

## NMH TRAVELLERS IN SPAIN 2012

### Reservation Form

I/we wish to reserve \_\_\_ place(s).

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Affiliation if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

I require single accommodations:  Yes  No

I would be interested in sharing a room:  Yes  No

Please list any disabilities or allergies of which we should be aware: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*(Please note: Smoking is not permitted on the coach.)*

Send this form and your deposit check for \$300 per person (made out to "The Travel Advisors," NMH Travellers' cooperating agency) to:

Rachel Jackson, Associate Director of Alumni Programs  
Northfield Mount Hermon  
One Lamplighter Way  
Mount Hermon, MA, 01354-9638

Full terms and conditions will be sent upon receipt of your deposit. There is a 3 percent charge for payment by credit card. This tour is limited to 20 participants and is offered on a first come-first serve basis. We urge you to reserve early. The final date for deposits is April 1, 2012. Balance is due by July 1, 2012. The Travel Advisors will recommend flights that will coordinate with the tour, if you wish.

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# Join NMH Travellers in Spain



Discovering new places with old friends  
September 20–29, 2012

Immerse yourself in the romance of Spanish legends. Experience the art, culture, and colorful traditions of Spain, handed down through the centuries by Iberian and Moorish forefathers. This exciting journey will take you from modern Madrid to an Arab souk, from bustling Seville to medieval Granada. Absorb the unique beauty of the world's largest mosque, in Cordoba; stroll along the ancient walls of Toledo and through the Alcazar palace of sultans and kings. Step back into the Middle Ages in famed Arcos—a pueblo blanco hidden in the Cadiz Sierras. Wander the Alhambra and explore Seville's cathedral, the largest gothic cathedral in the world. Taste the tapas, sample the wine, and experience the passion of flamenco. Do all this on a tour designed exclusively for NMH alumni, parents, and friends.



## Arrival In Madrid

Bienvenido a España! A warm welcome awaits at Madrid's Barajas Airport, then settle into a private coach that will take you to your hotel.

## A Royal Palace, A World Class Museum

All Madrid is on view as you explore, from the remains of the 9th- and 10th-century Moorish fortifications to architectural treasures of the 19th-century. You'll tour the extravagant Royal Palace, official residence of Spanish kings, first occupied in 1714. Then tour the magnificent Prado, built in 1785. Stroll galleries holding some of the most important collections of Goya, Valazquez, El Greco, and Murillo paintings worldwide. You might enjoy a splash of local wine with a few delectable tapas before dining in one of Madrid's many restaurants. \*B

## Toledo: A Visit To The Middle Ages

Step back in time as you tour Toledo, one of the most important centers of medieval history in Europe. Still surrounded by monumental walls, Toledo was the capital of Spain from the Gothic era until the mid-1500s. The entire city is one large museum, so conserved are the historic treasures and architectural masterpieces. Stop at the massive cathedral, begun during the Epoch of Reconquest, with a fine vestry collection of works by El Greco, Goya, and Van Dyck. You'll wander the church of Santo Tome, built in a style developed by Christians during the Moorish dominance. To appreciate other aspects of Toledo's religious past, visit the old synagogue and San Juan de Los Reyes monastery. Luncheon will be served in a restaurant typical of Toledo; then you may wander or spend a few gold ducats before returning to Madrid. \*B, L



## El Escorial

In a bleak, windswept site at the foot of Mt. Abantos, King Philip II built a palace to commemorate the 1557 Spanish victory against the King of France.



El Escorial is the final resting place for most Spanish kings of the last five centuries as well as a pantheon, a basilica, a convent, a school, a library, a royal palace, and the Augustinian Monastery of San Lorenzo El Real. Tour the UNESCO Heritage Site that was the spiritual and political heart of Spain. Many scholars claim it was modeled after the Temple of Solomon. Return to Madrid, and the evening is yours. Shop, see more sights, and enjoy a stimulating historic city. \*B

