President’s Trip – The Best of Spain and Portugal

September 23 – October 5, 2027

13 Days, 16 Meals

Airfare Included!

Booking Deadline: May 27, 2027

Starting from: $7,979 per person

Low booking deposit of: $200 per person

Join AAA Central Penn’s President and CEO, Jodie Daubert, on an unforgettable journey through Spain and Portugal.

Daily Itinerary

Thursday, September 23, 2027 - Depart for Barcelona, Spain

Your journey begins with a motorcoach transfer from Central, PA to a local international airport for an overnight flight* to Barcelona, Spain.

*Air schedule will be shared once released from the airline. Group air schedule is in economy class. Seat assignments are controlled by the airline. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Air upgrades may be available and are by request only and are not guaranteed. Any air upgrades or deviations must be requested at the time the initial deposit is made.

Friday, September 24, 2027 - Arrive in Barcelona – Welcome Dinner

Upon arrival in Barcelona, transfer to your hotel. If the rooms are not ready yet, stretch your legs and grab a quick bite for lunch. Relax a bit and this evening meet our Tour Director and enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Hotel: *Meliá Barcelona Sarrià* (Dinner with wine or beer included)

Saturday, September 25, 2027 - Barcelona

Barcelona features a striking Old Town, but it's the bold creativity of Catalan Art Nouveau that truly defines the city. Your sightseeing experience with a Local Expert starts with a drive along the elegant Passeig de Gràcia en-route to Gaudí's iconic Sagrada Família. Step inside this monumental landmark of the Eixample, where soaring, tree like stone columns support the ceiling and sunlight streams through vibrant stained glass. Afterward, you're free to discover the city's many charms at your own leisure. (Breakfast)

Sunday, September 26, 2027 - Barcelona to Valencia

Travel along the sun kissed Costa Dorada, past the rice fields of the Ebro Delta. Pause at the seaside resort of Peñíscola to admire its dramatic hilltop castle, famously featured in the film *El Cid*. Continue through fragrant orange groves on the way to Valencia, where you'll view the futuristic City of Arts and Sciences. Later, explore the historic Old Town and soak up its medieval atmosphere. In the heart of the Old City, meet the chef of a family run restaurant for a paella making demonstration, then savor this iconic dish paired with a glass of wine. Hotel: *Melia Plaza Valencia* (Breakfast, Dinner with wine or beer included)

*Please note the hotel is in the city to provide you with the best cultural experience. Due to the hotel's location the bus will not be able to access the hotel. The group will be dropped off approximately 2 blocks away. Porterage is not available at this hotel, but the AAA Journey Manager will assist in bringing the luggage from the bus to the hotel for your convenience.

Monday, September 27, 2027 - Granada and Tour of the Alhambra

Travel through Andalucía toward Granada, passing Lorca's castle and the cave dwellings near Guadix, with views of the Sierra Nevada mountains along the way. Once in Granada, explore the magnificent Alhambra* (UNESCO), a 13th century Moorish palace famed for its intricate stonework and serene gardens, then stroll through the elegant Generalife, once the royal summer residence. Hotel: *Barcelo Carmen Hotel Granada* (Breakfast, Dinner with wine or beer included)

**Please note that all efforts will be made to include the Alhambra as part of the tour, however it is not guaranteed as it can only be booked 100 days prior to travel.*

Tuesday, September 28, 2027 - Granada to Seville

The morning visit the Albaicín Quarter with a Local Expert. Here, in addition to falling in love with Granada, you will also uncover its pivotal role in European history. Then continue your travels to Seville, past gleaming white villages and olive groves that stretch as far as the eye can see. Hotel: *NH Collection Sevilla* (Breakfast)

Wednesday, September 29, 2027 - Seville

Today, explore the Alcázar of Seville and Plaza de América with a Local Expert. Then continue discovering the city by joining a guided walk through the old Jewish quarter. Later, marvel at the soaring vaulted ceilings of the Seville Cathedral, the world's largest Gothic cathedral and Columbus's burial site. In the evening, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® flamenco experience at the Cristina Heeren Foundation, including a dance lesson and a powerful live performance. (Breakfast)

Thursday, September 30, 2027 - Seville, Spain to Évora and Lisbon, Portugal

Today we leave Spain behind and continue to the lively university town of Évora, one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Portugal, with architectural styles dating back to Roman times. Visit the fascinating Capela dos Ossos, a chapel decorated with 5,000 bones, before making your way to Lisbon. Hotel: *Dom Pedro Lisboa Hotel* (Breakfast)

Friday, October 1, 2027 - Lisbon and the Royal Portuguese Riviera

Explore Lisbon's Lower Town, passing Pombal Square before heading to the historic Belém quarter, once the departure point of Portugal's great explorers. Sample the famed Pastéis de Belém from a traditional patisserie, then view the Monument to the Discoveries, Belém Tower, and the National Coach Museum. Travel along the Portuguese Riviera with a Local Expert, taking in

stylish Cascais and elegant Estoril, before concluding at the splendid Queluz Palace, one of Portugal's royal treasures. (Breakfast)

Saturday, October 2, 2027 - Obidos - Fatima - Porto

Journey to the fortified town of Óbidos and walk within its walls, exploring the narrow, medieval streets. Perhaps stop for a tasting of locally made cherry liqueur. Continue to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned place of pilgrimage. Then it's on to Porto for the night. This evening take a cruise along the Douro River, on your way to dinner. Hotel:*Mercure Porto Centro Santa Catarina* (Breakfast, Dinner with beer or wine included)

*Please note the hotel is in the city to provide you with the best cultural experience. Due to the hotel's location the bus will not be able to access the hotel. The group will be dropped off approximately 1 block away.

