

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

SPAIN PILGRIMAGE

11 DAYS: MAY 12-23, 2025

Visiting

MADRID * AVILA * TOLEDO * CORDOBA * SEVILLE
GRANADA * VALENCIA * MONTSERRAT * BARCELONA

Hosted by

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\$4829 PER PERSON FROM TORONTO

(Air/land tour price is \$4159 plus \$670 government taxes/airline surcharges)



Clockwise from Left to Right: Madrid ~ Seville ~ Archabbey of Montserrat

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Dear Friends,
I must admit that it has been a great joy these past few years to once again be able to offer various opportunities to travel throughout Europe to the great shrines and holy places of our faith. Those wonderful pilgrimages have encouraged me to find other, maybe less well-known

itineraries to continue this new tradition. This is why I am excited to announce my first Pilgrimage to Catholic Spain for 2025. In my years of working in seminary formation as well as parish ministry, I have become more and more fascinated with the great saints of Spain, such as St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Ignatius Loyola. And so, I invite to join me on a grand travel experience to one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting countries – Spain. As we visit both the holiest sites and the major cities of sunny Spain, we will also visit picturesque towns and villages and experience some of the country's most ornate cathedrals and majestic castles, as well as encounter breathtaking landscapes such as the rugged Iberian mountains, rolling plains, and sheer cliff-bound coasts.

We will begin our adventure in exciting Madrid as we stroll through the incredible Prado Museum, one of the most beautiful art museums in the world. We will also spend time in reflection in the sacred cities of Avila and Segovia. Our journey will then take us to Toledo, home of several masterpieces by the great artist, El Greco, and Cordoba, before we move on to Seville. There we will visit the elaborate Alcazar Palace and the ornate cathedral with the tomb of Christopher Columbus. In Granada, we will enter the summer palaces of the great Moorish caliphs, including the ornate arabesque Alhambra. In Valencia, we will experience some of the greatest cuisine that Spain has to offer. Before we end our trip in Barcelona, one of Europe's most cosmopolitan and joyful cities with its unique, still unfinished Church of Sagrada Familia, we will visit the famous Monastery of Montserrat with its venerated 6th century statue of the Black Madonna.

Our pilgrimage promises to be an experience of faith, relaxation, beautiful sites and delicious food and drink – a trip that you will always treasure. We encourage you to complete the reservation form and send it in along with your deposit. Let your friends know so they are not left out. We hope to hear from you soon.

*Sincerely,
Fr. Rich*

TOUR FEATURES

- Round-trip bus from Buffalo and airfare from Toronto.
- \$670 Government taxes/airline surcharges.
- Accommodations at First Class/Select hotels based on two persons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath.
- Most meals.
- Services of a professional English speaking tour director
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout
- All admission fees, portorage and hotel service charges
- Transfers to/from airports by private motorcoach including meeting/assistance and portorage

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DEPART BUFFALO/TORONTO/ ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

MON, MAY 12

Depart Buffalo today by bus to Toronto and connect with your overnight transatlantic jet flight to Madrid, arriving the following day.

ARRIVE MADRID

TUE, MAY 13

Your exciting adventure begins as you arrive today in Madrid. Transfer to your hotel and enjoy the balance of the day at leisure. (D)

MADRID

WED, MAY 14

On this morning's visit of the city, you will see the white-trimmed 2,800-room Royal Palace and the exquisite gardens that surround it. Other highlights include the Puerta del Sol, Cervantes Memorial, the Plaza de Espana and the acacia-lined Castellana. Then visit the Prado Museum, housing a collection of masterpieces by Spain's artists Velazquez, Goya and El Greco. This afternoon will be at leisure. (B)

MADRID – AVILA/SEGOVIA

THU, MAY 15

This morning drive to the walled city of Avila, the birthplace and home of St. Teresa, the founder of the Order of the Carmelites. Visit the Monastery of the



MADRID – AVILA/SEGOVIA

THU, MAY 15 - continued

Incarnation, where Teresa entered Carmel, made her Solemn Profession and lived for the next 25 years. Also, visit the foundation of the reform, St. Joseph Monastery. See the beautiful Plaza de Santa Teresa and other sites connected with her life. Continue to Segovia, famous for its magnificent Roman Aqueduct and Cathedral, one of the last Gothic buildings built in Europe. Visit the church of St. John of the Cross before returning to Madrid for the night. **(B)**

MADRID/TOLEDO/CORDOBA

FRI, MAY 16

Depart this morning for Toledo, the ancient Castilian capital that sits high on a hilltop ringed by Visigoth walls and circled by a loop of the Tagus River resembling a moat. Visit the 13th century Cathedral containing priceless jeweled chalices and paintings. Continue to Cordoba for the night. **(B,D)**

CORDOBA/SEVILLE

SAT, MAY 17

This morning enjoy an orientation tour of Cordoba before departing for Seville, capital of Andalucia for the night. **(B,D)**

