

Sue Kuti SmallGroup Tour

25 day Spain & Portugal

10 September 2014



This tour has been designed especially for the clients of SmallGroup Travel. It is a true small group tour focusing on the history and culture of Spain and Portugal. The pace is leisurely with most stays of two or more nights allowing you free time to experience the area. The hotels have been selected to reflect the culture and are well situated for you to wander on your own. Free days have been included to give you the opportunity to enjoy your surroundings or just to have rest time.

Many unique activities have been included – a private boat relaxing on the Duoro River, special food and wine events and a private traditional tram to visit the old quarters of Lisbon. Entries to museums and attractions are included.

The group size will be limited to 16.

I hope that you will join me on this unique experience of Spain and Portugal.

Spain

September. 11th. Wednesday – MADRID

Arrival to Madrid's airport, meet and greet by our English speaking Staff and transfer to hotel Check-in

Accommodation: Catalonia Atocha 4 stars. www.hotels-catalonia.com

September 11th. Thursday – MADRID Breakfast and welcome dinner included

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Morning departure for the ½ day panoramic tour including inside visit to the Prado Museum.

Madrid shows the multiple contrasts inherited through the History. You will be able to find the medieval origins of the city, like the Arabic fortress, at the Barrio de la Moreria, characterized by the antiquity of its buildings and the taste of its typical restaurants. We will also cover the Hapsburg Madrid of Felipe II, with its Renaissance and Baroque buildings. Then, we will also see the Bourbon Madrid and the urban layout made by Carlos III, the Royal Palace, (from outside) the Cibeles Fountain, Neptune Fountain and the Puerta de Alcalá. We will also visit the works from the kingdom of Joseph Bonaparte on the 19th century, such as Prado Museum. We will get to know the contemporary Madrid on areas such as Gran Vía, Paseo de la Castellana, Barrio Salamanca, Plaza de Castilla as well as the commercial and financial areas of Modern Madrid and the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.



Inside visit to the Prado Museum

Accommodation: Catalonia Atocha 4 stars. www.hotels-catalonia.com

There will be a welcome dinner at the hotel

September 12th Friday – MADRID breakfast and lunch included

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Morning departure for the full day tour to Toledo by private motorcoach with an English speaking guide.

The beautiful imperial city-museum of Toledo "World Heritage City" is located 70km away from Madrid. It is one of the oldest towns in Europe, called "city of the three cultures", since Christians, Muslims and Jews lived together. Its genuine Spanish buildings include almost all the periods in the history (Arab, Gothic, Mudejar, Renaissance and Baroque style). Here lived the great painter El Greco in the XVI century.

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Visits will be made to the Cathedral. The length of the work meant that the present-day Cathedral features all the stages of Spanish Gothic. The interior of the building contains a mass of magnificent decorations, rooms and objects to be admired, Church of St. Tomé with "El Entierro del señor de Orgaz", masterpiece of El Greco; Synagogue of Sta. María la Blanca; Museum Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes; famous technique of Damasquinado (encrust of precious metals in steel) and panoramic sightseeing of Toledo.

Lunch will be at local restaurant in Toledo.

Accommodation: Catalonia Atocha 4 stars. www.hotels-catalonia.com

September 13th Saturday – MADRID Breakfast included

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Day at leisure to explore the city on your own.

Accommodation: Catalonia Atocha 4 stars. www.hotels-catalonia.com



September 14th. Sunday -MADRID/CORDOBA 397 KMS Breakfast and dinner included

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Morning departure transfer by private motorcoach with English speaking guide.

Escort to train Atocha Station to board the AVE train to Cordoba.

Suggested timing:

10:15 a.m. departure from hotel to Atocha train Station

11:00 a.m. train departs to Cordoba

12:45 p.m. train arrives to Cordoba, transfer to hotel

Leave bags and time for lunch on own.

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m., if rooms are available before, hotel will be pleased to allocate clients before, in any case hotel will take care of luggage.

3:15 p.m. visit of Cordoba (walking).

