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ANDALUSIA EXPERIENCE BY TRAIN

8 days/7 nights

Andalusia is the southernmost region of Spain and stretches from the Mediterranean Sea in the east to the border with Portugal in the west. Landmarks of Andalusia are the flamenco dresses, guitars, sandy beaches, the so called "pueblos blancos" (white towns) perched on breath-taking locations on top of the hills and specially all buildings and fortresses from the Moorish conquest. In this tour, we will take you by train to the best Andalusian historic cities.

*We will start in **Malaga**, one of many sun-drenched cities along Andalusia's Costa del Sol, full of history and culture, birthplace of Pablo Picasso. Visit also the Moorish fortress, the Alcazaba built in the 8th Century. Continue to **Sevilla**, the capital city of Andalusia, highlighted by medieval alleys, Moorish influence and the jewish quarter. Enjoy also its gastronomy with different tapas as well as the typical Andalusian dance, the flamenco.*

*Not to be missed is **Cordoba** with its most famous monument, the Mezquita, a symbol of the city's rich past as the former capital of Islamic Spain. Time to discover **Granada**, rich on churches and Islamic architecture. The masterpiece of this trip is **La Alhambra**, a Moorish palace built between the 8th and 15th Centuries where you will be able to see some of the most impressive Islamic art and architecture. Come with EUROLATINO and live your unforgettable Andalusian adventure.*

DAY 1 (Friday) MALAGA

After your flight to Spain and arrival at the International Airport in Malaga, reception through our representative who will drive you to the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure for private activities or shopping in Malaga downtown. We can help you to choose the right optional tour for the day, for instance, visiting the "Caminito del Rey" or just enjoying the day at the beach and the Mediterranean climate. Live here your first experience with the Andalusian gastronomy.

DAY 2 (Saturday) MALAGA

After breakfast, start your day with a walking tour, where a local guide will show you the capital of the Costa del Sol. You will go to the viewpoint of the Moorish castle Gibralfaro. We then head back to the old city of Málaga, where we take a walk on and pass the Plaza la Merced, the birthplace of Picasso and coming through the old Jewish quarter of the city to go to the Moorish fortress of Alcazaba, Roman Theatre, the Cathedral and the Picasso Museum. In the afternoon, we will take you to the winery Quitapenas. Here is produced the famous Moscatel wines of the region. After an informative guided tour, you will taste the local wines with different tapas. Then back to the city and visit other monuments or take a stroll at your own. Overnight in Málaga. **(B)**

DAY 3 (Sunday) MALAGA Day at leisure

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will enjoy the Costa del Sol at your free decision. We will support you of course in this adventure, with suggestions on what to do and where to eat. For instance, take the train to Marbella, the city of the european jet set and one of the nicest beaches at the Costa del Sol. Discover its downtown, have a drink in one of the open-air restaurants or just enjoy the waters at the sea. You can also opt for a trip to Gibraltar. Make a stop in the highest point of the road to see Africa (weather permitted) and then continue to this British enclave in spanish territory. Back to Malaga. If you prefer to stay in Malaga, there are plenty of thing to do including the Russian Automobile Museum, the Pompidou Museum or just rest at the hotel and enjoy its facilities. Rest of the day free for private activities. **(B)**

DAY 4 (Monday) MALAGA - SEVILLE

Breakfast at the hotel. Early transfer to the train station for your ride to Sevilla. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and time at leisure for you to discover specific flavors of this active city full of light. In the afternoon, you will start a walking tour with a taste of tapas followed by a monumental and panoramic city tour: the interior of the Cathedral (the second largest in the Catholic world after

**PRICE PER PERSON
IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

EUR 1050.-

SURPLUS SINGLE ROOM: EUR 295.-

Train tickets-bundle from **EUR 150.-**

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**DEPARTURES FROM
APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER
UPON REQUEST**

If you prefer, you can choose another day of the week to start the program. Please email us or call us to check available dates. Therefore, the order of excursions/tours may vary depending on it. And if you have a group, we will be very happy to send a special offer with rental cars or by bus.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Guided visits in Malaga, Cordoba, Seville, and Granada.
- English speaking guide during the tours
- 7 nights' first class hotels accommodation
- Daily breakfast / 1 lunch, 2 dinners as per itinerary
- Flamenco show in a Gipsy Zambra in Granada
- Wine Tasting in a famous Malaga's Cellars

