Alumnae Association of Smith College

presents

Paradores & Pousadas
Historic Lodgings of Spain & Portugal

October 8-22, 2012
An Exclusive Journey for the Alumnae Association of Smith College

Featuring Lester K. Little,
Dwight W. Morrow Professor Emeritus of History

15 days from $5,134 total price from Boston, New York
($4,495 air & land inclusive plus $639 airline taxes and departure fees)
Tour membership limited to 24 alumnae and friends of Smith College

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You’re invited on a distinctive small group journey through the Iberian Peninsula to the intimate lodgings of Spain’s paradores and Portugal’s pousadas: medieval monasteries, historic fortresses, and stately palaces, each reflecting the spirit of its region. We feel the spell of Iberia’s rich Roman and Moorish past – and the pull of its vibrant contemporary life.

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Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lisbon, Portugal

Day 2: Arrive Lisbon We arrive in the Portuguese capital early this afternoon. The remainder of the day is at leisure before dinner at our hotel. **D**

Day 3: Lisbon/Queluz This morning’s city tour includes the Jeronimos Monastery, a masterpiece of Manueline architecture; Belem Tower; and the Monument to the Discoveries commemorating Portugal’s storied explorers. Then we visit the National Palace of Queluz, the former residence of Portuguese royalty now used for state occasions. After returning to Lisbon, the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore as we wish, perhaps to visit a local club to hear Portuguese *Fado* music. **B**

Day 4: Lisbon/Evora Leaving Lisbon this morning, we travel through the rolling hills of the agricultural Alentejo district, with its bountiful fields of wheat, fragrant vineyards, and stands of olive and cork trees. After stopping for lunch in the fortified hilltop town of Monsaraz (pop. 150), late afternoon we arrive in Evora, capital of the Alentejo and site of our *pousada*, considered Portugal’s finest. **B,L,D**

Day 5: Evora/Carmona/Mezida Our morning walking tour of Evora introduces us to the many charms of this architectural gem – a university town, prosperous regional capital, and UNESCO World Heritage site thanks to the many relics of its Roman and Moorish heritage. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy this “Golden Age” city as we wish. **B,D**

Day 6: Evora/Alhambra Today we travel east through countryside peppered with the ruins of fortresses and castles to the Spanish border town of Mezida. Once the capital of Spain, Mezida was a Moorish stronghold before falling to the Christians in 1248. Its strategic location was later utilized by the Moors and Christians as an important border town. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Evora’s tranquil past as we wish. **B,D**

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Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Eight nights’ accommodations in distinguished historic lodgings … National Palace of Queluz, Portugal … Lisbon sightseeing, including Belem … Evora, a UNESCO World Heritage site … Roman ruins at Mezida … Moorish Toledo … Tour of Cordoba, a UNESCO World Heritage site … Seville and its renowned Cathedral … Granada’s Alhambra and Generalife Gardens … Three-night stay in sophisticated Madrid … Madrid sightseeing including Prado, Plaza Mayor, and Royal Palace

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Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: Granada’s 14th-century Alhambra, Spain’s Moorish architectural marvel
ancient Lusitania (Latin for the kingdoms of Spain and Portugal), Merida boasts outstanding Roman ruins. There’s time to explore and eat lunch on our own before we continue on to Carmona and our parador, a 14th-century Arab fortress.  

**Day 7: Carmona/Seville**  This morning we visit splendid Seville, Moorish capital of Spain’s Andalusia region and city of beauty and romance. This is the place that inspired Carmen and Don Giovanni; where fragrant orange trees and flower-bedecked balconies delight the senses; and home of the renowned Catedral, the world’s largest Gothic building. After a tour that includes the palace and the Arab quarter, the afternoon is free to explore independently. We return to Carmona late afternoon and dine at our parador this evening.  

**Day 8: Carmona/Cordoba**  Today’s visit to this cultural gem promises to be special indeed. First the capital of Roman Spain, then of Moorish Spain, Cordoba features some of the country’s most important monuments, including the Old Quarter built around the magnificent Mezquita mosque. It was here that the Moors ruled from the 8th to the 11th centuries and fostered a culture of learning and religious harmony known the world over. Cordoba also is home to Andalusia’s only synagogue to survive the expulsion of Spain’s Jews in the 15th century. After touring these and other highlights we have free time to explore on our own. Late this afternoon we return to our parador, where we dine tonight.  

**Day 9: Carmona/Ronda**  Leaving Carmona this morning we travel south to tiny Ronda, one of Spain’s oldest and most aristocratic towns. It’s set high in the mountains with whitewashed houses clinging improbably to the edge of El Tajo Gorge – 500 feet deep and 300 feet wide. After a brief walking tour, our afternoon is at leisure.  

**Day 10: Ronda**  Today is at leisure to enjoy this charming and historic town on our own. Tonight we dine on regional specialties at our parador, Ronda’s original town hall.  

**Day 11: Ronda/Granada/Ubeda**  Continung our journey, we travel today to Granada, the former stronghold of Moorish Spain set in the foothills of the snowcapped Sierra Nevada. The city’s undisputed highlight is the Alhambra, the extraordinary palace of Spain’s last Moorish rulers.  

