



EXAMPLE ITINERARY

A FAMILY ADVENTURE ACROSS SPAIN

Madrid & Andalusia

Welcome to Spain! A family-friendly destination with excellent transport, accommodation, food, and an extraordinary range of attractions that appeal to young and all!

With a culture that revolves around family and children, kids are made welcome at all restaurants, as well as at bars, and the majority of hotels, Spain is most definitely the quintessential family-friendly destination.

Active kids will enjoy hiking, biking, kayaking, and swimming while those who wish to explore Spain differently, will be delighted by the abundance of art, history & culture. There are horses to ride, flamenco dresses to admire, natural pools to swim in and impressive wildlife to track down. Everything to make your family holiday unforgettable!

This itinerary offers a wonderful overview of the abundance of family-friendly activities available in our beautiful country.

As always, our itineraries are flexible and customizable, so just contact us and we will be happy to adjust it to reflect your family's unique style and tastes!

Summary (11 Nights)

Start & End Point: Madrid

3 N Madrid

2 N Cordoba

3 N Sevilla

2 N Nerja

1 N Madrid airport

What's included?

- All private transfers
- Hotels (4 stars)
- Breakfasts & all meals mentioned in the itinerary
- Guided tours with
- Fluent English speaking art historian guides
- Skip the line access

What's not included?

- International Air Flights
- Medical/Travel 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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DAY 1: Arrival

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

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

We will provide you with good recommendations for places to eat, drink and tips for city walks or any entertainment/events happening during your travel dates.



DAY 2: A taste of Madrid

Morning: Market & Food Tour

Enjoy this fun & interactive private walking tour of Madrid's city centre designed just for families. Taste ham and churros along the way!

Get ready for games, wonder-filled stories and even a little Spanish practice.

While exploring, there'll be stops for two kid-approved snacks: Spanish-style ham sandwiches and chocolate and churros.

This private walking tour explores the city's historic centre:

You'll pass through Madrid's main sights: the Royal Palace, Plaza de la Villa, San Miguel Market, Plaza Mayor and the Puerta del Sol. Your dynamic guide will keep your children engaged throughout with stories of Spanish history. Think explorers, kings and queens, princes and princesses, knights, artists, and more!

Your kids will get to see Madrid as never before, especially while looking all over the city for as many examples of its mascot (the beloved *oso*, or bear) as they can find!

About an hour into the tour, it's time for a mid-morning snack:

Your first stop will be for a tasting of prized Iberian ham and other cured meats at a family-run ham shop. Adults and children will enjoy a beverage of choice (cava, wine, beer, soft drinks, or water) and kids will learn the art of making (and eating!) Spanish sandwiches, called *bocadillos*. They'll also learn all about Spanish culture and how kids their own age live in Spain.

Towards the end of the route, you'll make your second food stop at *Chocolatería San Ginés*, the city's most famous spot for piping hot churros and chocolate. Coffee and tea are also on offer as a pick me up before continuing the day. And don't worry, they won't ruin your appetite for lunch—but you will get lots of tips for where to grab a bite after the tour.

When it's time to say goodbye, your kids will leave with a new understanding of Madrid—and a memory that'll stay with them for years to come!



Afternoon: Prado Museum Guided tour

Today, discover Art at the Prado through a treasure hunt!

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, you 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!

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. Featuring 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 Velazquez. 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 Velazquez, his statue is one of the few marking the entrances to the museum.

Meals included: Breakfast & snacks



DAY 3: Discovering Toledo

Morning

Your private driver and art historian guide will take you to Toledo for a full day guided tour of this historic and imperial city.

In Toledo, you will first enjoy a short panoramic tour of the city, stopping along the way at the most spectacular viewpoints.

This will be followed by a 3.5-hour walking tour of the historic centre. During this tour, you will visit the Cathedral, widely considered one of the high points of Gothic art; a large number of renowned artists left their mark on the church: from Pedro Berruguete to Enrique Egás, Petrus Petri and Juan Guas.

You will then discover the beautiful Jewish quarter where you'll visit the El Tránsito a synagogue which houses one of the best Mudejar coffered ceilings in Toledo, along with walls richly decorated with geometrical and botanical designs as well as Hebrew inscriptions. Nowadays, it is where the Sephardic Museum is located.

