

# 10 Days/9 Nights

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## Avanti Journey - Cultural Capitals: London, Lisbon & Madrid

Three of the most sophisticated cities in the world, each with a unique artistic heritage and cultural vibe. Avanti brings these cities to life with city tours, museum visits, and unique cultural experiences in each.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

•3 Nights London

•3 Nights Lisbon

•3 Nights Madrid

### INCLUSIONS

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers Per City
- Private London City Tour by Iconic Black Taxi
- Shared City of London Gin Distillery Tour and Tasting

- Private Lisbon City Tour
- Fado Show With Dinner
- Private Madrid Cultural Tour with Lunch
- Flamenco Show With 3-Course Dinner

- Air JFK to London, London to Lisbon, Lisbon to Madrid, Madrid to JFK\*
- Daily Breakfast



## ARRIVE LONDON:

Claim your bags and meet your driver who will transfer you to your hotel. You have the rest of the day to explore London on your own.

*(Accommodations, London)*



## LONDON:

Today you will have a Private London City Tour by Iconic Black Taxi. The best way to see London is with a knowledgeable London Taxi Driver, who must possess "the Knowledge" in order to obtain his cab license. Your London Highlights Taxi Tour will maximize the sightseeing time you spend in London and the fun you have. That's why the London Highlights Taxi Tour is our most popular. On your 3 or 4-hour tour you will see some of the most iconic, famous historical London sights - all with a full commentary from your London Taxi Tour Guide and lots of photo opportunities on the day. Your Taxi Tour will include: Westminster Abbey, Hyde Park Memorial, St. Paul's Cathedral, Houses of Parliament, Downing Street, Whitehall, Tower Bridge, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, London Bridge, and much more!

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, London)*



## LONDON:

After breakfast, explore the city on your own to see some of the famous landmarks like the Tower of London, The Eye, Buckingham Palace, British Museum, Westminster Abbey, or just perusing through neighborhoods like Soho, Notting Hill, or quirky Shoreditch. Late in the afternoon, meet your guide on Bridal Lane for a City of London Gin Distillery Tour & Tasting. You'll take a guided tour through the London Gin Distillery and discover the history of gin in London, learn about their gin and the process of making it. Tour will be followed by a 3-flight gin tasting. And if the tasting is to your liking, your ticket will also include a discount voucher off a bottle of their gin. Please note, the minimum age to participate in this tour is 18

years.

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, London)*

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## **LONDON TO LISBON:**

This morning after breakfast, take your private transfer to Heathrow Airport for your flight to Lisbon. On arrival in Lisbon, a driver will meet you for your private transfer to your hotel. You have the rest of the day to relax or to begin exploring Lisbon on your own.

*(Breakfast, London; Accommodations, Lisbon)*

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## **LISBON:**

Lisbon, the beautiful capital of Portugal, is called the "City of Explorers" due to its links to Magellan and other 17th century explorers. It is built on seven hills overlooking the River Tagus. Begin your exploration of this remarkable city with a Private Sightseeing Tour. Your driver and English-speaking guide will meet you at your hotel this morning to begin this four-hour tour. You can help design the tour by selecting districts or monuments to be visited, along with sights and stops along the way. Entrance fees to Jeronimos Monastery and Belem Tower are included. After the tour, you have the rest of the day to continue exploring on your own.

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, Lisbon)*

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## **LISBON:**

Today is yours to further explore Lisbon on your own. Options include a visit to St. George's Castle - the hilltop fortress that overlooks the city; the Museu Calouste Gulbenkian, with a priceless collection of European and Middle Eastern art; or the Lisbon Oceanarium - one of the largest and finest aquariums in the world. Or explore the narrow lanes of the Alfama - the old Moorish quarter of the city.

In the evening, finish off your Avanti adventure with a Three-Course Dinner with Fado Show. Fado is the traditional musical art form of Portugal, which can be traced back to the early 19th century. Your evening begins at about 7:30 at Cafe Luso Restaurant. Founded in 1927, this prestigious venue is inexorably linked with the history of Fado - the late lamented Amalia Rodrigues sang here, among other great names. The restaurant is one of the most impressive of all Lisbon's Fado houses, and in fact is fashioned out of the old cellars and stables of a former 17th-century palace. The vaulted ceiling provides unique acoustics. The menu offers traditional Portuguese cuisine alongside a good selection of national wines, and diners are treated to beautiful renditions of Fado, and displays of regional folk dancing.

*(Breakfast, Dinner & Accommodations, Lisbon)*





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## LISBON TO MADRID:

This morning after breakfast, take your private transfer to Lisbon Airport for your flight to Madrid. On arrival in Madrid, a driver will meet you for your private transfer to your hotel. You have the rest of the day to relax or to begin exploring Madrid on your own.

*(Breakfast, Lisbon, Accommodations, Madrid)*

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## MADRID:

Begin your exploration of Spain's capital with a Private Cultural Tour With Lunch. Your guide and driver will meet you this morning at your hotel [time to be advised] to begin your city tour and an introduction to its history.

The Madrid area has been settled since the Lower Paleolithic age, but it was not until 1561 that King Philip II made it the capital of his mighty empire. The historic old town, also known as Madrid de las Austrias (referring to the Hapsburg empire) is a living example of the city's 16th and 17th century, as is its impressive Plaza Mayor.

The Royal Palace of Madrid was built in the eighteenth century by order of Philip V, on an ancient fortress site, that had previously been a Muslim castle. There are many rooms inside the building the most outstanding of which are Alabarderos Hall, Columnas (Columns) Hall, Espejos (Mirrors) Hall and the King Charles III of Spain's Room.

*(Breakfast, Lunch & Accommodations, Madrid)*

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## MADRID:

Today is free for you to explore on your own; options could include a visit to the Mercado San Miguel street market, just off the Plaza Mayor; Retiro Park, a beautiful space of parks and gardens, designed for strolling; or Puerto del Sol - a large public square filled with fountains, shops, and lots of people.

Tonight, enjoy a lovely and lively dinner and flamenco show at the renowned Tablao Villa Rosa. The restaurant was founded in 1911, where an old chocolate mill used to operate. The show duration is one hour and the fixed dinner is served one hour before show. This night will leave you with lasting memories of your journey to three cultural capitals. Unless a private car and driver is hired, transportation from/to your hotel is not included.

*(Breakfast, Dinner & Accommodations, Madrid)*

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## DEPARTURE:

Today you say farewell to Europe as you have a private transfer to the Madrid Airport, for your flight back to New York (or other selected city).

*\*Flights from other U.S. departure cities also available.*

*(Breakfast, Madrid)*

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