

Andalucia - the Guadalquivir Tour

Malaga - Ubeda - Cordoba - Carmona - Sanlucar - Ronda

A two week tour of Andalucia staying in charming towns and cities with the Guadalquivir river as its main axis.



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Summary

The Guadalquivir river, into which flowed the riches of the Americas, forms the backbone of this wonderful two week tour of Andalucia.

The circular route heads from chic Málaga deep inland to Ubeda, before following the river to its mouth at Sanlucar and picking across the Grazalema mountains back to the start.

You'll find great cities, high Sierra mountains, endless orange and olive groves as well as the legacy of great civilisations from Tartesians to the Moors - the only constant being the famous Andalucian vitality, humour and hospitality!



Your Route

Tour Highlights:

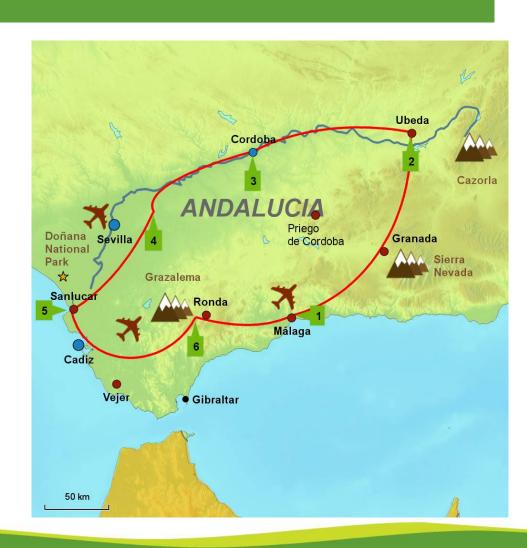
- Cathedral & Alcázar of Sevilla
- Great Mosque of Cordoba
- Granada's Alhambra Palace & Albaicin
- World renowned Andalucian hospitality
- Finest olive oil & cured ham in the world
- Flamenco music, fiestas & fine sherries

Travel Tips:

From Sevilla: Ryanair to Stansted,

Glasgow or Dublin

From Jerez: Ryanair to Stansted From Malaga: Easyjet to Stansted, Glasgow, Manchester, Luton + others, Ryanair to Edinburgh, Liverpool, Leeds, Manchester + others















Itinerary Overview

Stage	Days	Region	Location	Hotel, Room	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Málaga, (Sevilla or Jerez)		
1	Day 1 & 2	Málaga province	Málaga	HMAL1 Chic tranquility near Malaga's beach, Double room (2 sharing)	20mins from Málaga airport
2	Day 3 & 4	Jaén province	Ubeda	HUBD1 Rennaissance hotel in historic Ubeda, Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 50mins
3	Day 5 & 6	Córdoba province	Córdoba	HCOR1 Stylish hotel in Cordoba's Jewish Quarter, Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 50mins
4	Day 7 to 9	Sevilla province	Carmona	HCAR1 Historic town hotel in Carmona, Twin room (2 sharing)	1hr 20mins
5	Day 10 to 12	Cádiz province	Sanlúcar de Barrameda	HSDB1 Historic town hotel, palacial style, Standard double room (2 sharing)	1hr 30mins
6	Day 13 & 14	Málaga province	Ronda	HRON1 Andalucian farmhouse hotel near Ronda, Standard double room (2 sharing)	1hr 50mins
			Departing Málaga (Sevilla or Jerez)		1hr 30mins to Málaga airport

Your Itinerary

What the tour includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- 4 door economy class car hire for the duration
- · Regional roadmap
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and Guidebook
- Our own travel app
- NB Flights not included

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Stage 1



Region: Malaga and the Axarquía

Málaga, perhaps Spain's most 'happening' city Axarquia, pretty villages, mountain scenery, wine, olive oil... Shop, eat or stroll in style in the new port area Art galleries galore including Thysen and Pompidou Lively with tapas bars, street music and flamenco shows Antequera rich heritage and unique 'Torcal' landscape

Chic tranquility near Malaga's beach

In a leafy neighbourhood, just a short walk from Málaga's 'La Caleta' beach, it's so peaceful here you can hardly believe your just half an hour's stroll to the bustling centre of Spain's most 'happening' city. This elegant villa, set in its own grounds with a nice little pool, has been recently transformed into a delightful small hotel with a keen eye for interior design and guests' comfort. Your hosts, Frens and Jeroen, will go out of t...Read More





