

#Live a larger life

Backroads of Spain



Madrid-Cordoba-Granada-Ubeda- Estremoz -Ronda- Seville and more

12 days / 11 nights \$5370pp | 26 Mar-6 Apr 2024

FEATURES

- See some of the most beautiful sites in the world such as Alhambra Palace in Granada, the Mosque of Cordoba and the Gothic Cathedral in Seville.
- Discover hidden gems the picturesque towns of Carmona and Ronda
- Admire the breath-taking views from cliff-top castles to medieval Morish palaces and charming whitewashed villages.
- Savour plentiful meals in carefully chosen restaurants.
- Stay in charming character historic buildings converted into cosy accommodations.
- Enjoy the soul of the purest flamenco
- Discover amazing places that are off the beaten track.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 11 nights stay on twin / double share basis in boutique old town hotels
- Breakfast daily 2 lunches and 3 specialty dinners
- Sample authentic jamon Iberico at traditional farm in Sierra de Aracena
- Enjoy a traditional flamenco show in Seville
- Visit the spectacular Cordoba Mezquita – a UNESCO protected sight
- Luxury transport in premium mini-coach providing far more flexibility – take the scenic route winding through countryside and tiny villages and coastal towns

*Conditions apply. Price is based on minimum of 7 people travelling for a guaranteed departure. Deposit of \$400pp, final balance due 10 January 2024. Single supplement of \$1510 to have your own room throughout.

What's not included – Flights, insurance, meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary, tips and gratuities.

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Your itinerary

Classic Cultural Backroads of Spain

12 days / 11 nights land tour

Madrid – Toledo – Valdepenas – Cordoba – Ubeda - Granada-
Estremoz – Ronda – Grazalema - Arcos and Jerez-Seville - Sierra De
Aracena – Monsaraz – Estremoz – Evora - Lisbon

Day 1: Arrive Madrid Upon arrival at the airport we will be met at the airport and transferred to our hotel in vibrant Madrid, we'll kick off our adventure with a delicious welcome dinner. Salud ! A free afternoon to explore and get acquainted with Spain's capital city.

Accommodation: Hotel Catalonia Gran Via Madrid (or similar). Welcome dinner

Day 2: Explore Madrid - Toledo: After breakfast you will explore the most important city in Spain, Madrid, This elegant city with its manicured gardens and boulevards is renowned for its rich European art and the heart of old Hapsburg royalties and Baroque palaces. Then we'll board the mini-coach and head for Toledo – a beguiling riverside city where centuries of history come alive. A guided city tour and visits to the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes and the Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca will help us get a grip on the area's unique cultural heritage before we retire to our hotel for the night.

Accommodation: Hotel Carlos V (or similar) Breakfast

Day 3: Toledo – Valdepenas - Cordoba. Today our journey will continue south across the vast plains of La Mancha towards Valdepeñas – where we'll pause to visit a local bodega for a wine tasting session and lunch. Appetites satisfied, we'll move on to beautiful Córdoba – our home for the next two nights.

Accommodation: Las Casas de la Judería de Córdoba (or similar) Breakfast and Lunch.

Day 4: Cordoba: Prepare to step back in time to the days of Islamic Iberia – a locally guided tour of Córdoba's Old Town awaits! After visiting the spectacular Mezquita (a UNESCO-protected mosque), you'll be free to explore the city at your own pace. Seek out hidden squares and local cafés, pamper yourself at a traditional hammam or simply sit back and marvel at the city's magnificent architecture – this afternoon is all about you.

Accommodation: Las Casas de la Judería de Córdoba (or similar) Breakfast

Day 5: Cordoba – Ubeda – Granada. Our next stop will be Úbeda, a World Heritage-listed town filled with spectacular Renaissance palaces. There will be just enough time to pause and taste some authentic Spanish olive oil before we move on to enchanting Granada.

Accommodation: Sercotel Palacio de los Gamboa (or similar) Breakfast

Day 6: Granada. An energetic university city with an ancient past – Granada is yours to explore at leisure today. No visit here would be complete without wandering the lavish interiors of ancient Alhambra. We'll need to purchase tickets well in advance to secure the opportunity to explore the intricately carved archways and vibrant gardens of this breathtaking Moorish palace. Free Afternoon -Free time to simply relax, explore the city alone or maybe do some shopping?

Accommodation: Sercotel Palacio de los Gamboa (or similar) Breakfast



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Day 7: Granada - Rhonda: After having breakfast and checking out, you can rest assured that today's journey will be just as much fun as the destination! From Granada, our path will turn east as we make the scenic journey to the mountaintop city of Ronda, where we'll get our bearings on an orientation tour. Tonight, we'll come together for dinner in a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Hotel Maestranza (or similar) Breakfast and dinner

Day 8: Ronda – Grazalema, Arcos and Jerez - Seville: Today it's back on the road – with stops at the picturesque white villages of Grazalema and Arcos to look forward to. This afternoon we'll set our sights on Jerez – where we'll be treated to a sherry tasting session and tapas lunch at a local winery. Tonight, a traditional flamenco show will help us settle into Seville.

Accommodation: Las Casas de la Judería (or similar) Breakfast and lunch

Day 9: Seville: We've a full day to spend getting acquainted with the charismatic city of Seville. First, a locally guided walking tour and a visit to the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Site of Alcázar of Seville. Then, the day is yours to spend at your leisure. Whether you want to seek out Roman ruins, hunt down Moorish mosaics or visit classical squares, there are plenty of historic sites to keep you occupied here. Feeling hungry? You could always sample some Andalusian specialities at one of the city's abundant bars...

Accommodation: Las Casas de la Judería (or similar)

Day 10: Seville – Sierra De Aracena: Back to nature today. After breakfast we'll make tracks to the Sierra de Aracena, an unspoilt mountain range peppered with castles, quaint villages and pastures. While we're here, we'll pay a visit a local pig farm – where we'll be lucky enough to taste some authentic jamón ibérico and local cheeses.

Accommodation: Hotel Convento Aracena (or similar) Breakfast

Day 11: Sierra De Aracena – Monsaraz (Portugal) – Estremoz. Our first stop of the day will be Monsaraz, a charming Portuguese hilltop village with sweeping views of the Alqueva Dam. We'll take some time to explore its narrow streets before moving on to Estremoz for an afternoon of leisure time. Tonight, we'll raise a toast to our Iberian adventure over a farewell dinner.

Accommodation: Pousada Castelo de Estremoz (or similar) Breakfast and dinner

Day 12: Estremoz – Evora – Lisbon Onwards to Évora, the capital of the Alentejo region. This afternoon will see our tour come to a close in postcard-perfect Lisbon. Breakfast

