

THE GREAT PALACES OF MADRID AND SEVILLE

March 15–24, 2020
with optional extension to Tenerife,
March 24–27, 2020

presented by The Historic New Orleans Collection



El Escorial in Madrid

In anticipation of The Collection’s forthcoming exhibition *Spanish New Orleans and the Caribbean* (opening in October 2020), our 2020 study tour will take us to Spain. The overarching theme of the tour will be great private residences and their collections in Madrid and Seville, with an optional extension to the Canary Islands.

Our journey will take us through large museums such as the Prado and the Thyssen-Bornemisza. The Prado Museum, originally built in 1789 as the Natural History Cabinet of Carlos III, came into existence in 1819 as the Royal Museum of Paintings and Sculptures. The collections represent the tastes of Spain’s 16th- and 17th-century monarchs, who sought to gather as many works as possible by their favorite artists. As a result the Prado has been described as a “museum of painters.” Across the street, Thyssen-Bornemisza National Museum is the result of a family of collectors. Baron Hans Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza began assembling the collection in the 1920s. When the collection outgrew the family residence in Switzerland, offers were received from several countries to house it. In the end, Madrid’s 18th-century Villahermosa Palace was selected as the permanent home.

At the same time, our journey will focus on other less known but stunning residences that have been transformed into museums to showcase the collecting interests of their owners. Examples of such palaces are the Museo Cerralbo, which houses the art collections of Enrique de Aguilera y Gamboa, 17th Marquis of Cerralbo. Another example is the Lázaro Galdiano Museum, which houses the art collection of José Lázaro Galdiano and his wife in

their 1903 palace. By the time of his death in 1947, the collection of this Spanish financier, journalist, publisher, and art collector numbered over 12,000 objects.

Visits to selected private residences in Madrid and Seville will allow us to see highly prized examples of Islamic-influenced lusterware, Sevillian polychrome painted flat tiles, treasures of the royal factories of Buen Retiro (porcelain) and La Granja (glassware), and examples of the jeweler's art enriched by gold, silver, and precious stones from Spain's American colonies.

An optional tour to the Canary Islands, the main stopover for Spanish galleons to the Americas, will continue to explore the theme of the trip.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Private early morning opening of the Prado, Thyssen-Bornemisza, and Cerralbo Museums in Madrid
- Openings of three beautiful private historic residences
- Exclusive tours of the most beautiful royal palaces of Madrid and Seville
- Private lunch on an estate in Córdoba
- Exclusive opening and private dinner in the Lebrija Palace in Seville

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Madrid: Hotel Urban—The five-star Hotel Urban is a luxury hotel located in the heart of the city's "Golden Triangle" of art formed by the Prado, the Thyssen-Bornemisza, and the Reina Sofía Museum. The hotel has an art deco style and contains a dazzling art collection. Unique pieces are on display in the hotel's Papua New Guinea Museum and in each of its rooms and common spaces. The hotel's restaurant, CEBO, is run by head chef Aurelio Morales, and was recently awarded its first Michelin star.

Seville: Hotel Alfonso XIII—Commissioned by the King of Spain to host international dignitaries during the 1929 Exhibition, the luxurious five-star Hotel Alfonso XIII is an iconic landmark that is centrally located in the historic center of Santa Cruz. The décor is innovative, and each room reflects Castilian, Moorish, or Andalusian design. The hotel features two restaurants: Restaurante San Fernando, which serves authentic Andalusian cuisine, and ENA by Carles Abellán, which specializes in Catalan and Andalusian dishes to share, tapas, cocktails, and wines.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: Sunday, March 15

ARRIVALS IN MADRID

Hotel Urban, Madrid (Reception)

- Independent arrival in Madrid.
- Private car transfers to the Hotel Urban upon request (99 euros for an E-class private car for 2–8 people with luggage).
- Welcome reception in the Hotel Urban's stunning Papua New Guinea Museum.

DAY 2: Monday, March 16

MADRID

Hotel Urban, Madrid (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Visit the **Prado Museum** before opening hours for an exclusive look at a few of the most important pieces in the collection.

- Continue to the neoclassical **Palacio de Liria**, the private residence of the Dukes of Alba in Madrid. Tour the Palace's collections of art and trace the lineages through paintings, sculptures, tapestries, furniture, engravings, documents, books, and decorative art pieces that are scattered throughout the palace and create a truly unique collection. Foremost are paintings by Goya, Velázquez, Murillo, Zurbarán, El Greco, Rubens, and Titian.
- Take a tour of the **Royal Monastery of the Descalzas Reales**, located in a model Plateresque Castilian palace with Genoese marble columns in the courtyards and rooms decorated with tiles and elaborate plasterwork in the Moorish tradition. Discover the convent's strong historical connection with the women of the Spanish Hapsburg dynasty and learn that it is seen as the feminine equivalent to the Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial.
- Private lunch at **Casino de Madrid**, a social club created in 1836 as a place outside of politics where members could congregate in peace.
- Visit the chapel of **San Antonio de la Florida**, declared a national monument in 1905 because of the incredible Goya frescoes commissioned by King Carlos IV. The frescoes were completed in a six-month period in 1798, and they portray miracles by Saint Anthony of Padua.
- Independent afternoon and dinner.

