

# Greater Parkland in Spain

Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce



## Welcome to Travel Your World International Ltd.

Somewhere over the rainbow... lies adventure and a taste of the exotic. Travel is the world's most natural inclining: we seek to know others to better understand ourselves. We live larger and breathe deeper when we experience what lies beyond our known borders. Come wander with us to fulfill your dreams and enrich your life; come... ***travel your world!***

Let us take all the stress and pressure out of creating your trip of a lifetime.

Let us mould your ideas into reality. Let us do the work so you can indulge in the pleasures of travelling to destinations built for dreaming. Imagine the taste of rich, dreamy culinary delights; picture a kaleidoscope of colours painting distant lands; breathe deeply the aroma of spicy...of sweet...of unfamiliar sensory delights; hear the music of the land, the sea, and the sky... from a new, fantastic point of view. Yes, open your senses to what lies beyond the ordinary. Experience the extraordinary of that whole, new world.

To declare we are post-pandemic feels brazen and bold, right? And yet it feels right; we feel ready to reclaim our freedoms we once took for granted. *Travel Your World* is poised to be your guide back to a more confident time; a more trusted place; a more delicious feast of life.

We are refreshed, so you can be, too. Go ahead... *Travel Your World!*

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Tour Prepared for the Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Destination:** Barcelona to Lisbon

**Preferred Dates of Travel:** September 2023

**Tour created by:** Travel Your World International Ltd. [www.tyw.ca](http://www.tyw.ca)

### Tour Highlights

Spain and Portugal

History & Art

Wineries and Port tastings

Majestic Douro Valley

Ancient villages & cobblestones

Paella cooking class

Flamenco Show

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Castles and Palaces

Beaches and quaint fishing villages

Markets and shopping time

### Tour Inclusions

- ~ International Airfare & estimated air taxes
- ~ Private coach throughout your Spain and Portugal tour
- ~ High-speed train from Barcelona to Madrid
- ~ Your personal and private licensed full-time TYW tour director
- ~ 8 guided city walking tours
- ~ 13 nights accommodations in TYW selected hotels
- ~ 12 full breakfasts, 1 amazing lunch and 2 dinners
- ~ Private Paella culinary class & Flamenco show in a very special setting!
- ~ 3 Wine tastings & 1 Port tasting
- ~ Entrances to Sagrada Familia, Segovia Alcazar, Porto Cathedral, Los Jeronimos, and the Sintra Royal Palace
- ~ Douro River cruise



### Tour Exclusions

- ~ Meals and beverages as not identified in tour itinerary
- ~ Mandatory travel insurance
- ~ Wifi and/or Internet services
- ~ All gratuities - a guideline will be provided
- ~ Any 'free-time' optional sightseeing including add-ons mentioned in your day to day itinerary,
- ~ Any items of a personal nature



### At a Glance

- Day 1 International Flight
- Day 2 - 4 Barcelona
- Day 4 - 7 Madrid with Toledo & Segovia
- Day 7 - 10 Logroño, Salamanca & Pinhão
- Day 10 - 12 Porto
- Day 12 - 15 Óbidos, Lisbon with Sintra & Cascais
- Day 15 International flight

### Travel Facts

**Vaccinations:** Recommended that all immunizations are up to date.

**COVID:** TBA

**Travel Visa:** Not needed if travelling with a Canadian passport



**Climate ~ Barcelona 26° / 20° Madrid 26° / 15° Lisbon 26° / 15°**

**Currency ~ Euro**

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*Spain is passion and potency; panache and paradox: from the fiery flair of a flamingo to the baroque beauty of a barrio; from magnificent museums to cathedrals & cultures that carve their way into your heart...  
Prepare yourself - you are on your way to falling in love. Spain and Portugal await you!  
Are you ready for Spain and Portugal? Andale...Vamos.*

**Day 1 Saturday, September 16, 2023,** **International flight to Madrid**  
Depart your gateway of choice and travel to Madrid, Spain

**Day 2 Sunday, Sept. 17** **Barcelona, Spain**  
**Overnight:** Barcelona **Meals included:** TBA/ D

10:05 Hola! Welcome to Barcelona. After checking into your hotel, enjoy a walk through the historic centre of Barcelona, also known as the Gothic Quarter. Enjoy your welcome dinner ~ Catalan style.

