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**Featuring Professor Efrain Kristal
Department of Comparative Literature**



A World of Discovery

Embark on an exciting, off-the-beaten-path adventure to enchanting areas of Spain and Portugal often overlooked by travelers. In the picturesque Extremadura and Alentejo regions, revel in marble-clad palaces, medieval towers, stellar Roman ruins and splendid churches. This unforgettable journey also includes the Prado's masterpieces in Madrid and the cultural gems of Segovia and Toledo!

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We invite you to turn the page on a remarkable new chapter with this AHI Journey for the curious traveler!

Above: Alcazar, Segovia | Cover photo: Trujillo

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Envision the glory of the Roman Empire as you see **Segovia's monumental aqueduct** and **Mérida's stunning theater**.
- ▶ Stay in **medieval Trujillo** in Spain's Extremadura region, the rugged birthplace of New World conquistadors.
- ▶ Stroll through **majestic Toledo** graced with the heritage of three cultures.
- ▶ Roam the winding streets and quiet squares of **old Cáceres**, where history resonates from the stones.
- ▶ Take in rolling hills dotted with olive and cork trees in **Portugal's alluring Alentejo region**.
- ▶ Delight in charming **Vila Viçosa**, an Alentejo jewel.
- ▶ Experience seven **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



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Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Efrain Kristal | Comparative Literature

Efrain Kristal is a Distinguished Professor in UCLA's Department of Comparative Literature, a department he chaired for ten years. He works on topics in Spanish, French, German and Italian, and in the philosophy of art. He is the author of over one hundred scholarly articles and several books. He received his Ph.D. from Stanford University, was a Fellow of the Centre of Philosophy, Literature and the Arts at the University of Warwick, and he spent the 2019-2020 academic year as a Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Study in Berlin. He is currently writing a book on the philosopher Peter Sloterdijk who taught at the University of Vienna, and has recently lectured in Sweden, Romania and Bulgaria. For his notable efforts, Efrain was awarded the UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award, and was invited to deliver the distinguished UCLA Faculty Research Lecture.

Venture off with us to captivating, less explored regions of Spain and Portugal on this engaging 10-night, small-group journey. Hugging the border between both countries, the scenic Extremadura and Alentejo regions boast a storied heritage, atmospheric medieval towns and under-the-radar gems ripe for exploring! Begin with a stay in Madrid for visits to the world-class Prado Museum and the magnificent cities of Segovia and Toledo. Next, head into the ruggedly beautiful Extremadura, birthplace of many well-known New World conquistadors. Stay in medieval, walled Trujillo and choose a themed walk showcasing its cuisine, architecture on film, or arts and crafts. Nearby, feel the magnetic ambience of old Cáceres, go inside an exquisite monastery and marvel at impressively preserved Roman ruins. Then journey into Portugal's pastoral Alentejo! Discover its marble-adorned beauties, Vila Viçosa and Estremoz; the mighty defenses of Elvas; and its capital and crowning glory, Évora.

Along the way, enjoy enriching educational insights from local experts and guides, the services of a professional travel director and the fellowship of group travel. This wonderful, well-rounded Iberian adventure will prove enticing, so make time today to reserve your spot!

Regards from Westwood,

Christel Aragon
Director, Alumni Travel

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Estremoz



Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Madrid, Spain. 🌐

Day 2 | Madrid, Spain

Transfer 🔄 to the Hotel Wellington in Madrid.

At the hotel this evening, meet and get to know your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | Madrid

Enrichment: Spain & Portugal — Kingdoms of Iberia. Delve into the intertwined history of conflict and cooperation on the Iberian Peninsula.

Discovery: Madrid & Spanish Art. Admire works by Velázquez, Rubens, Goya, El Greco and others at the Prado Museum, and see the stately Palacio Real and Plaza Mayor on a scenic tour.

Savor traditional cuisine at tonight's Welcome Dinner at one of Madrid's fine restaurants.

Day 4 | Segovia

Discovery: Segovia. Step back in time to the splendor of Old Castile as you see Plaza Mayor and the ornate Gothic cathedral on a guided walk. Go inside the fairy-tale Alcázar, the fortified palace of the Castilian kings regally set above the plains. Then, marvel at the great Roman aqueduct, one of the best preserved in the world. After your tour ends, make your own lunch plans in Segovia.



Top: Plaza Mayor, Madrid | Above: Prado Museum, Madrid

Day 5 | Toledo | Trujillo

Discovery: Toledo. Shaped by Christian, Jewish and Muslim influences over the centuries, this storybook former capital captivates at every turn. Visit the glorious Cathedral of Toledo brimming with religious treasures and a former 12th-century synagogue decorated in the Mudéjar style. In a modest chapel, study El Greco's finest painting, "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz." Break for a delicious lunch with your group afterward.

Your Individual Experience

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.



