PARADORES & POUSADAS
HISTORIC LODGINGS OF SPAIN & PORTUGAL
April 12-26, 2018

15 days from $4,678 total price from Boston, New York
($3,995 air & land inclusive plus $683 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.

A Special Small Group Tour for the Columbia Alumni Association Travel Study Program
Dear Fellow Columbian,

Travel with the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) from April 12-26, 2018, on a special 15-day small group journey to discover the best of the Iberian Peninsula in both Portugal and Spain. Enjoy captivating sights, excellent cuisine, and memorable experiences. Highlights of the tour include: Lisbon sightseeing, Roman ruins at Merida, several UNESCO World Heritage sites, Seville, and Granada’s Alhambra and Generalife Gardens. Conclude your trip with a three-night stay in sophisticated Madrid.

The CAA is a global network connecting Columbians of all schools to one another and to the intellectual and social fabric of Columbia University, even after graduation. It links over 330,000 alumni through more than 100 Regional Clubs and Shared Interest Groups, online resources, and over 200 thought-provoking programs around the world. The CAA Travel Study Program is one of the benefits offered to Columbia alumni and is an opportunity to continue one’s Columbia education through new intellectual, cultural, and geographical horizons.

Space on this air-inclusive tour is limited to just 24 participants and will be shared with a cosponsoring alumni association. Please contact the Alumni Travel Study Program at travelstudy@columbia.edu or 866-325-8664 for more details and to reserve your place on this memorable tour!

Sincerely,

Donna H. MacPhee ’89CC, P: ’17CC
Vice President for Alumni Relations
President, Columbia Alumni Association

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM – PARADORES & POUSADAS

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Paradores & Pousadas departing April 12, 2018. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program, P.O. Box 930, Riverside, CT 06878. Phone: 866-325-8664; fax: 203-724-0844; e-mail: travelstudy@columbia.edu; website: http://alumni.columbia.edu/travel.

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Please book my/our air from ______________________________ I/We request an air upgrade to _____________
I will share a room with ___________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑
Post-Tour Extension: “Barcelona – On Your Own”: Please sign me/us up ❑

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Paradores & Pousadas, April 12-26, 2018, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _________________________________________________________________ Date _________________

Method of Payment ❑ Check ❑ American Express ❑ Discover ❑ MasterCard ❑ VISA
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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lisbon, Portugal

Day 2: Arrive Lisbon  We arrive in the Portuguese capital and transfer to our hotel. As guests’ arrival times vary, we have no group activities planned during the day. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner.

Day 3: Lisbon/Queluz  This morning’s city tour includes the Jerónimos Monastery, a masterpiece of Manueline architecture; iconic Belém Tower; and the Monument to the Discoveries commemorating Portugal’s storied explorers. Then we visit the National Palace of Queluz, the former residence of Portuguese royalty now used for state occasions. After returning to Lisbon, the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore as we wish.

Day 4: Lisbon/Evora  Leaving Lisbon this morning, we travel through the rolling hills of the agricultural Alentejo district, with its bountiful fields of wheat, fragrant vineyards, and stands of olive and cork trees. After stopping for lunch in the fortified hilltop town of Monsaraz (pop. 150), late afternoon we arrive in Evora, capital of the Alentejo and site of our pousada, considered Portugal’s finest.

Day 5: Evora  Our morning walking tour of Evora introduces us to the many charms of this architectural gem – a university town, prosperous regional capital, and UNESCO World Heritage site thanks to the many relics of its Roman and Moorish heritage. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy this “Golden Age” city as we wish.

Day 6: Evora/Merida, Spain/Carmona  Today we travel east through countryside peppered with the ruins of fortresses and castles to the Spanish border town of Merida. Once the capital of ancient Lusitania (Latin for the kingdoms of Spain and Portugal), Merida boasts outstanding Roman ruins. There’s time to explore and eat lunch on our own before we continue on to Carmona and our parador, a restored 14th-century Arab fortress.

Day 7: Carmona/Seville  This morning we visit splendid Seville, Moorish capital of Spain’s Andalusia
We see Granada’s Alhambra, the Moor’s “pearl set in emeralds,” on Day 11.

Day 8: Carmona/Cordoba  Today’s visit to this cultural gem promises to be special indeed. First the capital of Roman Spain, then of Moorish Spain, Cordoba features some of the country’s most important monuments, including the Old Quarter built around the magnificent Mezquita mosque. It was here that the Moors ruled from the 8th to the 11th centuries and fostered a culture of learning and religious harmony known the world over. Cordoba also is home to Andalusia’s only synagogue to survive the expulsion of Spain’s Jews in the 15th century. After touring these and other highlights we have free time to explore on our own. Late this afternoon we return to our parador, where we dine tonight. B,D

Day 9: Carmona/Ronda  Leaving Carmona this morning we travel south to tiny Ronda, one of Spain’s oldest and most aristocratic towns. It’s set high in the mountains with whitewashed houses clinging improbably to the edge of El Tajo Gorge – 500 feet deep and 300 feet wide. B,D

Day 10: Ronda  This morning we take a walking tour of Ronda, taking in the graceful cathedral of Santa Maria Mayor in the town’s Old Quarter; two 17th-century bridges; and the Casa de Mondragon, once home to Moorish kings. Midday we enjoy regional specialties at a tapas lunch at our parador, Ronda’s original town hall. Then the rest of the day is free for independent exploration. B,L

Day 11: Ronda/Granada/Úbeda  Continuing our journey, we travel today to Granada, the former stronghold of Moorish Spain set in the foothills of the snow-capped Sierra Nevada. The city’s undisputed highlight is the Alhambra, the extraordinary palace of Spain’s last Moorish rulers. Sprawled across a hilltop above the Darro River, the Alhambra commands breathtaking views of the city below, as we see on our afternoon tour of this splendid citadel. We also visit the Granadian-style Generalife, the palace’s acclaimed gardens.

