

SUNCOAST BRONZE RINGERS

Performance
Tour of

Spain



July 18 – 27, 2023

Directed by Michael Lamb



Performance Schedule

Thursday, July 20

Concert performance in Barcelona

Saturday, July 22

Concert performance in Burgos

Sunday, July 23

Concert performance in Salamanca

Tuesday, July 25

Concert performance in Madrid



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Tour Cost

\$5,659 per person from Tampa,
based on double occupancy

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JULY 2023

18, Tuesday
Departure

Check in at the Tampa International Airport for the transatlantic overnight flights to Spain. We're on our way!

- ① Gothic Quarter, Barcelona
 - ② Burgos Cathedral, Burgos
 - ③ Zaragoza
 - ④ Alcazar, Segovia
 - ⑤ Roman Aqueduct, Segovia
- Cover: Plaza Mayor, Madrid

19, Wednesday
Barcelona

Welcome to Spain! After collecting our luggage, we'll meet our tour manager and transfer to the waiting motorcoach for the transfer into the city. Barcelona is Spain's second-largest city and the capital of Catalonia. First on our agenda is a panoramic city tour followed by a walk through the Gothic Quarter. There will also be time for an independent lunch. Later we'll check in at our hotel. Following time to freshen up, we'll have a cocktail reception and then dinner. (D)

20, Thursday
Barcelona

Our sightseeing starts with a visit to the well-known La Sagrada Familia. Construction on this church began in 1882 and continues today. Following time to look around, we'll visit the Picasso Museum where many of his works are displayed. Lastly, we'll have some free time on La Rambla, a wide pedestrian boulevard in the city's heart. This evening we plan to give our first concert performance. (B, D)

21, Friday
Zaragoza, Burgos

We'll head to Zaragoza today, a city with 2,000 years of history. Here, we'll find a stunning legacy of monuments and vestiges of the Roman, Moorish, Jewish, and Christian communities that left their mark. After free time for lunch, we'll take a guided walking tour and then continue to Burgos, situated on the Pilgrim's Road to Santiago de Compostela. Upon arrival, we'll check in at the hotel for a two-night stay. (B)

22, Saturday
Burgos

This morning we'll take a walking tour of Burgos, the capital of the unified kingdom of Castilla-Leon for five centuries. Burgos boasts a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture: *Catedral de Burgos* (Burgos Cathedral). This cathedral is the resting place of El Cid and is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll also tour the historic quarter, walk along the banks of the Arlanzón River, and have time to enjoy the town. Later we plan to give a concert performance. (B, D)

23, Sunday
Valbuena de Duero, Salamanca

Heading southwest, we'll travel to Valbuena de Duero and enjoy a winetasting and lunch. We'll also have a chance to sample some locally produced olive oil and cheese. We'll then continue to Salamanca, one of Europe's most attractive cities with its golden buildings and narrow streets. It is known for its university, and the historic center of Salamanca is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This evening we plan to give a concert performance. (B, L, D)

24, Monday
Salamanca, Segovia, Madrid

Today will be a long but amazing day! We'll start with a morning walking tour of Salamanca that will include the lively main square of the Plaza Mayor, the Old Cathedral, and the University of Salamanca. We'll then travel to Segovia, an imposing city perched on a triangular rock rising out of the Castilian plain where the Eresma and Clamores rivers meet. Our tour of the city includes its majestic Roman Aqueduct—the largest and best-preserved of its kind, and in use for more than 2,000 years. Visits will also be made to the old Jewish Quarter and the Alcazar. The day concludes in Madrid, Spain's vibrant and cosmopolitan capital. Later we'll check in at our hotel for the overnight. (B)

Tour Pace

ACTIVE – Activity levels vary from day to day. Sightseeing is often a brisk walk over distances of several miles on cobblestone streets and uneven ground.

25, Tuesday

Madrid

This morning we'll take a panoramic tour of Madrid, during which we'll see Madrid's modern avenues, the centuries-old Retiro Park, and the Old Quarter where Plaza Mayor and the Royal Palace (Palacio Real) are located. This is the official residence of the Spanish monarchs that was begun in 1737 and has nearly 2,800 rooms! Next, we'll visit the famous Prado Museum whose outstanding collection consists of more than 3,000 paintings and 400 sculptures. It boasts the world's largest collection of Spanish paintings, with works by El Greco, Goya, Rubens, Velázquez, and Titan, among others. Those who wish to spend more time at the museum are welcome to stay longer. Following our visit here, there will be free time for independent exploration. Later, we plan to give our final concert performance. (B, D)

26, Wednesday

Toledo, Madrid

An excursion to the captivating and historical city of Toledo is on our agenda for today. Toledo is known as the "city of three cultures" because Christians, Muslims, and Jews have lived here together for



centuries. We'll see examples of architecture from each of these traditions during our time in Toledo, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The cathedral was originally a church that became a mosque, then a temple, and was then converted back to a church. We'll also visit St. Tome Church, which houses one of El Greco's most famous paintings, *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*. After our tour, there will be time to explore independently and do some shopping. Toledo is known for such specialties as pottery and the black-and-gold metalwork known as "damascene." Later we'll return to Madrid for a cocktail party and farewell dinner. (B, D)



27, Thursday

Return

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flights to the U.S. (B)

- ① Retiro Park, Madrid
- ② Toledo

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