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Spain #2
Field Hockey Tour
Madrid
9 Day / 7 Night Program



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: The dates and times of the activities below will likely be adjusted to accommodate your game schedules, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

ALL FIELD HOCKEY ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1

USA – FLIGHTS

Fly overnight to Madrid. Possible change of plane enroute. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 2

MADRID

(D)

Morning arrival in Madrid. Greeting by your Tour Manager.
Transfer by private motorcoach to your Three-Star Hotel and check in.

PRACTICE SESSION

Overnight: Madrid

Day 3

MADRID

(B,D)

Madrid City Tour



- **Royal Palace** - Official residence of Spain's Royal Family. (exterior visit)
- **Plaza Mayor** - Enormous main square of Madrid dating back to the 17th-century.
- **Gran Vía** - Madrid's main boulevard with many shops and restaurants.
- **Palacio de Cibeles** - Ornate white structure evocative of Imperial Spain's grandeur.
- **Puerta de Alcalá** - Monument with triumphal archways dominating Calle de Alcalá
- **Parque del Retiro** - Beautifully landscaped lawns and flowers plus marble monuments and the imposing 50+ semicircular colonnade of the Alfonso XII Monument.

Overnight: Madrid

Day 4

MADRID

(B,D)

Museo del Prado – Half-Day Tour (admission included)



- Visit one of the world's premier art museums, compelling even to non-art lovers.
- Many of the best-known pieces of Spain's and Europe's most famous artists, such as **El Greco**, **Diego Velázquez**, and **Francisco Goya** are displayed here, often with entire rooms dedicated to one artist.

Spanish Premier League Soccer Match (optional for a fee)

- Watch **Real Madrid** or **Atlético Madrid** in a once-in-a-lifetime soccer experience !
- Subject to ticket availability

Overnight: Madrid

Day 5

MADRID – TOLEDO

(B,D)

Toledo – Full-Day Tour



Toledo Panoramic View



Alcázar de Toledo



Bridge over Río Tajo

Travel one hour to the fascinating ancient walled city of **Toledo**, dating back some 2,000 years. Perched high on a hill overlooking the **Río Tajo**, the city is like an open-air museum holding some of Spain's most important landmarks.

- **Alcázar** – Imposing Muslim-era stone fortification prominently overlooking the city.
- **Catedral de Toledo** – Considered the top example of the Gothic architectural style in Spain.
- **“El Greco Trail”** – Landmarks with *El Greco* works, including the Museo de El Greco and Iglesia de Santo Tomé, featuring the artist's masterpiece, *El Entierro del Conde de Orgaz*
- **Jewish Quarter** – Visit the Sinagoga del Transito and the Museo Sefardi for a glimpse into the history of Jewish culture in Spain.
- **Plaza de Zocodover** – Popular gathering place to enjoy lunch and people-watching.

Overnight: Madrid

Day 6

MADRID

(B,D)

Royal Palace of Madrid (admission included)



Visit this marvelous palace, a massive Italianate Baroque structure built in the 18th century with 2,800 rooms, fifty of which are included in the official tour. View ornately decorated, gold-gilded rooms featuring high ceilings, glittering chandeliers and vibrant frescoes.

- **Grand Stairway** – Imposing staircase constructed from one giant piece of marble
- **Royal Armory** – Extensive collection of weapons and body armor from wars of past centuries

- **Crown Room** – Featuring Spanish King Charles III’s throne, scepter and crown with grandeur straight out of Hollywood !

MATCH # 2 vs. a SPANISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Madrid

Day 7

SEGOVIA & ÁVILA

Segovia & Ávila - Full-Day Tour



Roman Aqueduct



Alcázar



Ávila City Walls

Segovia

Travel to this Roman city, located some 50 miles from Madrid.

- **Roman Aqueduct** – Stunning structure dating back to the 1st-century that carried water some 9.3 miles from the Rio Frio river to the city
- **Alcázar** – Islamic-era castle with fairy tale Rapunzel towers topped with witches’ hats
- **Cathedral** – Gothic-style church built in the 17-century with an imposing 300-foot-tall tower

Ávila

Continue on to this nearby fortified city that was originally built in 1090

- **City Walls** – Walk along the well-preserved medieval wall that is 1.5 miles long surrounding the city and featuring 88 round defensive towers with battlements at the top
- **Old Town** – Navigate the narrow streets and little squares of the Old Town and enjoy “tapas” (variety of appetizers) and a drink at one of the many local establishments

Overnight: Madrid

Day 8

EL ESCORIAL

El Escorial Monastery – Half-Day Tour (admission included)



This huge complex, built in the 16th century, serves as a monastery, basilica, royal palace, pantheon, library, and university, and is the largest Renaissance building in the world.

Important sections:

- **Basilica** – Ranking with Europe’s most impressive cathedrals, points of interest include the vaults with eight frescoes by Luca Giordano, the 100-foot-high altarpiece of the main chapel, the large Sacristy with paintings by Titian and El Greco plus the carillon and four large organs.
- **Palace of Philip II** – A series of decorated room with a view to the basilica.
- **Hall of Kings** – Fresco battles depicting the most important Spanish military victories.

MATCH # 3 vs. a SPANISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Madrid

Day 9

MADRID – USA

(B)

Fly back to the USA, arriving the same afternoon. Possible change of plane enroute.

Your Spanish Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !



TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA – Madrid round-trip.
- 7 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Madrid or near the game facilities
- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers by private motorcoach
- Breakfast and one other meal daily (lunch, dinner or post-match get-together with opposition, personal beverages not included)
- Madrid City Tour with English-Speaking Guide.
- Museo del Prado Half-Day Tour – (admission included)
- Toledo Full-Day Tour
- Royal Palace of Madrid tour
- Segovia & Avila Full-Day Tour
- El Escorial Half-Day Tour – (admission included)
- Transfers for all the above activities by private motorcoach
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in Spain and 24/7 access in case of emergency
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours'** Operations Office

Field Hockey Program:

- **3 Games vs. Spanish club / university teams at your level**
- **1 Practice Session**
- **Opponent Matching Services**
- **Water at Games & Practices**
- **Round-trip transfers to above sports activities by private motorcoach**

Summary of Included Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 7 Other Meals (lunch, dinner or post-match get-together with opposition, personal beverages not included)

Tour Price:

Click on [Victory Sports Tours - Sample Tours](#) select your sport and find **Spain #2** for pricing.

- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included in all of the above price ranges.
- Coach would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay **only taxes/fees**.
- Tour Price is subject to increase if there are fewer than 20 paying travelers.
- Taxes/fees/fuel charge are subject to change according to government and airline increases, which will be finalized approx. 45 days prior to departure.

Exchange Rate Protection:

- Tour prices are based on the current U.S. Dollar / foreign currency exchange rate.
- Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly **before** we receive your first tour deposit.
- You will **not** be subject to any surcharge due to exchange rate increases that occur **after** we receive your first tour deposit.

Not Included:

- Any items not listed as included in the above sections under "TOUR INCLUSIONS".
- Passport fees - Passports are required to travel internationally

- Visa fees - If visas are required, typically in the case of non-US citizens
- Personal beverages at meals
- Uniform laundry - Your tour manager will assist you in finding laundromats (most hotels in foreign countries do not have laundry facilities)
- Tips for tour manager, city tour guides and motorcoach drivers (recommended **US\$ 25-30 per traveler** to cover all tour staff)
- Any fees imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage that exceed the number of pieces allowed or size/weight allowances, such as Goalie Bags
- Travel insurance - We will offer you the option to purchase travel insurance through an independent travel insurance specialist.
- Optional Activities as noted in the itinerary

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