The tour will also include a visit the San Juan de Los Reyes Monastery, a superb example of flamboyant Gothic style outstanding for its great ornamentation and for its cloister, of great sculptural value.

After the guided tour, you will have some free time to have **lunch** (good recommendations will be provided) and to stroll the narrow streets of the old town, and visit some other interesting sites on your own

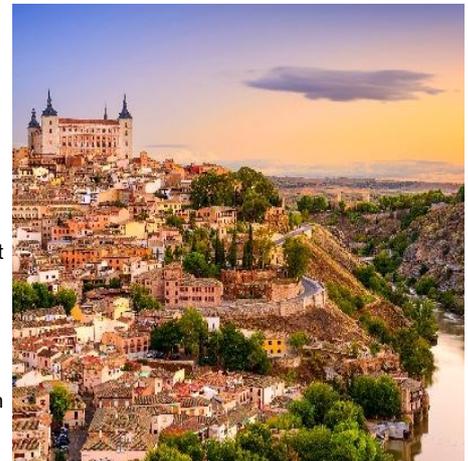
OPTIONAL: Ziplining in Toledo

You could then head to Europe's longest urban zip line! This tight steel cable of 180 meters, that can resist up to 10 tons, runs parallel to San Martin bridge. The zip line will allow you to fly from one side of the Tajo river to the other offering you incredible views.

Note: Children must weigh more than 20 kilos (44lbs) to be allowed to fly.

Toledo is one of the Spanish cities with the greatest wealth of monuments. Known as the "city of the three cultures", because Christians, Arabs and Jews lived together here for centuries. Behind its walls, Toledo preserves an artistic and cultural legacy in the form of churches, palaces, fortresses, mosques, and synagogues. This great diversity of artistic styles makes the old quarter of the capital of Castile - La Mancha a real open-air museum, which has led to it being declared a World Heritage Site. If there is one person's name that defines Toledo it is that of El Greco. His House-Museum, a palace with the atmosphere of the period, exhibits some of the best works of the painter who made the city world famous.

Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 4: Don Quixote's Windmills & Cordoba

Morning

You will head to Consuegra (aprx. 1h 45mins), famous for its charming white windmills, the same ones that Don Quixote mistook for giants and attacked...!

Each windmill has a name, one of which is in fact named Sancho after one of the main characters in the novel. The windmills stopped being used for grinding grain in the 1980s through one is now used as an ice-cream shop, and another as a tourist office.

You'll have some free time to visit one of these windmills and to admire this unique location's beautiful iconic views.

You will then head to the town where you'll find Consuegra's perfectly restored Castle which offers lovely views of the windmills. You'll have some free time here to visit the castle and its grounds as well as the town itself.

You will be provided with some suggestions for places to have **lunch** (cost not included).

After lunch, private transfer to your hotel in Cordoba (aprx. 3h)

Consuegra is an attractive town located at the foot of the Cerro Calderico ridge, it has an impressive castle with an exceptional keep, and several of the windmills typical of La Mancha. Five of its twelve windmills conserve their complete mechanism and one of them is known as "Sancho" (in honor of one of the main characters in the novel Don Quixote). The town is dotted with nice squares and a number of Mudejar churches. The main square is the Plaza de Espana and has a Renaissance style town hall and houses with attractive wooden galleries. Opposite the town hall is the 'Los Corredoros' building in typical La Mancha 17th century style.



OPTIONAL: Evening Equestrian Show

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 equestrian show.

One of the sights you can't miss when visiting the city of Córdoba is the Royal Stables, home to the Cordoba 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. The structure of the Royal Stables is quite grand, with vaulted ceilings and archways. Once the birthplace of the Andalusian Horse and now an unparalleled setting for this unique equestrian show. The performance is a chance to marvel at the beauty and magic of these animals in various disciplines as well as the extraordinary skills of the riders. You will enjoy an enchanting evening of music, lights, and dancing combined with majestic horse dressage.

Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 5: Olive oil tasting & cooking experience

Morning

Today, we will venture out into the countryside to explore the beautiful hills of Montilla (still a very unspoiled wine region south of Córdoba). Olive oil, gastronomy, and wine are part of Andalusia's popular wisdom and with this tour, you will delve into the fascinating world.