Hotel: [Hotel Auto Hogar](#) (or similar)

**Day 3 Monday, Sept. 18** **Barcelona, Spain**  
**Overnight:** Barcelona **Meals included:** B

Today enjoy the masterpiece of Antonio Gaudi with a grand tour of the Sagrada Familia. Designed and built by Gaudí and Gaudí in 1882, this amazing Basilica is still under construction. Next, take some time to relax in the city to explore the shops and eateries of La Rambla. Barcelona's old city is, without a doubt, one of the finest in Southern Europe. This wide boulevard connects the Place de Catalunya, a busy square, to the **Monument a Colom**, a tall column erected in honour of Christopher Columbus.

**Day 4 Tuesday, Sept. 19** **Madrid**  
**Overnight:** Madrid **Meals Included:** B

This morning after breakfast, enjoy a quick train ride to Madrid and your guided walking tour, including the Mercado de San Miguel Market, a famous market where you can window shop all the food stalls. Take in the sights and distinct scents of aged cheeses, giant hocks of ham, fresh seafood, vegetables and unusual fruits. Another great foodie day - provechito! (proh-veh-cheeh-toh). Also, see Madrid's famous avenues and historic quarters. See the Opera, Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and the Plaza de la Villa.

Are you a soccer fan? I would highly recommend the self-guided tour of Santiago Bernabeu, home of the Real Madrid football team!  
Hotel Regente - <https://www.hotelregente.com/>

**Day 5 Wednesday, Sept. 20** **Day trip to Segovia**  
**Overnight:** Madrid **Meals Included:** B

This morning continue your journey to Segovia. It is here that you will see one of the best Roman-era monuments - Segovia's incredible aqueduct with its 188 arches and length of 16 kilometres! As well, tour the famous Alcazar, a beautiful 11th-century medieval fort that inspired the design of Disney's castle.

**Day 6 Thursday, Sept. 21** **Toledo**  
**Overnight:** Madrid **Meals Included:** BD

Today travel to the medieval pink city of Toledo, located 70 km from Madrid and one of the oldest cities in Europe. Once the former capital of Spain, the beautiful architecture includes almost every period in Spain's history including; Arab, Gothic, Mudéjar, Renaissance, and Baroque. Toledo is also famed for its production of iron products, especially swords and is renowned for its damasquinados, or damascene handicrafts and costume jewelry. Damascening is the Moorish art of inlaying gold or silver threads into black steel in a decorative pattern. The skill is used to decorate plates, earrings, bracelets and large pendants. End this day with your hands-on Culinary class of traditional Paella and Flamenco Show.

**Day 7 Friday, Sept. 22** **Logroño**  
**Overnight:** Logroño **Meals:** BL

Today, venture from Madrid to Logroño via a stop in Peñafiel, best known for the Peñafiel Castle. The town is full of deep excavated caves which were traditionally used to store the wine because of the constant temperature they kept all year round. These caves have chimney vents for ventilation and to evacuate the gases generated by the fermentation of the wine. Here you will see these chimney vents that dot the landscape and around the town and the castle. Continue to Santo Domingo de la Calzada. Discover Santo Domingo on a guided walking tour including a very special lunch with a selection of Rioja Wines. Continue to Logroño for your overnight.

Hotel ~ <https://www.fglogrono-hotel.com/en/> Winery ~ [Bodegas Muga](#)

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**Day 8 Saturday, Sept. 23****Logroño to Salamanca****Overnight:** Salamanca**Meals:** B

This morning venture from Logroño in time for your mid-day tasting tour in La Guardia, the heart of Spain's **Rioja Region**. Here we will begin with one of our favourite wineries ~ the **Bodega El Fabulista**. After lunch we depart for Salamanca, with a history dating back to the Celtic era, it's known for its ornate sandstone architecture and for its famous University, one of the oldest in Europe.

