room.  
Our base for the next one night will be Evora (area), where breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotel.
- Évora is the capital of Alto Alentejo, a Roman city under Julius Caesar (Liberalitas Julia) and one of Portugal's finest and most delightful towns. It is a true open-air museum with a large number of wonderfully preserved monuments and buildings of public interest.

**DAY 5 Wednesday, 09 May 2018**






- Take a Walking Tour through historic Évora, where we will view 16th and 17th century houses, many with tile patios, cobblestoned and labyrinthine streets, squares with bubbling fountains and a profuse display of Moorish-inspired arches that help characterize the town. Our walk will be highlighted by the Praça do Giraldo, the city's main square, the remains of the Roman Walls and the Roman Temple.
- See the ruins of the Roman Temple traditionally associated with Diana. Sturdily constructed in the 2nd century AD, the temple proved useful to the townsfolk beyond Roman times as a site of execution during the Inquisition and as a slaughterhouse until 1870.
- Visit the Se, Évora's magnificent cathedral, which took over 50 years to complete, and has the look of a fortress, with a portal flanked by two unmatched towers. It is a blend of Romanesque and Gothic, and on the portal are 14th century sculpted Apostles. The Gothic interior has one of the longest naves found in any cathedral in the country, and has a large Renaissance organ, thought to be the oldest in Europe.  
Our base for the next two nights will be Seville (area), where breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotel.
- Seville is known as one of the great cathedral and university cities of Europe. It is also the heart of bullfighting and flamenco, and an intriguing Moorish heritage. Seville continued to grow from its trading relationships with the Americas and today is a bustling, lively city.

**DAY 6 Thursday, 10 May 2018**



- Take a Walking Tour through Seville's Barrio Santa Cruz, a tiny quarter of narrow streets and whitewashed houses possessing flower-covered patios and ironbound windows.
- Visit Seville Cathedral. We begin with an ascent of La Giralda, the magnificent bell tower, which provides breathtaking views of Seville. We then enter the cathedral, where we will see the Patio de los Naranjos, with its central fountain and orange trees; the Treasury; and the Capilla Mayor, which is dominated by the Retablo Mayor, dedicated to the cathedral's patron saint. Finally, we will view the grandiose Tomb of Columbus, moved to the cathedral in the 1890s.
- Enjoy a Flamenco Show, where we will observe the rhythmic art of flamenco dance and music.
- Your concert performance in Seville will be today. Venue options include the Iglesia de San Jacinto, the Iglesia de Santa Ines, and San Isidro School.








**DAY 7 Friday, 11 May 2018**

-  Today we will travel from Seville to Granada. We will stop along the way in Córdoba.
-  Córdoba was the northernmost city of the Moorish empire in Andalusia and is known for its important Islamic architecture and large Judería, or Jewish quarter. The city's old town preserves its historic character with whitewashed courtyards, patios adorned in hanging flowers, wrought ironwork, and narrow streets.
-  Explore Córdoba's exquisite Mezquita-Catedral, originally built as a mosque and later transformed into a Christian cathedral. We will marvel at the hundreds of carved arches, pillars, grillwork, and mosaics that fill this 1,200 year-old building.
-  Wander through the Juderia, Córdoba's ancient Jewish quarter. This neighbourhood is filled with tiny streets, interesting shops and cafés, uniquely designed synagogues, and houses with beautiful flowered patios.
-  Stroll through the old Moorish quarter, the Albaicín, where the city of Granada was born. It is now a maze of steep streets filled with quaint shops and secluded plazas. Our base for the next two nights will be the Granada (area), where breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotel.

**DAY 8 Saturday, 12 May 2018**









-  Granada was one of the last major strongholds of the Moors, whose influence is reflected in the design and architecture of the city. This beautiful city sits at the base of the Sierra Nevada mountains, as well as at the confluence of three rivers, and this important geography drew Celts, Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Jews, and Moors over its long and complex history.
-  Explore the Alhambra, Spain's finest display of Moorish architecture. Set high upon a hill overlooking Granada, and shadowed by the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Moors built this city within a fortress to be a symbol of power and strength on the outside, and a "paradise on earth" on the inside. Our visit will also include the Generalife, the country estate of the Nasrid Kings, where they could enjoy tranquility high above the city, a little closer to heaven.

**DAY 9 Sunday, 13 May 2018**



-  Today we will travel from Granada to Madrid. En route we will visit Toledo.
-  The historic city of Toledo, capital of La Mancha, is a cultural fusion of Christian, Arab, and Jewish traditions from the Middle Ages. With numerous churches, museums, mosques, synagogues, and artistic treasures, the city has definitely earned its World Heritage Site designation.
-  Enjoy a Walking Tour of central Toledo, with streets barely wide enough for a man and his donkey. During our walk, there will be the opportunity to visit spectacular shops that produce and sell Damascus gold jewelry, as well as medieval swords. There will also be some time to relax in the Plaza de Zocodover, a bustling triangular square in the heart of Toledo.
-  Walk to Toledo Cathedral, considered one of the greatest Gothic structures in Spain. The cathedral actually reflects several architectural styles, and features many art treasures, including: the Transparente, a Last Supper in alabaster, El Greco's Twelve Apostles and Spoliation of Christ, Goya's Arrest of Christ on the Mount of Olives, and works by Juan de Borgona. The Treasure Room features a 500-pound, 15th-century gilded monstrance, allegedly made with gold brought back from the New World by Columbus, which is still carried through the streets of Toledo during the feast of Corpus Christi. Our centrally-located Madrid hotel will be our home for the next two nights. We will have breakfast at the hotel daily.
-  This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.