Roman Bridge, Jewish Quarter, Synagogue and Mosque (famous monument in the Islamic West, built on an ancient mosque and the materials of the Christian basilica of San Vicente), after the visit continue to the hotel

Accommodation: NH Amitad Cordoba, 4 stars www.nh-hotels.com

Dinner will be at the hotel.

Sept. 15th. Monday - CORDOBA/GRANADA 202 KMS. Breakfast and dinner included

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Morning departure by private motorcoach to Granada with English speaking guide.

Escort to hotel

Check-in. Dinner will be at the hotel.

Accommodation: *Palacio de los Patos*, 5 stars, www.hospes.com

Check-in, dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

Sept. 16th. Tuesday –GRANADA Breakfast included

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Morning departure for the full day tour of Granada, visiting the Alhambra and Generalife Gardens, Cathedral, Royal Chapel and walk tour of the Albaycin.

The Alhambra's Islamic palaces were built for the last Muslim emirs in Spain and its court of the Nasrid dynasty. After the Reconquista by the Reyes Católicos ("Catholic Monarchs") in 1492, some portions were used by Christian rulers. The Palace of Charles V, built by Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor in 1527, was inserted in the Alhambra within the Nasrid fortifications. After being allowed to fall into disrepair for centuries, the Alhambra was rediscovered in the 19th century by European scholars and travelers, with restorations commencing. It is now one of Spain's major tourist attractions, exhibiting the country's most significant and well known Arab-Islamic architecture, together with 16th-century and later Christian building and garden interventions. The Alhambra is a UNESCO World Heritage Site,



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and the inspiration for many songs and stories. ¹

Cathedral of Granada

Albayzin: The Albayzín (or Albaicín) is a neighborhood of Al-Andalus origin, much visited by tourists who flock to the city because of its historical associations, architecture, and landscape.

Accommodation: Alhambra Palace, 4 stars. www.h-alhambrapalace.es

Sept. 17th. Wednesday- GRANADA/RONDA/ARCOS DE LA FRONTERA/SEVILLA, 380 KMS.

Breakfast and dinner included

Buffet breakfast and Dinner at the hotel.

Morning departure by private motorcoach with English speaking escort to Ronda, upon arrival you will have a guided tour including inside a visit to the famous bullring.

Ronda is situated in a very mountainous area about 750 m above mean sea level. The Guadalquivir River runs through the city, dividing it in two and carving out the steep, 100 plus meters deep El Tajo canyon upon which the city perches. The Spanish Fir (Abies pinsapo) is endemic to the mountains surrounding Ronda.

Bullring. Soon after the ring's creation in the 18th century, the Romero family of Ronda emerged to provide over three generations of bullfighters. The most important of them was Pedro Romero (1754-1839), a key figure in the history of bullfighting who slew more than 5,600 bulls. The Romero and Ordóñez families were known for their great bullfights in the Plaza, and a statue of Cayetano Ordóñez stands outside one of the entrances to the bullring.

Arcos de la Frontera is a town in the province of Cádiz in southern Spain. It is located on the eastern bank of the Guadalete river, which flows to the Bay of Cadiz. The town commands a fine vista atop a sandstone ridge, from which the peak of San Cristobal and the Guadalete Valley can be seen. The town gained its name by being the frontier of Spain's 13th century battle with the Moors.

Arrival to Sevilla, hotel. Check-in accommodation at the hotel.

This is a full day:

Approx. schedule subject to change

8:30 a.m. dept. Granada

11:00 a.m. arrival to Ronda, visit and some free time for lunch on own.

2:30/2:45 p.m. departure to Arcos

4:30 p.m. arrival to Arcos, free time to view the site

5:30 p.m. departure to Sevilla

6:30/6:45 p.m. arrival to Sevilla

Accommodation: Las Casas de la Juderia, 4 stars, www.casasypalacios.com

Sept. 18th. Thursday – SEVILLA Breakfast included

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Morning departure for the ½ day tour of Sevilla, including the Cathedral and the Reales Alcaceres.

Explore the most important monuments and areas of the city with our sightseeing tour. Discover the charm of Hispanic-Muslim architecture that is all around the city, walk along the shore of the Guadalquivir, great king of Andalusia, or enjoy the best views of the city from the top of the Giralda.

