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### Day by Day Itinerary

DAY I DEPART USA: We depart from airport on our non-stop flight to Madrid.

DAY 2 ARRIVE MADRID: Welcome to Spain! Upon arrival in Madrid, we will be greeted by our tour guide and immediately begin our pilgrimage. Madrid, Spain's capital since 1561 and its largest city. Pulsating with life, the city stands as a perfect testament to the Spanish zest for life, with its unquenchable appetite for art, architecture, dance, and epicurean pleasures. Our deluxe motor coach will take us to a historic church in old Madrid, where we will celebrate Mass. After Mass, we will enjoy our first meal together in Spain at a local restaurant before we continue to our orientational tour of the city, seeing sites such as the Puerto del Sol, the Plaza Major, the Cathedral of the Almudena. Following the tour, we will check into our hotel in Madrid. **Overnight**: Madrid (L, D)

#### DAY 3 TOLEDO: SANTA MARIA LA BLANCA, CHURCH OF SANTO

TOME: Following breakfast, we will leave Madrid for the Imperial City of Toledo, where Saint John of the Cross was imprisoned by the Inquisition in a monastery just below the Muslim Alcazar and later nursed back to health by St. Teresa. Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is picturesquely perched on a rocky mound, isolated on three sides by a looping gorge of the Río Tajo. Known as the City of the Three Religions, it is a maze of cobblestone streets winding among churches, synagogues, mosques, houses and buildings preserved from its rich history. For many centuries the Christians, Moors and Jews lived here together in relative equality and peace. The city, surrounded by walls, hides great treasures such as its awesome Cathedral, the Santa María La Blanca Synagogue which also served as a Catholic church, the superb church of San Juan de los Reyes, and the church of Santo Tomé, with its famous el Greco masterpiece, where we will celebrate Mass. Following Mass, we will have some free time and be able to sample the famous local pastry created by the Catholic Sisters here, Marzipan. Return to Madrid for dinner and overnight. **Overnight:** Madrid (B, D)

DAY 4: EXCURSION TO AVILA / ALBA DE TORMES: CATHEDRAL AND CONVENT OF ST THERESA, MONASTERY OF INCARNATION, CUATRO POSTES, CARMELITE CONVENT OF THE ANNUNCIATION: After breakfast, we travel to the city of Avila, a UNESCO World Heritage site, surrounded by the best-preserved medieval walls in Europe. Here the atmosphere has changed very little since the days of St. Teresa, to whom the city is dedicated. St. Teresa, a great mystic, was the first woman to be named a Doctor of the Church. We will view the Cathedral and visit the Convent of St. Teresa, built on the site where she was born, and the Monastery of the Incarnation, where St. Teresa lived, wrote and had many mystical experiences. Here we will celebrate Mass and have time for reflection and to visit the comprehensive museum dedicated to her life. On a hill outside the city walls, we will visit the Cuatro Postes (four columns) monument where St. Teresa, at the age of seven was found by her father after attempting to run away with her brother to die as martyrs in the land of the Moors. After our tour and lunch, we will head for Alba de Tormes, where Saint Teresa died in 1582 and is buried. The museum of the Carmelite Convent of the Annunciation here contains her incorrupt heart and left arm. Some free time before we return to our hotel in Madrid. **Overnight:** Madrid (B, D)

DAY 5 CORDOBA / SEVILLE: ALCAZAR, ROMAN BRIDGE, JEWISH QUARTER, MOSQUE OF THE CALIPHS: This morning we travel south through the landscapes of Don Quixote La Mancha to Seville, the vibrant city of Andalusia. On the way, we stop at Cordoba and visit the Alcazar, the Roman Bridge, and the Medieval old Jewish quarter. Tour the magnificent 8<sup>th</sup> century Mosque of the Caliphs, famous for its 850 pillars of porphyry, marble and jasper. Continue to Seville for dinner and overnight. Overnight: Seville (B, D)

DAY 6 SEVILLE: PLAZA DE ESPANA, COLUMBUS TOMB, SANTA CRUZ QUARTER, FLAMENCO SHOW: Listen to our guide's account of the city's role in Roman times, it's conquest by the Moors by 712 AD, and it's contribution to the discovery of the New World. Admire Maria Luisa Park. Drive to the Plaza de Espana, the Gold tower on the Guadalquivir River, and the fine baroque building, now a university, but used to be the Tobacco factory of the Carmen Fame. Visit the Cathedral with Columbus Tomb – the world's largest gothic edifice. Finally, stroll through the narrow lanes of the charming Santa Cruz quarter. Balance of the day is at Leisure. For a truly Andalusian experience, we all attend a Flamenco show before we return to our hotel.

