

Join the MYO Choral and Orchestral programs on an exciting concert tour to fascinating Spain with visits to the cities of Madrid, Toledo, Granada, Malaga, Valencia and Catalonian Barcelona.

Begin the tour in Madrid; the capital city. See the Plaza Mayor, El Retiro Park and Puerto del Sol. Visit Toledo, the dramatic medieval walled city of El Greco.

Travel to Granada to participate in the International Festival of Music and Dance. Tour the Alhambra Palace and perform in the Auditorio Manuel de Falla.

Continue to Valencia, a musical city that is a portrait of traditional Spain infused with eclectic modern architecture.

Conclude the tour in Barcelona where you see the influence of Gaudi and Picasso. See the Sagrada Familia, La Rambla, Gothic Quarter, Olympic sites and glitzy port.

Perform concerts throughout the tour and return with memories to last a lifetime!

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# THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK

**CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL PROGRAMS** 

## A GRAND TOUR TO SPAIN

Granada International Festival of Music and Dance

## MADRID | TOLEDO | GRANADA MALAGA | VALENCIA | BARCELONA

## **ESTIMATED TOUR PRICING:**

\$4250 PER PERSON (DISCOUNT PRICE FOR PAYMENT BY CHECK)

\$4400 PER PERSON (FULL PRICE FOR PAYMENT BY DEBIT/CREDIT CARD)



#### ITINERARY

Day 1 Wednesday, July 6, 2016 Depart from New York-JFK
Depart on your transatlantic flight to Madrid, Spain. Inflight

Day 2 Thursday, July 7, 2016 Arrival Madrid

Morning arrival at Madrid International Airport. Meet your tour managers. Begin with a panoramic tour to see some of the Madrid landmarks such as *Plaza Espana, El Retiro Park,* and *Puerta del Sol.* Enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel this evening. Inflight B/D

Day 3 Friday, July 8, 2016 Madrid

Enjoy a morning rehearsal at a local venue. Afterwards, have time for lunch and then visit the El Prado Museum. It features one of the world's finest collections of European art, dating from the 12th century to the early 19th century, based on the former Spanish Royal Collection, and unquestionably the best single collection of Spanish Art in all of Spain. Enjoy a stunning Tapas & Flamenco Dinner Show this evening in the heart of Madrid.

Day 4 Saturday, July 9, 2016 El Escorial | Segovia | Madrid

Travel out of Madrid to visit *El Escorial*, the palace of San Lorenzo built by Phillip II in 1563. Nearby, see the *Valley of the Fallen* with a gigantic 500-foot cross commemorating those who died in the 1936 Spanish Civil War. General Franco is buried here along with 40,000 soldiers. We also visit the historic town of Segovia with time for a guided walk and lunch. Rehearsal, dinner and formal concert in El Espinar. Return to Madrid.

Day 5 Sunday, July 10, 2016 Madrid | Toledo | Granada

Today, check out and depart for the ancient city of Toledo, once the medieval capital of Castile and home to the artist *El Greco*. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the city and have time for lunch near the Zocodover Square (Old Market Square). When ready, we will continue south to Granada where you will check into the hotel, have time to relax, and then enjoy dinner.

B/D

Day 6 Monday, July 11, 2016 Granada

Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Granada. Take a walk into the Old Town where you can enjoy lunch in small groups. See the Albaicin and Sacramonte areas of the city as well. Possible afternoon rehearsal in preparation for the festival performance. Enjoy a group dinner in the Albaicin with views of the illuminated Alhambra. B/D

Day 7 Tuesday, July 12, 2016 Granada

Morning guided tour of the 14th century *Alhambra Palace* and its exquisite Moorish architecture. Nearby are the *Generalife Gardens*, a wonderland of refreshing fountains and a marvel of Moorish engineering. MYO closes the 2016 *Granada International Festival of Music and Dance* with a concert in the *Auditorio Manuel de Falla*. near the Alhambra. Dinner after the concert.

B/D

Day 8 Wednesday, July 13, 2016 Malaga | Antequera | Granada

Travel to the Costa del Sol and enjoy a relaxing morning at the beach. Take time to get lunch and spend some time on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Travel to Antequera for dinner and an evening concert at *La Real Colegiata Church*. Late return to Granada following the concert.

B/D



Depart from New York-JFK Day 9 Thursday, July 14, 2016

Granada | Valencia

Depart from Granada for Valencia. Today is the longest travel day of the tour and we will make stops for sightseeing and lunch en route to Valencia. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel and enjoy dinner at a traditional local restaurant. B/D

Day 10 Friday, July 15, 2016

Valencia

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Valencia, which has a rich musical heritage. See the *Palau de la Musica* and enjoy Valencia's stunning modern architecture. Evening concert in the *Palau de Musica* or in the *Auditorium of Lliria*.

B/D

Day 11 Saturday, July 16, 2016 Valencia | Barcelona

Check out and depart for Barcelona. Upon arrival, see *Montjuic, the Olympic Park, Columbus Monument,* the elegant tree-lined *Las Ramblas* and nearby *Placa de Catalunya*. Marvel at the architecture inspired by Gaudi. Check into the hotel. Evening visit as a group by Metro to *Las Ramblas*. B/D

Day 12 Sunday, July 17, 2016

Barcelona

A guided Barcelona city-tour shows you the historic buildings along *Paseo de Gracia*, the *Sagrada Familia and Parc Guell*, both inspired by Gaudi, and the Gothic cathedral of *Santa Eulalia*. In the evening, travel to El Vendrell for a concert as part of the *Pau Casal – International Festival*. B/D

Day 13 Monday, July 18, 2016

Barcelona

Today we will spend the morning in the Gothic Quarter. Walk the narrow streets of this historic area and tour the *Palau de Musica*. Get lunch and have time to visit the *Picasso Museum* if you wish. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon and then enjoy a farewell dinner in the glitzy port area. B/D

Day 14 Tuesday, July 19, 2016 Barcelona | Return to USA Travel to the Barcelona Airport where you check in for the return flights to the United States. Clear U.S. Customs and arrive home in the early evening.

B/Inflight

## TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare to Madrid/Barcelona
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Professional tour guide on each motorcoach
- Local guides in Toledo, Granada, Valencia, Barcelona
- 12-nights hotel in twin occupancy at 3&4 star hotels
- Breakfast buffet and dinner daily
- Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary
- Admissions as necessary per the itinerary
- Flamenco dinner show in Madrid
- Granada International Festival participation
- Pau Casal International Festival participation
- 5-Concert performances with promotion
- Gratuities to guides | drivers | local escorts
- Travel Guard Group Protection Plan Insurance
- Online tour registration
- Individual billing for each traveler
- Payment by debit/credit card price option
- · Complete set of travel documents