Visit emblematic works of historical and artistic heritage of Andalusia., the Reales Alcázares and amazed by the dimensions of the Cathedral of Saint Mary, both buildings declared as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Walk through the streets and the courtyards of the

Barrio de Santa Cruz, the old Jewish quarter of Seville where it was established the second largest Jewish community in Spain.

The afternoon is at leisure.

Accommodation: Las Casas de la Juderia, 4 stars, www.casasypalacios.com

Sept. 19th. Friday –SEVILLA Breakfast , lunch and dinner included

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Morning departure from the hotel with English speaking escort for full day tour to Jerez to attend the Horse Show, (The horse show operates on Tuesdays and Fridays)

The Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art Foundation with the exhibition regarded as the best equestrian ballet in the world: "How the Andalusian Horses Dance". An authentic equestrian ballet with choreographies based on the Traditional and Cowboy Methods of Taming Wild Horses, and genuine Spanish music and XVIII century customers.



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After the show, we will have lunch in a local restaurant and continue to one of the famous Sherry wine cellars with sherry tasting.

Evening Transfer by private motorcoach with English speaking escort for dinner and Flamenco show in a traditional Flamenco restaurant (Tablao)

Accommodation: Las Casas de la Juderia, 4 stars, www.casasypalacios.com

Sept. 20th.. Sunday – SEVILLA

Breakfast included

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Free day in Seville to Shop, Eat, drink or relax

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Sept. 21th.. Sunday – SEVILLA Breakfast included.

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Portugal operator collects group from Seville for Portugal section.

(PLEASE NOTE THAT CHECK-IN TIME AT HOTELS IS 15:00 HRS. CHECK-OUT 12:00 NOON)

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * Accommodation in hotels or similar
- *Transportation by air conditioned private motor coach for all detailed services as per itinerary
- *Tours/visit as mentioned in our itinerary
- *Meals as indicated in program, including ¼ of bottle of wine and ¼ of bottle of mineral water per person
- *English speaking. Local guide for visits as per program with pertinent entrance fees included.
- *English speaking Escort for circuit from Sept. 14th to Sept. 21st..
- *Pertinent entrance fees as per itinerary.
- * Train Tickets Madrid/Cordoba in AVE train economy class
- * Porters at hotels, 1 piece of luggage per person
- * Porters at train station in Madrid and Cordoba, 1 piece per person

ENTRANCE FEES:

Madrid, Prado Museum

Toledo, Cathedral, Santo Tomé Church Santa Maria la Blanca and San Juan de los Reyes

Cordoba, Mosque

Sevilla, Cathedral and Reales Alcaceres

Ronda: Bullring

Granada, Alhambra, Generalife Gardens, Cathedral and Royal Chapel

Jerez; Horse Show and Cellars

PORTUGAL



21st September – Hotel check-out in Seville and departure to Mérida. Time to visit the city including the roman ruins, museum and amphitheatres. Free time for lunch. Departure to Évora.

Évora is a beautiful small town in the Alentejo region. Still surrounded by the old walls it is a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and will attract you for its medieval appearance, the narrow streets, the historic centre and the kindness of the locals. Amongst several interesting monuments, you shall not miss the Roman Temple from the 1st century, unique of this kind in both Portugal and Spain. This is also the perfect place for a great gastronomic and wine experience, as this is one of the regions in Portugal with more traditional and quality at this level. You shall not miss the opportunity of having a meal in one of the city's restaurants.

Accommodation: Évora at Mar de Ar Aqueduto.

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22nd September – Evora breakfast

Full-Day Private Tour to Évora in the morning. In the afternoon A Visit to Monseraz with free time after to explore Evora.

Accommodation: Évora at Mar de Ar Aqueduto.

23rd September Depart Evora for Belmonte Breakfast and lunch included

Departure to Estremoz and visit of the old historical centre.

Departure to Marvão and lunch included in a regional restaurant in Marvão. Visit of Castelo de Vide, including medieval Synagogue.

