

# DISCOVER SPAIN WITH THE KIDS



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## ITINERARY & INCLUSIONS

9 Nights. Family of 4 (parents with kids between 8 and 14 years old)  
2 N Madrid  
1 N Cordoba  
2 N Sevilla  
3 N Nerja  
1 N Madrid

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### DAY 1

#### Arrival and first day at your leisure

##### Morning

Upon arrival in Madrid, we will arrange for a private transfer to your hotel in the city center.

First afternoon & evening free to get acquainted with this cosmopolitan city and the vibrant atmosphere that it will offer over your stay.

We will provide you with maps, tips and recommendations for good places to go for dinner & have drinks.

\*For early arrivals at the airport, please note that hotels do not guarantee any early check-in but if your room is not ready by the time you arrive, as the usual check-in time is 2pm, the reception staff will do the check-in for you, will keep your luggage in their safety room and you could use the hotel facilities (bar area, spa, library...)

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## DAY 2

### Madrid guided tour

#### Morning

Your art historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for an Introductory walking tour of aprx. 4h to discover the highlights of Madrid. This tour is focused on the Hapsburg and Bourbon legacy and includes a guided visit to the magnificent Royal Palace\*.

\* Subject to availability: Being a government building, the Palace is often closed for ceremonies and official events.

**Madrid**, Spain's central capital, is a city of elegant boulevards and expansive, manicured parks such as the Buen Retiro. It's renowned for its rich repositories of European art, including the Prado Museum's works by Goya, Velázquez and other Spanish masters. The heart of old Hapsburg Madrid is the portico-lined Plaza Mayor, and nearby is the baroque Royal Palace and Armory, displaying historic weaponry.



### Discovering Art at the Prado through a treasure hunt!

#### Afternoon

This interactive visit to the Prado Museum is designed to foster children's curiosity and stimulate their visual memory. Children will learn about artistic techniques and Mythological themes that were popular from the age of the Renaissance through the nineteenth century. Together, we will discover monsters and heroes, and explore themes such as family units, patronage, history of taste and fashion, the representation of girls and women, and the (very!) important role of animals in a series of paintings.

A truly engaging learning experience for children of all ages (tour time 2.30h)

**The Prado Museum** houses one of the finest art collections in the world. It displays thousands of European paintings, sculptures, and other works of art throughout its halls.

Housing more than 8,000 works of art, the museum can be overwhelming to visit independently, but our knowledgeable guide will lead you to the most significant and admired paintings and sculptures, including works by Spanish, Dutch and Italian masters. The most famous piece in the collection that is on display at the Prado is Las Meninas by Diego Velázquez. He dedicated many of his own pieces to the museum and had a hand in obtaining several works from great Italian painters as well. In tribute to Velázquez, his statue is one of the few marking the entrances to the museum.



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## DAY 3

### Madrid to Cordoba: High-speed train

#### Morning

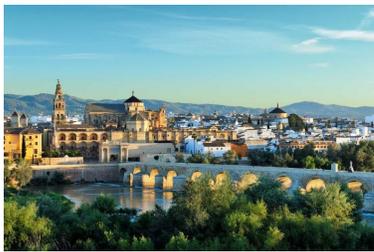
Private transfer from your hotel in Madrid to the train station where you will take the high-speed train to Cordoba (arx. 1:45h). Upon arrival in Cordoba, your private driver will take you to your hotel in the historic centre.

### Cordoba guided tour

#### Late morning

Your art historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for an introductory walking tour of aprx 3.0h to discover the main sites of this Unesco listed city of Cordoba (the Mosque/Cathedral, the Jewish quarter, the Sinagogue and the Royal Alcazar/Palace).

**Córdoba** is a city in the southern Spanish region of Andalusia, and the capital of the province of Córdoba. It was an important Roman city and a major Islamic center in the Middle Ages. It's best known for La Mezquita, an immense mosque dating from 784 A.D., featuring a columned prayer hall and older Byzantine mosaics. After it became a Catholic church in 1236, a Renaissance-style nave was added in the 17th century.



