

# SPAIN FOR HONEYMOONERS: ROMANCE, CULTURE AND RELAX



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## ITINERARY & INCLUSIONS

8 Nights:  
2 N Cordoba  
2 N Sevilla  
2 N Marbella  
2 N Madrid

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### DAY 1

#### Arrival in Madrid + high speed train to Cordoba

##### Morning

Upon arrival in Madrid airport, we will arrange for a private transfer to the train station where you will take the high-speed train to Cordoba (approx. 1:45 hours).

Upon arrival in Cordoba, your private driver will take you to your hotel in the historic center.

#### Free evening in Cordoba

Free **evening** to explore the city at your leisure.

We will provide you with maps, tips, and recommendations for local bars & restaurants.

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## DAY 2

### Cordoba 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 this Unesco-listed city of Cordoba (the Mosque/Cathedral, the Jewish quarter, the Synagogue 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.



### Cordoba-Free afternoon & evening

Free afternoon in Cordoba at your leisure.

Make sure that you don't miss a visit to:

- The Viana Palace (a beautiful manor 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 (evening): Andalusian Horse show and dressage at the famous Royal Stables of Cordoba (every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 9:30 pm)



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## DAY 3

### Montilla olive oil & wine experience

On this exciting tour, we will venture out into the countryside to explore the beautiful hills of **Montilla** (still a very unspoiled wine region south of Córdoba). This tour is designed for curious and adventurous wine-lovers, amateurs and experts alike! Your private driver/tour guide will pick you up from your hotel and will take you to Montilla (aprx. 40 min ride). Olive oil, gastronomy, and wine are part of Andalucía's popular wisdom and with this tour, you will delve into the fascinating world of **olive oil and wine**.

Your first stop will be a **family-run olive oil mill** where you will discover the full process of olive oil making. You will enjoy a tour of the family groves and learn about the different characteristics, culinary uses and health benefits of olive oil. After a visit to the mill and the on-site museum, you will enjoy a very interesting short video about oil production followed by a tasting of two of their delicious varieties along with freshly baked bread made by the very same family!

The second experience of the day is a visit to a local **family-run boutique winery** located right in the heart of the the **Sierra de Montilla**, a stunning rural landscape with endless vineyards and rolling hills. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by a truly passionate viticulturist who will take you to the family vineyards to tell you about the history of this ancestral winery. Next, you will be guided into the wine cellar, named by the family as "*Sacristia*", a remarkable sacred space where their oldest wines are kept. On this educational tour, you will learn about the unique grape variety that grows exclusively in Montilla, the popular and worldwide known "**Pedro Ximenez**". You will also learn about the entire process and aging system of these unique dry and sweet wines, a process that is probably the oldest in Spain. The visit will end with a delicious tasting session including the 5 different varieties produced in the area: Joven, Fino, Amontillado, Oloroso and Pedro Ximenez dulce. Raise your glass for a toast to a great wine experience! Your olive oil and wine experience will be completed with a lovely **pairing lunch** at one of the most emblematic taverns in town. **After lunch**, private transfer to your hotel in Cordoba.

**After lunch**, you will be driven to Sevilla (aprx 1.30h), where you will have the rest of the evening free to enjoy at your leisure.

Did you know that **Spain is the largest producer of olive oil in the world** and that 80% of Spanish production is made in Andalusia? The history of olive oil takes us back to the Phoenician and Greek civilizations settled in the Iberian Peninsula over 3,000 years ago. The importance of olive oil to Spanish culture cannot be overstated; locals actually refer to it as "liquid gold". Spain is also home to an abundance of grape varieties; making it the third largest wine producers in the world.



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## DAY 4

### Sevilla guided tour

#### Morning

Your art historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for an introductory walking tour of aprx 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 Harbor, located about 80 kilometers (50 miles) from the Atlantic Ocean, is the only river port in Spain



## Free afternoon in Sevilla

Free **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: an 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 it isn't necessary to be a guest at the hotel to visit it, 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 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 bull ring and museum
- Horse carriage tour (45 min for 40 €).
- "Aire", Arabian baths (hammam/spa)
- River cruise along the Guadalquivir River (approx 1h)
- Shopping in Calle Sierpes, La Campana or Plaza del Duque



## Flamenco show & dinner in Sevilla

Flamenco performance and dinner at one of the most emblematic "Tablaos" in Sevilla.

### Evening

With more than 40 years of experience, this "Tablao" offers the purest Flamenco you can find in Andalusia. Probably the best place in Sevilla to live the excitement and duende of flamenco.

Prior to the performance, à la carte dinner with dishes of high Andalusian cuisine will be served (all drinks are included). Towards the end of the dinner, the show will start and last approximately 1.30h.

This show features up to 15 of the most professional flamenco artists in the whole Spain. Excitement and enjoyment are guaranteed!



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## DAY 5

### Private transfer: Sevilla to Marbella

#### Morning

Your private driver/guide will pick you up from Sevilla and will take you to your hotel in Marbella (aprx. 2.45 hours)

### Free day in Marbella

#### Day at leisure in Marbella

In Marbella, you have the best of both worlds: the glorious beach and the historical old town.