DAY 3: Tuesday, March 17

MADRID

Hotel Urban, Madrid (Breakfast, Lunch)

- Buffet breakfast.
- This morning, depart for the **Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum** for a before-hours look at a few rooms of one of the world's largest private art collections.
- Tour the **Royal Palace of Madrid**, the official residence of the Spanish Royal family in Madrid, although it is now only used for state ceremonies. Discover the beautiful art and history of the royal family in one of Europe's largest palaces.
- Enjoy lunch at the beautiful **Café de Oriente** by the Royal Palace.
- Tour the **Pardo Royal Palace**. Charles V built a palace on this site in the 16th century. Later, beginning with Philip V, it would serve as the court residence between Epiphany and Palm Sunday. Today, it serves as the site of official state functions and as the residence of visiting heads of state. Known for its architectural beauty, it boasts tapestries based on works of Goya.
- Independent dinner.

DAY 4: Wednesday, March 18

MADRID AND EL ESCORIAL

Hotel Urban, Madrid (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

- Buffet breakfast.
- This morning, tour the **Museo Cerralbo** before opening hours to see the art and historical objects collections of Enrique de Aguilera y Gamboa, 17th Marquis of Cerralbo, who died in 1922.
- Continue to the **Museo Lázaro Galdiano** for a private guided tour of the mansion of Lázaro Galdiano and its masterpieces, including works by Goya.
- Lunch at **Paipai** Restaurant.
- Embark on a one-hour drive to the vast complex of the Royal Monastery of San Lorenzo in the village of **El Escorial**. Called the eighth wonder of the world, the Escorial was conceived by King Philip II between 1563 and 1584 as a royal palace conjoined with a monastery, seminary, and royal Pantheon, a burial site for Spanish kings and queens. Visit the Royal Library, which contains a collection of over 40,000 books and manuscripts covering topics from philosophy to politics to science to poetry, written in a multitude of languages including Latin, Greek, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, English, French, Arabic, Persian, Hebrew, and Chinese. Colorful frescoes adorn the ceilings and depict scenes from classical history.
- Return to Madrid for dinner at a private club near the Hotel Urban.

DAY 5: Thursday, March 19

TOLEDO

Hotel Alfonso XIII (Breakfast, Lunch)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Portering and check out of the Hotel Urban.
- Depart the hotel for the ancient city of **Toledo**, known for its medieval Arab, Jewish, and Christian monuments. Stop for a beautiful view of the city and a Spanish coffee.
- Visit Toledo's imposing **Santa Iglesia First Cathedral of Toledo**, whose construction began in the 13th century. The cathedral has a total of seven chapels and contains several phenomenal works by El Greco.
- Continue to the **Church of Santo Tomé** for a look at *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz* by El Greco.
- Walk to the **Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca**, a striking example of the heritage of Arabs, Jews, and Christians. Its Moorish architectural structure was used first as a synagogue, and then as a church, and it is currently owned by the Catholic Church.
- Tapas lunch at **Restaurante Alfileritos**.
- Board the bus to return to Madrid and take a two-and-a-half-hour late afternoon train to Seville in first-class seats.
- Check in to the Hotel Alfonso XIII, where your luggage will await you in your room.
- Independent evening.

DAY 6: Friday, March 20

CÓRDOBA

Hotel Alfonso XIII (Breakfast, Lunch)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Depart on a two-hour drive to Córdoba.
- Visit the **Great Mosque of Córdoba**, an incredibly impressive building that looks back on more than 1,000 years of history. It is most notable for its red and white arches that rest on 856 columns.
- Visit a **spectacular private home** and gardens of a prominent olive oil-producing family and enjoy lunch on their property (Casa Palacio de Portocarrero: Palma de Rio).
- Return to Seville for an independent evening.

DAY 7: Saturday, March 21

SEVILLE

Hotel Alfonso XIII (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Enjoy an early access tour of the **Royal Alcázar of Seville**, a royal palace and gardens built for the Christian king Peter of Castile. Discover the palace's unique combination of Christian and Mudéjar architecture. Visit the royal apartments and chapel of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.
- Embark on a walking tour to see the imposing **Giralda tower**, the enormous **Seville Cathedral**, the Santa Cruz Quarter, and the site where Christopher Columbus is buried.
- Enjoy lunch at **Abantal**, a Michelin-starred restaurant serving cutting-edge Andalusian cuisine.
- Take a tour of the **Palace of Las Dueñas**, a private palace built in the 15th century in Renaissance style with Gothic and Moorish influences that is owned by the House of Alba.
- Gather for a gala dinner in the **Lebrija Palace**, a beautiful palace combining Moorish arches, Plateresque decoration, and Andalusian style.

