## An Andalusian story / 6 Days

# **Departures dates**

**Dec.17:02,09,16,**23,30

Jan.18:06,13,20,27 Feb.18:03,10,17,24

Mar.18: 03, 10, 17, 24, 31



## **Itinerary**

## 01 SAT. Madrid - Arrival. TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Evening transport to the Gran Vía district.

Welcome to Madrid! Upon arrival at the airport, we shall be waiting to **transfer** you to your hotel. Our guide will be ready to welcome you and will provide the necessary information. Towards the end of the day, we provide transfers to the Egyptian **Debod temple**, **Plaza de España and Gran Via**; a vibrant district where you can dine at your preferred restaurant: Indian, Chinese, Spanish and Middle Eastern are some of the options.

#### 02 SUN. Madrid.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Madrid city tour. Visit to the Plaza de Toros de las Ventas bullring. Stroll through the Retiro Park.

This morning, experience the city on a **guided tour**, which showcases the city's vibrant centre, the beautiful Plaza Mayor (Main Square), its broad and magnificent avenues and its many fountains. Our tour includes a visit to see inside the Plaza de Toros de las Ventas, a fine-looking building. Here we learn about the tradition of "corridas" in the Bullfighting Museum. Also the day includes a walking tour of the beautiful **Retiro Park**, enhanced by the lake and Crystal Palace. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon. At sunset we provide transfer to the Plaza de Oriente in the historic centre of Madrid, opposite the Royal Palace. In this area there are many

restaurants serving different exquisite cuisines (Indian, Middle Eastern, Muslim, Spanish, International). Return to hotel.

# 03 MON. Madrid - Granada. TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Entrance and local guide in the Alhambra. Evening transfer.

Leaving Madrid by bus in the early morning (if the group of English-speaking travellers is fewer than 10, they will share the trip to Granada with Spanish-speaking passengers). We travel to the south across La Mancha, stopping in **PUERTO LÁPICE**, a 'manchego' village evoking the figure of Don Quixote. We will enter Andalusia via Despeñaperros. **GRANADA**, arrival. In the afternoon we will visit the immense **Alhambra Palace**, with entrance and local guide included, and its beautiful Generalife gardens, built in Arab times. Later, enjoy an evening transfer to the Plaza de Gracia in Granada's city centre, where restaurants mix with local cultural flavour to create an unforgettable night. Choose between Spanish, international, Chinese, Latin cuisines, etc. Tonight you have the option to attend a flamenco dance show and the traditional neighbourhood of Sacramonte.

**Note:** in the Alhambra complex, the Nazari palaces allow a limited number of people in at a time. In the highly improbable case of not being able to visit this area of the Alhambra, a visit to the Alcázares will be included in Seville (which have similar architecture and features).

# 04 TUE. Granada - Malaga - Marbella - Ronda - Seville. TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: we will see the beautiful Andalusian village of Ronda.

We leave Granada and travel towards the Costa del Sol. MALAGA, arrival and time for a stroll in the historic centre with its cathedral and the Picasso Museum. After this we will continue along the coastal motorway with beautiful views of the Mediterranean. PUERTO BANUS, in Marbella, a pretty high level recreational port. Time for lunch. In the afternoon we will continue through the hills and their stories of bandoliers until we come to RONDA, a very beautiful white town with its large gorge that divides it in two. Continuation to SEVILLE. Arrival at the end of the afternoon.

05 WED. Seville.
TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Guided visit with local expert in Seville. Night transfer to the historic city centre.

After breakfast, a local expert guides you through a **scenic visit of Seville** featuring the Cathedral and its famous Giralda, the banks of the Guadalquivir River, popular neighbourhoods of Santa Cruz and Triana and the beautiful Plaza de España. (Note: If the group has fewer than fifteen travellers, it can be arranged in both Spanish and English). Enjoy leisure time straight afterwards. At the end of the afternoon, we will go to the **historic city centre area** (Calle Alfonso XII) where many different restaurants can be found. You can choose your favourite cuisine: Indian, Halal, Chinese, Spanish, International, and so on.

**06 THU. Sevilla - Cordoba - Consuegra - Madrid. TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Visit to Mosque of Cordoba. Windmills in Consuegra.

We leave Seville following the valley of the Guadalquivir to CÓRDOBA. Free time to stroll through its flowered alleys and visit with a local guide his great Mosque –Cathedral (entrance included). After lunch, we continue towards the Castilian lands and stop at CONSUEGRA, where 12 giant windmills next to the castle, contemplate the La Mancha plain. We visit Venta Bolero windmill. Continuation to MADRID and arrival at the end of the day. End of our services.

#### **Price Includes**

**Europamundo General Services :** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance, and breakfast buffet.

**Includes arrival transfer** 

City tour in : Madrid, Granada, Seville.

Evening Transfer: Debod Temple and Plaza de Espana/Gran Via,

Plaza de Oriente, Plaza de Gracia.

**Ticket admission**: Plaza de Toros de las Ventas, Alhambra in

Granada, Mosque; Venta Bolero windmill in Consuegra.

## **Expected Hotels:**

Madrid: PRAGA (\*\*\*\*);

Granada: HOTEL ALIXARES (\*\*\*\*), HOTEL SARAY (\*\*\*\*);

Seville: TRH ALCORA (\*\*\*\*);