



EXAMPLE ITINERARY

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 down time? Well then, how about a little bit of everything?

Spain really is the ideal destination to celebrate this special occasion without having to compromise; thanks to our beautiful and diverse landscapes, you'll get to admire breath-taking coastlines, explore romantic wine regions, discover historic towns and experience exciting cities.

This suggested itinerary of 9 days is focused on the Southern Spanish region of Andalusia and the country's capital; Madrid. With a nice mix of cultural tours, gastronomic experiences and some much needed down time by the beach, this is the perfect way to get a taste of our country so you can further explore it when you have the chance to come back!

With great weather, amazing beaches, superb historic sites, luxurious hotels, great transport and connections as well as sumptuous fine-dining choices, there is no doubt you will have the most memorable honeymoon with us in Spain.

SUMMARY (9 days)

- Start & End Point: Madrid
- 2 N Cordoba
- 2 N Sevilla
- 2 N Marbella
- 2 N Madrid

What's Included?

- All private transfers
- 5-star hotels
- 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/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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SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival

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. 1h 45 mins).

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: Beautiful & historic Cordoba

Morning : Cordoba private guided tour (aprx. 3h)

Your art historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel to take you for an **introductory walking tour** to discover the main* sites of **Cordoba, a Unesco listed city**.

The visit will, of course, include the famed **Mosque/Cathedral (La Mezquita)**, a monumental site which encapsulates this city's identity like few other buildings can, with the layers of its beautifully complex history visibly integrated in its walls and bearing the marks of the various and diverse cultures and civilizations that helped shape this fascinating city.

You will also discover the **Jewish quarter**, a quaint and charming network of pretty narrow lanes which will lead you to the Synagogue a unique building in Andalusia and one **of the three best preserved Medieval synagogues in the whole of Spain**.

This wonderful tour will end at the **Royal Alcazar/Palace**, once the residence of Roman governors and Moorish caliphs, and finally, in 1328 the Cordovan home of the Spanish kings.

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

***On Mondays, the Royal Alcazar, the Synagogue and all museums in Cordoba are closed. On Sundays and holidays, opening hours are shorter.*

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

***Córdoba** is a city in the southern Spanish region of Andalusia, and the capital of the province of Córdoba. A great cultural reference point in Europe, this ancient city has been declared a World Heritage Site and contains a mixture of the diverse cultures that have settled it throughout history. Very few places in the world can boast of having been the capital of a Roman province (Hispania Ulterior), the capital of an Arab State (Al-Andalus) and a Caliphate. The city famously houses the Mezquita, a symbol of the worldly, sophisticated culture that flourished here more than a millennium ago when Córdoba was western Europe's biggest, most cultured city. Such splendor is palpable in the intellectual wealth of this city, that has seen the birth of figures like Seneca, Averroes, and Maimonides (Cordoba has in fact erected a life-size statue in honor of this physician and philosopher considered one of the greatest Jewish thinkers of all time)..*



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.

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.



DAY 3: A day in the countryside

Montilla olive oil & wine experience

On this exciting tour, you will venture out into the countryside to explore the beautiful hills of Montilla (still a very unspoiled wine region 40 mins south of Córdoba). This tour is designed for curious and adventurous wine-lovers, amateurs and experts alike! Olive oil, gastronomy, and wine are part of Andalusia'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 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 of some of these varieties** paired with a selection of tapas showcasing some of the region's best products.

Your olive oil and wine experience will be completed with **a lovely pairing lunch** at one of the most emblematic taverns in town. Raise your glass for a toast to a great wine experience!

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.

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 & Pairing Lunch



DAY 4: Be enchanted by Sevilla

Morning: Sevilla private walking guided tour (aprx. 3h)

The perfect way to explore Seville's old town's UNESCO World Heritage Sites and learn about the important role they played in the history of the city.

Your art historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for an introductory walking tour to discover the **main historic sites in Sevilla**.

The tour will include a visit to the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Sevilla, **the world's largest Gothic Church**, whose constructions lasted for over a century.

You will then head to the **Royal Alcazar/Palace***, a beautiful example of Mudéjar architecture in the Iberian Peninsula. The tour will take you through the city's **Santa Cruz Jewish quarter**, this labyrinth of narrow streets and alleys designed to provide protection from the oppressive sun of the Sevillian summer are scattered with **lovely green and lively plazas**.

** Subject to availability: Being an active residence of the Royal Family, the Alcazar Palace is occasionally closed to the public. For security reasons, the information is never provided ahead of time.*

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 center, 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...



Evening: Flamenco show & dinner in Seville

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

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 will last for approximately 1.5 hours.

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

Meals Included: Breakfast & dinner



DAY 5: Marbella - a Mediterranean beauty

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. 2h 45mins)

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. You'll have the rest of the day free to enjoy at your leisure.

Meals Included: Breakfast



DAY 6: Relax and treat yourselves

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. 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.

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.



Optional: Romantic sunset boat trip

Experience the spectacular Marbella sunset on the pristine waters of the Mediterranean as you admire the Marbella skyline and enjoy the cool breeze. Have a drink, relax, and savour this unique and intimate romantic evening.

Please let us know if you'd like us to arrange this unforgettable experience for you.

Optional: Tasting menu at a restaurant

This evening, we could arrange for a special romantic dinner for two at one of Marbella's many luxurious restaurants. Eat at one of its Michelin star restaurants and discovering the crème de la crème of Spanish fine dining. Enjoy the area's best delicacies, the most creative decor and the most fun environment.

Please note: As Michelin Star restaurants are extremely popular in Marbella, please let us know well in advance if you would like us to book a table for you. We would also be happy to suggest other less formal options for this evening should you prefer.

