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**Performance Travel Ltd**

**MADRID, SPAIN  
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## Your Hotel

Youth Music of the World prides itself in providing only superior first class hotels. Your accommodations will have en-suite facilities, including bath and/or shower and W.C., and all of the usual amenities associated with a first class hotel, including full housekeeping services with linen and towel change, room service, direct dial telephone, flat screen TV with freeview, WIFI and personal safes.



## 30 DECEMBER

Depart USA on flights to Europe.

Dinner and breakfast will be served on your transatlantic flight.

## 31 DECEMBER

On your arrival in to Madrid, after clearing immigration and customs, you will be met in the arrivals area and transferred by coach to your hotel. On arrival at the hotel your Tour Assistant will help with your check-in.

An orientation meeting will be given by your Tour Assistant who will give you your Madrid itinerary book and any additional information and maps that you will need to enjoy your time in Madrid.

Lunch at Leisure.

You will have the opportunity for some personal sightseeing and shopping. You may like to listen to the Madrid audio guide walking tour 'Explore Madrid', all about the main attractions and monuments in Madrid. Your Tour Assistant will also be able to suggest things you might like to see or do this afternoon.

Return to your hotel for your gala dinner this evening.

A New Year's Eve gala dinner will be served in your hotel this evening.

After dinner, music and dancing has been arranged in your hotel. Party poppers, hats and balloons will be provided to see in the New Year.



You will be able to ring in the New Year in traditional Spanish style! A TV will be provided for you to watch the bells ring out from the Real Casa de Correos clock in Puerta Del Sol. Traditions state that eating a grape for each 12 chimes of the clock will bring you luck!

The party will go on until just after midnight when, after a brief celebration, it will be time to get some rest.

## 1 JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A substantial buffet breakfast will be served each morning in your hotel.

Breakfast is served.

Depart from your hotel on a panoramic sightseeing tour with an English speaking guide, including photo stops around Madrid. You will drive along the great avenues of Alcalá, Castellana and Gran Vía, pass through the great Plaza of España, Colón and the world famous Plaza Mayor, and have the chance to see the finale area of the Cabalgata de Reyes in Plaza de la Cibeles outside the Madrid City Hall.

You will be taken past the 'centre' of Madrid including the celebrated Puerta del Sol and many of the great monuments and museums including the Palacio Real, the Prado, the Thyssen and Reina Sofia museums and of course Retiro park. The tour is also a great opportunity to look out for places you might like to visit during any independent time you have in Madrid.



Independent lunch at leisure.

This afternoon enjoy one of the many Christmas markets in Madrid. Such as the one in Plaza Mayor, the most classic of all the Christmas markets in Madrid! Starting in mid-November and lasting until early January, this iconic square transforms into a winter wonderland adorned with twinkling lights and cheerful decorations. With more than 100 stalls, a brightly lit carousel and a festive atmosphere all throughout the historic square, you'll definitely find yourself in the Christmas spirit from the moment you arrive. Plus, with a history stretching back to the 19th century, it's also one of the oldest and most cherished Christmas markets in the whole country. There's no better place to get in the holiday mood!

Or the Feria Mercado de Artesanía de Madrid (Madrid Craftsmanship Fair Market) is a celebration of creativity and craftsmanship that takes place at the picturesque Plaza de España. This art and craft market showcases the rich cultural heritage and talent of local artisans and designers. As visitors wander through the market, they are treated to an exceptional array of high-quality, handmade products. From intricately crafted jewellery to exquisitely designed clothing. The festive atmosphere enhances the experience as visitors have the opportunity to meet the artists and gain insight into the stories behind each art piece. With its emphasis on authenticity and creativity, this market provides an ideal platform for both artists and visitors to share in the joy of artistic expression and find extraordinary gifts for their loved ones.



Return to your hotel in Madrid.

Dinner this evening will be served in your hotel.

## 2 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

This morning you will be taken on a guided tour of the Prado Museum. The Museum is full of works by very famous artists including El Greco, Velasquez, Rubens, Goya and Bosch, and maintains the art collection of Fernando VII and other Spanish Royals.

The Prado is one of the foremost art Museums in the world, however in Madrid there are two other famous art museums which together are called The Golden Triangle. Due to their proximity, in your free time, you may want to visit the other two: The Thyssen Museum and the Reina Sofia.

Lunch at leisure at San Miguel Market, where you will find over thirty Spanish food stalls to choose from!