### Free afternoon & evening in Cordoba

Afternoon & evening in Cordoba at your leisure. Make sure that you don't miss a visit to:

- The Viana Palace (a beautiful manour house with stunning courtyards and gardens)
- Julio Romero Museum (a local painter's art collection)
- The Roman Bridge and The Calahorra Tower (Al Andalus museum)
- The Roman Temple
- Plaza de la Corredera
- Plaza de las Tendillas

\* Optional: Andalusian Horse show and dressage at the famous Royal Stables of Cordoba (every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9 pm and Sundays at 12 pm)



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## DAY 4

### Montilla Feria (local outdoor festival and celebrations)

#### Morning

Your private driver will pick you up from your hotel and will take you to the lovely town of Montilla, just 40 minutes south of Cordoba. This morning, you will have the chance to enjoy a typical Andalusian Feria (outdoor trade festival). Feria de el Santo is celebrated in honour of San Francisco Solano - Patron Saint of Montilla. For five consecutive days, colourfully dressed locals will gather to celebrate this festival by dancing, eating and drinking with their families and friends in casetas. These big tents, are set up by different local associations especially for the occasion. An excellent day of fun guaranteed!

You will have lunch here (cost not included) and will have some free time to wander around and enjoy the festival.

#### Afternoon

You will continue making your way to your hotel in Sevilla's historic centre (aprx 1.30h drive)

#### Evening

You will have the evening in Sevilla free to enjoy at your leisure. We will provide you with maps, tips and recommendations for local bars & restaurants.

Every town and village in Andalusia has its own feria or fair, and it would be possible. The annual summer feria had its origins in the middle ages, when it was the principal means of exchange of local products within the kingdom. Today, the first feria takes place in Seville in April (two clear weeks after Semana Santa- Holy week) and the last in San Pedro de Alcántara in mid- October. It is a huge celebration where streets are closed to traffic and businesses close for the week. Tables and chairs are set up and the bars serve food and drink in the street with music playing on every corner. People of all ages sing and dance, and visitors are always welcome!



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## DAY 5

### Sevilla guided tour

#### Morning

Your art historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for an introductory walking tour of approx 3hrs to discover the main sites of the historic Sevilla (including the Cathedral, the Royal Alcazar/Palace and the Santa Cruz Jewish quarter). This is the perfect way to explore Seville's historical center with a knowledgeable private guide. In just a half day you'll be able to visit the most important monuments of the city and learn about the part they played in the history of Seville.

This tour includes 'skip the line' access to the Cathedral so there is no need to queue, all entrance fees are also included.

**Seville** is the capital and largest city of the autonomous community of Andalusia. It is situated on the plain of the River Guadalquivir. The metropolitan population of about 1.5 million makes it the fourth- largest city in Spain. Its Old Town, the third largest in Europe with an area of 4 km<sup>2</sup>, contains three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Alcázar palace complex, the Cathedral and the General Archive of the Indies. The Seville harbour, located about 80 kilometres (50 miles) from the Atlantic Ocean, is the only river port in Spain



## Free afternoon in Sevilla

Afternoon in Sevilla at your own leisure.

Our recommended places to visit and things to do are:

- Jardines de Murillo
- Plaza de España (representation of the Iberoamerican Exhibition from 1929)
- Maria Luisa Park
- Hotel Alfonso XIII: excellent example of the Neo Mudejar style built in 1928 for the Ibero American exhibition. The building belongs to the Sevilla city council as a protected monument so don't need to be a guest in the hotel to come, take a look and enjoy a drink in the courtyard or bars.
- Plaza del Salvador (Iglesia del Salvador)
- Plaza de San Francisco
- Plaza Nueva
- Casa Pilatos (a magnificent example of Italian Renaissance and Andalusian Mudejar style)
- Hospital de los Venerables (historic building with an important art collection from Murillo and Zurbarán)
- Plaza de la Encarnacion and the Metropol platform for a 360° panoramic views over the whole of Sevilla (highly recommend at sunset time)
- Triana district: Triana Market, Calle Betis, Triana Bridge, Triana ceramic workshops
- La Maestranza bullring and museum
- Horse carriage tour (45 min for 40 €).
- "Aire", Arabian baths (hamman/spa)
- River cruise along the Guadalquivir river (aprx 1h)
- Shopping in Calle Sierpes, La Campana or Plaza del Duque



## Flamenco show

### Performance at the Flamenco Dance Museum in Sevilla

#### Evening

Flamenco performance at the brainchild of sevillana flamenco dancer Cristina Hoyos, the Museo del Baile Flamenco. The one hour performance will be held in the patio of the historic building.

Excitement and enjoyment are guaranteed!



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## DAY 6

### Via Verde de la Sierra BIKE RIDE

#### Morning

Your driver/guide will pick you up from your accommodation to take you to an old railway line approximately 1h from Sevilla, Puerto Serrano. Here you will enjoy a bike ride along the Via Verde. The Ride will end in Olvera (38 km distance) where you could enjoy some nice refreshments (cost not included) at this charming old railway station-turned restaurant & hotel.

Today's chosen route is a very comfortable, easy and enjoyable ride. All rental bikes, equipment and transfers are provided.