Departure to Belmonte

Accommodation: Pousada de Belmonte.

24th September – Breakfast included Belmonte

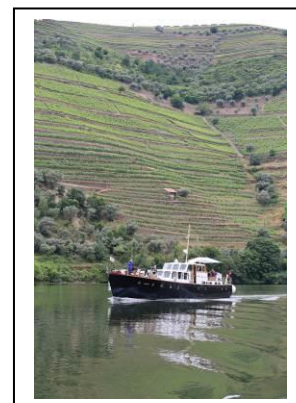
Half-Day Tour in Belmonte including visit of the Synagogue, Jewish Museum and Discoveries Museum. Free time for lunch and to walk around.

Accommodation: Pousada de Belmonte.

25th September – Breakfast included. Depart Belmonte to Pinhao

Hotel check-out and departure to Quinta da Ervamoira, private visit, wine tasting and lunch. Panoramic drive along the Douro and board a luxury river cruise ending in Pinhão. Upon arrival to Pinhão please join a special wine tasting of some special Port & Chocolate tasting at the CS Vintage House. **Douro Valley** is where the terraced hill slopes hide one of the country's most valuable treasures: the beautiful vineyards from where the worldwide famous Port wine is still nowadays produced. Driving through Marão Mountain range get prepared to enjoy one of the most wonderful landscapes in the world, with endless rows of vines dotting the slopes in the banks of the Douro River. We advise you to visit one of the wineries in the region and taking a river cruise.

Accommodation: Hotel CS Vintage House.



26th September – Breakfast and lunch included Guimares

Hotel check-out and visit of Mateus Manor House. Arrival to Guimarães and included lunch in a traditional restaurant. Visit of Guimarães in the afternoon.

Guimarães is the cradle of Portugal as this is where our first king, Afonso Henriques, was born and where he began the nation. You shall not miss the visit of the Ducal Palace, the Castle and walking along the narrow streets of the historic centre (declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO) till the charming Praça da Oliveira (Oliveira Square).

Accommodation: Hotel da Oliveira in Guimarães.

27th September – Breakfast included

Full-Day Private Tour to Braga and free time for lunch in the afternoon in the center of Braga. Return back to the town of Guimarães for a free afternoon for some shopping.



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Accommodation: Hotel da Oliveira in Guimarães.

28th September Guimares to Porto Breakfast included

Departure to Porto .Full-Day Private Tour of the city with free time for lunch.

Porto is at the same time the name of a city and a fortified wine, one of the most famous in the world, aged at the wine cellars of Vila Nova de Gaia, next to the Douro River. Its historical center has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and preserves many beautiful monuments, namely from the Baroque period which is contemporary to the glory and wealth achieved with the trade of Port Wine. You shall not miss a visit to the Cathedral (Sé), the Church of Saint Francis and the Clérigos Tower.



29th September Breakfast included Porto

Free day in the city of Porto.

Or

Optional tour for those who would like to go to Viana do Castelo and Ponte de Lima (This is already included in tour cost)

Viana do Castelo is one of the most beautiful towns of Minho. Don't miss a visit to the Sanctuary of Santa Luzia with an incredible view over the Atlantic and the town. In the historical center the narrow streets with its small churches will lead you into lively town squares that are a lovely place to walk around. You may also admire the filigree handmade works in one of the small shops in town.

Ponte de Lima is located at the banks of the Lima River. It's considered the most ancient village in Portugal, for having been given charter in 1125 by the mother of our first king. With a beautiful historic centre there are a large number of manor houses and palaces. In Ponte de Lima you can take the chance to enjoy a genuine cuisine and the locally produced Vinho Verde (green wine).



Accommodation: Porto at Hotel Pestana Porto.

30th September Breakfast and lunch included. Porto to Obidos

Departure to Coimbra and visit of the University. Lunch included in Nazaré. In the afternoon visit of the medieval town of Óbidos.

Accommodation: Óbidos at Pousada de Óbidos.