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic Flights
- Meals or other Tours not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters





St. Peters in Rome), Santa Cruz quarter (a natural scenario of “Carmen” as well as a precisely where the myth of “Don Juan” developed), Maria Luisa Park and Plaza de España. During the city tour a soft drink or coffee will be offered in a “Rooftop” coffee shop contemplating magnificent exclusive views of the old part of the city. Accommodation at the hotel. **(B) (L)**

DAY 5 (Tuesday) SEVILLE

Breakfast at the hotel. Our guide will be proud to show you one of the world's largest and spectacular monuments, the Alcazar, a unique building that gather such variety of artistic and architectural styles: from Islamic times until today. This palace was originally built under the will of Cordobese Caliph Abderramán III. Successively was then extended and modified both by Muslims and Christians kings; among these last ones, Peter I, commissioned the construction of his own palace, a perfect example of Mudéjar architecture, unique and recognized in the whole world. The Catholics Kings, Fernando and Isabel, left their own signature with some impressive example of Renaissance style and lately in times, Charles the V, with amazing Baroque influences. You will discover all these stories and visit this majestic building in our guided tour, and you'll understand why the citizens of Seville are so proud of this monument: The Royal Alcázar. After the visit, you will have time at leisure for private activities. Don't forget to visit “La Giralda” from inside, it is worth. In the evening, you can go to one of the popular flamenco shows in the city. We recommend the Cristina Hoyos Show. We can purchase the entrance tickets for you if you want. Overnight in Sevilla. **(B)**

DAY 6 (Wednesday) SEVILLE – CORDOBA

After breakfast transfer to the train station and ride to Cordoba, a city with history and Muslim past. Cordoba was once the Roman capital of the province of Hispania Ulterior, and later the capital of the caliphate. In the middle ages the city was a center of science and culture. Immediately upon arrival, check-in at the hotel and time to rest. At the given time, you will meet the local guide. You will walk through the old Jewish quarter with its synagogue, and with its flowered patios and streets. You will visit the world-famous Mezquita, the Great Mosque of the Umayyad, which was later extended to the Christian cathedral. The great forest of columns is one of the great sights of Spain. Here you can clearly feel the former wealth and the art of Islamic craftsmen and builders. Then free time for lunch and in the afternoon, you will drive to Montilla. This town is nestled between olive groves and vineyards in the region Montilla-Moriles. Here is mainly the Pedro Ximenez grape grown. At the end of the 20th Century has also started to produce red wines. We visit here the Perez-Baquero winery, followed by a tasting of various tapas from around Cordoba. After that, return to Cordoba. **(B) (D)**

DAY 7 (Thursday) CORDOBA – GRANADA

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the train station and ride east through the Caliphate road to the heart of ANDALUSIA observing an endless number of olive trees on the way to Granada and its incredible and amazing monumental environment, last stronghold of the Moorish Kingdoms up to 1492. Check in at the hotel and time to relax. In the afternoon, the highlight of every Andalusia tour is the visit to the palace of the Alhambra and the beautiful gardens of the Generalife. This former summer residence of the Moorish rulers can still be imagined from the glamor of that era. With the expulsion of the last Moorish king Boabdil, 1492 a nearly 800-year long Islamic era in Spain came to an end. This unique palace of Alhambra shows the high standard of art and culture of the time. After visiting the Alhambra, you can come back to Granada walking through its old town, where you can visit the Cathedral and the King's chapel where the Catholic kings are buried. Then you go to the hotel for a rest. In the evening, dinner in a typical “Zambra Gitana” with a Gipsy Flamenco show at Sacromonte quarter. Overnight at the hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 7 (Friday) GRANADA - MALAGA

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the train station back to Malaga. Rest of the day free for private activities, like enjoying the facilities of your hotel, swimming at the sea, go shopping for the last time in the Costa del Sol or just relax at the hotel. Interested in golfing? Malaga and the surrounding areas have the best golf courses in the region. Overnight in Malaga. **(B)**

DAY 8 (Saturday) MALAGA – AIRPORT – FLIGHT HOME

After breakfast, you can enjoy the hotel facilities of go for a stroll on the city before the transfer to the airport for your flight back home. End of our services. **(B)**