

Exclusive Duke departure – September 21-October 7, 2025

# Across Spain and Portugal with Paradores & Pousadas

**17 days from \$6,674 total price from Boston, New York**  
 (\$5,995 air & land inclusive plus \$679 airline taxes and fees)

Fortified cities and tiny fishing villages, rugged Atlantic coastline and commanding Pyrenees peaks, iconic shrines to both religion and fine art, and intimate lodgings in historic paradores and pousadas – it all awaits on this singular small group journey from Lisbon across the north of Spain, ending in vibrant Barcelona.



**Physical Activity Level**

**3** **Moderate**

Refer to page 5 for more information.

Your Tour at a Glance			
Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Lisbon		
2-3	Lisbon	Corinthia Hotel Lisbon	Deluxe
4-5	Oporto	Pestana Palacio do Freixo	First Class
6-7	Santiago de Compostela	Parador de Santiago de Compostela	First Class
8	León	Parador de Leon	First Class
9-11	Bilbao	Melia Bilbao	Sup. First Class
12-13	Bielsa	Parador de Bielsa	First Class
14-16	Barcelona	El Avenida Palace Hotel	Sup. First Class
17	Depart Barcelona for U.S.		

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.*



Santiago's 11<sup>th</sup>-century cathedral, which we visit on Day 7, is the last stop on the pilgrimage route of the Way of St. James.

## Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lisbon, Portugal

**Day 2: Arrive Lisbon** We arrive in the Portuguese capital and transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times vary, we have no group activities planned during the day. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner. *D*

**Day 3: Lisbon** A morning tour introduces us to the city on the River Tagus; the afternoon is free for independent exploration. *B*

**Day 4: Lisbon/Oporto** Leaving Lisbon we head north, stopping in the small fortified town of Obidos and in the seaside village of Nazaré. Mid-afternoon we reach our *pousada* in lovely Oporto, Portugal's second largest city and UNESCO site. *B,D*

**Day 5: Oporto** Highlights of our city tour include the historic city center, Baroque Clerigos Church, and the sophisticated Foz oceanfront district. Then we enjoy an hour-long cruise on the Douro River. Our tour ends with a visit to a port lodge for a tasting of the fortified wine exclusive to the region. *B,D*

**Day 6: Oporto/Santiago de Compostela, Spain** En route to Santiago, we stop in the old Galician town of Pontevedra. We continue on to Santiago,

capital of Spain's northwest Galicia region, arriving mid-afternoon at our *parador*, where we dine tonight. *B,D*

**Day 7: Santiago de Compostela** Last stop on the celebrated pilgrimage route of the Way of St. James (*Camino de Santiago*) and presumed repository of the remains of St. James the Apostle, Santiago de Compostela also ranks among Spain's most beautiful and visited cities. We discover this important cultural and educational capital on today's tour, featuring the Cathedral housing the silver crypt believed to hold the remains of St. James. From here we enter Plaza del Obradoiro, the monumental square surrounded by Santiago's most important buildings. This afternoon is free for independent exploration in this eminently walkable and lovely UNESCO World Heritage city with historic buildings lining its winding, narrow streets. *B,D*

**Day 8: Santiago/León** Leaving Santiago this morning, we travel east to vibrant León, another stop on the Way of St. James pilgrimage route and known for its religious festivals and Easter Week processions. Upon arrival, we encounter the city's impressive historical and architectural heritage as we visit the 13<sup>th</sup>-century León Cathedral, one of Spain's most beautiful with its sculpture-covered façade and impressive stained glass windows; and Casa Botines,

Tour membership limited to 24 Duke alumni, family, and friends

a Modernist structure by architect Antoni Gaudí. We reach our hotel early this evening and dine there tonight. *B,D*

**Day 9: León/Bilbao** Today we stop in the elegant port city and Cantabrian capital of Santander for a tour and lunch. Then we travel on to Bilbao, the industrial port city almost magically transformed by the construction of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao in 1997. *B,L*