Óbidos is for sure one of the loveliest medieval villages in Portugal, still surrounded by walls and whose traditional whitewashed houses are decorated with blue and yellow trims around doors and windows. The multicolored flowerbeds decorating the houses prove the female touch in this village that used to be the wedding gift of our kings to their queens.

1st October – Breakfast and lunch included Obidos to Sintra to Lisbon

Free time in the morning in Óbidos and departure to Sintra.

Lunch is included in a regional restaurant in Sintra.

Visit of the town of Sintra and departure to Lisbon along the Estoril Coast.

Lisbon, capital of Portugal, located at the mouth of the Tagus River and from where the Portuguese boats set sail overseas in the 15th and 16th centuries



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towards East. At that time, the Maritime Discoveries period, the city became the centre of a large empire, still visible in the monuments of Belém section. Well known for its historic traditional neighbourhoods you'll be amazed with the sections of Chiado, Bairro alto and Alfama as well as the Castle of Saint George and the gorgeous views you can enjoy from the top of its hill. If you prefer modernity, you can also go to the newest section of the city, the Nations Park, the former world exhibition of 1998 area. Nowadays this area is considered one of the safest and well attended of the city of Lisbon.

Accommodation: Hotel CS Vintage.

2nd October – Breakfast included. Lisbon

Full-Day Private Tour of Lisbon including visit of Lisbon's Synagogue and Jewish quarter. In the afternoon private tram ride on traditional "Eléctrico" tram in old quarters of Lisbon. Free time for lunch in Lisbon.

Accommodation: Hotel CS Vintage.

3rd October – Breakfast included and lunch . Lisbon

Full-Day Private Tour to Palmela including Cheese Making activity in local dairy. Private visit to Quinta da Bacalhõa and wine tasting. Lunch included at seaside local restaurant in Sesimbra.

Accommodation: Hotel CS Vintage.

4th October – Breakfast and farewell dinner included

Yom Kippur – Free Day with no activities.

Possibility to join the religious ceremonies at the Synagogue of Lisbon (within walking distance from the Hotel).. Farewell dinner in Lisbon at Restaurant "Solar dos Presuntos". No transportation to/from restaurant. Restaurant located within 10 minutes walking from the CS Vintage House.

Accommodation in Lisbon at Hotel CS Vintage

The Portugal tour includes:

- 14 nights accommodation at referred hotels above, based on double / twin occupancy and standard room (except at Pousada de Óbidos where Castle rooms and Pestana Porto river view rooms)
- 14 breakfasts
- Deluxe Transportation in tourism Deluxe minibus with driver
- Official English Speaking Guide Escort during described tour
- Lunches & dinners as described in the itinerary
- Private River cruise in the Douro River
- All Entrance Fees to Monuments and cultural sites
- All Wine Estate visits and Wine Tastings

Not Included:

- Airfare
- Personal, Travel and Luggage Insurance
- Personal expenses
- All meals not listed in the above itinerary
- Transfers not specified in the above itinerary as "included"
- Tipping is not compulsory but it is customary to tip the driver and the guide.



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Spain tour based on 10 people travelling together Twin Share \$ 5110.00

Portugal Tour based on 8 people travelling together Twin Share \$ 7340.00

Single Supplements are available

To secure a reservation, a non-refundable deposit payment must be paid within 7 days of booking. Your place is not confirmed until the deposit has been placed and the booking form completed. The maximum number on the tour will be 16.

Final payment will be due by 23 May, 2014

How to Reserve Your Tour:

Please contact Sue Kuti :

suek@travelmanagers.com.au or Tel: (02) 93988558 or Mobile: 0414598157 to reserve your place on the tour.

I will then send you our official booking form and booking conditions for the tour. Please complete this form and return it with your deposit .

Travel Insurance:

It is a condition of travel that all travellers are adequately insured and that insurance details are advised at time of deposit. I can offer a discount for SmallGroup Travel members . Please contact Sue.

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<http://www.travelmanagers.com.au/terms-and-conditions.htm>)

Thank you for choosing Smallgroup Travel and Spain and Portugal Travel Connection. I look forward to welcoming you on your Smallgroup Travel tour of Spain and Portugal!

Best wishes

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