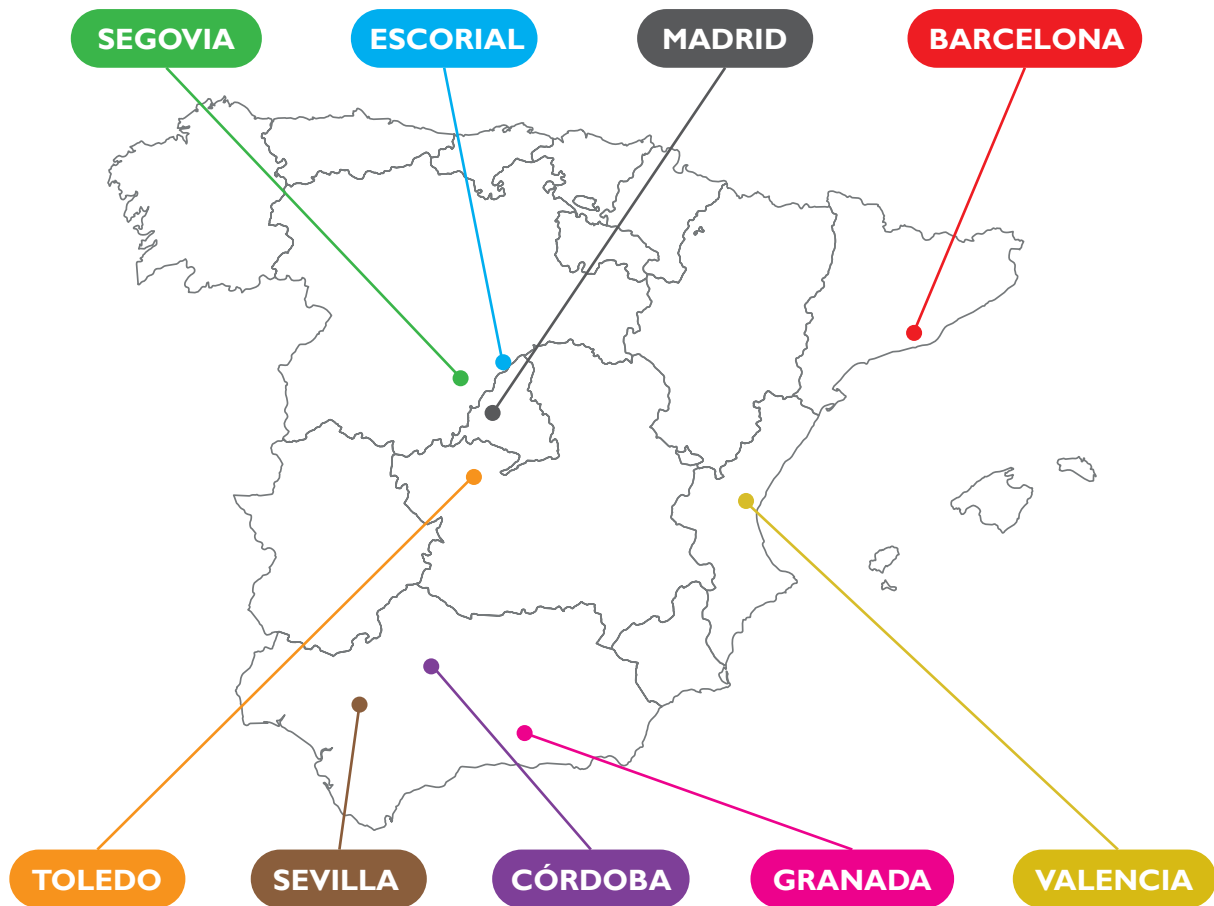


TRAVELLING IN SPAIN: WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE



Orientation Week: Viva Madrid, Vive Madrid

- Travelling and visits:
 - Madrid: Bus tour of the old and new areas, walking tour of old district, visit to a hermitage decorated with Goya's frescos.
 - Day trip to Segovia or Toledo.
 - Weekend out of Madrid.
- Orientation Sessions: Academics, Housing, Calendar, Transportation.
- Experiencing Madrid and Spain: Social conventions, the Fiesta and the Siesta, Food and Drink (Tapas tasting), Art and Culture.
- Speaking in Spanish: Survival in the home language.