Hotel ~ [Hotel Silken Rona Dalba](#) Winery ~ [Bodega El Fabulista](#)

**Day 9 Sunday, Sept. 24****Salamanca to Pinhão****Overnight:** Pinhão**Meals:** B

This morning enjoy your walking tour of Salamanca and some free time for shopping and lunch.

Pinhão ~ Today bid farewell to Salamanca and to España, as you venture into **Portugal and along the majestic Douro Valley**.

Pinhão is located at the crossing of the Douro and Pinhão rivers in the very heart of northern Portugal's famous Port winemaking region and is considered the mecca for wine lovers. The Douro valley is the oldest wine region in the world, having been demarcated in 1756, and produces some of the best wines in Portugal. *Saúde!* Pronounced: Saw-OO-de Translation: Health

When in the Douro Valley - taste the wine! Adega Cooperativa de Favaio has been one of the most prestigious wineries in Portugal since 1952. The spirit of cooperation of its 550 associates, allied to the knowledge of the "people of Favaio", has boosted the production of the Moscatel Galego Branco variety, making Moscatel de Favaio one of the most emblematic Portuguese wines.

Experts think this Portuguese Moscatel wine would be a match made in heaven!

Hotel ~ [Hotel Folgosa](#) Winery ~ [Adega De Favaio](#)

**Day 10 Monday, Sept. 25****Pinhão / Douro Valley, Guimarães & Porto****Overnight:** Porto**Meals:** B

As we continue through the breathtaking scenery of the Douro Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you will soon arrive at **Guimarães** known for its well-preserved medieval buildings like the hilltop, 10th-century Guimarães Castle, with its sweeping city views. After lunch, enter the seaside city of Porto. End this day with your city sightseeing walk with your guide, including the incredible Train Station ~ São Bento, and the Porto Cathedral.

**Hotel ~** [Hotel Boavista Porto](#)

**Day 11 Tuesday, Sept. 26****Porto****Overnight:** Porto**Meals:** B

Today meet your local guide for a city walking tour, with an entrance into the Cathedral, and after lunch, where I recommend devouring the famous Francesinha sandwich. With a full belly, you are off the Calem Port Distillery for a guided tour and a few sips of this famous Port. Enjoy the rest of your free day in Porto with so much to do and see! Between so many choices, I would recommend a cruise along the Douro River, taking a tram ride or shopping for cork products. My favourite time is spent in the Livraria Lello. <https://www.livrarialello.pt/en/home>

**Day 12 Wednesday, Sept. 27****Óbidos & Lisbon, the city of seven hills.****Overnight:** Lisbon**Meals:** B

After breakfast we depart by private coach to Óbidos, the preserved medieval town that is, without doubt, one of Portugal's most classic walled settlements. Walking the ramparts, you can enjoy the views of windmills, vineyards and the surrounding farmlands.

Enjoy the rest of this day with your Lisbon city walking tour beginning in the Belem district, Lisbon's most monumental and historical area. It was from here that many famous explorers sailed off on their voyages. See the incredible Belem Tower and then visit the beautiful Jeronimos Monastery, built-in 1502 and the resting place of Vasco da Gama. Continuing on your tour to Alfama with its breathtaking views of Lisbon, walk along with the beautiful tile-lined alleyways of this medieval maze. Overnight in Lisbon.

**Hotel ~** <https://www.vipzuriquehotel.com/en/sitemap/>

**Day 13 Thursday, Sept. 28****Lisbon & Sintra****Overnight:** Lisbon**Meals:** B

This morning we will explore the UNESCO World Heritage town of Sintra. A delightful, historic town located on the foothills of Portugal's Serra de Sintra mountains. Enjoy your guided tour of the Sintra National Palace (Palacio Nacional De Sintra) the best-preserved medieval residence in Portugal, the palace was home to the country's ruling nobility from the 15th to the 19th centuries. After lunch, return to Lisbon for a free afternoon.