Personalize Your Journey | PYJ | Included

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected locales based on your interests.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Walled town of Trujillo, Extremadura region

Travel to Trujillo through the Extremadura's vast, open landscapes, and check in to the parador.

Day 6 | Trujillo

Discovery: Trujillo. On a guided stroll in this romantic, walled town, see the wealth of medieval and Renaissance landmarks that line its winding streets, including elegant palaces, churches and manor houses built with riches that native son Francisco Pizarro and other 16th-century explorers brought back to Spain from the New World. Delight in Plaza Mayor's Old-World ambience, and tour the Xavier de Salas Foundation Museum inside the lovely, 15th-century Convento de la Coria. Conclude with a tasty lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Enrichment: Extremadura — Land of the Conquistadors. Learn about the many explorers who sought fortune and land in the New World.

Day 7 | Cáceres | Trujillo

Discovery: Old Town of Cáceres. Meander in the twisting medieval lanes and squares of this walled town packed with Roman, Islamic, Gothic

and Italian Renaissance architecture. Walk under imposing stone arches and see ancient Moorish towers topped with storks' nests. Visit the Santa María Cathedral and explore the Jewish Quarter filled with traditional whitewashed homes.

Free Time: Enjoy a leisurely afternoon in Trujillo.

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

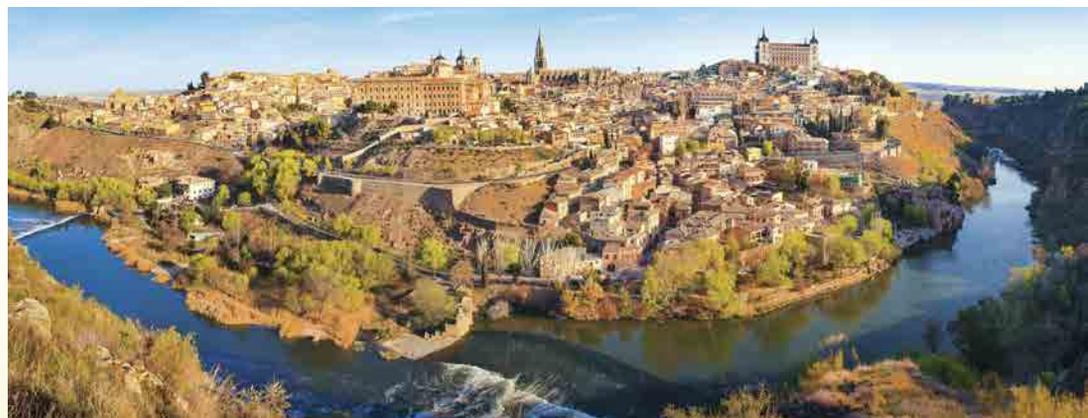
• **Trujillo on Screen.** On a stroll at dusk, visit the hilltop castle-fortress and see other sites that have added an authentic aura to movies and TV.

• **Gourmet Tour.** On an evening walk, sample palate-pleasing culinary delicacies like Dehesa de Extremadura, a mouthwatering cured ham.

• **Arts & Crafts.** Stroll tonight to view the city's expertly crafted architectural details, including carvings, *sgraffito* and iron balconies, and visit some local artisans carrying on these traditions.

Day 8 | Guadalupe

Discovery: Guadalupe's Magnificent Monastery. Built on the spot where legend says a 14th-century shepherd found a long-lost statue of the Madonna, the Royal Monastery of Santa



Toledo



Vila Viçosa

María de Guadalupe has been an important pilgrimage site for centuries. Witness its unique blend of Mudéjar, Gothic, Renaissance and baroque styles on your guided tour, and admire the lavish artistic treasures adorning the church, chapels and cloisters, including paintings by Francisco de Zurbarán, El Greco and Goya. Chat afterward with your fellow travelers about your visit over lunch in Guadalupe.

Day 9 | Mérida | Vila Viçosa, Portugal

Depart for Vila Viçosa, Portugal, this morning. Before crossing the border, visit Mérida, home to some of Spain's most impressive Roman ruins.

Discovery: Mérida. Founded by the Romans in 25 B.C., Mérida was the provincial capital of Lusitania, which included most of modern-day Portugal. Today, see vestiges of the Roman era as you explore its superb ruins. Stand inside the amphitheater where gladiators once battled and



Roman ruins, Mérida

Fortification, Elvas



appreciate the classical beauty of the theater and the Temple of Diana. At Mérida's National Museum of Roman Art, get a close-up look at marvelous artifacts unearthed around the city, such as marble reliefs, ceramics, mosaics and coins, that offer an intriguing glimpse into daily life. Enjoy lunch later, then head into Portugal. Arrive in Vila Viçosa and check in to the hotel.

