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SPAIN | 9DAYS / 8NIGHTS

Route: Round trip from and to Malaga

Type of tour: Culture

TOUR OVERVIEW

Immerse yourself in Andalusia and its enchanting culture with this unforgettable nine-day tour of Spain's most emblematic region. Explore dramatic and contrasting landscapes, from the snowcapped peaks of the Sierra Nevada to the beautiful beaches of the Costa del Sol. Discover the magnificent mountains of the Alpujarras, admire the breathtaking heritage of Granada, Cordoba and Seville, and the timelessness of highland villages. Savour delicious dishes, wander whitewashed streets redolent with the fragrances of fresh flowers and cap off the adventure with a few days bathing in the Mediterranean.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Lanjaron: Small Alpujarras town with a big reputation throughout Spain for its mineral waters, its tiled fountains with poetic inscriptions and the longevity of its residents

Granada: Be dazzled by the jewel in Andalusia's crown with a panoramic tour of this historic city

Cordoba: Wander through the former Jewish district and explore the old town of this medieval marvel

Seville: Explore the elegant capital of Andalusia, visiting the world-famous Plaza de España and other attractions

Ronda: This picture-postcard city hugs the edges of a 120-metre gorge and is packed with historic churches and palaces, and Spain's oldest bullring

Costa del Sol: Enjoy a few days of utter relaxation in the popular resort of Torremolinos

DON'T MISS

Raisin a glass: In Malaga savour the sweet wine produced in the highlands and made from raisins rather than grapes

Gazpacho: Savour this zesty tomato-based cold soup, which is usually served with raw vegetables

Flamenco: Visit a traditional tablao to experience the thrill of a performance of this pulsating music and dance genre

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 | MALAGA – LANJARON (130km – 1.5 hrs)

Arrival at Malaga–Costa del Sol Airport. Transfer to your hotel in **Lanjaron** with the rest of the day free at leisure. This mineral spring town is in the heart of the historic Alpujarras mountainous region, which straddles the provinces of Granada and Almeria.

- **Overnight in hotel in Lanjaron on a bed-and-breakfast basis.**

DAY 2 | LANJARON

Full day free at leisure after breakfast at the hotel. Maybe explore the whitewashed streets of this historic town, which are adorned with fountains, potted plants and religious iconography, and climb to the ruins of the castle for dramatic views of Lanjaron and the valley below.

- Overnight in hotel in Lanjaron on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

DAY 3 | LANJARON – GRANADA (45km – 1 hr)

Breakfast at the hotel is followed by transfer to Granada. Discover Granada's greatest treasure, the Alhambra palace with a guided visit. For more than a thousand years, this 'pearl set in emeralds' has stood atop Sabika hill overlooking the city, gaining in importance during the Moorish Nasrid dynasty, which turned the original castle into the palace of today. The royal complex and gardens were built to be 'heaven on earth', with cool patios, fountains and intricate carvings. Marvel at the rooms such as the Court of the Myrtles and the Hall of the Ambassadors, which are decorated in elaborate honeycomb arabesque plasterwork. Admire, too, the Court of Lions, which medieval Islamic poets described as the physical realisation of paradise. Stroll over to the Generalife Palace and its lush gardens, where the Nasrid emirs retreated during the summer heat, and hear the soothing sound of the water running in channels.

Free time to explore what was the capital of the last Muslim state in Spain. Granada still boasts traces of its Moorish past with the stunning Alhambra palace and winding streets of the Albaicin harking back to the days of the emirate while the Corral del Carbon is the only caravanserai remaining in Spain.

- Overnight in hotel in Granada on a bed-and-breakfast basis.



DAY 4 | GRANADA – CORDOBA – SEVILLE (345 km – 4.5 hrs)

Bid farewell to Granada after breakfast at the hotel, departing for Seville with a stop en route for sightseeing in **Cordoba**, where the old town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Cordoba was the capital of the Moorish caliphate of Al-Andalus during the height of its powers and glory, and nowhere is this wealth more evident than in the magnificent Great Mosque. Continue to **Seville**, the capital of Andalusia, where historic monuments, ancient traditions and lively bars combine to create one of Europe's most beautiful cities.

- Overnight in hotel in Seville on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

DAY 5 | SEVILLE – RONDA – COSTA DEL SOL (235km – 4 hrs)

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy the Andalusian capital at your own pace or avail of one of the optional tours before continuing to **Ronda**. This historic town is a beguiling maze of whitewashed cobbled alleys and is famed for New Bridge over the 120-metre-deep El Tajo Gorge. Wander the old town at leisure or avail of the optional tour, which includes a visit to Spain's oldest bullring and its museum.

- Overnight in hotel in Costa del Sol on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

DAY 6 | COSTA DEL SOL

Day at leisure after breakfast at the hotel or avail of an optional Malaga city tour with visit to Picasso Museum.

- Overnight in hotel in Costa del Sol on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

DAY 7 | COSTA DEL SOL

Enjoy a day of relaxation after breakfast at the hotel or avail of an optional tour of the upscale resorts of Marbella and Puerto Banus.

- Overnight in hotel in Costa del Sol on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

DAY 8 | COSTA DEL SOL

Full day free at leisure after breakfast at the hotel.

- Overnight in hotel in Costa del Sol on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

DAY 9 | DEPART MALAGA

Transfer to Malaga Airport for your departure flight.

- **Breakfast included.**

END OF SERVICES

INCLUDED

TOUR GUIDE:

- English-speaking local tour guide in Granada

ACCOMMODATION:

- Two nights in Lanjaron; one night in Granada; one night in Seville; four nights in Costa del Sol – all on bed-and-breakfast basis

MEALS:

- Eight breakfasts

TRANSPORT:

- Transfers in air conditioned, non-smoking, modern coaches

ENTRANCE FEES AND ACTIVITIES:

- Alhambra and Generalife guided tour in Granada

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, laundry, and drinks and meals not stated explicitly in the programme
- Any other expenses which are not mentioned in the included section
- International flights
- All types of insurances
- Any optional tour

RECOMMENDATIONS

Comfortable and light clothing is the most suitable for travelling in Andalusia. Though a warm jumper and jacket are advisable in the cooler months and when hiking the highest peaks. Visitors should not wear sleeveless shirts, shorts, short skirts or skimpy clothing when visiting religious or official buildings. Sun protection, sun glasses, a hat and mosquito repellent can be very useful during your stay