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**Post-Tour Extension**

April 26-29, 2018

**B**ARCELONA – **O**N **Y**OUR **O**WN

4 days/3 nights for $745 total price

Single Supplement: $295

Enjoy this bustling seaport, Spain’s cultural and commercial capital, with its medieval Gothic Quarter and popular Ramblas waterfront promenade.

**Your Tour Price Includes**

• Air transportation Madrid/Barcelona, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
• 3 nights’ accommodations at Hotel Avenida Palace (Superior First Class)
• 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
• Transfers to/from airport
Late afternoon we travel north to Úbeda and our next parador, a former palace dating to the 16th century and where we dine tonight.  

**Day 12: Úbeda/Toledo/Madrid** A highlight is in store today as we visit Toledo, capital of medieval Spain. Declared a Spanish National Landmark, the city is little changed visually from its 16th-century days as a subject for the artist El Greco. Toledo boasts an incomparable hilltop setting overlooking the Castillian plains and surrounded on three sides by the Tagus River. After lunch on our own we see Toledo’s most important sights on our guided tour, including the massive Gothic Cathedral begun in 1226 and not finished until 1493. Then we continue on to Madrid, arriving late afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own; perhaps to dine late as the Madrileños do.  

**Day 13: Madrid**  
Our morning tour of this monumental and dignified capital city includes vast Plaza Mayor, in the heart of Old Madrid; the Moorish medieval district; and opulent 18th-century Palacio Real (Royal Palace), with its 2,800 rooms. Our tour ends at the Prado, one of the world’s greatest museums, where we’re free to explore on our own. After our time at the museum, we enjoy a tapas lunch together at a local restaurant. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration in this cosmopolitan city.  

**Day 14: Madrid** A free day to enjoy the Spanish capital as we wish. Tonight we bid “Adios” to Spain and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner.  

**Day 15: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the airport this morning for our connecting flight to the U.S.  

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**Your Tour Price Includes**  
- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities  
- 13 nights’ accommodations: 5 nights in Deluxe hotels; 8 nights in First Class paradores and pousadas  
- 25 meals: 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 9 dinners  
- Regional wine with dinners  
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees  
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director  
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip  
- Luggage handling for one bag per person  
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers  

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“The air is soft as that of Seville in April.”  
– Christopher Columbus

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**Tour Departs: April 12, 2018**  
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.  

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $683, which are subject to change until final payment is made. 

Single travelers please add $1,195. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed. 

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – $3,595 per person; Premium Economy – $895 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade prices are in addition to the costs above. 

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest. 

For reservations and information, please contact the Columbia Alumni Association Travel Study Program at 866-325-8664, or fax 203-724-0844, or e-mail travelstudy@columbia.edu
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price:
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
- cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge;
- cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price;
- cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price;
- cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price;
- cancel 29 days or less before departure: no refund.
If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement.
No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the $50 bet’s release.

Insurance
We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

Responsibility
The Columbia Alumni Association, its agent, TSS, LLC (collectively known as TSS), and its operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., act solely as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotel, and other tour arrangements; and neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motorcoach, carriage, or other conveyance; or for the actions of any third party involved in carrying the passenger or otherwise affecting these tours. TSS and its operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay, or changes in air or other services; sickness; weather; strikes; war; civil disturbances; acts or threats of terrorism; travel warnings or bans; termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance; quarantine; acts of God; or other causes beyond our control. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent vendors. All such losses must be borne by the passenger, and tour rates do not cover arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay, or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting, in lieu of the original tour, such rescheduled tour(s) as may be offered by us, or, of receiving a refund of as much as such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the passenger’s behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc.; but we shall not have any obligation to the passenger nor bear any liability beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour’s itinerary and to substitute hotels, vessels, or study leaders. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if they so desire. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of the tour. By forwarding payment(s), the passenger certifies that they and/or their dependents, minors, others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical, or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other passengers. We reserve the right to decline to accept, or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person’s health, condition, or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other passengers, or otherwise impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled, and stored at the passenger’s risk entirely, and we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. We reserve the right to cancel or substitute faculty. We cannot guarantee the size of the Columbia group. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be effected exclusively in the state or federal courts proceeding in Greenwich, CT, pursuant to applicable Connecticut or federal law. The Columbia Alumni Association may receive nominal compensation for this travel program, contingent upon a minimum number of Columbia University affiliated participants traveling under the auspices of the Columbia Alumni Association Travel Study Program.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contacts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routing, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, upgrades, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase nonrefundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

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Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests

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