SEVILLE

SUN, MAY 18

This morning visit Alcazar Palace and the ornate cathedral with Columbus' tomb and Giralda Tower. Also see Maria Luisa Park, City Hall, the Gold Tower and the area of the April Fair described by Hemingway. The balance of the day is free. You may want to wander out tonight and experience one of Seville's many local establishments where you can enjoy Flamenco dancing. **(B)**

SEVILLE/GRANADA

MON, MAY 19

Depart this morning to the 8th century Moorish stronghold of Granada in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Range. This afternoon your sightseeing includes visits to the Rotonda del Generalife, summer palace of Moorish princes, plus the Alhambra, an ornate, Arabesque confection in pink granite. You will have time to explore the gardens and grounds before going to dinner and your hotel. **(B,D)**

GRANADA/VALENCIA

TUES, MAY 20

Enjoy a free morning on your own. Then you drive past the many olive and orange groves of the rolling Andalusian hills and then through the barren landscapes of Don Quixote's La Mancha as you head northwards to Valencia. **(B,D)**

VALENCIA/MONTSERRAT/BARCELONA

WED, MAY 21

This morning you depart Valencia and head to Barcelona, considered to be the cultural center of Spain. On the way stop at the dramatically set 12th century Benedictine Archabbey of Montserrat. Perched high on sheer rock rising abruptly from the Catalonian plain, it is the spiritual heart of Catalonia. Pilgrims have been visiting Monserrat for over 700 years. Visit the royal Basilica where you will see the venerated 6th century statue of the Black Madonna, Our Lady of Montserrat. After your visit, continue to Barcelona and your hotel for the night. **(B,D)**

BARCELONA

THU, MAY 22

Barcelona is the cultural and political center of Catalonia and Spain's most European city. The city itself is divided into two major parts: the older area symbolized by the Gothic Quarter and the more modern part with its wide avenues. This morning enjoy a city tour including a visit to the Gothic Quarter. See the Gothic palaces of the Government of Catalonia and the City Hall, the world-famous Cathedral with its fine medieval cloister and arcades, and view from the outside the towering La Sagrada Familia Church designed by the Catalonian architect Antoni Gaudí. Begun in 1882, the church is still under construction today. The afternoon is at leisure to further explore this magnificent city on your own. **(B)**

BARCELONA/TORONTO/BUFFALO

FRI, MAY 23

Your adventure is over as you board your flight back to Toronto, arriving the same day and your bus back home to Buffalo. **(B)**

B - Breakfast

D - Dinner





Avila

TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

For terms and conditions please visit:

<https://www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions2025/>

The tour that you are booking is a CUSTOM TOUR. As such, there are custom payment terms and cancellation terms and these payment terms and cancellation terms are hereby made a part of your agreement with us and with our Terms and Conditions.

Payment Dates:

- A \$800 deposit is due with your reservation
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 125 days prior to departure date

Guest Cancellations:

- Up to 121 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less a \$400 per person fee.
- From 120 to 91 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less a \$800 per person fee.
- From 90 days to 41 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less a fee of 50% of the total tour price.
- From 40 days up to and including the day of departure, reservations are subject to a 100% fee.

Airline tickets are non refundable once issued.

Taxes/Airline Surcharges: In effect on July 1, 2024.

Hotel Service Charges/Taxes: In effect on July 1, 2024 (excluding hotel tourist taxes).

Airfare: In effect on July 1, 2024.

Land Costs: Based on estimated 2025 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on July 1, 2024 and a minimum of 32 or more participants per coach.

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Though Mr. Nawas has since passed on, Nawas International Travel remains under his family's guidance and continues to serve thousands of travelers every year. With our global network, affordable prices, and expert tour directors combined with years of group travel expertise, we guarantee the highest quality tour and services.



Granada

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12 DAYS SPAIN PILGRIMAGE
RESERVATION FORM

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ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:

- double room sharing with
single room (\$1,200 extra per person)

Enclosed is my check for \$ as
Deposit (\$800 per person) for person(s)

Please include a clear photocopy of your Passport with this Reservation Form
Clearly print your full name (last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport:

Passenger #1

Name: Title
Last
First
Middle
Gender: Please check Male Female

Address:
City: State: Zip:
Home Phone:
Cell Phone:
E-mail address:
Passport #:

Date Issued: Date Expires:
(day/month/year) (day/month/year)

Date of Birth: MONTH DAY YEAR

Place of Birth: Country of Citizenship

Passenger #2

Name: Title
Last
First
Middle
Gender: Please check Male Female

Address:
City: State: Zip:
Home Phone:
Cell Phone:
E-mail address:
Passport #:

Date Issued: Date Expires:
(day/month/year) (day/month/year)

Date of Birth: MONTH DAY YEAR

Place of Birth: Country of Citizenship

You understand that this reservation form serves as your acceptance of the policies of our Terms and Conditions including our cancellation policies, which can be found at https://www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions2025/.

Signature Passenger # 1

Date

Signature Passenger # 2

Date