Here are our recommendations:

- Stroll the cobbled streets and little squares of the old town (Plaza de los Naranjos or Orange Square, the Chapel of Santiago and the Town Hall)
- Have a promenade along the seafront and cross the Alameda Park



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## DAY 6

### Free day in Marbella:

#### Walking the Costa del Sol, another way to explore Andalusia!

There is another Costa del Sol that is a secret to most tourists and a hidden sanctuary for ramblers. The Senda Litoral de Malaga #GR92 E12 (Malaga Coastal Path) is a 163km path which goes along the entire province of Malaga's coast and which allows you to go from town to town, starting at Nerja and ending in Manilva.

The path was built using natural & environmentally friendly materials, mainly of wooden walkways or compacted sand, and was designed to blend into the varying landscapes along the route, allowing walkers to explore this beautiful coast with total ease and comfort while enjoying the sound of the sea.

Today, we suggest you take the path to Puerto Puerto Banús: a small marina with luxurious yachts surrounded by high-end designer shops, boutiques, and restaurants.



## Optional: Tasting menu at Michellin starred restaurant "Dani Garcia" (Marbella)

This evening, step into *Caleidoscope*, Dani García's dream.

### Tasting Menu (drinks not included)

Beetroot and brandade of eel with beetroot shoots  
Dry turtledove merengue  
Cherry Mary gazpacho  
Quisquillas from Motril  
Gazpacho soup in ceviche and fresh sea urchin  
Oyster with pistachio garlic soup and pickled samphire  
Pil pil-style cold red prawn gazpachuelo soup  
King crab in batter, fennel, and parsley  
Red mullet cooked in "Manteca colorá" and roteña stock  
Gipsy pot of beef tendons and local mollusks  
Baked sea bass and game consommé  
Roast hare and black garlic curry

### Desserts board:

Al-Andalus dew, orange, orange blossom and pistachio  
Sweet nitro tomato, raspberry, butter, garnacha wine and licorice  
Crème brûlée with basil, pear and crusty mantecado lardy cake  
Mikado

**Dani Garcia** trained at Martin Berasategui before opening his own restaurant "Les Tragabuches" in Ronda in 1998, earning a Michelin star for it in 2000. In 2005 he moved to Marbella and opened La Calima, earning a star in 2007 and a second in 2011. In 2014 he moved premises and his establishment is now just called Dani Garcia, the restaurant is located in the *Hotel Puente Romano*. The focus on traditional food, a typical trait of this renowned chef from Malaga, is reflected in his restaurant's dishes where all lovers of gastronomy will enjoy an innovative experience, as the most avant-garde techniques are applied to provide a creative take on the most popular dishes of Andalusian cuisine.



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## DAY 7

### Leisurely morning in Marbella

Today, you can take an easy last morning in Marbella and enjoy the Ocean or if you feel more adventurous, we suggest you take the path to Puerto Puerto Banús: a small marina with luxurious yachts surrounded by high-end designer shops, boutiques, and restaurants.

The path is about 8km each way and has been built using natural & environmentally friendly materials, mainly of wooden walkways or compacted sand, and was designed to blend into the varying landscapes along the route. Allowing walkers to explore this beautiful coast while enjoying the sound of the sea in complete comfort and with total ease.



### Private transfer to Malaga + high speed train to Madrid

#### Afternoon

We will arrange for a private transfer from Marbella to Malaga train station (aprx 1 hour) where you will take the high speed train to Madrid (aprx 2.30h duration)

Once in Madrid, we will arrange for a private transfer to your hotel, where you can rest and enjoy the rest of the evening

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## DAY 8

### Madrid guided tour

#### Morning

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

**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.



### Free afternoon & evening in Madrid

**Afternoon & evening** to explore other sites of Madrid at your leisure.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Prado Museum (We can pre-book "skip the line" tickets for you if you are interested)
- Reina Sofia Museum
- Thyssen Museum
- Retiro Park (the green lung of Madrid)
- The Crystal Palace (a beautiful glass structure from 1887 located in the heart of RetiroPark)
- Las Letras neighborhood (Plaza de Santa Ana)
- The Debod Temple
- Almudena Cathedral
- Salamanca and Recoletos districts (high-end shopping)
- Colon district (try lunch or dinner at the trendy food court La Platea)
- Fuencarral street or Gran Via (shopping districts)



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## DAY 9

### End of your trip

Private transfer to Madrid airport where you will take your return 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

### Spain for honeymooners

<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><b>Your accommodation will be made up of 5* hotels All breakfast included.</b></p>	<p><b>TRANSPORT (all included)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Private transfers:</li> <li>a) Madrid airport-train station</li> <li>b) Cordoba station to hotel</li> <li>c) Cordoba-Montilla-Sevilla</li> <li>d) Sevilla-Marbella</li> <li>e) Marbella-Malaga station</li> <li>f) Madrid station-hotel</li> <li>g) Madrid hotel-airport</li> <li>- High speed train Madrid-Cordoba</li> <li>- High speed train Malaga-Madrid</li> </ul>
<p><b>GUIDED VISITS &amp; TOURS (ALL PRIVATE) (all entrance fees included)</b></p> <p>Cordoba - City tour Montilla olive oil + wine experience- Day trip Seville - City tour Madrid -City tour</p>	<p><b>VENUES &amp; FINE DINING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flamenco show &amp; dinner (Sevilla)</li> <li>- Michellin starred restaurant (Marbella)</li> </ul>

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 travel dates Please enquire for further details</p>
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\*Subject to our standard terms and conditions (full details on separate sheet)

