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Essence of Andalucia, Spain – 10 Days - Price on request

1 Free Air & Land with every 16.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- **Round-trip Airfare from JFK** (air add-ons available from other cities)
- **10 Days/8 Nights in beautiful Andalucia , 2 Nights Malaga & 6 nights Seville**
- **21 Meals:** Buffet Breakfast and Dinner with wine daily including a Welcome and a Farewell Dinner **plus 1 home-hosted lunch**
- **Extensive Sightseeing** escorted by a professional historian versed in the culture and history of the region:
 - Ancient Malaga, the capital of Costa del Sol
 - A Day in the Life of a Village (Alfarnatejo) including a home-hosted lunch.
 - **Seville**, the capital of Andalucía.
 - **Granada** visiting the Alhambra Palace.
 - **Cordoba** and its Mosque/Cathedral
 - **Arcos de la Frontera**
 - **Ronda**
- Round-trip airport transfers.
- Baggage handling.
- Professional Tour Director
- All hotel taxes and service charges

ANDALUCIA, SPAIN



The jewel of historic Spain, Andalusia is the country's largest and most quintessential region. It offers genuine folklore, boundless sightseeing, rich history and culture, and scenic beauty. The region occupies the entire southern Iberian Peninsula, including the provinces of Almeria, Cadiz, Cordoba, Granada, Huelva, Jaen, Malaga, and Seville. Andalusia has become a vacation Mecca for its charming villages, seaside resorts, excellent shopping, local seafood restaurants, olive and citrus groves, and year-round temperate climate.

DAY 1: USA-Malaga, Spain

Overnight flight to Malaga, Spain. Dinner, movie, and breakfast on board.

DAY 2: City tour of Ancient Malaga

Arrival Malaga & transfer to the hotel. After checking into the hotel, the guide will take you on a 1½ Day city tour of the city of Malaga including entrance fees to the Cathedral. We start with a panoramic drive throughout the city, along its harbor and sea front promenade. Then up the hill overlooking the city, (Gibalfaro hill). Back to the city, we leave the bus right by the Square where Picasso's native home is to pose for pictures by Picasso's statue.

We then walk to the Roman theater, (2000 yrs. old) and to the Alcazaba, (11th. century Moorish fortress. Only five minutes walk from there we reach the of 16th century Cathedral with beautiful interior. After that back to the Hotel, (five minutes walk from the Cathedral). Rest of day at leisure.

Welcome Dinner at El Pimpi (typical Andalusian restaurant within walking distance from the hotel). Dinner includes white wine, mineral water, coffee, and a glass of sweet Malaga wine with dessert. Overnight in Malaga.



Costa del Sol

DAY 3: Excursion to Granada

Full Day Excursion to Granada visiting the Alhambra Palace monument & afternoon visit to Albayzin quarter, (named patrimony of mankind by UNESCO).
Dinner with wine at our hotel.
Overnight in Malaga.



Granada



DAY 4: Malaga-Seville & Excursion to Alfarnatejo (A Day in the Life of a Village)

Escorted Transfer Malaga -Sevilla with a stop in the town of Alfarñate,(pop.3000), situated in the middle of a small valley 2700 feet over the sea level, surrounded by a circle of high peaks, being nick-named the “Pyrenees of the South”. There we will visit the local olive oil factory and then drive to the nearby village of Alfarnatejo, (pop. 400), where we will enjoy the warm hospitality and tasty gastronomy of the locals with a home-hosted lunch. Then we continue our drive to Sevilla. Dinner with wine at our hotel. Overnight in Seville

DAY 5: Seville city tour

Sevilla City Tour. Walking tour through the city center, with the famous Sierpes Street, Walk by the beautiful City Hall (XVI), then to the old Jewish Quarters

of Sevilla, (Santa Cruz Quarters, named patrimony of mankind). After that visit of the Cathedral, (Largest Gothic Style Cathedral in the world, and third largest, regardless of architectural style, after St. Peter's in Rome and St. Paul's in London. Burial place of St. Ferdinand and Christopher Columbus. Rest of day free for shopping or leisure. Dinner with wine at our hotel. Overnight in Seville.



Seville



DAY 6: Excursion to Cordoba

Full Day Excursion to Cordoba. Up on arrival, we start an easy panoramic walk of about 15 minutes with stops for pictures of the ancient monumental city across the river Guadalquivir, passing by the medieval Calahorra fortress, along the Roman Bridge, (2000 years old), then through monumental gate of the city, (Arch of Phillip II, XVI), to the Cathedral Mosque, (VIII, IX and X), also named patrimony of mankind. After a break for facilities, we start the visit of its breathtaking interior. Then from there we continue a walking tour of the Andalusian alleys full of flowers and then the old Jewish Quarter, with a visit to its ancient Synagogue. Return to Sevilla.

Dinner with wine at our hotel. Overnight in Seville.



Cordoba

DAY 7: Excursion to Arcos de la Frontera

Full Day Excursion to Arcos de la Frontera.

This little town, considered as the most beautiful example of "white villages of Andalusia, is approximately 2 hours drive from Seville. Its privileged strategic situation, on top of a hill (La Peña), made inaccessible by a sheer drop and surrounded by the River Guadalete, makes this point in Spain's geography the ideal

location from which to follow the evolution of the different civilizations which, one after the other, have inhabited the Peninsula. It is believed to stand on the site of the old Roman town of Colonia Arcensis.

We drive to the end of the modern center, where we leave the bus to walk, (some 15 to 20 mins.) up to the top of the promontory where the ancient town is located, through narrow, winding alleys.

From the old main square, (where the medieval Moorish fortress was located, surrounded by ancient buildings as the parish church of La Asunción, (XIV; XV), church of San Pedro, (XV, XVII), Palace of Mayorazgo, (XVII), City Hall, (XVII), we can watch a breathtaking view of the valley below.

Dinner with wine at our hotel. Overnight in Seville.

DAY 8: Excursion to Ronda



Full Day Excursion to Ronda. This unique monumental town is situated about two hours drive from Sevilla, surrounded by a perfect circle of mountains, (Serranía de Ronda) and 2400 feet above sea level. Its origins are pre-roman and it was an important stronghold belonging to the kingdom of Granada until its conquest in 1485, by the “Catholic Monarchs”, Isabella & Ferdinand.

Its gorge is a sheer vertical drop of 300 ft. and 320 ft. wide separating the XVIII century section of the old town from the medieval section. There we will visit an old summer palace of the local nobility, (Casa de Don Bosco), with a beautiful garden and magnificent views of the gorge and the surrounding mountains and then continue to the main square, to admire its ancient buildings, such as City Hall, Parish Church, convents, etc. Return to Seville. Dinner with wine at our hotel. Overnight in Seville.

DAY 9: Seville at leisure

Free Day in *Seville*.

Farewell dinner with wine, mineral water, coffee, and champagne with dessert at El Cabildo Restaurant. We walk through the city center and the illuminated monuments of Sevilla to the restaurant, situated across the Cathedral, (15 mins. walk from the hotel). Overnight in Seville.

DAY 10: SEVILLE-USA

After breakfast, transfer to Seville airport to board your return flight home, arriving later tonight.