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HALI Tour 2024: Spain and Portugal



The upcoming HALI Tour, **Decorative Arts of Iberia**, is taking place from **8–20 April 2024** in Spain and Portugal in partnership with **Martin Randall Travel**. Led by Gijs van Hensbergen, an art historian and author specialising in Spain and the USA, with regular commentary from museum curators and the Burgos-based academic Miriam Ali de Unzaga, who specialises in medieval North African and Andalusian textiles. Special access to little-seen carpets, world-class tapestries and other incredible antique textiles is being arranged at monasteries, museum stores and institutions that are not normally open to the public, so this promises to be a unique Iberian experience. visiting:

Lisbon - Madrid - Pastrana - Cuenca - Toledo - Zamora - Burgos - Segovia

As with all HALI Tours, our encounters with rugs and textiles will form a running thread throughout the exploration of the region, with fascinating themes relating to the history of art, culture and cuisine of the Iberian Peninsular introduced by experts en route. This is a small group tour for between 12–22 guests—book now to avoid disappointment.

Select highlights

Access to spectacular carpets, up-close in the stores, at the [Calouste Gulbenkian Museum](#) in Lisbon, including the Safavid grotesque carpet (above) and a Mughal pashmina carpet

A private visit to the Instituto Valencia de Don Juan in Madrid, not usually open to the public, housing a collection that includes 15th-century ‘Admiral’ carpets, made by Muslim weavers for high officials of the Spanish state, and a magnificent—recently cleaned—16th-century ‘Sanguszko’ medallion carpet as well as an impressive collection of ceramics and other decorative arts

The inspirational, cutting-edge workshops of [Factum Arte](#) and [Factum Foundation](#) in Madrid—an organisation described as ‘the most important thing happening in 21st-century art’—where a team of artists, technicians and conservators create works of art, from sculpture to tapestries, for some of today’s most [renowned contemporary artists](#) in tandem with activities dedicated to the preservation of cultural heritage

Early Islamic textiles including the Veil of Hisham II (below) made in Cordoba or Almeria during the Spanish Umayyad period, 976-1013, from the Church of Santa Maria del Rivero of San Esteban de Gormaz in the province of Soria, housed at the Real Academia de la Historia in Madrid

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About HALI Tours

HALI Tour offers exclusive access to the best carpet and textile treasures in museums and private collections around the world.

They enable us to share contacts and experience gathered over 45 years of researching and compiling material published in HALI magazine first-hand, and guarantee encounters with little-seen pieces in the company of experts and fellow enthusiasts.

Opportunities to visit other select sites of cultural interest support the in-depth carpet and textile content. Handpicked luxury accommodation, quality dining, limited group sizes and scheduled free time combine to maximise relaxation and comfort.

All HALI Tours have limited spaces available and are subject to suitable levels of interest.



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