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**Day 14 Friday, Sept. 29****Overnight:** Lisbon**Cascais & Farewell dinner****Meals:** BD

Today celebrate this great adventure, and spend your day exploring Cascais. Formerly a quaint fishing village and popular resort, once favoured by European nobility and kings in the early 20th century. Today it is a colourful town with elegant pedestrian streets, luxuriant villas, fashionable shops, and cafes and famous for its seaside, sandy beaches and calm sea. In celebration of a great adventure, we will celebrate with a Farewell dinner with the Portuguese traditionally prepared Piri Piri Chicken.

**Day 15 Saturday, Sept. 30****Overnight:** Onboard flight**International flight home****Meals:** B / TBA

We say our goodbyes to Kiki, our tour guide extraordinaire and to our driver.

**B** - Breakfast • **L** - Lunch • **D** - Dinner

*\*Please note: This tour is subject to final edits and changes*

***Did you know...***

Castile-León is known as “the granary of Spain” because it has large fields of cereal crops growing throughout the central plateau, including wheat, barley, rye, sunflower and oats.

*Yes, we will be driving through this incredible section of Spain!*

*And did you know* that cork from Portugal, is the world's largest producer? One-third of the world's total cork oak area produces roughly half the world's cork (310,00 tons from 2,150,000 hectares). This is a great marriage to the wine! Portugal has over 100 varieties of its own indigenous grapes, with their own distinctive tastes and aromas. Portugal stands in 5th position among the world's major wine exporters, just ahead of South Africa and behind Italy, France, Spain and Australia.

**Tour Package Price****\$5849.00**

Based on 40+ participants in twin accommodations

Single Supplement: \$1050.00

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## Important Notes

This is a quotation only and neither reservations for services nor hotel bookings have been made. The availability of all services is guaranteed upon confirmation of the first deposit. Small deviations in the tour program are sometimes necessary, depending on weather, road conditions, flight schedules, and hotel availability and the number of travelling participants. Therefore, quoted rates might change accordingly.

## Booking Conditions

Applications and Confirmation: **ALL** Travel Your World documents as **1)** Application, **2)** signed Waiver & Release, **3)** Payment Agreements, and **4)** Insurance Waiver Form or request for Insurance **must** be completed in full and handed in by the due date to ensure your place and confirmation.

## Payments

All deposits are to be made to the Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce as per your Payment Agreement. Your first deposit is non-refundable.

## Late Payments

All payments 1 – 15 days past due will result in a 10% late payment penalty. All payments 16 – 29 days past due will result in a 15% late payment penalty. If the scheduled payment and penalty amount(s) are not received within 30 days from the scheduled payment date, TYW assumes the participant will not be travelling and refunds will be subject to Travel Your World's cancellation policy. Should the participant still wish to travel on the tour, this must be communicated clearly in a written format to Travel Your World and the full outstanding amount(s) plus penalties must be paid within 24 hours of providing notice. Please visit [www.tyw.ca](http://www.tyw.ca) for our full Terms & Conditions.

## Mandatory Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is not included in your quoted tour package, however, it is **mandatory** for all TYW customized tours. There are many plan options available to you. To find a plan that specifically suits your needs and resolve any questions regarding Travel Insurance, or if you would like travel insurance quotes, please contact our Bilingual Licensed Manulife Travel Insurance Advisor at:

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**E:** [kirsty\\_power@manulife.ca](mailto:kirsty_power@manulife.ca) **Call:** 1-833-409-3349 **URL:** <https://www.manulife.ca>

Your tour group name: **Parkland Chamber 2023**

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE** with Travel Your World International Ltd. and Manulife Insurance, with the exception of the Visitors Plans that include Emergency Medical Insurance, *you must be a resident of Canada and covered under a government health insurance plan for the entire duration of the trip.*

### Please note you will NOT eligible for coverage if:

- a) you have been advised by a physician not to travel; and/or
- b) you have been diagnosed with a terminal illness with less than 6 months to live; and/or
- c) you have a kidney condition requiring dialysis; and/or
- d) you have used home oxygen during the 12 months prior to the date of application.

**\*Please note** Travel Your World is not licensed to advise or sell Travel Insurance to any participant residing outside the province of Alberta. For more information about how to purchase Manulife Insurance for non-Alberta residents please refer to our Insurance Waiver Form.

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