

Andalucia - the Guadalquivir Tour

**Málaga - Granada - Ubeda - Cordoba -
Sevilla - 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 to Granada and 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 Malaga: Easyjet to Stansted, Glasgow, Manchester, Luton + others, Ryanair to Edinburgh, Liverpool, Leeds, Manchester + others
From Sevilla: Ryanair to Stansted, Glasgow or Dublin
From Jerez: Ryanair to Stansted



Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room *	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Málaga, Sevilla or Jerez		
1	Day 1 & 2	Málaga	Málaga	HMAL1 Chic tranquility near Malaga's beach, 1 x double room (2 sharing)	20mins from Málaga airport
2	Day 3 & 4	Granada	Granada, Albaicin	HGRA1 City hotel in the Albaicín, 1 x Classic double room (two sharing)	1hr 50mins
3	Day 5 & 6	Jaén	Ubeda	HUBD1 Renaissance hotel in historic Ubeda, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 40mins
4	Day 7 & 8	Cordoba	Cordoba, Jewish Quarter	HCOR1 Stylish hotel in Cordoba's Jewish Quarter, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 50mins
5	Day 9 & 10	Sevilla	Sevilla, Barrio Arenal	HSEV1 City hotel at the heart of Sevilla, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	1hr 50mins
6	Day 11 & 12	Cádiz	Sanlúcar de Barrameda	HSDB1 Historic town hotel, palacial style, 1 x double room (2 sharing)	1hr 20mins
7	Day 13 & 14	Málaga	Ronda	HRON1 Andalucian farmhouse hotel near Ronda, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 50mins
			Departing Málaga, Sevilla or Jerez		1hr 30mins to Málaga airport

* Double room (2 sharing) can be either double or twin bedded. If you have specific requirements, please let us know.

Your Itinerary

What the cost includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- Economy class car rental for the duration
- Regional roadmap
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and regional guidebook
- Our own Vamoos travel app
- NB Flights not included

If you would like to book this itinerary please call us at your earliest convenience.

If, on the other hand, you require further help or information or wish to investigate alternatives please don't hesitate to contact us.

Stage 1



Region: Malaga and the Axarquía

Málaga, perhaps Spain's most 'happening' city
Axarquía, pretty villages, mountain scenery, wine, olive oil...
Shop, eat or stroll in style in the new port area
Art galleries galore including Thyssen 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, Eva, Sibel and Monica, will go out...[Read More](#)



Stage 2



Region: Granada

The Alhambra Palace - city of the Nasrid Sultans.
Visit the atmospheric gypsy quarter, Albaicin at dusk for breathtaking Alhambra views and for the best Flamenco shows.
The Cathedral, resting place of the Catholic Kings.
Dine out on tapas (many free!) in the wonderful bars.
Take a trip to the Sierra Nevada, or enjoy the views direct from the city.
Don't miss Guadix - original cave dwellings and fine Arab citadel.
Home - museum of Garcia Lorca in Fuente Vaqueros.

City hotel in the Albaicín

This lovely 16th century house has recently been restored to make a small, charming and very welcoming hotel in one of the best spots you could possibly find in Granada. Typical of the local 'carmen', style the house is centred around a patio with a fountain from which all the rooms lead off. Step out the door and within minutes you are in the city centre or enjoying the magnificent sunset on the Alhambra with the Sierra Nevada behind from th...[Read More](#)



Stage 3

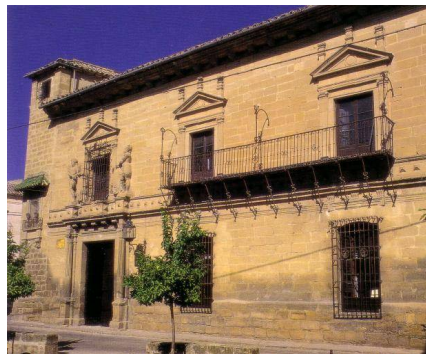


Region: Ubeda & Baeza

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

Renaissance 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 Andalusian...[Read More](#)



Stage 4



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 throw 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 5



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

City hotel at the heart of Sevilla

With three World Heritage Sites within 5 minutes' walk this hotel can truly claim to be at the very heart of Seville - climb to the roof terrace & see just how close the Cathedral really is! The hotel enjoys a privileged position with relatively little traffic in a neighbourhood with some of the best, and most authentic, bars and restaurants to be found anywhere in the city centre. The building itself dates from the 18th century and is clas...[Read More](#)



Stage 6



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
Sanlúcar 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 Andalusia'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 7



Region: Pueblos Blancos & Sierra de Grazalema

Hemingway'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.

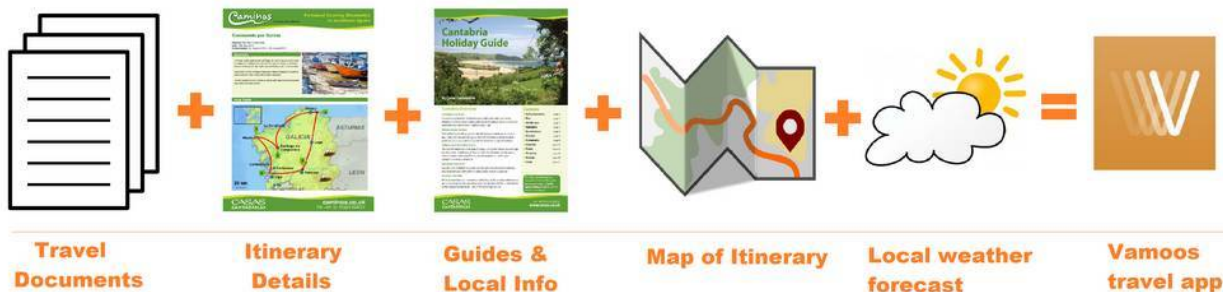
Marbella and Malaga within easy reach

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 faceted main building, elegant courtyards and stabling for many horses belying a s...[Read More](#)



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