This afternoon, take a guided tour of the Royal Palace, the official residence of the Kings and Queens of Spain. The palace is made up of 3,000 rooms some of which are still used for State Banquets and great occasions today. The impressive building made mainly of marble and white stone is filled with works of art, porcelain, armour and tapestries. Make sure to see the opulent apartments of Charles III in particular his dressing rooms, also the huge State Dining Room created by Alonso XIII and the Royal Pharmacy is also definitely worth a quick look!

After the guided tour of the Royal Palace ends you



will be taken inside the Almudena Cathedral for a guided tour.

The Almudena Cathedral also known as the Catholic Cathedral of Madrid. Completed only in 1993 it has a neo-gothic interior filled with modern art, statues and stained glass. It is the seat of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Madrid. The cathedral was consecrated by Pope John Paul II in 1993. The cathedral seems to have been built on the site of a medieval mosque that was destroyed in 1083 when Alfonso VI reconquered Madrid.

Return to your hotel.

Depart by coach to your restaurant for the evening.

Dinner this evening will be served at a restaurant in central Madrid.

Return by coach to your hotel.

### 3 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

This morning depart by coach to El Escorial.

On arrival you will be taken on a guided walking tour around El Escorial and the magnificent Palace as well as the Monastery complex of San Lorenzo de Escorial, constructed by Felipe II after winning the Battle of St Quentin in 1557.

Continue on by coach to Segovia.

On your way to Segovia you will drive past the Valley of the Fallen. The Valley of the Fallen monument is an underground Church and tomb topped with a 500ft



cross that can be seen at a distance of 30 miles. The monument honours those who died in the Spanish Civil War.

Segovia is known as the 'Victorious City' and located approximately 50 miles from Madrid, is the home of not one but two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, The Old Quarter and the Roman Aquaduct.

Independent lunch in Segovia.

After lunch start a guided walking tour of Segovia, taking you around the World Heritage Sites as well as to the famous Alcazar gothic castle which was the source of inspiration to Walt Disney (Cinderella's castle), and also the location where Queen Isabel promised Columbus the financial backing to discover America.

Return by coach to Madrid.

Dinner this evening will be served at a restaurant in central Madrid.

After dinner return by coach to your hotel.

## 4 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

Depart by coach from the hotel for Toledo.

Toledo was the capital of Spain and home to the Spanish Court until 1563. It is now the capital of the province of Castilla la Mancha. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986 for its extensive cultural and monumental heritage. A UNESCO World Heritage Site is a place that is





listed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as of special cultural or physical significance.

On arrival in Toledo you will be taken on a guided tour of the Damasquinado factory as the city of Toledo is also well known for its Damascene swords. You will be able to see the metals being laid into one another to form knives, armour and jewellery. Different iron sculptures can also be found, with 'Don Quixote de la Mancha' being particularly popular.

Independent lunch in Toledo.

This afternoon you will be taken on a guided walking tour around Toledo. Famous for its rich history and the co-existence of Christian, Islamic and Jewish cultures the tour will take you to both the 13th Century High Gothic Cathedral in Toledo, as well as to the Synagogue of Santa Maria La Blanca famous for its rich stucco decoration.

Return by coach to Madrid.

This evening you will have a traditional Spanish dinner with flamenco dancing at a restaurant in central Madrid.

After dinner return by coach to your hotel.

## 5 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

This morning has been left free for independent shopping and sightseeing.

Lunch at leisure in Madrid.



Return to your hotel to prepare for the Cabalgata de Reyes, Madrid.

Take part in the Cabalgata de Reyes, Madrid! The processional route is some 3 kilometres in length proceeding along the Paseo de La Castellana and the Paseo de Recoletos from Nuevos Ministerios to the New City Hall at Plaza de la Cibeles. The route is guaranteed to be packed with over 500,000 spectators! When you reach the Plaza de la Cibeles you have the opportunity to perform to the TV cameras across Spain!

The parade will start at approximately 6.00 pm and will end with the arrival of the Three Kings on the last float to reach Plaza de la Cibeles. This will be at approximately 9.00 pm after which the spectators will continue partying for the rest of the night. The following day is a public holiday!

At the end of the Cabalgata return by coach to your hotel.

Dinner this evening will be served in your hotel.

After dinner pack your suitcases and belongings for your departure tomorrow morning.

## 6 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

Depart by coach for the airport for your flight home.