## Goodbye Madrid, Hello Seville

Say farewell to Madrid at the Atacha railway station and head to Seville, a city that was for centuries the gateway to the New World. Relax as the arid Spanish landscapes of "Don Quixote," pass by. You might glimpse some typical white windmills. Two-thousand-year-old Seville is the capital of Andalucia; past and present unite perfectly in this city under Moorish influence for 700 years. Your home will be the four-star Hotel Becquer in the heart of the old city, near the cathedral and built in the old palace of the Marqueses de las Torres. Before dining in the hotel and enjoying an exciting Flamenco exhibition, you may wish to ramble and soak up the atmosphere of this Spanish jewel or sample the excellent tapas served in the hotel bar. \*B, D



## A Golden Cathedral, The Alcazar, Tapas

You will visit the largest medieval Gothic religious building in the world, the magnificent Cathedral of Seville, begun in 1401 and built over a mosque. See dazzling quantities of gold, the most opulent carved altarpiece in Christendom, and the lavish tomb of Christopher Columbus. Next, tour the Alcazar, built atop an old Moorish fort. You



can ponder the legacy of the Arabs in this unique palace, with its sunken gardens and split personality, half-Moorish, half-traditional European. See the old Barrio Santa Cruz, the former Moorish and Jewish quarter with narrow lanes, flower-filled balconies, and rich facades. Luncheon will feature a demonstration on the art of tapas-making, and then you will enjoy the assorted little bites that make a meal. The afternoon is yours to enjoy in Seville. \*B, L

## The Whitewashed Villages

Drive through the whitewashed villages of Andalucia and stop to tour Arcos de la Frontera, the prettiest walled town in Spain. High on a ridge in the Cadiz Sierras,

Arcos was an important stronghold in the battles against the Moors. Residents live according to age-old traditions inherited from their Visigoth, Iberian, Roman, and Moorish forefathers, and the architecture of the Ducal Palace, Basilica of Santa Maria de la Asuncion, and the Town Hall, reflects these various cultures. Enjoy an olive oil tasting, then have lunch in one of the ancient stone buildings of Plaza del Cabildo. There will be time to wander before returning to Seville for an evening of sampling Moorish cuisine or dining at the site of the World EXPO '92. \*B, D



## Cordoba



Cordoba was an important capital in the 11th century and today is a lively town of flamenco and bullfighting. Visit the Mezquita, the third largest Arab mosque in the world, said by many to be the most original building in Spain and the starting point of Arab-Hispanic architecture for centuries to come. Go next to La Juderia, the Jewish quarter, an important intellectual center; continue to Granada, the Moors' last stronghold in Spain, and the Hotel Carmen, a four-star establishment near the Alhambra Palace and cathedral. The evening is yours: View the sunset over the Alhambra, enjoy tea and honey cakes, or wander the Albaicin district, where red tile roofs are tufted with wild flowers. \*B

## A Palace, A Cathedral, An Arab Souk

The Alhambra is an exquisite example of Islamic architecture. It was a fortress, a palace, a citadel, and a home to Sultans. Tour this ceremonial center and also the Generalife, or summer palace, surrounded by magnificent gardens. Move on to the Granada cathedral, built over two centuries, and visit the Royal Chapel and the opulent tomb of Ferdinand and Isabella. End your tour at the Alcaiceria, the former Arab souk, a bustling bazaar of hand woven rugs, hand-made jewelry, pottery, painted lanterns, brass, and Moroccan crafts. Dine together this evening in a local restaurant. \*D



## The Adventure Ends

Transfer to the Granada airport for the journey home to the United States. If you wish to remain longer in Spain, an extension can be arranged.

## Price:

\$2,828 per person, based on double occupancy, land tour only  
Single supplement: \$960  
Prices are based on the exchange rate of €1.00 = \$1.38

*If warranted by market fluctuations, rate adjustments will be determined prior to final payment.*

## Included in the above price:

- Nine nights of accommodations at four-star hotels with private bath or shower
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Three dinners, two luncheons
- Flamenco Show with one drink
- Arrival transfer from Madrid airport to hotel
- Sightseeing at indicated venues, including guides and entrance fees
- AVE (fast train) Madrid to Seville, including transfers from Madrid hotel and to Seville hotel.
- Long-distance transfer from Seville to Granada via Cordoba
- Departure transfer from Granada hotel to Granada airport
- All hotel taxes and service charges



\*B = Breakfast provided

\*L = Lunch provided

\*D = Dinner provided

