

## ***Andalucía & Madrid by Train (6 days/5 nights)***

### **Day 1: HOME/MADRID.**

Upon arrival in Madrid after transatlantic flight from the United States, you will be met at Madrid Barajas airport by driver with private car for transfer to the hotel of your choice where the driver will assist in your checking in. After you will have the rest of the morning free. In the afternoon, a local Madrid guide will meet you at hotel reception to begin your Walking Tour of the most interesting sites of the old section of the city which can only be reached on foot. After this entry into the heart of Spain's capital, the guide will drop you off at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Madrid.

### **DAY 2: MADRID- CORDOBA- SEVILLE.**

Breakfast. First thing in the morning, you will leave the Madrid Atocha train station for Cordoba on the high velocity train, AVE. In less than two hours, you will be in what was, a thousand years ago, the largest city in the Western World. Upon arrival in Cordoba you will take a regular tour that will include a visit to the Mosque and the old Jewish Section, both named Humanity Patrimony Sites by the UNESCO. The impressive forest of columns of the thousand year old Mosque and the intricate narrow streets of the Jewish District will transport you back to periods of amazing splendour. After the visit you will be transferred back to the train station where you'll take the AVE again to Seville. Check in at the hotel of your choice for overnight stay.

### **DAY 3: SEVILLE.**

Breakfast. A local guide will be waiting for you in the lobby of your hotel to take you on a private visit around the city of the orange trees. During the tour you will come to know some of the most evocative corners of the Andalusian capital. In the squares of the ancient Jewish District of Santa Cruz, you will be enveloped in the magic of one of the most beautiful and lively cities on the European continent. You will enter (visit included) in the sumptuous palace of the Royal Alcazares, the oldest royal palace in Europe, before visiting the Cathedral of Seville, the third largest cathedral in the Christian World and where Christopher Columbus is buried. The rest of the day will be at your disposal for you to enjoy the cosmopolitan atmosphere of this lovely city and to wander the same streets as Don Juan, Carmen and the painter Velázquez. Overnight stay in Seville.



### **DAY 4: SEVILLE- GRANADA.**

Breakfast. Today you will take a regular tour that will transfer you, together with others, to the city of Granada. After a bus trip along roads where the countryside alternates between vineyards and olive trees, you will arrive in Granada. There, a local city guide will accompany you on a visit to the Alhambra, one of the most impressive and best conserved monuments of the Arabic Worlds, although today of course, found on Christian soil. This romantic palace, in reality a compendium of various constructions of distinct periods and styles, has captivated the Imagination of all those who have visited it during its 600 years of existence. Washington Irving, Ambassador of the United States in Spain, wrote in one of its rooms, the lovely book, Tales of the Alhambra. Continuing with the guide, you will visit the Generalife Gardens, which were the summer residence of the Granadian Sultans. Once the visit is finished you'll have the rest of the day at your disposition to continue your visit to the city. You could enter the Capilla Real (Royal Chapel), where the Catholic Kings

(Catherine and Ferdinand) who supported the expeditions of Columbus are buried, enter the Albayzin District and other fascinating zones of this mythic city. At night, its active nightlife will entice you into one of the many taverns and restaurant for a full meal, or, why not, some tapas. Overnight stay in Granada.



### **DAY 5: GRANADA- MADRID.**

Breakfast. You will have the morning free to make any last minute buys or visit another monument of this impressive city, undoubtedly the most Arabic of Western European cities. During the afternoon you will take the Talgo train for your return to Madrid. You will lodge in the hotel of your choice and enjoy a last evening and night to say goodbye to Spain, at least for the moment. And what a choice to be had, for shows and activities of all types adorn the famed Madrid nightlife. Indeed, the problem will be the wealth of choice. Overnight stay in Madrid.

### **DAY 6: MADRID/HOME**

Breakfast. A driver will pick you up at your hotel for transfer by private car to the Madrid Barajas airport. End of services.

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## DETAILED SERVICES

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#### Itinerary

##### Day 1. Madrid

Arrival in Madrid. Meet and greet at the airport and transfer to hotel of choice. In the afternoon, you will be met by our guide at the hotel for a City Walk Old Town of Madrid (private guide service). Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight.

##### Day 2. Madrid – Cordoba-Seville

Breakfast. Take the **AVE (bullet train)** to Cordoba. Meet and greet at the Cordoba train station and transfer to the city center for a **tour of Mosque and Jewish District (join a small group)**. The tour will end at the train Station where you will continue by AVE (Bullet train) to Seville. Check in and overnight in Seville.

##### Day 3. Seville

Breakfast. You will be met by our guide at the hotel for a **City Walk Old Town** of Seville including a visit to the Giralda, the Cathedral, the Royal Alcazares and Santa Cruz Quarter (**private guide service**). Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight.

##### Day 4: Seville-Granada

Breakfast. You will be met by your guide at the hotel in Seville for **transfer to Granada**. Upon arrival, you will **visit the Alhambra Palace (join a group visit)**. Check in at your hotel in Granada. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Granada.

##### Day 5. Granada-Madrid

Breakfast. Morning at leisure. Take the **Talgo Train to Madrid**. Check in and overnight in Madrid.

##### Day 6. Madrid

Breakfast. You will be met by your driver at the hotel for **departure transfer** to the Madrid airport. End of Services.

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#### Includes

Private transfers with English-speaking driver Airport-Hotel-Airport in Madrid.  
Madrid private City Walk Old Town with guide  
AVE (bullet-train), tourist class, non-smoking: Madrid-Cordoba & Cordoba-Seville.  
Cordoba sightseeing (seat in coach with local guide and entrance fees to the Mezquita (Mosque)  
Seville private City Walk with local guide and entrance fees to the cathedral and Royal Alcazares.  
Transfer by coach from Seville to Granada and upon arrival, visit to the Alhambra palace and Generalife Gardens with local guide and entrance fees (joining a small group)  
Talgo train, first class: Granada-Madrid  
2 nights in Madrid, hotel Moncloa Garden 3 star with daily buffet breakfast  
2 nights in Seville, hotel Casas de los Mercaderes 3 star with daily buffet breakfast.  
1 night in Granada, hotel Condor 4 star with daily buffet breakfast  
Trip Information and dossier  
24 hours assistance phone number  
Taxes

**Supplement in 4 star hotels in Madrid ( Lope de Vega Hotel) and in Seville (AC Ciudad de Sevilla)**

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