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 winery located right in the heart of the Sierra de Montilla, a stunning rural landscape with endless vineyards and rolling hills.

Today, you will learn about winemaking and the grown ups will get to taste some of the unique wines of this region before enjoying an authentic hands-on cooking class! You will learn how to prepare a regional specialty called "Salmorejo" (a cold tomato cream) and a national specialty "the Paella".

This day of adventure ends with you enjoying the food you have prepared in a friendly and casual atmosphere!!

A truly exceptional experience!

"Just wanted to thank you for helping us have one of the most amazing trips we've had as a family! We truly loved all of the tours you arranged – each one was unique and filled with interesting information and experiences".

Nicole B. Austin, Texas (Pictured)

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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. Home of the famed "Gran Capitan", Gonzalo Fernández de Córdoba, a Spanish general who fought in the Conquest of Granada and the Italian Wars, Montilla is the center of the Designation of Origin wine zone known as Montilla-Moriles. The landscape here is dry and the soil is a blinding white Albariza (white marl composed of clay, calcium and marine fossils). Its excellent moisture retention is very significant as this area is hotter than almost anywhere else in Spain.

Meals included: Breakfast & lunch



DAY 6: Moorish Castles & Roman Ruins

GOT filming locations

Morning

Today we invite you to take an exciting trip in time, back into the Middle Ages at the incredible Castillo de Almodóvar! The towers and battlements, the dungeons, the parade-ground, and the hexagonal chapel will transport you back to centuries gone by, giving you a first-hand view of the roots of Andalusian history.

You will enjoy a guided tour of aprx 1h of this Moorish 8th-century castle which was featured as Highgarden in Game of Thrones' season 7! For those GOT lovers, Highgarden of House Tyrell is of vital importance for House Lannister in keeping the Crown of Seven Kingdoms. This great fortress will witness the outcome of the union of both houses, coming to fruition marriage bonds that were not paid. Blood, death, poison, gold, dungeons, treason and victory await you in these towers and walls. Will you join us on this adventure?



You will then be transferred to Italica (1.5h) where you will have some free time to have **lunch** (cost not included).

Today's "history lesson" tour continues by taking you back in time. Immerse yourselves into the culture and heritage of past civilizations to re-live the glory of the Roman Empire in the Iberian Peninsula.

After you've had lunch, your private guide will meet you at the entrance of the Italica Roman ruins archaeological complex, where you will enjoy a 1.5hrs guided tour of these remarkably preserved ruins, which date back to 206 BC. You will explore the grand bath complex, where city dwellers would come to bathe in the thermal waters and visit the House of the Planetarium, famous for its beautifully preserved mosaics.

You will learn how Italica was the birthplace of legendary emperors like Trajan and Hadrian and will hear about the games held in the impressive amphitheatre, the significance of the Trajan monument and the use of the birdhouse, gym, and bread oven.

The Roman Amphitheatre is the greatest building in this complex and you might recognize it as Game of Throne's Dragon pit. Who could have imagined that 20 centuries after its creation, huge dragons would be flying over these ruins while Jon Snow, Daenerys, Cersei, and a dozen other characters met to hash out their differences in the face of the greater enemy...!

Then, it's on to Sevilla.

The Almodovar Castle, or Castillo de Almodóvar, sits above the town of Almodovar, on top of a sheer-walled monolith. Which is why, it can only be seen from a large distance, and offers spectacular views over the entire Guadalquivir Valley.

Itálica was the first Roman town in Spain, founded in 206 BC. It was the birthplace of the 2nd-century AD Roman emperor Trajan, and of his adopted son and successor Hadrian. What remains of those times are broad paved streets and ruins of houses built around patios of beautiful mosaics. Itálica also contains one of the biggest of all Roman amphitheaters (seating 20,000 spectators). The most notable houses are the Casa de Los Pájaros (House of the Birds) and the Casa del Planetario (House of the Planetarium), with a mosaic depicting the gods of the seven days of the week.



Optional: Evening Flamenco Venue

This evening, you have the **option** of enjoying an exciting musical evening at the Flamenco Museum (Museo del Baile Flamenco), the brainchild of Sevillian flamenco dancer Cristina Hoyos.

