

Andalusia, So Spain!

Sample Itinerary

10 Days/9 Nights: Tour Starts and Ends in Madrid with Your Arrival and Departure.

B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner / WT = Wine Tasting / EF = Entrance Fee / (Included)

Day One (L): We will meet you and your party at Madrid airport upon your arrival and take you by private transfer to our comfortable hotel in central Madrid. Once settled in, we will treat you to a welcome lunch at an authentic little neighborhood eatery and brief you on the rest of the trip with a Q and A session. That evening, we will give you a little taste of Madrid's many interesting sights and places.

Day Two (B, D): Breakfast at the hotel followed by private transfer to Atocha Station where we board the bullet train to Seville. (2 and half hours) Our hotel in Seville is centrally located and will be our home for the next five nights. Within walking distance we have Seville's most impressive monuments and landmarks: The Real Alcazar, the Cathedral, Parque Maria Luisa, Torre de Oro and the old Jewish Quarter of Santa Cruz, just name few. Also within that same radius are our favorite restaurants and tapas eateries, which are hidden from most tourists!. This first full day will serve as your orientation to Seville and Andalusian culture with tapas on us! *Authentic live flamenco or other entertainment at night can be arranged upon request throughout your stay in Seville!*

Day Three (B, WT): After breakfast our driver takes us to the deep south of Jerez de la Frontera for vineyard visits, sherry tastings and scenery watching. A little further southwest, we reach the laid-back delta town of Sanlucar de Barremeda to enjoy mouth-watering locally caught fresh prawns and many other tasty andalusian fish & seafood specialties washed down with manzanilla, a type of dry sherry from Sanlucar. From this discrete cantina, we have plenty of time to stroll around and absorb this unique coastal setting where Donostia National Park and the Guadalquivir River meet an unforgettable sky and Andalusia's unspoiled Atlantic coast.

Day Four (B, EF): Cordoba is today's destination experiencing its complex history and fascinating Mosque/Cathedral (all under one roof). The mosque is considered one of the the most splendid Muslim creations in Spain and was declared a world heritage site in 1984. After meandering through the labyrinth of winding streets in the old quarter we check into our favorite locale, a fine restaurant specializing in roasted lamb, wild boar and other fabulous local meats; accompanied by cooked vegetables of the season and fine Spanish wines. After our long and leisurely meal, we visit other interesting sights such as the remains of a 1st century Roman temple and the 10th century Houses of the Viziers.

Day Five (B, EF), takes us northwest to the Sierra de Aracena and Jabugo to sample the caviar of ham, made from free roaming blackfoot pigs. The world's finest! Then we take a guided tour of Las Maravillas, a spectacular network of caves with subterranean lakes and breathtaking displays of stalactites. Afterwards, we indulge in a hearty lunch at a small family-run restaurant that truly reflects the traditional gastronomy of this micro region. Before heading back to Seville we can check out the town's 9th century castle with gothic and mudejar additions.

Day Six (B), we venture southeast to tour the storybook like "Pueblos Blancos", a series of whitewashed villages perched high on hilltops overlooking the vast andalusian landscape where we stroll back in time through the narrow cobble stoned streets under broad blue skies. This is the real Spain! When our appetites call we will duck into our favorite local eatery in Arcos de la Frontera, a modest establishment built in a cave and owned by a very nice couple who serve amazing tapas. On occasion, I've seen spontaneous flamenco performed here!

Day Seven (B,L) After breakfast we say farewell to our friends in Seville and prepare for our three hour road trip through the rolling olive plantations and beautiful scenery of central Andalusia to the legendary city of Granada. Our hotel for the next two nights is situated within walking distance of the Alhambra Palace and other fascinating sights. Once settled in, we will take an orientation tour on foot through Granada's historic streets while observing the splendor of the Alhambra from its neighboring hillsides. Depending on what suits your desires and appetites for the evening, we have a wide range of choices from great little tapas bars to classic restaurants.

Day Eight (B, EF): The final full day in Andalusia is largely devoted to the Alhambra! Whether it's your first visit or your eleventh, this *beyond fascinating* 14th century Moorish palace and fortress complex with amazing gardens will totally blow your minds! We set off early from the hotel in order to take maximum profit of this sprawling UNESCO World heritage site, with it's artistic and architectural details to it's panoramic vistas over Granada and the Sierra Nevada mountains. Though the entrance fee is included in the price of the trip, officially guided architectural tours are available upon advanced request at an additional cost.

Day Nine (B): After breakfast, we pack our bags and are driven to Granada airport for our one hour flight back to Madrid. This will be your last night of your trip with us and you can do whatever you like. Madrid offers endless opportunities for wonderful food, live music, fun bars, opera, theater, movies in English or just a relaxing dinner at a nice restaurant. Where ever you want to go, we'll take you there or point you in the right direction. Enjoy!

Day Ten (B): We will accompany you to the airport by private transfer to assure you reach your flight comfortably. ¡Buen Viaje!

\$2,600 per person for party of six
\$2,980 per person for party of four
\$3,290 per person for party of two

Included:

Private Airport Transfers
Nine Nights Hotel with daily breakfast (2 in Madrid, 5 in Seville, 2 in Granada)
Welcome Tapas Lunch in Madrid
Bullet Train or Airfare from Madrid and Seville
Airfare or Train Fare from Granada to Madrid
Private Driver for Regional Excursions
All Entrance Fees and Guided Tours as Per Itinerary and One Wine Tasting Tour
One Tapas Session in Seville and One Lunch on Route from Seville to Granada
All Local Taxes

Not Included:

Flights to and from Spain
Midday and Evening Meals Unless Specified in Itinerary
Any Means of Transportation Outside Itinerary
Officially Guided Tours or Audio Tours Not Specified in Itinerary
Evening Entertainment
Hotel Extras and Gratuity
Travel Insurance

Please note that the reason why all midday and evening meals are not included (with the exception of two tapas sessions and tasting menus) is that appetites can vary enormously from person to person and day to day. Furthermore, different items on the menu can vary greatly in price. For example, at our favorite restaurant in Llanes Asturias, one couple may order *percebes*, a very exclusive type of crustacean followed by fresh lobster and a bottle of Albariño, a fine white from Galicia, while another couple may opt for a *menu of the day*, which tends to be a typically regional and wholly satisfying three-course meal that includes house wine, mineral water and coffee. The former could cost from 80 to 120 euros per person while the latter ranges from 12 to 18 euros per person. Both choices are excellent!

What we strive for is to provide all of our guests with authentic regional gastronomic experiences. That is exactly what you'll get at all of our selected restaurants no matter what you order!

All of our selected restaurants whether hi-end or neighborhood eateries are of the highest standards of quality and service with the freshest ingredients!

If you are interested in this tour please see the Terms & Conditions page on our Website.



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