



Romantic Andalusia

*Discover the magic of Andalusia
staying in beautiful charming hotels*

PROGRAM

Day 1 MÁLAGA

- Arrival at Málaga airport with flight ...
- Greeting and transfer to the city centre for a panoramic tour of Málaga.

Described by Vicente Aleixandre as the "City of Paradise", Málaga enjoys a privileged climate. The visitors can stroll in the gardens and let themselves captivate by the view of the city, the port and the distant mountain ranges. Our tour will include the most emblematic corners of the city, such as Larios street, Pasaje de Chinitas, Plaza de la Merced (where Picasso was born), the Renaissance Cathedral, Alcazaba (Muslim castle), Town hall, Bullring and the Park.



- Overnight at CORTIJO LA REINA HOTEL (4*).

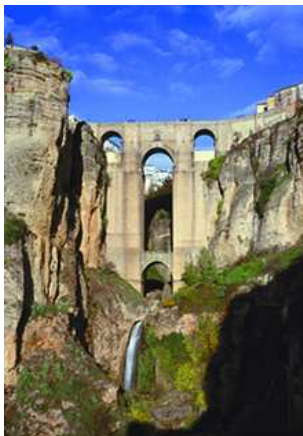


CORTIJO LA REINA HOTEL

Located close to Montes de Málaga Natural Park and 800 m high, the hotel is surrounded by a vast garden with centenary trees. From its privileged position you can enjoy beautiful views of the city and the valley. It has 10 double rooms with bathroom and a suite with its own jacuzzi, 2 bedrooms with bathroom and flat terrace. Some of the rooms have a fireplace. All the rooms have air conditioning and heating, TV, telephone, safe box, minibar and heated bathroom.

Day 2 MÁLAGA / RONDA / ARCOS DE LA FRONTERA

- Breakfast and departure to Ronda.
- AM guided tour: Santa Maria Collegiate Church, old district and Bullring.



Ronda or the 'Dreamed City', as poet Rainer Maria Rilke called it, is one of the oldest cities in Spain and retains much of its historic charm. Centre of the mountain range which bears its name, it is divided in two by an impressive sheer cleft over 300 ft deep called El Tajo. Walking tour of the old town, rich in places of interest like noble mansions and convents. We will visit the Church of Santa María, formerly the Mosque, with Gothic and Renaissance architecture and Hispano-Moslem tower. Our tour will end with a visit to the 18th century bullring, totally of stone, where Pedro Romero, the famous bullfighter, set up the rules of bullfighting on foot still respected nowadays.

- Continuation to Arcos de la Frontera and walking tour of this unique white town perched on the top of a high rock, with an old important historic-artistic monumental centre.



- Overnight at HACIENDA EL SANTISCAL HOTEL (3*).

HACIENDA EL SANTISCAL HOTEL

Exquisitely restored 15th century manor house beautifully positioned, with magnificent views over the surrounding countryside. Since the hotel occupies a protected historical building, all the rooms are different – some have wooden beam ceilings or Arab brick floors – but all are decorated in a cosy stile with simplicity, elegance and character. Other facilities include a dining room, arbour with private window, reading room with fireplace, garden and swimming pool, terraces, central Andalusian-style courtyard, bar and parking.



Day 3 ARCOS DE LA FRONTERA / JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA / GERENA

Breakfast and departure to Jerez de la Frontera.

Jerez will delight you as a big town and as a village, with its vineyards and the nearness of the mountain range and the sea. Considered as the capital of wine and horses and cradle of flamenco, it possesses wonderful and exclusive tourist resources: wine and "bodegas" (wine-cellars), the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art, the Bull-fighting Art Museum, the Clock Museum, the speed track and the old town, declared area of artistic-historic value.



Visit of Domecq wine cellar, with wine tasting.



This is one of the oldest wine cellars in Jerez, established in 1730 in an old 16th century mill. Domecq family came from France and ruled the company until 1994, when it was sold to the British multinational Allied Lyons — now Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc. Since 1822 this has been one of the leading wine companies in Jerez, expanding to South America and Philippines and producing the first brandy in Spain, called Fundador, in 1874. In the course of the visit we will see the most ancient cellar, where the first wineskin of brandy Fundador, signed by the king Alfonso XIII during his first visit to Domecq in 1904, is kept. This visit will

allow us to learn about the production process of Sherry and try some of the excellent Domecq wines.

Continuation to the small town of Gerena, in the province of Seville.

Overnight at CORTIJO EL ESPARRAGAL HOTEL (3*).

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El Esparragal farmhouse is a historical building which dates back to 1615, when it was a convent of the Jerome Order. In 1992 the building was reformed maintaining its original architecture without renouncing to the comforts of a modern hotel. All the rooms and common areas are carefully decorated with antiques gathered along the years of its existence. The coolness of the courtyards and the swimming pool garden drives to relaxation.



Day 4 GERENA / SEVILLE / GERENA

- Breakfast.
- Departure to Seville.
- In the morning, guided tour: Panoramic, Cathedral and Santa Cruz district.



