

Roundtrips & Special Interest Tours

NAME//REFERENCE

RECOMMENDED DURATION

HIGHLIGHTS

ACCOMMODATION

SUGGESTED HOTELS

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

REMARKS

SPAIN HIGHLIGHTS BCN-MAD//TOUR-SPAHIGH7N BCN-MAD

08 days / 07 nights (BCN-MAD)

Amazing guided tour of the still unfinished Sagrada Familia, Gaudí's masterpiece, maximum representation of modernist architecture and one of the 12 Spanish treasures; Stunning views from Park Güell; Dalí Museum, a surrealism jewel; Cordoba, the capital of the Umayyad Caliphate in old times; The Reales Alcázares in Seville and the Santa Cruz quarter, full of flowers and Andalusian atmosphere; Jerez de la Frontera, Between Andalusian Wines & Horses; Ronda, birthplace of the bullfighting; Mijas, world known Costa del Sol; The impressive Alhambra & Generalife (World Heritage), the best preserved Monumental Complex from the Middle Age in Occident; Flamenco Show at a real Gipsy cave; Cervantes' Windmills in Consuegra; The city of the 3 religions (Muslim, Christian and Jewish Toledo); Spain's capital: Madrid and the Royal Palace

2n Barcelona + 1n Cordoba + 1n Seville + 1n Mijas + 1n Granada + 1n Madrid

Wide range of hotel options depending on group profile and preferences.

Typical lunch at: Cordoba, Jerez & Granada

Tour suitable all year round. / Transportation: coach and high speed train



Sagrada Familia, BCN



Cibeles, Madrid



Batló House, Barcelona



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Itinerary

DAY 1, Arrival

Arrival at Barcelona airport, meeting with Local Tour Escort & Bus. Transfer to Hotel (Trip orientation).

Free time, dinner at hotel and overnight. (*)

(*) Gaudi Tour can be set on this afternoon in case flight arrival takes place in the morning; following day could just be dedicated to Figueres excursion on a more smoothly way.

DAY 2, Barcelona – Figueres – Barcelona

Breakfast at hotel. In the morning, we will follow **Gaudi Steps** including his 3 best examples: **Sagrada Familia** church (once finished, it will become the largest church in Europe, Gaudí worked on it during the last 43 years of his life); Park Güell, the city garden's dream of his great friend Eusebi Güell and **Paseo de Gràcia**, the street that includes the largest number of modernist civil buildings in the world (including la Pedrera and Casa Batlló). Free lunch. In the afternoon, departure to Figueres (2h15m aprox), birthplace of the surrealist genius Salvador Dalí, where we will be able to discover the Dalí Museum (3rd most visited in Spain). Return to Barcelona, dinner and overnight.

DAY 3, Barcelona – Cordoba

Breakfast at hotel. In the morning, our bus will transfer us to Barcelona Sants train station. (*) High velocity train trip to Cordoba (4h45m APROX). Arrival to Cordoba & Free lunch (Optional: Lunch based on Cordoba Gastronomy). Local tour of the city. Cordoba was the capital of the Umayyad Caliphate in old times. We will visit the **Great Mosque - Cathedral** from 1328, the **Jewish synagogue**, and **Jewish Quarter** (Flower street). Dinner & Overnight. (*) According to scheduled train departures.

DAY 4, Cordoba – Seville

Breakfast at the hotel. We continue to the city of Seville (2h00m aprox). Seville is the essence of Andalusia's heart. Horse carriages, flowers and colors are spread along this city. We will enjoy a visit to the **Reales Alcazares**, one of the oldest palaces in the world, and the typical **Santa Cruz quarter**, with beautiful narrow streets. Dinner at hotel and overnight.

DAY 5, Seville – Jerez – Ronda – Mijas

Breakfast at hotel and early departure to Jerez de la Frontera, (1h10m aprox), land of Andalusian wines & horses by excellence. **Panoramic tour and visit of a Wine Cellar with Wine Tasting**. (Optional: Lunch at



"Torre del oro", Seville



Synagogue, Cordoba



Ronda, Málaga

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the Local Cellar). Continuation to Ronda (1h45m), birthplace of the bullfighting. Local tour including the **bullfighting arena, Casa de Don Bosco, & Santa Maria la Mayor Church**. Continuation to Mijas (1h30m), dinner and overnight.

DAY 6. Mijas – Granada

Breakfast at hotel. Free time for sightseeing in Mijas, whose story encapsulates the story of the Costa del Sol. Originally a humble village, it is now the richest town in the province. Departure to Granada (2h00m aprox) and free lunch. (Optional: Lunch at a local restaurant located in the Albaycin and inside a typical house of Granada with superb views to the wonderful Alhambra). Afternoon sightseeing tour visiting the impressive and famous **Alhambra Palace & Generalife**, the best preserved monumental complex from the Middle Ages in Occident. Granada was the last Muslim redoubt in Al-Andalus Era, the Alhambra can show more than its splendor. In the evening, we will be delighted by a passionate **Flamenco Show** on a real gipsy cave. Dinner at hotel and overnight in Granada.

DAY 7. Granada – Consuegra – Toledo – Madrid

Breakfast at hotel. Early departure to Consuegra (3h00m aprox). Short coffee break en route. Most Spanish windmills, like those described in Cervantes's Don Quixote, can be found in the province of Castilla La Mancha in central Spain. The best examples of restored Spanish windmills may be found in Consuegra where several mills spike the hill just outside of town, giving us a spectacular view of the **12th-century castle and of the town**. Departure to the imperial city Toledo (40 aprox) – known for its narrow streets and alleys. Free Lunch and guided tour including San Juan de los Reyes Monastery (founded by the Catholic Monarchs Isabella & Ferdinand), the 2 Synagogues (Santa Maria la Blanca & Sinagoga del Tránsito) as well as El Greco Masterpiece "El Entierro del Conde Orgaz". The city is known for a lot of handcraft, and also for handmade jewelry. Continuation to Madrid (1h00m aprox), dinner and overnight.

DAY 8. Madrid – Departure.

Breakfast at hotel. We will have a nice day with sightseeing in the city of Madrid - the capital of Spain. We will visit: the most famous statue in Madrid; **Plaza de Cibeles, the official residence of the Spanish Royal family: Palacio Real, Plaza of Spain, Puerta de Alcalá**. Free Lunch. At the scheduled timing, transfer to Airport and end of our services.



Wine Cellar, Jerez



Consuegra, Toledo



Alhambra, Granada

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