Sunday, October 3, 2027 - Porto, Portugal to Madrid, Spain

Today relax and enjoy the scenery as we travel back to Spain, to the city of Madrid for the next 2 nights. Hotel:*Radisson Red Madrid* (Breakfast)

Monday, October 4, 2027 - Madrid

Enjoy sightseeing with a Local guide as they take us along the main historical areas in the capital city of Spain, Madrid! Drive through Madrid's historic heart to the city's charming Old Quarter, tracing its rise from modest origins to a major European capital. A highlight is a visit to the Prado Museum, where a local art historian brings masterpieces by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, and Rubens to life with engaging insights and stories. This evening share memories of your journey with fellow travelers at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (Breakfast, Dinner with wine or beer included)

Tuesday, October 5, 2027 - Depart Spain and travel home to Central Pennsylvania

Today marks the end of this truly memorable journey through Spain and Portugal. Transfer to the airport for a flight* and transportation back to Central PA. (Breakfast)

*Air schedule will be shared once released from the airline. Group air schedule is in economy class. Seat assignments are controlled by the airline. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Air upgrades may be available and are by request only and are not guaranteed. Any air upgrades or deviations must be requested at the time the initial deposit is made.

**All itinerary inclusions are subject to availability. The itinerary is subject to change at any time without advanced notice and/or compensation.

***Please note this tour includes a considerable amount of walking. All participants should be prepared to be standing for longer periods of time and walking longer distances on uneven cobblestone surfaces.

Highlights

- Barcelona, Spain
- City of Gaudi
- Valencia
- Granada and Alhambra
- Seville
- City of Carmen
- Evora and Lisbon, Portugal
- The Royal Portuguese Riviera
- Obidos, Fatima, and Porto, Portugal
- Madrid, Spain

Included Benefits

- Free parking with round-trip motorcoach transportation to a local international airport
- Round-trip airfare from a local international airport to Barcelona, Spain, with return from Madrid, Spain
- Round-trip airport and hotel transfers
- Eleven-night hotel accommodations
- Sightseeing as stated in the itinerary by luxury coach
- Services of a professional Insight Vacations Tour Director and a separate driver
- Gratuities for the Insight Vacations Tour Director, driver, and local experts
- Meals include 11 breakfasts and 5 dinners, with a glass of wine or beer included
- All local taxes, hotel service charges, and porterage for one suitcase per person (unless otherwise noted)
- Hosted by AAA Central Penn President and CEO, Jodie Daubert
- Services of a AAA Discoveries Journey Manager

General Info

Payment Information:

Rates Per Person

Double Occupancy: $7,979
Single Occupancy: $10,089

Non-Members must add $60 to the above rates. Rates are subject to availability at the time of booking and include taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges, which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 30 full-fare passengers. Single Occupancy is very limited.

Final payment is due to AAA by **June 7, 2027**

Cancellation Policy:

December 1, 2026 – June 7, 2027:	$200 per person plus any additional suppliers' fees
June 8 – August 24, 2027:	50% of the total trip cost plus any additional suppliers' fees
After August 24, 2027:	100% non-refundable

The airfare portion of the trip package is non-refundable after the final payment date of June 7, 2027.

Activity Level:

Moderate: Good mobility is required for this trip. Climbing stairs and standing for 2-3 hours at a time, as well as walking on uneven terrain may be necessary. Portions of the itinerary may include higher altitudes. The itinerary may involve longer days up to 12-14 hours in length. This activity level is not recommended for travelers with significant mobility concerns.

Travel Assistance:

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

GRP#4727

Frequently Asked Questions

What Travel Documents Do I Need?

Passport Required: Original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank Visa page for Visa stamp(s) is required for this trip.

ETIAS: As of the printing of this brochure all guests are required to obtain an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorization System) travel authorization for travel to Europe's Schengen zone (not included in the price of the trip). Please see your Travel Advisor for additional information.

As travel policies are rapidly changing, final requirements will be communicated prior to departure. Please see your Travel Advisor for additional information.

Do I need Travel Insurance?

For your protection, AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

What will the weather be like?

Temperatures for Spain and Portugal in September/October average in the high 60's to low 70s with cooler mornings and evenings. Casual clothes good for layering in order to be prepared for a variety of temperatures. Comfortable walking shoes are also recommended; be prepared for potential inclement weather.

How Many Bags May I Bring?

Due to limited space while touring, all passengers are limited to one checked bag no more than 50lbs. You may also bring a small carry-on bag small enough to fit under your seat. Soft sided carry-on bags no larger than 17in x 14in x 4in with a zippered enclosure are recommended. Wheeled carry-on cases that are used as carry-on luggage on airlines are too large and are not suitable as hand carried luggage. Baggage fees are not included in the price of the trip. Baggage fees and other charges may be directly assessed by the airlines or airport.

For reservations or more information please contact your AAA Central Penn Travel Advisor at 1-888-743-2844 or visit AAA.com.