**Day 10: Bilbao** This morning's tour begins in Bilbao's medieval Old City, with its charming mix of narrow cobblestone streets and inviting squares. We see the Catedral de Santiago (c. 1379), once a stop on the pilgrimage route; monumental Plaza Nueva; and busy seaside La Ribera market. Then we take a guided tour of the Guggenheim and its contemporary art collection. Designed by architect Frank Gehry, the jaw-dropping structure of limestone, titanium, and glass has drawn acclaim, attention, and visitors to this popular, revitalized city. Our last stop is Bilbao's Fine Arts Museum, with a rich collection of Spanish and Basque artworks. *B,D*

**Day 11: Bilbao/Basque Country** A day-long excursion begins with a poignant stop: Gernika (Guernica), heart of the Basque region and the town razed by Nazi bombing in 1937 during the Spanish Civil War that was immortalized in the namesake painting by Picasso. Then we pass through countryside historically home to the Basque people of Spain's Atlantic Coast and western Pyrenees. At the seaside village of Bakio, we follow a coastal road of wild beauty to the islet of San Juan de Gaztelugatxe, with its hermitage to St. John the Baptist. We stop in the key fishing town of Bermeo then continue on to the medieval fishing village of Mundaka, where we enjoy magnificent views of the Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve of streams and a salt marsh surrounded by sheer cliffs. *B,L*

**Day 12: Bilbao/Pamplona/Bielsa** We travel today to the Pyrenees town of Bielsa, stopping en route in fabled Pamplona, known for its annual Running of the Bulls tradition. *B,D*

**Day 13: Bielsa** Fresh mountain air and stunning scenery are on tap as we visit Ordesa y Monte Perdido



TOMORROW WE WILL DO BEAUTIFUL THINGS."

— ANTONI GAUDÍ

National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Touring by coach and on foot, we see the limestone Pyrenees chain, its lush valleys dotted with clear blue streams and beech, fir, and pine trees. *B,D*

**Day 14: Bielsa/Barcelona** We travel today by coach to the world-class city of Barcelona, arriving mid-afternoon. After a brief orientation walking tour, we are free for dinner on our own in this most gastronomic of cities. *B*

**Day 15: Barcelona** This morning's city tour features Barri Gòtic (Gothic Quarter), a maze of medieval streets, and Las Ramblas, the tree-lined pedestrian mall that attracts locals and visitors alike, day and night. We pay homage to Barcelona's native son, flamboyant artist Antoni Gaudí, visiting his fanciful Parc Guell and the



We spend two nights in the Pyrenees.

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 15 nights' accommodations: 8 nights in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels; 7 nights in First Class *paradores* and *pousadas*
- 28 meals: 15 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- José María Rodríguez García as faculty, with a minimum number of travelers
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- \$100 frequent traveler credit towards your next Duke/Odysseys Unlimited tour (\$200 after 3 tours; \$300 after 10 tours)

### Duke Faculty



**José María Rodríguez García** is an associate professor of Romance Studies at Duke University. He was born and raised in Galicia, Spain's northwesternmost corner. Once an independent medieval kingdom, it comprised today's Galicia as well as parts of León and northern Portugal, and was where the languages and cultures of Portugal and Castile met and mingled. José María studied and taught at the University of Santiago de Compostela before coming to the United States. As a scholar-teacher of Global Spain, he looks forward to sharing on the cultural backgrounds to the Camino de Santiago and on the intersecting histories of the Portuguese and the Spanish. José María's most popular undergraduate seminar at Duke showcases cultural and artistic production in Catalonia, the Basque Country and Madrid in the twentieth century, as is fittingly titled "Art & Democracy: Madrid, Barcelona, València, Bilbao."

landmark Sagrada Familia, his surreal – and unfinished – cathedral. Following a *tapas* lunch, the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. *B,L*

**Day 16: Barcelona** Our Gaudí tour continues this morning at Casa Milà, whose curving stone face inspired the nickname "La Pedrera" (stone quarry). Now housing a cultural center, Casa Milà is a UNESCO site. This afternoon is at leisure; tonight we bid *i adios!* to Spain and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

**Day 17: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the airport this morning for our connecting flights to the U.S. *B*

### Tour Departs: September 21, 2025

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees

Boston, New York	\$6,674
Chicago, Washington, DC	\$6,974

Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia	\$7,074
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Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Raleigh-Durham, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	\$7,174
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Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,895
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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$679, which are subject to change until final payment has been made.

