

Classical Spain

Hotel-to-hotel 🚶 guided walking and sightseeing

- Great Moorish cities: Seville, Córdoba, Granada and Ronda
- Gothic cathedrals, Moorish castles, medieval fortresses, abandoned còrtijos
- Elegant high-quality hotels throughout
- Olive groves, cork oaks, pine forests, Natural Parks
- Experienced guide with air-conditioned minibus



This exceptional holiday combines discovering Andalucía's "must see" sights, with going further afield to find hidden white-washed hamlets and flower filled country paths.

After visiting Ronda's world-famous bullring, and the Grazalema Natural Park, we continue on to Seville with its stunning Alcazar and hidden streets crammed with lively *tapas* bars. The fabulous cathedrals and palaces of Córdoba provide a pleasing contrast to the verdant valleys of the Sierra del Norte. Then the grand finale of Granada's Alhambra – one of the most famous buildings in the world. Travelling with an experienced Headwater guide in an air conditioned minibus you'll discover the "best bits" of Andalucía's countryside and enjoy rambles through olive groves and poppy lined gorges.

Where we stay is special too. First stop is Di and Johns 6-room boutique hotel in Cartajima, near Ronda. Our ★★★★★ residences in Seville near Carmen's bullring, and opposite the arched golden doorways of the Mezquita in Córdoba, are especially enticing. Dinner is included some nights, others you are free to choose from the wonderful array of restaurants each city has to offer. For lunch you can either sample mouth-watering tapas, or together we'll arrange delicious picnics.

Note: While our guides remain at our clients' disposal during the tour, local laws in Spain forbid them to guide groups on art cities historical centers, or in museums or art galleries.

"One of the best holidays we've ever taken. Loads of culture, fun, superb guide and hotels! Everything was great."

Mr Worrell, South Carolina



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CLASSICAL SPAIN | DAY BY DAY

Day 1 Arrive in Ronda

We meet you at Malaga airport and take you (90 mins) to your hotel near Ronda where you'll spend the next three nights.

Day 2 Exploring Ronda

Today we drive into Ronda, the largest of the white villages. Here you have free time to explore this strikingly beautiful town, popularized by Romantic travellers: step out on to the arena of the famous Bull Ring; cross the new bridge into the old town where you can visit the Museo Municipal, one of Ronda's most beautiful mansions, and the church of Santa Maria, once a principle mosque.

Day 3 Grazalema Natural Park 12km/7mi/4hr

We drive into Grazalema town and on to the start of one of the Sierra's most beautiful walks, the famous Goatherd's Leap. The scenery changes with every turn of the path and the wild flowers are amazing. As we wind our way through cork oaks and evergreen oaks keep an eye out for hoopoes, wheatears, oriol, warblers and a whole lot more besides in this ornithological wonderland.

Day 4 Ronda to Seville

Today we leave Ronda and head for Seville. After a tapas lunch (payable locally) wander along the banks of the Guadalquivir or maybe visit the famous Palacio de Lebrija which houses the most wonderful collection of mosaics.

Day 5 Exploring Seville

Our orientation tour in the morning takes in the unforgettable Alcazar and Gothic Cathedral. Time then to make your own discoveries in this fascinating city: there's the Fábrica de Tabacos where Bizet's Carmen fell in love, or the galleries of the Museo de Bellas Artes, housed in a beautiful former convent.

Day 6 Cazalla de la Sierra 9km/5.5mi/3hr

We head off today for the cattle country of the Sierra del Norte mountain range. Walking on trails past whitewashed *cortijos* (farmhouses) lined with abundant blackberries, fig and poplar trees, we reach our picnic spot by a shady river where we can paddle. We return through giant cork oaks and agaves to Cazalla, then it's on to Córdoba and our hotel (2 nights) by the world famous Mezquita.

Day 7 In Córdoba

We discover Córdoba's Mezquita in the morning – a stunning fusion of Moorish and Christian architectural splendour. After lunch visit the beautiful Alcazar and gardens and the amazing Arab Baths, leaving time to visit the Jewish quarter with its narrow streets and fascinating Jewish Museum.

Day 8 Sierra Subbetica 10km/6mi/3.5hr

We drive deep into the hidden valleys of Córdoba to delightful Zuheros – a tiny white village perched on a hillside in the Sierra Subbetica National Park. We stroll down to the village to the tinkle of goat's bells for a drink by the tiny Moorish castle. We then continue on to Granada, nestling in the foothills of the snow-capped Sierra Nevada where we spend our final three nights.

Day 9 In Granada

Free time in arguably Spain's most beautiful city. Highlights include the Arabic Albaicin, Royal Chapel and Cathedral and the curious Sacromonte where gypsies live in caves.

Day 10 Alhambra Palace

Today we have included entrance fees for the world famous Alhambra Palace, possibly the most exciting and romantic of all Moorish monuments. Our final dinner is taken in one of the most beautifully situated restaurants in Granada, overlooking the Alhambra Palace.

Day 11 Return home



"Our guide, Val Edwards, was outstanding. She showed utmost care, her interpersonal skills are superb."

Mrs Monk

Dates and Prices

Departs selected Fridays Tour Only

2012 departures	
Mar 23	\$3,591
Apr 6, May 4	\$3,629
Apr 20	\$3,788
Sep 14, 28, Oct 12	\$3,849

2013 departures	
Apr 26	\$3,864
Mar 29	\$3,880
Apr 12	\$3,998

Singles: Add \$89 per night except Apr 12 2013 when \$96 per night (2 nights will be in a single room; 8 nights will be sole occupancy of a double room).

Child: This holiday is unsuitable for children under 12.

Room upgrade: Prices from \$38 per person, per night, based on 2 sharing.

Holiday type: Guided walking and sightseeing, hotel-to-hotel, groups of typically 4-8 people on each tour.

Departs: Selected Fridays from Mar 23 2012 to Apr 26 2013.

Duration: 11 days (10 nights).

Meals: Buffet breakfast and 7 evening meals.

Other details: For departures March-April 2012 3 nights will be spent at the ●●● Cortijo las Pinetas. For "What your holiday price includes," see "Holiday Planning" section pp 48-51.

Tailor-made travel choices

Nearest Arrival Airport: Malaga Airport

Flights can be arranged from most US/CANADA airports, with connecting transfers as required, prices and details on request.

The above prices include our standard transfers: Malaga Airport at 10:35 (transfer to the hotel, 90 mins, provided). **Return:** Malaga Airport 09:30.

Tour only: Transfers included from Malaga Airport at 10:35, and back to Malaga Airport departing hotel 07:45.

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CLASSICAL SPAIN | WHERE YOU STAY

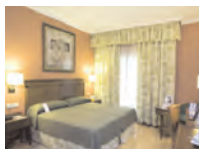


Los Castaños

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Ronda

Days 1+2+3



Hotel Becquer

★★★★

Seville

Days 4+5



Hotel Conquistador

★★★★

Córdoba

Days 6+7



Hotel Dauro II

★★★

Granada

Days 8+9+10

For extra nights we recommend Granada.

CLASSICAL SPAIN | WALKING DETAILS

This holiday is a mixture of sightseeing and gentle walking, with minibus assistance for all transfers. There are no challenging ascents or descents but walking boots are essential.



Average daytime temperature (°C):

19 20 21 25 26 21 20
FEB MAR APR MAY SEP OCT NOV



Average monthly rainfall (mm):

61 90 57 41 19 70 67
FEB MAR APR MAY SEP OCT NOV