

# INFO BOOKLET

## AUSTRALIAN PRE TOUR

### SPAIN



# HEALTH

Large group tours before Moots have historically had very high rates of infectious respiratory illness (coughs and colds) with most participants arriving at Moot unwell. We expect participants on our Spain Pre Tour to partake in high standards of hygiene specifically for this period of time including:

- using hand sanitizer before entering the bus and before meals
- utilizing a mask if they are coughing or have a runny nose
- carrying personal hand sanitizer and frequently applying it

Tap water is safe to drink in Spain and Portugal.

Vaccination can prevent severe illnesses while travelling. For travel to Spain you may like to discuss with your GP if you have been vaccinated for dTpa, MMR and polio. Seasonal vaccinations can also be accessed via pharmacists at low/no cost such as influenza and COVID, with the best time being April-May 2025.

# LAWS

Always carry a personal ID; this could be a photo of your passport on your phone. Police can detain you until they can confirm your identity.

Don't photograph military sites.

Always ask for permission before taking photos of people.

Don't ride an e-scooter or e-bike under the influence of alcohol. You can be fined.



# CRIME

Watch out for bag snatching, pickpocketing and theft from cars in large cities. Petty crime is a serious problem in Barcelona. Take care at tourist spots, beaches and on transport.

- Keep your bag attached to you and in front of you.
- Use a travel lock on backpacks.
- Don't leave your bag on the back of the chair or at your feet in restaurants or cafes.
- Avoid holding your phone out in front of you, it may be stolen directly from your hand.

Leave your passport and other valuables in a safe location, such as a hotel room locked safe.

Avoid walking in quiet, poorly lit streets.

Credit card and ATM fraud can occur. Avoid using ATMs that open onto the street, especially at night. Use ATMs in banks, shops, and shopping centers.

Local Scams: Be cautious of street vendors and unofficial guides. Agree on prices upfront.

Be alert to the potential risks around drink spiking and methanol poisoning through consuming alcoholic drinks. Stay in groups. Don't leave your drink unattended. Choose to drink pre-mixed or sealed drinks, be careful with cocktails and spirits, and drink at reputable establishments.



# MONEY

The Euro (EUR) is the official currency in both Spain and Portugal. You can use your credit/debit card in ATMs, which are common throughout Europe. Before leaving home, check with your bank regarding fees you may be charged for using your card overseas. You can obtain EUR cash prior to arriving through normal outlets such as banks and currency exchange offices.

Most places will accept card payments.



# LINKS

Smart Traveller (government advice): [Spain Travel Advice & Safety | Smartraveller](#)

Information about influenza and COVID vaccination: [Your questions answered | Influenza vaccination | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

Information about international travel vaccinations:  
<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccination-for-special-risk-groups/vaccination-for-international-travellers>

Australian Contingent FAQs <https://scouts.com.au/frequently-asked-questions/>

# ITINERARY

CORRECT AS OF MARCH '25

## 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY - BARCELONA

Meet in Barcelona at your allocated hotel at 5pm. You will be notified of your allocation to either **NH Diagonal Barcelona** or **Hotel U232** in the coming weeks. A bus transfer will be available from Barcelona International Airport at 3pm to the accommodations. We will be transferred from the accommodation to one venue for a welcome dinner with all pre-tour members.

Accommodation in Barcelona.

Meals included: Dinner

## 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY - BARCELONA

Accommodation in Barcelona.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

## 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY - BARCELONA - PEÑÍSCOLA - VALENCIA - ALICANTE

Accommodation in Alicante.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

## 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY - ALICANTE - MADRID

Accommodation in Madrid.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

## 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY - MADRID - TOLEDO - GRANADA

Accommodation in Granada.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

## 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY - GRANADA

Accommodation in Granada.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

## 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY - GRANADA - SEVILLE

Accommodation in Seville.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

## **22<sup>ND</sup> JULY - SEVILLE**

Accommodation in Seville.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

## **23<sup>RD</sup> JULY - SEVILLE - EVORA - LISBON**

Pre tour officially concludes on arrival to Lisbon.

Accommodation camping in tents, Lisbon.

Meals included: Breakfast.

## **24<sup>TH</sup> JULY - LISBON**

Full Australian Contingent Meet Up in the afternoon where Moot begins for Australians.

Accommodation camping in tents, Lisbon.

Meals included: Dinner.