Single travelers please add \$1,595. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

**Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,795 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).**

### Post-Tour Extension

October 7-9, 2025

### Barcelona – On Your Own

3 days/2 nights for \$395 total price

Single Supplement: \$295

*Discover more of this lively, spirited city.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at El Avenida Palace Hotel (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport



THE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

### *Important Information About Your Tour*

## General Terms and Conditions

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve a tour with Odysseys Unlimited. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal.

### Tour Prices

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2025, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

### Gratuities

Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included unless otherwise specified. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on "On Your Own" optional extensions.

### Not Included in Your Tour Price

Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations and inoculations; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; and gratuities to your Odysseys

Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) unless otherwise specified, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per guest, per day). Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

### Registration and Payment

A deposit of \$500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

A minimum number of participants is required to operate the tour and to secure the services of a Duke Travels representative (faculty or host). Minimum numbers required may vary depending on tour and departure date. Please call Duke Travels for details. Every attempt will be made to operate each trip and to find a Duke host who will join the program to add a uniquely Duke perspective to the experience. If this is important to you in making your decision to travel with this program, please call 1-919-684-3046 before making your final payment.

### Cancellations and Refunds

If you must cancel your tour, the effective date

of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

*For all tours (except as noted)*

<u>Prior to departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
95 days or more:	\$200
94-65 days:	25% of tour price
64-45 days:	50% of tour price
44-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

*For Machu Picchu to the Galapagos, Patagonian Frontiers, Treasures of Egypt*

<u>Prior to departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
95 days or more:	\$200
94-65 days:	50% of tour price
64-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package, should you or your travel companion cancel your participation during the tour. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

### Pre-Departure

Upon reservation, you will be able to access all information regarding your tour in My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal. This material includes your invoice, a detailed day-by-day itinerary, visa requirements (if applicable), and more. Your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers), will be available in the portal two to three weeks before departure.

### Single Travelers

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We will endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

### Changes to Your Reservation

We will not charge a fee for any changes

made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a \$100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **Please note that no changes to your name(s) or departure date are allowed within 95 days of departure. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.**

### Required Information

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you passport information including the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program (for details, please visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov)), as well as by our international travel partners: **for international tours – your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender; for domestic tours – your full name as it appears on the accepted form of government-issued photo identification that you plan to use, date of birth, and gender.** In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport (international tours) or other form of government-issued photo identification (domestic tours) than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

### Travel Documents

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all of our international tours. For all domestic tours, where we fly into a U.S. city to begin the tour or out of a U.S. city at the end, you must present a valid U.S. government-issued photo identification. Starting on May 7, 2025, your government-issued photo ID must be REAL ID-compliant (or you can present an alternate form of ID, such as a passport). Visit [www.dhs.gov/real-id](http://www.dhs.gov/real-id) or contact your local DMV for more information. If your tour requires a

visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you need to obtain a visa, we recommend our preferred provider G3 Global Services. If you are traveling with a minor, please contact us for special entry requirements. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

### Smoking

For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. has a No Smoking policy (including e-cigarettes and vaping) on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

### Health and Medical Issues

We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire, and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have.

We ask that all guests review our guidelines for health on tour, which can be found on our website: [www.odysseys-unlimited.com/travel-health](http://www.odysseys-unlimited.com/travel-health).

We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, Duke University (DUKE) and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination.

### Air Transportation

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated departure cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings,

and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour “Land Only” is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

### Responsibility

The liability of DUKE, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. (OU), as tour operator, is strictly limited. As operator, OU purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under their control. OU serves only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. DUKE and OU are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that maybe caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers.

OU will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require OU to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.



### DUKE TRAVELS RESERVATION FORM

To reserve your place on tour, please call Duke Travels at (919) 684-2988 (preferred registration method) or email duketravels@duke.edu. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Duke Travels representative. If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and mail it to Duke Travels' office. Please alert Duke Travels to your pending reservations request.

Once this request is received by Duke Travels (either by phone, email, or mail), a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure.

For trip information only, please contact Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. at (888) 370-6765.

Send to: Duke Travels  
Box 90572  
Durham, NC 27708

Tour Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up

I/We would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

Full Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Full Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

I/We request an upgrade to a Highland Villa (for Machu Picchu to the Galapagos only)

I/We request an upgrade to cabin category \_\_\_\_\_ (for Patagonian Frontiers only)