

## SPAIN – ANDALUCÍA

8-day / 7-night group guided sightseeing and walking tour in Moorish Spain



Andalucía, in the south of Spain, is a stunning region with beaches, mountains, historic towns and attractions including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Moorish palace and fortress Alhambra in Granada, and it is the home of flamenco and tapas, among other icons of Spanish culture and cuisine. In the mountains, the region of whitewashed hillside villages known as Las Alpujarras is laced with terraced farmlands that are watered by snowmelt from the Sierra Nevada range, creating a high-altitude oasis in stark contrast to the dry foothills below. On this fully-guided tour we have three nights beautiful Seville, with its labyrinthine *barrios*; visit the historic old town and Great Mosque of Córdoba; and spend time in Cádiz, reputed to be the oldest city in Western Europe and the gateway to the sherry region of Spain.

**Cost from:** \$4365 per person (twin share)      Single room supplement from \$1270

**Departures:** 3 March, 23 April, 2025

**Includes:** 7 nights' hotel accommodation with ensuite bathroom, 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 evening meals, guided sightseeing with local leaders, services of a tour manager, local transport per itinerary, entrance fees.

**Not Included:** Meals and drinks not mentioned, personal expenses. Transfers from Málaga airport at the start of the tour and to Seville airport at the end of the tour at set times can be pre-booked at extra cost – ask for details.



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## **Suggested itinerary:**

### **Day 1: Arrival day**

Arrive into Málaga in the early afternoon, then enjoy a welcome dinner including wine at a local restaurant.

### **Day 2: Málaga**

In the morning we explore Málaga with a local guide, including a visit to the Castle of Gibralfaro. We walk along the promenade La Farola, passing the Roman Theatre, bullring and onto the famous cathedral with its unfinished right tower. In the afternoon there is free time and you can visit one of the many museums or stroll by the sea.

### **Day 3: Las Alpujarras**

We transfer to Granada today, through the Alpujarras, a stunning valley full of whitewashed villages and incredible scenery. This region was the last stronghold of the Moors; after the Christians took Grenada, the Moors were forced to convert to Christianity. Those who did not fled to the remote hills of the Alpujarras. The Moors were eventually expelled, but their influence remains, seen in the distinctive Berber-style architecture. We visit three of these picturesque villages where life still feels like it did many years ago, and have lunch at a local restaurant.

### **Day 4: Granada**

In the morning, we visit the famous UNESCO World heritage site, the Alhambra, for a fully guided tour. The Alhambra complex is a spectacular monument steeped in Moorish history. This afternoon you will have time to explore Granada, sample the tapas, visit the Sacromonte neighbourhood (known as the 'gypsy quarter') or the markets and cathedral.

### **Day 5: Seville via Córdoba**

We spend half the day in Córdoba where we visit the Jewish quarter as well as the Great Mosque, another famous Moorish building. We have lunch in a local restaurant before heading to Seville, where we stay the next two nights.

### **Day 6: Seville**

A full day to explore the wonderful city of Seville, including a visit to the Cathedral, the largest gothic building in Western Europe. We climb the nearby Moorish Tower, La Giralda, and visit the Barrio of Santa Cruz. Once the Jewish quarter, it is a labyrinth of narrow streets and alleys and lively plazas. There is free time in the afternoon to explore at your own pace. Dinner this evening, with local wine, is included.

### **Day 7: Cádiz**

This morning we transfer to Cádiz, which has a different feel to the other cities we have visited. The historic centre is an island and has a distinct Latin American feel to it. After a tour and a visit to the impressive Torre Tavira, we head to Puerto de Santa María across the bay, where we visit a bodega for sherry tasting and lunch. Heading back to Seville, this evening we have a farewell meal with local wine included.

### **Day 8: Departure day**

Tour ends after breakfast. Ask about the group transfer at a set time to Seville airport, at extra cost.

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### Accommodation

We stay in comfortable 4-star hotels with air-conditioning, ensuite bathrooms, free wifi and buffet breakfasts. *Please note the hotels described are our usual choice of accommodation; if not available then alternatives of a similar standard and location are used and you will be informed at the time of booking.*

#### Hotel Alameda Centro, Málaga

Opposite Jardines Picasso and a short walk from the historic centre of Málaga and the beach.

#### Hotel Porcel Alixares, Granada

With views of the Alhambra, this hotel has 95 comfortable rooms and a swimming pool. It is a short walk (or there are regular buses) into the centre of Granada. This hotel does have a restaurant, but Granada is one of the few regions of Spain to still offer tapas for free when you buy a drink so we highly recommend exploring the nearby bars and restaurants.

#### Hotel Becquer, Seville

Located in the charming Triana district, in the historic centre of Seville, this hotel has 62 comfortable rooms decorated in a very classic style. There is a swimming pool and great views of the city.



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