Stage 2



Region: Ubeda & Baeza

The place in Spain for Renaissance architecture
UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2003
Plaza de las Molinas, Capilla de San Salvador, Hospital de Santiago, Baeza town hall...
Set among mountains and immense olive groves
Traditional pottery and fine ceramics thriving today
Sierra de Cazorla - biosphere reserve with the source of the Guadalquivir river

Rennaissance hotel in historic Ubeda

Owned by the Marquesa de la Rambla and thought to have been designed by the great Andrés de Vandelvira, the architect responsible for some of the finest buildings in the town, this perfectly kept, genuine renaissance palace is the perfect base from which to enjoy the period charms of Ubeda. A monument in itself, beautifully furnished with genuine antiques and full of genuine artworks, the hotel is set around a central patio in true Andalucian s...Read More









Stage 3



Region: Cordoba

The Great Mosque - western Europe's largest Islamic edifice Lose yourself in the labyrinthine Jewish Quarter Marvel at the patios overloaded with potted geraniums Enjoy a Flamenco show and Aran influenced gastronomy Try the local Montilla - Moriles wines - but handle with care! Explore the Roman ruins of Hispania Ulterior & Baetica Visit the archaeological site of Medina Azahara on the outskirts

Stylish hotel in Cordoba's Jewish Quarter

A haven of peace at the heart of the Jewish Quarter just a stone's through from the Great Mosque of Cordoba, the Cathedral and the other main sights; this small, boutique-style hotel has been recently renovated to the highest modern standards with elements and colours which retain its Cordobés essence. The lobby is surprisingly light and spacious, with a fountain as its focal point and there is a roof terrace with views to the cathedral towers ...Read More





Stage 4



Region: Sevilla

Gateway to the New World & all its riches
3 World Heritage Sites in the Old Town!
Magnificent Cathedral & Archive of the Indies
Moorish Alcázar Palace & Giralda Tower
Thriving Flamenco culture in Triana
Soak in the atmosphere of Barrio de la Santa Cruz
Savour hand-cut 'jamón' in the wonderful tapas bars

<u>Historic town hotel in Carmona</u>

In a discreet corner in the upper part of the old town this charming small hotel makes a relaxing base from which to discover delightful Carmona and the province of Sevilla. Its typical Andalucian structure, with shady patios, each centred around a fountain and literally festooned with plants, makes the hotel a true oasis of peace and freshness. Furnished and decorated in a romantic, Andalucian style, with many antiques and artefacts, each...Read More







Stage 5



Region: Cadiz & Costa de la Luz

Cádiz, steeped in history, Europe's oldest city
Moorish pueblos blancos, Véjer, Medina Sidonia
Bolonia spectacular Roman ruins right on the beach
Sanlucar de Barrameda at the mouth of the Guadalquivir
Stunning beaches Tarifa, Conil, Zahara
Trafalgar scene of the famous battle
Take a trip to Jerez for its famous wines and dancing horses
Doñana National Park. One of Europe's best bird reserves.

Historic town hotel, palacial style

To call this a historic hotel doesn't even begin to describe it. For nearly 5 centuries the palace was home to the Dukes of Medina Sidonia, perhaps Andalucia's most prominent family which gave us, among others, Guzman El Bueno, commander of the Spanish Armada and the Red Duchess who stood up to Franco leading to her exile and imprisonment. Nowadays the palace has been converted into a museum, housing one of Europe's most important document arc...Read More





Stage 6



Region: Pueblos Blancos & Sierra de Grazalema

Hemmingway's Ronda, the most famous 'Pueblo Blanco' with Spain's oldest bullring. Wonderful flora and birdlife in the Sierra de Grazalema Explore the Pueblos Blancos - Grazalema, Olivera, Arcos de la Frontera, Zahara de la Sierra and many more...

Sierra de la Nieves Nature Park. Marbella and Malaga within easy reach

Andalucian farmhouse hotel near Ronda

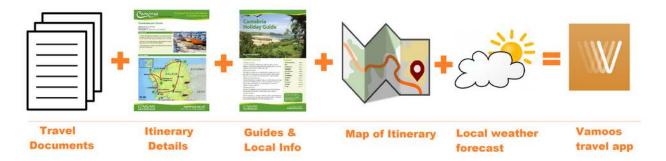
At the gateway to the Sierra de Grazalema Nature Park and near enough to Ronda to dip in and out with ease, this typical 'Cortijo' has been converted into a comfortable hotel with superb views to the sunflowers, wheat fields and holm-oak forests around. Cortijo means farmhouse but perhaps 'grange' would be a better translation here with its imposing white facetted main building, elegant courtyards and stabling for many horses belying a s…Read More







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