DAY 8: Sunday, March 22

CÁDIZ

Hotel Alfonso XIII (Breakfast, Lunch)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Independent morning.
- Depart the hotel on a 90-minute drive to the ancient port city of **Cádiz**. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant with ocean views in Plaza de San Juan de Dios.
- The home of the Spanish Navy, Cádiz, one of the oldest cities in Europe, boomed in the 16th century as a base for exploration and trade. Take a walking tour of the old town to see the port, climb the iconic **Tavira watchtower** (the highest point in old town), and tour the **Cádiz Cathedral**, which features baroque and neoclassical elements. Discover the city's unique architecture that blends Spanish style with Caribbean style.
- Visit the **Amphitheatre of Italica** to see Cádiz's incredible Roman ruins and a former venue for gladiator fights.
- Enjoy a specially arranged visit to one of Cádiz's most beautiful houses, known for its beautiful tower.
- Return to Seville for an independent evening.
- This evening, enjoy an optional flamenco performance.

DAY 9: Monday, March 23

SEVILLE

Hotel Alfonso XIII (Breakfast, Dinner)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Visit the **Library of Fernando Columbus**, son of Christopher. The great humanist Erasmus was one of the first scholars to use the library, known for its collection of rare books.
- Continue to the **Archivo General de Indias**, which is the repository of extremely valuable archival documents illustrating the history of the Spanish Empire in the Americas and the Philippines.
- Return to the hotel for a free afternoon to explore Seville.
- Enjoy a special farewell dinner.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION: Tuesday, March 24–27

Tenerife: Iberostar Heritage Grand Mencey—The Hotel Mencey, its name honoring the ancient ruler of the Canary Islands, offers an experience fit for a king in the only luxury five-star hotel in Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Just a 10-minute walk from the city center, this avant-garde hotel respects and conserves the essence of its Canarian architecture. The hotel features three restaurants: the Aborigen Restaurant, which serves seasonal Canary Island produce; the Papa Negra restaurant, a gourmet restaurant that blends Canary Island tradition with avant-garde cuisine; and the poolside Los Laureles restaurant, where you can relax by the pool in the shade of Indian Laurel trees and enjoy local specialties and cocktails.

DAY 10: Tuesday, March 24

TENERIFE

Iberostar Heritage Grand Mencey, Tenerife (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Morning departure to Tenerife (airfare included).
- Check in to the Iberostar Heritage Grand Mencey.
- Lunch in the hotel.
- Take an architecture tour to see the **Auditorium of Tenerife**, the **Space of Arts**—a contemporary art museum, library, and photography center—and the **Presidency of the Canary Islands**.
- Visit the historic quarters of Tenerife, including the **Castillo Negro**.
- Dinner at the hotel.

DAY 11: Wednesday, March 25

TENERIFE

Iberostar Heritage Grand Mencey, Tenerife (Breakfast, Lunch)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Visit **San Cristóbal de La Laguna**, the former capital of the island and a UNESCO World Heritage site where convents and beautifully preserved mansions dating from the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries sit by tapas bars and antique shops.
- Lunch in La Laguna.
- Independent evening.

DAY 12: Thursday, March 26

TENERIFE

Iberostar Heritage Grand Mencey, Tenerife (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

- Buffet breakfast.
- Depart for a 90-minute drive to Orotava, an old town in the north of Tenerife, for a look at charming and picturesque homes and quaint cobbled streets. Our visit will include sites listed on the Inventory of European Cultural Heritage—such as the **Concepción Parish Church**, the **House of the Balconies**, and the **botanical garden**—as we learn about the island's unique landscape architecture.
- Visit a beautiful **private home** in La Orotava.
- Following lunch at **Restaurante Haydée** in Orotava, return to the hotel to rest before dinner.
- Gather for a farewell dinner at the hotel.

DAY 13: Friday, March 27

DEPARTURES

(Breakfast)

- Take a group transfer (included) to the Tenerife Norte Airport (TFN) for a group flight (airfare included) to Madrid and independent flights back to the United States.

TOUR INFORMATION

Hotels

- Madrid: Hotel Urban, Carrera de S. Jerónimo, 34, 28014 Madrid, Spain / 011 34 917 87 77 70
- Seville: Hotel Alfonso XIII, Calle San Fernando, 2, 41004 Seville, Spain / 011 34 954 91 70 00
- (Extension) Tenerife: Iberostar Heritage Grand Mencey, Calle Dr. Jose Naveiras, 38, 38004 Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain / 011 34 922 60 99 00

Price per person, double occupancy: \$7,750 (includes a \$450 tax deductible donation to The Collection); single supplement: \$1400.