You will then continue making your way to your hotel in the beautiful Mediterranean town of Nerja (aprx. 2 hours).

Free evening in Nerja to get acquainted with the town and relax. We will provide you with maps, tips and recommendations for local bars & restaurants.

**The Vía Verde de la Sierra** is a rail trail for tourist use comprising 38 km of mountainous landscape between Puerto Serrano and Olvera villages, provinces of Cádiz and Sevilla. It is part of Vías Verdes of Spain. One of most beautiful Via Verdes is in southern-most Spain and voted as the best Greenway in Europe in 2009, in 2013 it came in second place for 'Excellence'.



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## DAY 7 : ADVENTURE IN NERJA

### Rio Chillar Hike

Today you will enjoy a nice family day walking outside along the Chillar river.

The starting point of this hike is in Nerja. Make your way to it and start the hike (aprx. 8km). We suggest to bring a lunch and to have a picnic by the river. Make sure to also bring sunscreen, hats, and maybe swimming suits. A walking stick might be useful as the river bed is stony. Wear short shorts and bring a spare set of clothes in a separate compartment of your bag or in a plastic bag. The hike will end where it began.

The Río Chíllar is a short river that rushes to the coast from the Sierra de Almirajara around Frigiliana, carving a deep gorge through the limestone rock via a series of dramatic narrow canyons, that widens out to a cavernous tunnel of vertiginous pine-covered slopes with shady pools hugging the bank, occasional waterfalls and a cool flat river bed that trickles to the sea. It should be noted that you will obviously have absolutely no chance of ending the walk with dry feet. In certain places the canyon is so narrow that you can touch both sides at the same time. You will see a variety of ferns and other shade-loving plants and beautiful butterflies and dragon flies. The walk is easy but the stones in the river might make it a bit more difficult for some people. In places you can swim in shallow pools, so take a towel to dry off afterwards.



## Sea Kayaking in Nerja

As another alternative activity in the area of Nerja, we suggest a guided Sea kayaking experience.

You will meet with your tour guide & group at Burriana Beach in Nerja where you will be given the option to either go in a single or double kayak.

Before getting into the water, there will be a small lesson on how to paddle, steer and stay safe. The tour will begin with a guided visit of the Cueva del Lobo Marino after which you will head to Cascada de la Doncella, a fresh spring water waterfall. The third stop is in the zone called la roca caída (Fallen Rock), where you will have the chance to admire birds flying around the cliff.

You will also visit the Caletilla Barranco de Maro and Caleta de Maro beaches before ending this exciting experience at la cascada de Maro (The sea waterfall) where you will discover the seabed and get to swim under the waterfall!

Free evening to enjoy at your leisure



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## DAY 8

### Granada day trip

#### Full day trip to Granada - Alhambra (aprx 10h)

##### Morning

Your private driver will pick you up from your hotel and take you to Granada (aprx 1h)

This trip will include a private guided tour of the Alhambra Palace and the Generalife gardens (aprx 3h) with an art historian guide.

After the Alhambra visit, we highly recommend to have some lunch at the terrace of the Parador (cost not included) to enjoy the peaceful location and views over the Alhambra gardens.

Later, you can walk down into the city (aprx 20 min from the Alhambra) to explore on your own other sites of interest in the afternoon:

- Plaza Nueva
- The Darro River
- The Moorish Albaycin quarter
- Gran Via de Colon
- Cathedral and Royal chapel
- Alcaiceria (little zook)
- Plaza Bib-Ramblas
- Plaza del Carmen, City Hall

##### Late afternoon

Your driver will pick you up at the bus stop of the Triunfo Gardens (on Plaza del Triunfo, at the very end of the Gran Via avenue). This meeting point will be indicated on the map that will be provided together with all the travel documents.

Back in Nerja, you will have the evening free to enjoy at your leisure

**Granada** was first settled by native tribes in the prehistoric period, and was known as Illyr. When the Romans colonised southern Spain, they built their own city here and called it Illibris. The Arabs, invading the peninsula in the 8th century, gave it its current name of Granada. It was the last Muslim city to fall to the Christians in 1492, at the hands of Queen Isabel of Castile and her husband Ferdinand of Aragon.

One of the most brilliant jewels of universal architecture is the Alhambra, a series of palaces and gardens built under the Nazari Dynasty in the 14th C. This mighty compound of buildings - including the summer palace called Generalife, with its fountains and gardens - stands at the foot of Spain's highest mountain range, the Sierra Nevada, and overlooks the city below and the fertile plain of Granada.