Day 10 | Elvas | Estremoz | Vila Viçosa

Discovery: Elvas and Marble Towns of Estremoz & Vila Viçosa. Bask in the Alentejo's sweeping plains and rolling hills as you travel to its historic towns. Begin in Elvas, a border town that once protected the key crossing between Madrid and Lisbon. The extensive fortifications you will see today were erected largely in the 17th century, including a thick city wall with jutting bulwarks to defend from any angle and two massive, outlying forts. After your guided visit there, discover another unique facet of the Alentejo as you behold the gleaming beauty of its marble towns. Under the terrain nearby lies a geographic area known as the Estremoz Anticline, where Portugal's renowned white marble has been extracted since Roman times. In Estremoz and your home base of Vila Viçosa,



Chapel of Bones, Évora



UNESCO World Heritage

1. Old Town of Segovia and its Aqueduct
2. Historic City of Toledo
3. Old Town of Cáceres
4. Royal Monastery of Santa María de Guadalupe
5. Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida
6. Garrison Border Town of Elvas and its Fortifications
7. Historic Center of Évora



you'll spot the local marble everywhere, from façades and fountains to doorsteps, benches and pavement. Stroll through both towns, each with its own medieval castle, to enjoy their grand architecture and tranquil atmosphere. While in Vila Viçosa, visit the spectacular Ducal Palace.

Enrichment: Alentejo: Portugal's Best-Kept Secret. Discover how the Alentejo is linked to many important chapters of Portuguese history.

Day 11 | Évora

Discovery: Évora & the Golden Age of Portugal. Surprises await around every corner in this breathtaking city, an open-air museum of Portugal's past. See Roman ruins, Moorish-influenced architecture, handsome 16th-century palaces and noble houses from its pinnacle as Portugal's royal city, and whitewashed homes bedecked with *azulejos*, the traditional glazed ceramic tiles. At the Royal Church of St. Francis, visit one of Évora's most unusual and striking monuments, the Chapel of Bones, constructed by Franciscan monks in the 16th century.

Free Time: Choose a place for lunch in Évora.

In Vila Viçosa tonight, wrap up your fabulous Iberian adventure with a celebratory Farewell Reception and Dinner in the hotel.

Day 12 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport in Lisbon for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

✈️ Flights and 🔄 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches

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Hotel Wellington | Madrid



Parador de Trujillo | Trujillo



Alentejo Marmoris Hotel & Spa |

Vila Viçosa



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- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$795 (limited availability).
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- Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Madrid, Spain, with a return from Lisbon, Portugal, to depart from:

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Air Program dates: Sept. 7-18, 2022

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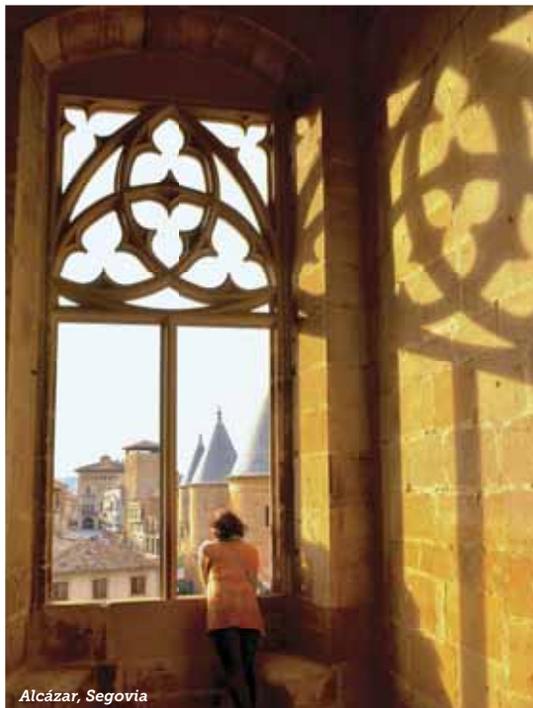
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- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.



Alcázar, Segovia



Portuguese cakes

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Madrid, Spain, at the deluxe Hotel Wellington.
- **4 nights** in Trujillo at the first-class Parador de Trujillo.
- **3 nights** in Vila Viçosa, Portugal, at the deluxe Alentejo Marmoris Hotel & Spa.

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- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

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 - View masterworks at the legendary Prado Museum and see Madrid's highlights.
 - Take in Segovia's grandeur, including its beautiful palace and remarkable aqueduct.
 - Witness Toledo's blend of cultures on guided visits and see an El Greco masterpiece.
 - Discover wonderfully preserved Trujillo and its ties to Spain's conquistadors.
 - Be charmed by Cáceres' medieval old town.
 - Learn about Guadalupe's royal monastery and its riches on a guided tour.
 - Find out more about Roman rule in Spain at Mérida's archaeological ruins.
 - Explore fortified Elvas and the Alentejo's resplendent marble towns.
 - Relish Évora's celebrated architecture that evokes Portugal's rich, varied history.

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Mudéjar style detail

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

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- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
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- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

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- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
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