

SPAIN – LAS ALPUJARRAS AND ANDALUCIA

8-day / 7-night centre-based group guided walking discovery tour in Moorish Spain



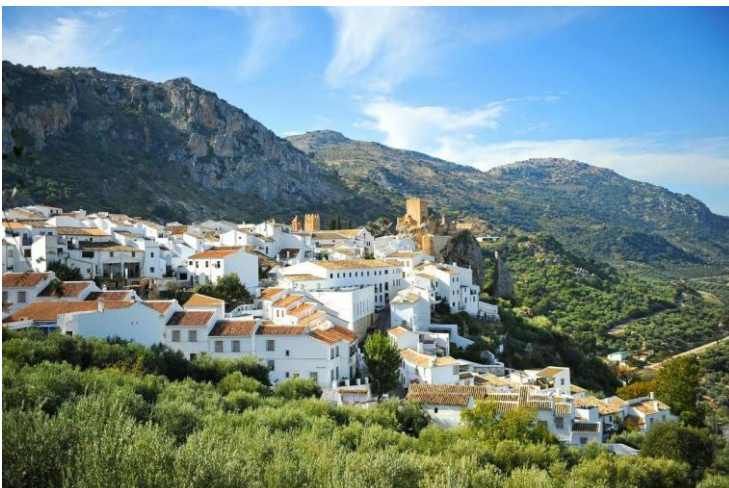
Andalucia, in the south of Spain, is a stunning region with beaches, mountains, historic towns and attractions including the UNESCO World Heritage Alhambra in Granada. In the mountains, the region of whitewashed hillside villages known as Las Alpujarras is laced with terraced farmlands that are watered by snowmelt from the Sierra Nevada range, creating a high-altitude oasis in stark contrast to the dry foothills below. This region was the last stronghold of the Moors; after the Christians took the city of Grenada, the Moors were forced to convert to Christianity. Those who didn't fled to the remote hills of the Alpujarras. The Moors were eventually expelled, but their influence remains, seen in the distinctive Berber-style architecture and even in the region's name, which likely derives from the Arabic *al-basharat* (grasslands).

Cost from: **\$3715** per person (twin share) Single room supplement from \$930

Departures: 13 November 2023, 4 March 2024, 11 March 2024

Includes: 7 nights' hotel accommodation with ensuite bathroom, 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 evening meals, experienced walks leader, local transport per itinerary, entrance fees, boat trip in Seville. Málaga Airport arrival and departure transfers at set times are included in the tour cost – please ask for details when booking.

Not Included: Meals and drinks not mentioned, personal expenses



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Suggested itinerary: *This provisional itinerary is subject to change.*

Day 1: Arrival day

Meet the group at Málaga Airport at a set time for the coach transfer to your accommodation. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner including wine at a local restaurant.

Day 2: Malaga

Today we explore Malaga with a local guide, including a visit to the Castle of Gibralfaro. We walk along the promenade La Farola, passing the Roman Theatre, bullring and onto the famous cathedral with its unfinished right tower. In the afternoon you have free time and can choose to visit one of the many museums or stroll by the sea.

Day 3: Las Alpujarras

We transfer to Granada today, through the “Alpujarras”, a stunning valley full of whitewashed villages and incredible scenery. We visit three of these picturesque villages where life still feels like it did many years ago. We'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Day 4: Granada

In the morning, we will visit the famous UNESCO World heritage site, the Alhambra, for a fully guided tour. A spectacular monument steeped in Moorish history. This afternoon you will have time to explore Granada, sample the tapas, visit the gypsy quarter or the markets and cathedral.

Day 5: Seville Via Cordoba

Today we will spend half the day in Cordoba where we visit the Jewish quarter as well as the Great Mosque, another famous Moorish building. We enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before heading to Seville, where we stay the next two nights.

Day 6: Seville

A full day to explore the wonderful city of Sevilla, including a visit to the Cathedral, the largest gothic building in Western Europe. We will climb the nearby Moorish Tower, La Giralda and visit the Barrio of Santa Cruz. Once the Jewish quarter, it is a labyrinth of narrow streets and alleys and lively plazas. We finish with a boat ride on the river Guadalquivir.

Day 7: Cadiz

This morning we transfer to Cadiz, which has a different feel to the other cities we have visited. The historic centre is an island and has a distinct Latin American feel to it. After a tour and a visit to the impressive Torre Tavira, we head to Puerto de Santa Maria across the bay, where we visit a bodega for sherry tasting and lunch. Heading back to Seville, this evening we have a farewell meal with local wine included.

Day 8: Departure day. Tour ends after breakfast with a group transfer at a set time to Málaga Airport (individual transfers can be arranged at your own cost).

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Accommodation

You'll stay in comfortable 4-star hotels with air conditioning, room safe, telephone, free wifi and buffet breakfasts.

Hotel Alameda Centro, Malaga

Opposite Jardines Picasso and a short walk from the historic centre of Malaga and the beach.

Hotel Porcel Alixares, Granada

With views of the Alhambra, this hotel has 95 comfortable rooms and a swimming pool. It is a short walk (or there are regular buses) into the centre of Granada. This hotel does have a restaurant, but Granada is one of the few regions of Spain to still offer tapas for free when you buy a drink so we highly recommend exploring the nearby bars and restaurants.

Hotel Becquer, Seville

Located in the charming Triana district, in the historic centre of Seville, this hotel has 62 comfortable rooms decorated in a very classic style. There is a swimming pool and great views of the city.



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