Our visit will start with a panoramic tour of the some of the highlights in the city: the Cartuja Island, where Expo '92 was held, Guadalquivir river, Tower of Gold, Bullring, old Tobacco Factory — currently University —, Park of María Luisa with the pavilions built for the Exhibition held in 1929, and the impressive squares Plaza de España and Plaza de América. Visit of the Gothic Cathedral, the largest in Spain, with the Giralda tower — striking minaret of the former mosque. Then a walk by Santa Cruz Quarter, a maze of small alleys with colourful names stepped in legend and small squares where the peacefulness of a tiny garden is an invitation to rest.

- Time at leisure and return to Gerena.
- In the afternoon, visit of a cattle ranch.

Dehesa La Calera is located close to the small town of Gerena — in the north of Seville province — 37 km far from the city centre. The main activity of La Calera is the breeding of brave bulls and in its pasture and olive grove grazes Lora Sangrán's cattle. Other developments of the estate are major and minor hut, cork and olives. Visiting La Calera will allow us to approach to the Andalusian country way of life and the world of bullfighting and have the unique experience of seeing magnificent brave bulls from very close.

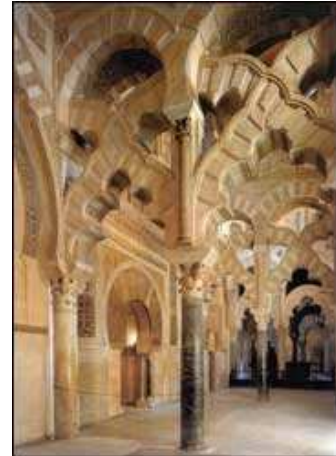


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Day 5 GERENA / CÓRDOBA / BAEZA

- Breakfast and departure to Córdoba.
- In the morning, guided tour: Mosque-Cathedral and Jewish district.

The Great Mosque of Córdoba, one of the finest buildings created by Islamic art, was considered a wonder of the medieval world. Its construction was initiated by Abd El Rahman I in the 8th century. The system of columns supporting double arcades of piers and arches with alternating red and white voussoirs manages to create a stunningly original visual composition. Walk in the Jewish District, complex of fresh narrow streets and Andalusian "patios" where we can find the only Synagogue preserved in Andalusia.



- Time at leisure and continuation to the monumental town of Baeza, in the province of Jaén.
- Overnight at PUERTA DE LA LUNA HOTEL (4*).



PUERTA DE LA LUNA HOTEL

Puerta de la Luna Hotel occupies a 17th century small palace in the oldest part of the city, a stone's throw away from the Cathedral. It has been completely refurbished and decorated to offer everything it suggests: a dream come true... Each one of its 44 rooms, most of which are double, has been endowed with a different and unique personality, paying a great attention to those little details that can bring extra comfort and quality to your stay.

Day 6 BAEZA / ÚBEDA / BAEZA

- Breakfast.
- In the morning, visit of the monumental towns of Úbeda and Baeza.

Úbeda and Baeza house a splendid legacy of monuments made up of churches, palaces and aristocratic houses. In the 16th century these cities reached their maximum splendour thanks to an economic growth relying on the cereal crop, cattle-raising and even a notable artisan activity. An important development took place and the cities were subject to renovation along the lines of the emerging Renaissance, a new concept of town planning which marked since then the urban appearance. The central areas of Úbeda and Baeza constitute outstanding early examples of Renaissance civic architecture and urban planning and had a great influence on the architecture of Latin America. For this reason, the Renaissance monumental ensembles of Úbeda and Baeza were recently declared World Heritage by UNESCO.



- Afternoon at leisure.
- Overnight at PUERTA DE LA LUNA HOTEL (4*).

Day 7 BAEZA / GRANADA / ANTEQUERA

- Breakfast and departure to Granada.
- In the morning, visit of Alhambra and Generalife Gardens.

The Alhambra is one of the most beautiful monuments in the history of Islamic art. From its position on top of a hill called Assabica (red), it dominates the whole of the city. The visit to this complex of halls and "patios" (courtyards) of indescribable beauty evokes the splendour of the Arabic past of the city. In the Generalife, leisure place for the Nazarid kings, we will enjoy the fresh and relaxing atmosphere of this enchanting place and let our senses get impregnated with the perfume and colour of its flowers and the murmuring of its fountains.



- Continuation to Antequera.
- Overnight at FINCA ESLAVA HOTEL (4*).

FINCA ESLAVA HOTEL

This is a charming place where all the romanticism of Andalusia emerges, especially in its patios scented with jasmine, myrtle and orange blossom. The hotel occupies an 18th century "cortijo" (country estate). Its exclusive rooms combine an accurate decoration with those details that ensure a comfortable stay. We can also find there a top cuisine restaurant, swimming pool, fitness-centre and paddle tennis court.



Day 8 ANTEQUERA / MÁLAGA

- Breakfast.
- Transfer to Málaga airport.
- Departure with flight ...