

SPAIN FOR HONEYMOONERS

Because it's more than JUST a holiday...



Are you planning your honeymoon and can't decide between beach, city, countryside, history, nightlife or relax? Spain really is a beautiful destination to enjoy your special occasion, with diverse landscapes, breath-taking coastlines, romantic wine country, historic towns and exciting cities.

This suggested itinerary of 8 nights is focussed on the Southern region of Andalucia and the capital of Madrid. With a nice mix of cultural tours, gastronomy experiences and relaxed time by the beach, this is the perfect way to taste our country and further explore it when you have the chance to come back.

With great weather, amazing beaches, superb historic and luxury hotels, great transport connections and sumptuous fine dining choices, there is no doubt you will have a very memorable trip.

SUMMARY (8 nights)

Start & Finish Point: Madrid

2 Nights Cordoba

2 Nights Sevilla

2 Nights Marbella

2 Nights Madrid

What's Included?

- All private transfers
- Hotels (5*)
- Breakfasts & all meals mentioned in the itinerary
- Guided tours with fluent English speaking guides (including skip the line access)

What's not Included?

- International Air Flights
- Medical Insurance
- Meals & Drinks, other than those mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips & Gratuities

This is an example itinerary which can always be adjusted to meet your individual requirements and budget.



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ITINERARY

DAY 1: Cordoba

Morning: arrival in Madrid + high speed train to Cordoba

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 centre.

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



DAY 2: Cordoba

Morning : Cordoba guided tour

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 centre 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

Free afternoon to relax or explore the city further at your leisure.



Evening Andalusian Equestrian Show - Royal Stables

Tonight you will enjoy a marvellous equestrian exhibition in which pure bred Spanish horses are the main protagonists. The stage; an emblematic and magical historical building, once the birthplace of the Andalusian Horse and now an unparalleled setting for this enchanting 1 hour equestrian show. The Royal Stables are located next to the Royal Alcázar and just a 5 mins walk from your hotel. We have pre-reserved central seats for you to ensure the best possible view.

After the show, we recommend dinner at one of the local restaurants in the nearby and authentic "San Basilio" district.

The Royal Stables, once the birthplace of the Andalusian Horse and now an unparalleled setting for this unique equestrian show, this emblematic and historical building was founded in 1570 by King Felipe II, a great horse lover with the dream of making a pure Spanish thoroughbred. tonight, you will enjoy an enchanting evening of music, lights, and dancing combined with majestic horse dressage.



Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 3: Montilla & Sevilla

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 (approx. 40 min drive). 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 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 Sevilla.

Free afternoon & evening in Sevilla

After lunch, you will be driven to your hotel in Sevilla (approx. 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.

Meals Included: Breakfast & Pairing Lunch



DAY 4: Sevilla

Morning: Sevilla guided tour

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 centre with a knowledgeable private guide. In just half a 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 km², 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

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**
- **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

Evening: Flamenco show & dinner in Seville

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!

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner



DAY 5: Marbella

Morning: Private transfer Sevilla to Marbella

Your private driver/guide will pick you up from Sevilla and will take you to your hotel in Marbella (approx. 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 just some of our recommendations:

-Stroll the cobbled streets and little squares of the old town to Plaza de los Naranjos (Orange Square) and visit the Chapel of Santiago and the Town Hall

- Have a promenade along the seafront and cross the Alameda Park



DAY 6: Marbella

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

Evening (optional): Tasting menu at Michelin starred restaurant

This evening, step into Kaleidoscope, Dani García's dream tasting Menu

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.

Meals Included: Breakfast



DAY 7: Marbella & Madrid

Morning: 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 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.

Afternoon: Private transfer to Malaga + high speed train to Madrid

We will arrange for a private transfer from Marbella to Malaga train station (approx. 1 hour) where you will take the high speed train to Madrid (approx. 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 afternoon.

Evening: Guided Tapas Tour (small group)

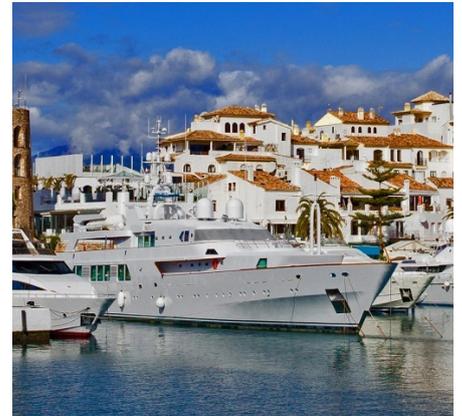
Meet your foodie guide for an action-packed evening, you'll hop from tapas bar to tapas bar, tasting their signature drink (think locals wines, vermouth and draft beer!) and specialty tapas. You'll enjoy the most typical Madrid tapas and learn the true art of a "tapeo"! You can't leave Madrid without an authentic tapas crawl, and this is the best way to do it.

What's Included

- Dinner across 4 of Madrid's emblematic tapas bars in the bustling city centre, these are the authentic places locals love.
- Meet the proud families behind the tapas as your taken you to the bars they've been running for generations, and tell you their stories
- Going for tapas is also about the drinks so you'll taste local favourites like draft beer, wine and vermouth

A cultural experience, a true tapas experience can't be had in other countries, this is something you must experience in Spain and Madrid is the best place to discover the art of the "tapeo"!

Meals Included: Breakfast & Tapas Tour in Madrid



DAY 8:

Madrid

Morning : Madrid guided tour

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)



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!



PRICE & INCLUSIONS

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ACCOMMODATION

At Just Explore we understand one of the biggest worries when booking a holiday is the standard for 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.

Your accommodation will be made up of:
5 Star hotels with double rooms sharing
Breakfasts included - All centrally located
Air conditioning - En-suite rooms

Guided Visits & Tours (all entrance fees included)

Cordoba - City tour

Montilla Olive Oil + Wine Experience

Day trip Seville - City tour

Madrid - City tour

TRANSPORT (all included)

Luxury AC vehicle

All private transfers from airport/railway station to hotels and vice versa.

All private transfers from town to town mentioned in above Itinerary.

- High speed train Madrid-Cordoba

- High speed train Malaga-Madrid

VENUES & DINNING (included)

- Flamenco show & dinner (Sevilla)

- Tapas Tour (Madrid)

- Equestrian Show (Cordoba)

Optional: Danni Garcia dinner in Marbella

Assistance During Your Trip

Full support & assistance on hand 24hrs/day

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

Medical Insurance

We recommend that all travelers take out their own private medical insurance whilst traveling to avoid any unforeseen medical expenses...

Please Note:

The above itinerary may change at any time due to circumstances beyond our control. We will duly advise of any such changes as soon as possible.

** Subject to our standard terms & conditions*

PRICE* (Per person)

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