**DAY 10 Monday, 14 May 2018**

-  Spain's capital city of Madrid lies at the heart of the country. Despite its modern and cosmopolitan culture, the city has preserved its traditional architecture and charm. This is a city of great monuments and great art, all against the backdrop of a rich culture and an exciting nightlife.
-  Walk through the Plaza de España. In the center of the square we will see the monument to Cervantes, which depicts characters from his most famous work, Don Quixote. We will also see a monument to Columbus.
-  Spend time in the Plaza Mayor, Madrid's most famous square. Throughout its long history the square has hosted markets, bullfights, soccer games, public executions, and the Spanish Inquisition. It is now ringed by shops and cafés and is often filled with artists and musicians.
-  Explore the Puerta del Sol, one of Madrid's busiest and most historic squares. While here we will view the Kilometre Zero marker, from which all distances in Spain are measured, and Madrid's symbol, the Madrono.
-  Walk by the Puerta de Alcalá, the ceremonial gateway to Madrid commissioned by Carlos III. The Neo-classical structure is located in the Plaza de Independencia and is named for the old path leading from Madrid to nearby Alcalá de Henares.
-  Pass by the Plaza de Cibeles, featuring a magnificent 18th century fountain with a statue of the Roman goddess Cybele riding in a chariot pulled by two lions.
-  This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.
-  Our concert performance in Madrid will be today. Prestigious venue options include the Basilica San Lorenzo de El Escorial or the Santa Cruz de Atocha. Additionally, the Iglesia Parroquia de Cristo Rey de Argüelles or the Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Concepción de Pueblo Nuevo are venue options for sacred music where your group will have access to the organ.

**DAY 11 Tuesday, 15 May 2018**

-  Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.
-  Please note that the sightseeing content may be amended or eliminated in order to facilitate the best possible concert arrangements for your group.

**TOTAL PER PERSON TOUR COST BASED ON NUMBER OF FULL-PAYING PARTICIPANTS**

Shepherd University (Subject to final airfare confirmation)	Full Paying Participants	Free Place Entitlement	Price In USD	*With Early Discount
This proposal is valid until Thursday, 27 April 2017 and this tour cannot be operated in its present format with fewer than 10 participants.  * Early Enrollment Discount of \$300 if enrolled by 03/31/2017.	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3,675</b>	<b>3,375</b>
<b>EZ Pay Option</b>				
Enroll by <i>03/31/2017</i> and make <i>10</i> payments of <i>\$307.50</i> every <i>30</i> days by automatic deduction from your bank account. The final payment of the series will be deducted no later than 45 days before travel.  **Based on the bolded pricing ratio from above.				
<b>Tour Prices Guaranteed at Time of Enrollment!</b>				
Our Price Guarantee: Once you have accepted this proposal, the dates have been confirmed and WorldStrides online registration portal (or equivalent paperwork) has been made available for your group's tour, the prices shown for the relevant group size level(s) will not change, regardless of any subsequent rate fluctuations (for example, on visits to attractions, airline fuel/taxes or currency movements on overseas programs).				

**What is Included:**

- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges (which will not change after time of enrollment for any participant)
- Round trip airfare with a major carrier on scheduled flights and guaranteed dates
- Accommodation in three and four star hotels in twin or triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- A filling breakfast everyday to get the day started well throughout your touring program
- A hearty three course dinner daily reflecting local cuisine on every evening (usually in local restaurants in capital cities)
- A full-time WorldStrides OnStage Tour Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- The expertise and perspective of local guides during your tour
- All excursions, cultural activities and (several pre-booked) admissions as per your itinerary
- Once overseas, all transportation by private coach while on tour
- All of the venue arrangement fees and promotional costs for the concert performances
- Tips and gratuities for the guide and driver
- A free place in a single room and provision of an international cell phone for the main Program Leader on your tour
- Additional free places in shared twin rooms (as determined by the number of full paying participants stated)
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation and repatriation
- Free Professional Development Points/Credits (35 points or equivalent) for all faculty chaperones

**This Does Not Include:**

- Lunches or beverages with meals
- Visas (if required for non-US Citizens)
- Any costs for the hire or transportation of equipment/instruments by land or air
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage
- Travel insurance - We offer and always recommend our Trip Mate travel insurance policy to all participants. This comprehensive policy includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149 (unless your base program price is in excess of \$5,000, in which case the cost of the insurance will be \$199)