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MADRID: There are more things to do in Madrid than you could do in a lifetime!

- The amazing museums: Prado, Reina Sofía, Thyssen, Sorolla and others.
- The original and well preserved Royal Palace, the lovely Egyptian Temple of Debod, the busy Retiro Park and the famous Puerta del Sol.
- The rich history of the capital and the lively people.
- The best tapas, churros, sangria or paella to eat.
- The vibrant nightlife and the soccer games.



BARCELONA: The 3rd most photographed city in social media!

- The fantastic Modernist architecture of Gaudí: Church of the Sagrada Família, Casa Batlló, Park Güell.
- The artistic center of design and modernity (from Picasso to Tapies).
- The wineries of sparkling wine (Cava).
- The bustling food market of la Boquería.
- The Mediterranean beach and port.



TOLEDO: The most authentic Medieval city where the Three Cultures or Religions coexisted!

- The monuments of the Cultural coexistence in the Middle Ages: Christians, Arabs and Jews (Churches, Mosques and Synagogues).
- The impressive treasures of the Gothic Cathedral.
- The masterpieces of the painter El Greco.
- A walking tour through the narrow and intricate streets of the medieval walled city.
- A world heritage site of the UNESCO.



SEGOVIA: The city with the most impressive 1st century Roman Aqueduct in Europe!

- The amazing Roman Aqueduct from the 1st century.
- The Alcazar or Medieval castle that inspired fairy tales.
- The mysterious church of the Templars.
- The tasting gastronomy of lamb and piglet.
- A world heritage site of the UNESCO.



MONASTERY OF EL ESCORIAL: The monastery which held the center of power of the Spanish Empire in the 16th century!

- A sober and austere monument of power and religiosity.
- The site for the Royal Pantheon of the Spanish Kings.
- The center of knowledge in Modern Europe.
- An artistic container for masterpieces of European Art.
- A world heritage site of the UNESCO.



CÓRDOBA: The most sophisticated and cosmopolitan city in Europe during the 8th and 10th centuries!

- The fascinating night visit to the Arab Mosque transformed into a Christian Cathedral.
- The magic of seeing a Spanish horse moving with a flamenco dancer.
- The adventure of experiencing a water journey in the Arab Baths.
- The tasting of Andalusian food: gazpacho, wines, tapas.
- A world heritage site of the UNESCO.



GRANADA: The most romantic and popular attraction in Spain!

- The amazing visit to the Alhambra Palace with its anecdotes and secrets.
- The beautiful sunset hues from one of the miradors.
- The strong and bright performances of Flamenco artists.
- The incredible history of Spain made visible in just a glimpse.
- A world heritage site of the UNESCO.



SEVILLA: The enchanting, fascinating and enjoyable capital of Andalucía!

- The charming old Jewish neighborhood of Santa Cruz and the Moorish Palace and Fortress.
- The Gothic Cathedral with the Arab patio and bell tower where Columbus is buried.
- The Real Maestranza bullring, the oldest in Spain and one of the most important arenas.
- The old gypsy quarters filled with romance and myths of the Triana district.
- The picturesque Maria Luisa Park with its decorative fountains and tile decoration.



VALENCIA: Home of the paella, oranges, beaches and Las Fallas!

- The tasty and delicious original paella recipes, the juicy oranges and the original drink of horchata.
- The cool and space age architecture of Calatrava in the City of Arts and Sciences.
- The famous fiesta of Las Fallas seen through the ninots or figures saved from the fire.
- The lively neighborhood of the Old Silk Market (Lonja) and the Modern Food Market.