Included: 9 nights in hotel; all breakfasts, 1 reception, 9 lunches, and 3 dinners; all travel outlined in the tour schedule; entrance fees for outlined activities; professional tour escorts; and gratuities.

Not included: airfare, taxis, meals not included in the itinerary, extra beverages, alcohol, laundry, phone calls, and personal costs not specified in the tour package.

OPTIONAL SERVICES

Extension to the Canary Islands is available at \$2,500 per person, double occupancy; \$300 single supplement (includes 3 nights hotel; airfare Seville-Tenerife and Tenerife-Madrid; airport transfers; all breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners).

Extra nights at the Hotel Urban (Madrid)—If you would like to arrive up to 2 nights prior to the start of the tour (March 13), a special group rate of \$280 (double) and \$300 (single) will be available to participants until November 20.

Extra nights at the Alfonso XIII Hotel (Seville)—If you would like to extend your trip for up to 2 nights at the end of the tour (March 23), a special group rate of \$390 (double) and \$410 (single) will be available to participants until November 20.

Private car transfer—Private car transfers from the Madrid Airport to the Hotel Urban are available for \$115 (for 1–6 passengers). Private car transfers from the Hotel Alfonso XIII to the Seville Airport are available for \$85 (for 1–2 passengers) and \$140 (3–6 passengers).

Deposits and refunds: A \$1,000 deposit is due with the completed registration from. A second payment of \$2,875 is due by December 11, 2019. Final payment is due by January 27, 2020. Payment for optional services (single supplement, extra nights, private car transfers) is due with the final payment. Reservations can be made by calling (504) 523-4662 (Monday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–4:45 p.m.). Payments can be made by credit card or by check, payable to The Historic New Orleans Collection.

Passports are required for travel to Spain. Passports must be valid for at least 3 months after the intended date of departure. They must also have been issued within the past 10 years. For additional information, please call the Embassy of Spain at (202) 452-0100. Please be aware that airlines may have additional restrictions on passports near their expiration dates. Please consult your airline.

Cancellation policy

- Cancellations made on or before December 11, 2019, will forfeit the \$1,000 deposit.
- Cancellations made between December 12, 2019, and January 27, 2020, will forfeit the \$3,875 deposit.
- Cancellations made between January 28 and March 6, 2020, will forfeit 80 percent of the full amount.
- Cancellations made on or after March 6, 2020, will forfeit 100 percent of the full amount.

All cancellations must be made in writing and addressed to Spain Study Tour, 410 Chartres St., New Orleans, LA, 70130, or faxed to (504) 598-7168. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.



Plaza España in Seville

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REGISTRATION

Tour registration prior to September 18, 2019, is reserved for members of THNOC's Bienville Circle and Laussat Society.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name as it appears on passport: _____

A copy of your passport's identification page is due with final payment by January 27, 2020.

Name as it should appear on name badge: _____

Cell phone: _____

Date and time of arrival in Madrid: _____

Airline and flight number (for private car transfer only): _____

Hotel floor preference: low floor high floor no preference

Bed preference: double king two beds

(All efforts will be made to fulfill these requests, but they cannot be guaranteed.)

Health information (due by January 27, 2020):

Dietary restrictions: _____

Food allergies: _____

Walking difficulties: _____

Price per person, double occupancy: \$7,750

Please enclose a deposit of \$1,000 (per person) with your registration form.

A **second payment** of \$2,875 (per person) is **due by December 11, 2019**

Final payment of \$3,875 (per person), plus single supplement (if applicable),
and payment for optional services is **due by January 27, 2020.**

REGISTRATION FEES

QTY			SUBTOTAL
	Main Tour: Registration (per person, double occupancy)	x \$7,750	
	Main Tour: Single supplement	x \$1,400	
	Canary Islands Extension (per person, double occupancy)	x \$2,500	
	Canary Islands Extension, Single supplement	x \$300	

OPTIONAL SERVICES

	Extra nights at Hotel Urban, Madrid, double occupancy	Dates Requested:	x \$280	
	Extra nights at Hotel Urban, Madrid, single occupancy	Dates Requested:	x \$300	
	Extra nights at Alfonso XIII, Seville, double occupancy	Dates Requested:	x \$390	
	Extra nights at Alfonso XIII, Seville, single occupancy	Dates Requested:	x \$410	
	Private car transfer (Madrid arrival), 1–6 passengers		x \$115	
	Private car transfer (Seville departure), 1–2 passengers		x \$85	
	Private car transfer (Seville departure), 3–6 passengers		x \$140	
			TOTAL:	

If you wish to charge your reservation to a credit card, please complete:

Select one: Visa MasterCard AmEx Discover

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

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Registration is considered complete once both registration form and initial deposit are received.