Meals Included: Breakfast



DAY 7: The flavours of Madrid

Morning: Leisurely morning in Marbella

You can take an easy last morning in Marbella and enjoy the sea and everything this exceptional town has to offer.



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: Madrid Tapas, Taverns & History Evening Tour (small group)

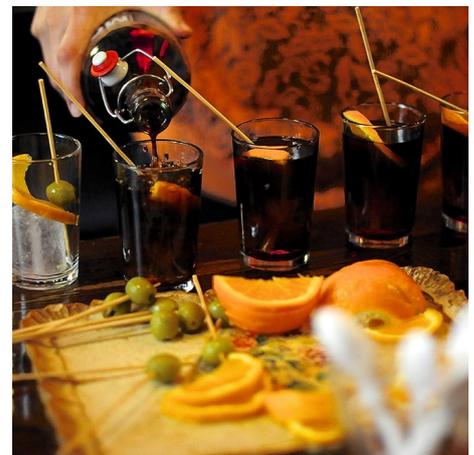
A 2-in-1 adventure combining amazing tapas and a fascinating walking tour of Madrid's historic centre

Tonight, you will **learn to do tapas like a local** as you make your way through Madrid's city centre! In between four **iconic Madrid tapas bars**, you'll hear the story of how Madrid went from a small village to the capital of one of the world's greatest empires! Between sipping Spanish wine and devouring the best of Madrid's tapas, your expert guide will bring the **city's fascinating history to life** as you wind in and out of **grand plazas and mystery-filled streets**.

Start your night by popping into a royally located tavern where you'll find out what tapas really are! As you **sip vermouth**, you'll taste freshly fried chips, local olives, and Marcona almonds. Then it's time for the show-stopper—Spain's very best **jamón ibérico de bellota**, or cured acorn-fed Iberian ham. Next up is **Madrid's royal palace**, where you'll get a mini-lesson on how Madrid was founded. As you wander through the oldest part of Madrid—the Habsburg neighbourhood—you'll discover its **hidden squares and secrets**. Before you get to the next **tapas bar**, your expert guide will continue the **story of Madrid's history** as they lead you down a tucked away street to show you a **century-old tradition** still practiced today!

The next tapas bar is known for one thing—fantastic grilled mushrooms! While here, you'll learn what most locals drink (it's NOT sangria!) as you enjoy its famous mushrooms and Padrón peppers. As you make your way to the third tapas bar of the night, you'll pass through **two of Madrid's key squares** as your guide brings more of Madrid's storied past to life. At the third tapas bar, you'll taste gambas al ajillo—a dish this **family-run bar** claims to have invented! You'll also be able to order a glass of wine made from the same family's vineyard in the Toro region. To end the night with a bang, you'll head to a traditional tapas bar to **sit down and enjoy hot-off-the-grill raciones**—larger portions meant to share! From crispy grilled chorizo to beer-battered calamari and more, this **tapas feast** will solidify your expertise in doing tapas like a local!

Dietary restrictions: We love providing delicious options for those with dietary needs. If you have a dietary requirement or food allergy, please note it when booking. This tour is not recommended for vegans and, due to the risk of gluten cross-contamination, this tour is not recommended for those with celiac disease.



DAY 8: Royal Madrid

Morning: Madrid guided tour (aprx. 4h)

Your art historian guide will meet you in the lobby of your hotel for an introductory walking tour* to discover the **highlights of Madrid**.

On this private tour, you will explore both **Hapsburg and Bourbon dynasties' legacies**, spanning the 16th to the 19th centuries. In the Madrid of the Habsburgs, you will learn about the development of the area around the **Plaza Mayor, the Casa de la Villa square, and the Puerta del Sol**, which marked the eastern gate of the city under their reign. The Bourbons expanded the boundary of the city beyond the **Puerta del Sol to the Prado Museum and Retiro Park**. The Bourbon dynasty was **inspired by the court of Versailles** and you can see the French influence in the buildings they commissioned, including **the Royal Palace, with its elegant Plaza del Oriente and Royal Theater, the Bank of Spain building, the beautiful Cibeles and Neptune fountains, and the world-renowned Prado Museum**.

This tour includes "skip the line" tickets** and a guided visit to the magnificent Royal Palace***

**The majority of the tour is done on foot but occasionally to avoid walking long distances and to optimize the time spent on-site visits, public transportation is sometimes needed (either taxi or metro). The cost of this public transportation is already included and no extra fees are added to the guided tour.*

*** Being a government building, the visit to the Royal Palace is subject to availability as it is sometimes closed for official events.*

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

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 Habsburg dynasty (los Austrias) ruled Spain during its Golden Age and established Madrid as the capital of the country. During their reign in the 16th and 17th centuries, the old center of the city was transformed with the construction of many of the city's historic buildings around the area of the Plaza Mayor. The Bourbon dynasty reigned after the Habsburgs, and they continued the transformation and expansion of the city. They are responsible for commissioning some of Madrid's most iconic buildings, including the Royal Palace, the Cibeles and Neptune fountains and the Prado Museum.

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 15: End of your trip

We will arrange for a private driver to take you 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!

Meals included: Breakfast



Note: If you are currently still in the planning stages of your wedding celebrations, and considering a destination wedding, why not pick romantic and beautiful Spain?

We invite you to check out our wedding organisation services [here](#).

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

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 and flights mentioned in the above itinerary.

GUIDED VISITS & TOURS (all entrance fees included)

- Cordoba - City tour
- Montilla Olive Oil + Wine Experience
- Seville - City tour
- Madrid - City tour

MEALS & SHOWS (all included)

- Flamenco show & dinner (Sevilla)
- Tapas Tour (Madrid)
- Equestrian Show (Cordoba)

OPTIONAL (additional cost)

- Dinner in Marbella
- Romantic sunset boat trip in Marbella

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 there 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 furthers details

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