The one-hour performance will be held on the charming patio of this historic building.

You will also have time to visit the museum before the flamenco performance begins.

Excitement and enjoyment are guaranteed!

The Museo del Baile Flamenco (Museum of Flamenco Dance) in Seville is an impressive venue for some of Seville's best flamenco. Located in the Santa Cruz quarter and just a few steps from the Plaza Alfalfa, the museum offers daily flamenco shows. The central patio of the museum has been specially designed to stage performances for a small number of spectators. Under the direction of Cristina Hoyos, the museum shows, of course, attract some of the best talents in Seville and Spain. Equally impressive is the Flamenco Museum itself, perhaps one of the most technologically advanced museums in Spain. Interactive exhibits show the origins and evolution of flamenco, covering the various styles of music and dance.

Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 7: Exploring Sevilla by bike

Morning

Your art historian guide will take you on this exciting bike tour of aprx 2.5h.

You will explore the many sites and neighbourhoods of this charming city such as the Guadalquivir riverside, the iconic Plaza de España, the spectacular Maria Luisa Park and the authentic Triana district.

Sightseeing sites included on this bike tour:

Triana Bridge

Church of Santa Ana

Palace of San Telmo

University (Former Royal Tobacco Factory)

General Archive of the Indies

Murillo Gardens

Plaza de España

Maria Luisa Park

Torre del Oro

Guadalquivir riverside

La Maestranza bullring

This guided bike tour is the perfect way to see Sevilla and explore those areas where it is rather difficult or tiring to get to on foot.

Some cities blast you away, others slowly win you over. Sevilla disarms and seduces you. The irresistible city of Sevilla, Andalusia's capital, is located on the shores of the River Guadalquivir. Its population of about 1.5 million makes it the fourth-largest city in Spain. Its historic centre, the third-largest in Europe with an area of 4 km2, contains three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the fabulous Mudéjar Alcázar palace, the Gothic Cathedral and the General Archive of the Indies. Lorded over by a colossal Gothic cathedral, the old town is an intoxicating mix of resplendent Mudéjar palaces, baroque churches and winding medieval lanes. Flamenco clubs keep the intimacy and intensity of this centuries-old tradition alive whilst aristocratic mansions recall the city's past as a showcase Moorish capital and, later, a 16th-century metropolis rich on the back of New World trade. But what is captivating about the city, as much as the monuments and works of art, is its essential romantic quality, the greatest city of Carmen, Don Juan and Figaro...



Optional: Afternoon Kayaking on the Guadalquivir

You have the **option** of getting active on this exciting group kayaking tour on the legendary Guadalquivir river!

You will first get an introduction lesson to kayaking before getting into the water.

Enjoy nature and the city at the same time as you explore River Guadalquivir in Seville on this fun 2-hour sightseeing kayak tour.

Admire the most important landmarks in Seville from the river while enjoying an easy going kayaking experience. You'll get to see the Torre del Oro, Triana Bridge, Betis street, the Maestranza and so much more from an entirely new perspective, while navigating down the Guadalquivir River.

Discover the history and learn about the role of the river as a means of transport and a separation between different neighbourhoods, to the extent of dividing the city into two, each with their own separate identities. You will also learn about the environmental issues in recent years and the transformation of the river and its course due to the 1992 World Exhibition.

Includes all equipment & insurance

The Guadalquivir river is a large ancient river that goes through Andalusia and is over 700 km in length and connects the capital of Andalusia, Seville, with the Atlantic Ocean. In fact, its name come from the Arabic "al-Wadi alKibir", translated as "big river".

Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 8: Ronda & surroundings

Morning

Your private driver/guide will pick you up from your hotel and will drive you to the picturesque town of Ronda (aprx. 1h 45mins)

Your guide will take you for a panoramic introductory tour of aprx 2.5h including the old town, the cliffs, the New Bridge, and the bullring.

You will then have some free time to have **lunch** (cost not included but good recommendations will be provided) an to further explore this beautiful town.



