



Your Andalucia



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7 DAY CITY BASED TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1. We will collect you at Malaga airport and transfer you to the beautiful and scenic town of Ronda where we will check you into the hotel. When you are ready, we will give you a guided walk around the historic centre of Ronda. You will then spend the rest of the day in this romantic city, famous for its dramatic gorge which has beguiled many a famous traveller, including Orson Welles, Ernest Hemingway and the famous 20th century German poet, Rainer Maria Rilke, (Hemingway is said to have been inspired by the famous Puente Nuevo, (New Bridge), in Ronda when writing his account of Spanish Civil War atrocities in his book, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*).

Day 2. You will spend the day on your own relaxing and sightseeing in spectacular Ronda. Maybe take a ride around the old town in a horse drawn carriage and wonder at the sheer magnificence of the town perched along the cliff top of the Tajo gorge. Wander through the elegant narrow streets of the old town and visit some of the magnificent houses and museums of Ronda. Visit the famous Ronda bullring, the birthplace of bullfighting as we know it, and one of the oldest in Spain. The bullring is now a museum for all but one week in the year. At 3.30pm we will collect you at your Hotel and transport you to the elegant Andalusian Capital of Sevilla and check you into city centre Hotel. You can then spend the evening enjoying the delights and sights of this bustling impressive City.

Day 3. We will meet you at 11.30am and take you on your walking tour of Sevilla. We will visit the Maria Louisa Park, the home of the amazing Plaza de España which was built for the Ibero-Americano exhibition of 1929, and where you will see the wonderful ceramics depicting famous historical events of the major Spanish cities. We will finish our walking tour around lunch time at 1.30pm. After lunch you can visit the Royal Alcazar, one of the oldest Royal Palaces in Europe and the official residence in Sevilla for today's Spanish Monarchy, and the famous Cathedral of Sevilla, which is still the largest Cathedral in the world.

Day 4. You will spend today on your own relaxing and sightseeing in the Andalusian capital. At 3pm we will meet you at your hotel and set off on our drive to the medieval and atmospheric City of Cordoba, which was once the capital of the Moorish Emirate of 'Al Andalus' and the richest city in Europe. Steeped in history and the home of the 'Mezquita', once the largest Mosque in the western world, Cordoba was also a major Roman city in its day. We will check you into your hotel and you can then spend the evening in this ancient city, (you may even take in the equestrian spectacular of the famous Andalusian Horses, held in the 16th century Royal Stables).

Day 5. After breakfast, you can visit the Alcazar of The Christian Monarchs, not as grand as the Alcazar of Sevilla, but a good contrast and the scene of famous historic events including the planning of the voyage of Christopher Columbus in 1492. We will meet you outside the Alcazar after your visit at 11am and carry out our walking tour of Cordoba. We will enter into the Royal Stables, and you will learn of their history before we walk through the old City Walls and into the pretty Barrio San Basilio to see some of the typical patios that Cordoba is famous for. We will then turn and head for the Jewish quarter, (La Juderia), and visit the old Jewish Market & the famous Synagogue, (one of only 3 medieval Synagogues still standing in Spain), before we break for a great tapas lunch in the Bodega Mezquita restaurant. After lunch you will have the highlight of the day when you visit into the spectacular Mezquita – The Mosque/Cathedral of Cordoba. This, the greatest Mosque in the Western World, was built over a thousand years ago, (which makes the 500-year-old Cathedral that was built right in the centre of it, seem like a modern building by comparison). **The Mezquita of Cordoba is most definitely a place where you go to ‘experience’ it, rather than see it.** At the end of the afternoon we will transport you to the historic City of Granada and check you into your city centre hotel. You can then spend the evening having dinner and experiencing this atmospheric, historic and vibrant city.

Day 6. In the morning we will collect you at your hotel at 10am and carry out our walking tour of Granada’s historic city centre, breaking for lunch around 12 noon. After lunch, we will transport you to the Alhambra Palaces Complex itself, where you will spend a few hours in the gardens and general areas and then you visit the world-famous Nasrid Palaces, the Jewel in The Crown of Spain’s Muslim heritage. In the evening, (should you desire), we will take you to the top of the atmospheric Albaycin where you can have dinner at the Restaurante Jardines de Zoraya, and take in a performance from a traditional and talented local Flamenco Group. After dinner we will finish off the day by taking the short walk to the Mirador of San Nicolas where you will get to experience the magnificent panoramic floodlit view of The Alhambra Complex, with the backdrop of the Sierra Nevada mountains and the highest peak in mainland Spain, Mount Mulhacen.

Day 7. Departure Day. We will meet you at your hotel after breakfast and transfer you to Malaga or Granada airport or train station in time for your onward journey, and this is where our Tour will end.