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## DAY 9

### Free morning in Nerja

Morning to enjoy Nerja, the surroundings or simply relax at your hotel. Here are some of our suggestions to take advantage of your day at leisure:

#### Going to the beach in Nerja:

Nerja boasts some of the best beaches on the Costa del Sol. From the long expanses of sandy beach found on Burriana and El Playazo, to the hidden cove-like beaches found in the neighboring Acantilados de Maro-Cerro Gordo, Nerja has it all.

Here are our suggestions:

**1-** Close to Nerja (Definitely worth a visit):

Playa Alberquillas, Las Calas del Pino and Playa El Cañuelo.

**2-** Just past Maro:

**Acantilados de Maro** natural reserve (an area that is home to some of the best beaches in Spain).

**3-** Our favourite beaches in Nerja (town):

- **Playa El Salón** (A small beach that is mainly frequented by Spanish families. Playa El Salón sits to the right of the Balcón de Europa in a quiet cul-de-sac. The access road is easy to miss and ensures that the beach is never 'overly' crowded.)
- **Playa de la Caletilla** (Sitting directly beneath the Balcón de Europa, La Caletilla is often mistaken for a private beach. It is, in fact, a very public beach. Caletilla is only 50m and has been known to disappear completely during high tides)
- **Playa de Calahonda** (One of Nerja's most iconic beaches. Playa de Calahonda seems to grace every postcard. Situated just next to the Balcón de Europa, you can't miss seeing Playa de Calahonda)

#### A stroll along the Balcón de Europa

Take your time to wander around town and enjoy the magnificent views from the Balcón de Europa.

#### Hike near Nerja

There are two protected areas that sit right on Nerja's boundaries. The Sierra de Tejada and Almijarra Natural Park and the natural area of the Acantilados de Maro-Cerro Gordo. They both have spectacular hiking paths.

**El Cielo**, which translates appropriately to "Heaven", is the highest coastal mountain in the area at 1,508 metres. A hike to the top will guarantee a buzz to your senses. The mountain is easily accessible and offers some truly breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside. On a clear day, you'll have unobstructed views of the whole of the Costa del Sol, all the way from Almunecar to Malaga, as well as all the major summits of the Sierra de Tejada and the North African coastline. You need to be fit and to take care, but hiking up El Cielo is one experience you'll remember forever.



## Malaga to Madrid: High-Speed train

### Late afternoon

Private transfer to Malaga railway station (aprx 45 min from Nerja) to take a highspeed train to Madrid (aprx 2:30h duration).

Upon arrival at Madrid Atocha railway station, private transfer to your hotel by the airport.

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## DAY 10

### End of your trip

Unfortunately this is your last day but fortunately your hotel operates a free shuttle bus to the airport for 12:15 your flight home :(

Unfortunately all good things must come to an end... We hope you enjoy your stay with us here in Spain. Hasta pronto!



## QUOTE & INCLUSIONS DISCOVER SPAIN WITH THE KIDS

<p><b>ACCOMMODATION</b></p> <p>At Just Explore we understand one of the biggest worries when booking a holiday is the standard of your hotel. That's why we only use pre-viewed character hotels with great locations to help you relax and enjoy your stay with us.</p> <p>Your accommodation will be made up of 3/4* hotels. All breakfast included.</p>	<p><b>TRANSPORT (all included)</b></p> <p>All private transfers from airport / railway station to hotel and vice versa</p> <p>All trains mentioned in the above itinerary.</p> <p>All private transfers from town to town mentioned in the above itinerary</p>
<p><b>GUIDED VISITS &amp; TOURS (ALL PRIVATE)</b> (all entrance fees included)</p> <p>Madrid - City tour Madrid - El Prado for kids tour Cordoba - City tour Olive oil farm visit (Montilla) Sevilla - City tour Granada - Day trip</p>	<p><b>VENUES &amp; ADVENTURE EXPERIENCES</b></p> <p>Flamenco show (Sevilla) Local festivities (Montilla) Sea Kayaking (Nerja) Via Verde de la Sierra - Cycling Chillar river - Hiking (Nerja)</p>

As with all our clients we will also provide you with a list of recommended places to visit, bars and restaurants etc to help you enjoy the authentic Spain whilst you are exploring at your leisure.

### ASSISTANCE DURING YOUR TRIP

Full support and assistance on hand 24hrs/day

<p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b></p> <p>This is an example itinerary and can always be changed/adapted to suit your exact requirements as needed.</p>	<p><b>PRICE:</b></p> <p>Depends on the number of family members, ages and travel dates. Please enquiry for further details</p>
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\*Subject to our standard terms and conditions (full details on separate sheet)