Ronda is a mountaintop city that sits in the heart of the Serrania de Ronda. Set dramatically above a deep gorge and surrounded by lush river valleys, it is a place that is absolutely breath-taking. The gorge, El Tajo, separates the city's 15th-century new town from its Moorish old town. Puente Nuevo, a stone bridge spanning the gorge, has a lookout offering stunning views and the new town's Plaza de Toros, a legendary 18th-century bullring, is one of the city's most recognizable landmarks.

Optional: Afternoon horseback riding in the Grazalema Natural Park

Enjoy a lovely horseback ride in the countryside:

Your private driver/guide, will take you to the pretty town of Grazalema where you will visit a family-run stable located within the protected area of Tambor del Llano part of the Grazalema natural park.

Here, you will enjoy a nice horseback ride of about 2 hours through the surrounding countryside and forest.

Grazalema, a pretty town whose immaculately kept cobbled streets are lined with whitewashed houses adorned with wrought-iron rejas on their windows and plant pots spilling over with colourful flowers. It is the most popular base for hikes into the Parque Natural Sierra de Grazalema and an age-old producer of blankets, honey, cheese, meat-filled stews, and an adrenaline-filled bull-running festival.



Optional: Afternoon buggy ride in Ronda

An exciting experience driving a 2 or 4 seater buggy off- road through the Ronda countryside!

Follow your guide through Ronda's beautiful landscapes.

This mostly off-road trip on narrow and uneven tracks is great fun for both experienced buggy drivers and novices.

During the rainy season, you may happen upon muddy puddles that you'll be able to splash through if you're brave enough! As you speed across the region's beautiful untouched fields, you'll discover old traders' routes and will get to see Ronda from all sides. Most exciting: you will head down the Tajo gorge where you'll be welcomed by a breath-taking view of the Puente Nuevo bridge which you'll be able to admire from this truly unique point of view... an experience that less than 2% of Ronda's visitors get to enjoy!



Note: All drivers must be at least 25 years of age and have had a valid driver's license for at least two years or more..

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 9 Surf or turf on the way to the coast

Morning

This morning, you will be transferred to the pretty Mediterranean town of Nerja.

On the way, you have the option of enjoying one of the following 2 optional activities:

El Caminito del Rey Hike OR Sea kayaking



OPTION 1: Caminito del Rey

Your private driver will pick you up from your hotel lobby to take you on a nearly 2-hour drive to the main entrance of the Caminito del Rey.

This is a linear path, not a circular one. The route, which is 7.7 km long, is divided into 4.8 km of access ways and 2.9 km of boardwalks. It should take around 2 to 3 hours to complete. The 2.9 kilometers of boardwalks (by far, the most famous part of the trail) is made up of 1.5 km of long boardwalks, and 1.4 km of paths or forest walkways.

After your walk, you could enjoy a delicious **lunch** at a restaurant in El Chorro which offers stunning views over the Guadalhorce lakes and cliffs (cost is not included)

Your driver will pick you and will drive you to your next accommodation.

Note: Children must be 8 years plus

El Caminito del Rey is an impressive walkway, pinned along the steep walls of the Gaitanes narrow gorge in El Chorro with the Guadalhorce River flowing below it. Its name translates to The King's Little Pathway as it was originally built in 1901 as part of king Alfonso XIII's ambitious hydroelectric energy project to unify three rivers. It swiftly fell out of use and into disrepair, though – and soon became a magnet for climbers and adventurers, lured by the one-off views and the adrenaline-fuelled challenge. By the 1990s, the long-since disappeared handrails and missing chunks of concrete created eye-popping stretches of path that were only inches wide or non-existent. For over a decade, the walkway had fallen into disrepair and was partially closed. After four years of extensive repairs and renovations, the walkway re-opened in 2015. The new path is genuinely like few other places on earth. Far from the touristy beach towns that line the shores, this part of Malaga province looks like a set from an epic fantasy adventure film. The trail gives both a thrilling and awe-inspiring experience as you traverse along the rocky cliff-faces and cross footbridges.

The entrance is a 100m borehole through the rock face, before the path gently ascends past azure reservoirs and small thickets. Those who dare to tackle the walkway are rewarded with all sorts of wildlife: griffin vultures, golden eagles and honey buzzards fly above, wildflowers and fossils line the pathways and native frogs and toads blithely bask near rocky pools along the way. As the path snakes upwards, you quickly find yourself cheek-to-cheek with the cliff face, and the Guadalhorce river a long way below. The suspension bridge boasts the best views of the five-mile walkway. At the highest point you can stand and take pictures on a spine-tingling glass-bottomed viewing platform and dare to look down. If you can open your eyes, that is....