Overnight: Seville (B, D)

DAY 7 RONDA / GRANADA: SIERRA DE RONDA: This morning we leave Seville and head to Granada. On the way, we stop at the Picturesque, historic Ronda. Perched on a platform on the Sierra de Ronda and cut into two by a deep Ravine. After Lunch we continue to Granada for dinner and overnight. **Overnight**: Granada (B, D)

DAY 8 GRANADA: ALHAMBRA, CAVES OF SACROMONTE: Granada has the usual quotient of ancient and medieval sites typical for a southern European city. However, only Granada has the Alhambra which is considered to be one of the 10 Cultural Wonders of the World. Consisting of the most famous water gardens in antiquity, Middle Eastern fortifications and sumptuous palaces, it was the home of many of the Arab Sultans who ruled Andalusia. For centuries it received the optimum in interior decoration and architecture. We later visit the caves of Sacromonte and attend a typical show of gipsy flamenco. **Overnight:** Granada (B, D)

DAY 9 PURULLENA / ALICANTE: CAVE HOUSES, PROMENADE: This morning we leave Granada and head towards Spain's Mediterranean coast, traveling through beautiful mountain scenery. On route, see the famous cave houses at Purullena before traveling to the picturesque seaside resort of Alicante. Take time out this afternoon to amble down its mosaic-patterned, palm-dotted promenade, perhaps stopping for drinks or to browse for souvenirs at its shops. **Overnight:** Alicante (B, D)

DAY 10 ALICANTE / VALENCIA / BARCELONA: LA LONJA, CATHEDRAL SQUARE: This morning, continue to Valencia, the birthplace of paella, and known for its commercial fruit and vegetable gardens. Stop along the way at the City of Arts and Sciences, a stunning cultural and science park of innovative buildings by architect Santiago Calatrava. Admire the incredible complex before continuing into downtown Valencia. See the historic Central Market and the UNESCO World Heritage Site - La Lonja (Silk Exchange), and enjoy a walking tour of the center, admiring such landmarks as the cathedral, bullring, and medieval Serrano and Quart Towers, part of the old defensive walls. After free time for lunch at the Cathedral Square - perhaps savoring Valencian paella - relax as we drive along the coast to Barcelona, capital of Spain's Catalonia province, and renowned for its fanciful architecture by Antoni Gaudi. **Overnight**: Barcelona (B, D)

DAY 11 EXCURSION TO MANRESA & MONTSERRAT: MUSEUM OF MANRESA, BLACK MADONNA OF MONTSERRAT: Today we make our way to the spiritual heart of the Catalonia region. We visit Manresa a place of profound conversion for Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Here, in a cave on the banks of the Cardoner River, Ignatius received a vision that provided him with deep insights into the spiritual life and altered the course of his own life. From the initial insights he received here, Ignatius went on to pen the Spiritual Exercises." We enjoy an audiovisual presentation and tour of the museum at Manresa then celebrate Eucharist in the nearby cave. We enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. Afterwards we continue to Montserrat, home to the Benedictine monastery dramatically set in the Montserrat mountain range. Pilgrims from around the world flock to this monastery to view its magnificent architecture in such a striking setting. This shrine has attracted pilgrims for over 700 years, much as it did Ignatius of Loyola in March of 1522. We pause here to visit the Black Madonna of Montserrat, probably Spain's most fervent devotion to the Blessed Mother. Overnight: Barcelona (B, L)

DAY 12 LA SAGRADA FAMILIA: HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LA BOQUERIA: This morning we head to the most famous Holy family church, La Sagrada Familia. La Sagrada Familia is an unfinished Catholic basilica in Barcelona designed by the celebrated Art Nouveau architect Antoni Gaudi. We enjoy a full guided tour of the Basilica before we celebrate Mass. We then head to La Boqueria Market at Las Ramblas for some free time and lunch. Tonight, we enjoy a farewell dinner at a local venue. Overnight: Barcelona (B, D)

DAY 13 RETURN HOME: Today we bid farewell to Spain today as you transfer to Barcelona airport for our homebound flight to the US carrying with us memories and keepsakes that will last for a lifetime.

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DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

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1) Minimum cancellation fee is \$350 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.

**2)** From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$350 + 20% of total price.

3) From 59 days to 8 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is 350 + 50% of total price.

4) From 7 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

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MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach. ACCOMMODATIONS: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$700.

MEALS: Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

TIPPING: Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each: Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

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SEAT ASSIGNMENT: THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. HLTC cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When HLTC disperses travel packages, you will receive your record locator. You can use this locator to do online seating arrangements, if permitted by the airline.

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PRICES: All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure, and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate.

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