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*Post-Tour Extension: Oct. 22-25, 2012*

**Barcelona – On Your Own**  
4 days/3 nights for $695 total price  
Single Supplement: $245  

Enjoy this bustling seaport, Spain’s cultural and commercial capital, with its medieval Gothic Quarter and popular Ramblas waterfront promenade.  

*Your Price Includes*  
- Air transportation Madrid/Barcelona  
- 3 nights’ accommodations at Hotel Avenida Palace (Superior First Class)  
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts  
- Transfers to/from airport
Sprawled across a hilltop above the Darro River, the Alhambra commands breathtaking views of the city below, as we see on our afternoon tour of this splendid citadel. We also visit the Granadian-style Generalife, the palace’s acclaimed gardens. Late afternoon we travel north to Ubeda and our next parador, a former palace dating to the 16th century and where we dine tonight. \textit{B,D}

\textbf{Day 12: Ubeda/Toledo/Madrid} A highlight is in store today as we visit Toledo, capital of medieval Spain. Declared a Spanish National Landmark, the city is little changed visually from its 16th-century days as a subject for the artist El Greco. Toledo boasts an incomparable hilltop setting overlooking the Castilian plains and surrounded on three sides by the Tagus River. After lunch on our own we see Toledo’s most important sights on our guided tour, including the massive Gothic Cathedral begun in 1226 and not finished until 1493. Then we continue on to Madrid, arriving late afternoon. \textit{B}

\textbf{Day 13: Madrid} Our morning tour of this monumental and dignified capital city includes vast Plaza Mayor, in the heart of Old Madrid; the Moorish medieval district; and opulent 18th-century \textit{Palacio Real} (Royal Palace), with its 2,800 rooms. Our tour ends at the Prado, one of the world’s greatest museums, where we’re free to explore on our own. Displaying treasures by Spanish masters Goya, El Greco, and Velazquez, the Prado also houses an important collection of Flemish and Italian masterpieces. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration in this cosmopolitan city. \textit{B}

\textbf{Day 14: Madrid} A free day to enjoy the Spanish capital as we wish. Tonight we bid “Adios” to Spain and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. \textit{B,D}

\textbf{Day 15: Depart for U.S.} We transfer to the airport this morning for our connecting flights to the U.S. \textit{B}

\section*{Your Tour Price Includes}

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights’ accommodations: 5 nights in Deluxe hotels; 8 nights in First Class paradores and pousadas
- 24 meals: 13 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 10 dinners
- Regional wine with dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Services of a Faculty Lecturer (with minimum of 15 guests)
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
Dear Alumnae and Friends,

The Alumnae Association of Smith College invites you to join us for a unique journey to Portugal and Spain. From Portugal’s lovely capital, Lisbon, to the urbanity and sophistication of Madrid, our special two-week sojourn offers captivating sights, great food and memorable experiences. Our lodgings promise to be equally unforgettable: we’ll stay in deluxe accommodations in each country’s capital and in the distinctive inns known as paradores in Spain and pousadas in Portugal. We are delighted to have Lester K. Little, Dwight W. Morrow Professor Emeritus of History, as our Smith Faculty lecturer. Additionally, our tour will be accompanied by an experienced Tour Director.

We begin our exploration in Lisbon visiting the Jeronimos Monastery, Belem Tower, and the National Palace of Queluz. We move on to Portugal’s Alentejo region with its abundance of olive groves, vineyards and wheat fields, and overnight in one of Portugal’s finest pousadas. Crossing into Spain we visit the city of Merida, which boasts outstanding Roman ruins. Staying in atmospheric paradores, we’ll discover the Andalusia region’s many treasures: the UNESCO World Heritage site of Cordoba; Seville, known for its marvelous Moorish architecture; and Granada’s extraordinary Alhambra palace and Generalife Gardens. Our trip concludes in Toledo, Spain’s medieval capital, and Madrid, its present-day capital and home of the world-famous Prado.

With our group limited to only 24 travelers, all with Smith College affiliation, space will fill quickly. Your early reservations are encouraged. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to explore Portugal and Spain!

Warm Regards,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF SMITH COLLEGE RESERVATION FORM: PARADORES & POUSADAS

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person/people on Paradores & Pousadas departing October 8, 2012. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send to: Smith Travel, Alumnae House, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063. For more information, please call Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or contact us via e-mail at alumtrav@smith.edu or fax us at (413) 585-2015.

Full Passport Name ____________________________________________________________________ Date of Birth __________ Gender ____________

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Please book my/our air from __________________________________ I/we request a Business Class upgrade □

I will share a room with __________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) □

□ Post-Tour Barcelona Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Paradores & Pousadas, October 8-22, 2012, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions:

Signature(s) __________________________________________________________________ Date __________________

Method of Payment

☐ Check ☐ American Express  ☐ Discover  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ VISA

Account # __________________________________________ Security Code __________ Exp. Date __________

Name of Cardholder __________________________________________

Signature __________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and can be paid by check or credit card.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing: travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund. If a guest makes any changes to their reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Responsibility
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We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Smith College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.