The best thing of all: the Caminito path makes you feel like you are doing something dangerous without the actual risk of danger!



OPTION 2: Sea Kayaking in Nerja

Part of a group

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!

Note: Children must be 8 years plus

Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 10: Free day in Nerja

Full day to enjoy Nerja, the surroundings or simply relax at your hotel.

Here are some optional activities to take advantage of your day at leisure:

Nerja is well known across Spain for its beaches, with many of its coves frequently featuring amongst the candidates for the best beach in Spain. Nerja sits at the mouth of the Chillar River, and is wedged in between the Mediterranean Sea and the mountains of the Sierras de Tejada. The name "Nerja" is derived from the word "narixa", an Arabic term which translates to "bountiful spring." The abundance of water in this area gives Nerja a tropical feel, a lushness that contributed to its significance in the sugar cane industry in the early 20th century.



OPTION 1: Relax by the beach

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:

- Close to Nerja (Definitely worth a visit): Playa Alberquillas, Las Calas del Pino and Playa El Cañuelo.
- Just past Maro: Acantilados de Maro natural reserve (an area that is home to some of the best beaches in Spain).
- 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)



OPTION 2: Scuba diving & snorkelling in La Herradura

Part of a group

Today, get a taste of the underwater world and discover Snorkelling. Let us take you on an unforgettable journey around the best areas of the Mediterranean coast to enjoy and admire its underwater delights.

This relaxing, safe and educational tour includes a short introductory lesson to snorkelling. Follow your snorkelling guide as they show you where to swim and where to look in order to see the best variety of fish and flowered coral formations and to spot the camouflaged ones! Learn about the region's species and their distinct characteristics during this wonderful one hour experience. Your expert guide will be close at hand at all times should you need any assistance or if you have any questions.

After the tour, spend some time on the shore relaxing and enjoy complimentary soft drinks and snacks!

Includes: equipment, insurance, guide, soft drinks and snacks on the beach (snorkelling suit available)

Note: For Scuba diving, children must be 12 years plus (with tutor's authorization)



OPTION 3: Nerja Caves & Frigiliana Day trip

Your driver/guide will collect you from your hotel and will take you to the Nerja Caves where you will go on a 45-minute audio-guided visit through the different halls of the Cave.

Afterward, you will enjoy a very scenic drive to the charming white village of Frigiliana (only 7 km up the hills from Nerja coastal town)

Once in Frigiliana, you will stroll the whitewashed narrow streets and explore the little town, stopping at the most breath-taking viewpoints. You will have the opportunity to take pictures of the ocean and the mountains.

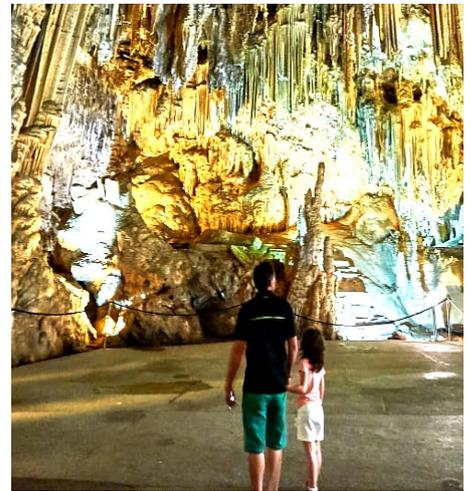
For **lunch** (cost not included), we highly recommend the Restaurant El Jardin with spectacular views of the town and of the Mediterranean sea (if you are interested, please let us know so we can reserve a good spot for you on the terrace)

After lunch, you will have some free time to wander around and do some shopping (local wine, leather or ceramics) before driving back to your hotel in Nerja.

The magnificent Nerja Caves – Cuevas de Nerja – were discovered in 1959, when a handful of boys from Maro found it by chance. They had inadvertently stumbled on one of the most important geological finds of our era. The Nerja caves are home to the world's largest column, which has held its place in the Guinness Book of Records since 1989, and the world's oldest Neanderthal cave paintings, recently dated as being over 10,000 years older than the previous record holder.

Frigiliana is a maze of cobbled streets, with meticulously maintained whitewashed houses, that provide a stunning contrast against the blue skies and red slate roofs. The colourful plant pots brimming with bougainvillea, lavender, and jasmine all add an extra dash of colour to this enchanting scene. As you wander up the hillside through the pedestrianized cobbled streets, past the white houses with doors painted an array of pastel colours, past tiny nooks and crannies and viewpoints that offer glimpses of the surrounding countryside and the coast below, you can fully understand why Frigiliana has consistently won awards including being voted as the 'prettiest village in Andalusia' by the Spanish tourism authority.

Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 11: Day trip to Granada & train to Madrid

Morning

Your private driver will pick you up from your hotel and take you to Granada (aprx 1h 15mins)

This trip will include a guided tour* of aprx. 2.5 hrs during which you will discover one of the most brilliant jewels of universal architecture: the magnificent Moorish Alhambra Palace and its beautiful Generalife gardens.

This tour includes the tickets and 'skip the line' access* to the different areas of the Alhambra so there is no need to queue.

**All skip the line tickets will be provided by your local guide on the day of the tour.*

We recommend having **lunch** (cost not included) at the Parador to enjoy their beautiful terrace which overlooks the Generalife gardens.

You will also have some **free time** to further explore this beautiful city.

Late afternoon

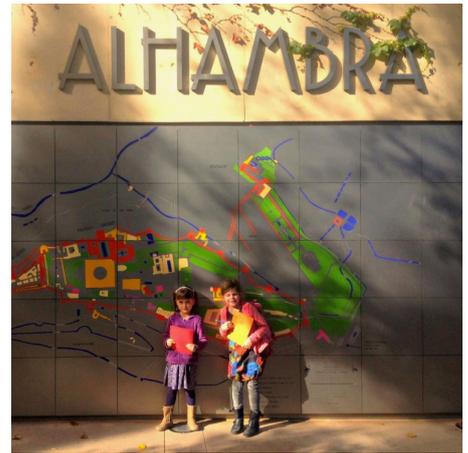
Your driver will drive you to Granada's train station for your afternoon train to Madrid.

Once in Madrid, private transfer to your hotel by the airport

Granada was first settled by native tribes in the prehistoric period and was known as Ilbyr. When the Romans colonized 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.

The Alhambra is Granada's – and Europe's – love letter to Moorish culture, a place where fountains trickle, leaves rustle, and ancient spirits seem to mysteriously linger. Part palace, part fort, part World Heritage site, part lesson in medieval architecture, the Alhambra has long enchanted a never-ending line of expectant visitors.

Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 12 Departure

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

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end...

We hope you enjoyed your stay with us here in Spain.

Hasta pronto!



PRICE & INCLUSIONS



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:

4 Star hotels with double rooms/family rooms

Breakfasts included - All centrally located

Air conditioning - En-suite rooms

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.

All trains mentioned in the above itinerary.

GUIDED VISITS & TOURS (all entrance fees included)

Prado Museum - Guided visit for kids

Toledo - Day trip

Consuegra - Day trip

Almodóvar del Río castle & Italica - Day trip

Seville - Bike city tour

Ronda - Panoramic city tour

Granada - Day trip (Incl. Alhambra visit)

MEALS & SHOWS (all included)

Madrid food tour for kids (incl. snacks)

Montilla olive oil & cooking experience (incl. lunch)

OPTIONAL (additional cost)

Toledo - Ziplining

Cordoba - Equestrian show

Sevilla - Flamenco show

Sevilla - Kayaking on the Guadalquivir

Grazalema - Horseback riding

Ronda - Buggy ride

Caminito del Rey - Hike

Nerja - Sea Kayaking

Nerja - Scuba diving & snorkeling

Nerja - Caves & Frigiliana Day trip

Assistance During Your Trip

Full support & assistance on hand 24/7

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.

Insurance

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

PRICE* (Per person)

Depends on the number of travelers and dates

Please enquire for further details

**Children older than 12 pay full price*

** Subject to our standard terms & conditions (full details on separate sheet)*



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