



## Southern Spain: Andalusian Splendor, From Ronda to Granada

**DURATION** | 9 Days

**TRIP LEVEL** | Level 2 - Moderate

# Trip Overview

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Experience the heart of Andalusia on this unforgettable, all-women journey through Southern Spain. From the mountaintop beauty of Ronda to the vibrant streets of Seville and the Moorish splendor of Granada, immerse yourself in the region's culture, cuisine, and charm. Hike through olive groves, taste local wines, cook authentic Spanish dishes, and dance to the rhythms of flamenco. With expert guides and like-minded women travelers, explore sun-drenched landscapes and timeless traditions in a place where every moment feels like a celebration of life.

# Trip Highlights

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- Join local chefs to cook Spanish classics, sip wine at centuries-old vineyards, and feel the rhythm of flamenco during an unforgettable private lesson and live performance.
- Follow a scenic trail along a dramatic mountain gorge, cycle through olive groves and rolling countryside on e-bikes, and wander ancient cobblestone streets brimming with history.
- Marvel at centuries of architectural artistry inside royal palaces, hidden courtyards, and ornate cathedrals, places where the past feels vividly alive.

# Map View

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Arrival: Arrive to Malaga airport (AGP) by 3 PM on Day One.

Departure: Málaga-Costa del Sol Airport (AGP) with a departure time after 3 PM on Day Nine.



# Trip Itinerary

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## Day 1

### Welcome to Spain!

Begin your adventure in Southern Spain as you arrive in Malaga and transfer to the romantic mountain city of Ronda, your home for the first three nights. Settle into the rhythm of Andalusian life with a relaxed welcome dinner at a charming local restaurant, just steps from your hotel. Enjoy classic regional dishes and fine local wines as you soak in the warmth and spirit of southern Spain—a perfect toast to the start of your unforgettable journey through this sun-drenched region.

Meals: dinner | Overnight: Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria (or similar)



### Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria (or similar)

Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria is a refined four-star property perched above the dramatic cliffs of Ronda's Tajo Gorge. Originally built in the 19th century and once the residence of German poet Rainer Maria Rilke, the hotel blends historic charm with modern elegance. Set within peaceful gardens and surrounded by nature, this property offers 95 stylishly appointed rooms. Interiors feature soft, contemporary décor designed to evoke tranquility and comfort. Amenities: complimentary toiletries, minibar, safe, flatscreen TV, air conditioning, Wi-Fi

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## Day 2

### Hiking and Wine Tasting

After breakfast, set out on a gentle 5-mile hike along Ronda's breathtaking gorge with a local guide. Follow the ledge to the valley floor for a unique view of the dramatic 300-foot Tajo de Ronda, learning about the native plants, crops, and ancient civilizations that shaped this region. Then, discover Ronda's rich past on a guided walking tour through its historic streets, from Celtic and Roman roots to Moorish influences. In the afternoon, meet Araceli, the passionate owner of Bodega Kieninger, for a vineyard tour and organic wine tasting paired with local cheeses, Iberico ham, and regional delicacies. End your day at leisure and wander Ronda's charming lanes or relax at your hotel, savoring views of the surrounding mountains.

Meals: breakfast, lunch | Overnight: Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria (or similar)



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## Day 3

### Exploring Benalauría

After breakfast, journey to the charming White Village of Benalauría, nestled among chestnut trees and olive groves in the Genal Valley. With just 500 residents, this authentic Andalusian pueblo offers a rare glimpse into local life—join the townspeople in traditional breadmaking or, weather permitting, help harvest chestnuts alongside village elders. Later, return to Ronda for a magical evening at Bodega Descalzos Viejos, a 16th-century monastery turned boutique winery. Enjoy a tasting with owner Flavio, whose passion and stories pair beautifully with regional cheeses, Iberico ham, and exquisite wines in this unforgettable setting.

Meals: breakfast, lunch | Overnight: Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria (or similar)



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## Day 4

### E-Bike through Southern Spain

After an early breakfast and check-out, set off for a scenic drive to Olvera, where your adventure begins with a two-hour e-bike ride along the Vía Verde de la Sierra. Pedal through olive groves, rolling hills, and charming tunnels on this gentle, mostly downhill route, guided by a local expert. Afterward, enjoy a well-earned traditional Andalusian lunch at Estación de Coripe before continuing to Seville, the vibrant heart of southern Spain. This afternoon, explore the magnificent Royal Alcázar, a masterpiece of Moorish and Spanish design. In the evening, dine at your leisure.

Meals: breakfast, lunch | Overnight: Gravina 51 Hotel



### Gravina 51 Hotel

Hotel Gravina 51 is an elegant boutique retreat that blends refined luxury with authentic Andalusian charm in the heart of Seville's historic center. Tucked along a quiet street in the El Arenal district, it offers a tranquil escape while remaining just a short walk from iconic landmarks. Housed in a beautifully restored 18th-century residence, the hotel is centered around luminous interior courtyards.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, bathrobes, hair dryer, minibar, safe, air conditioning, coffee/tea maker, cable/satellite tv, iron, refrigerator, air conditioning, Wi-Fi



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## Day 5

### Carriage Ride and Walking Tour Throughout Spain

After breakfast, embark on a three-hour guided walking tour of Seville's iconic landmarks, including the awe-inspiring Gothic Cathedral and the Giralda Tower. Explore the vibrant Plaza de España and, time permitting, the UNESCO-listed General Archive of the Indies. At midday, enjoy a traditional horse-drawn carriage ride through Seville's charming streets to lunch. In the afternoon, paint your own Andalusian tile in this private ceramic workshop. The evening is leisurely to explore the city or relax at your hotel.

Meals: breakfast, lunch | Overnight: Gravina 51 Hotel



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## Day 6

### Flamenco Dancing and Homemade Paella

Begin your day exploring Seville's Triana Market, where colorful stalls overflow with fresh produce, cheeses, and local delicacies. Then, join a chef for a hands-on cooking class to master Spanish favorites like salmorejo and paella, paired with sangría and local wines. Later, dive into the passion of flamenco with a private dance lesson followed by a captivating live performance. With VIP seating, a welcome drink, and tapas to end the night, this day perfectly captures the flavor and rhythm of Andalusian life.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Gravina 51 Hotel



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## Day 7

### Discover Córdoba

After breakfast and checkout, depart for Granada with a stop in Córdoba, the storied “city of three cultures.” Join your local guide for a walking tour through the Jewish Quarter, discovering the Roman Bridge, Puerta del Puente, and the magnificent Mezquita-Catedral. Continue to the charming San Basilio neighborhood to visit two private patios and enjoy an olive oil and wine tasting led by a female sommelier, accompanied by live guitar music. Savor a traditional meal in a historic courtyard home before continuing to Granada, where you’ll check in and spend the evening at leisure. Today's Hike: 9 miles

Meals: breakfast, lunch | Overnight: Hospes Palacio de los Patos (or similar)



### Hospes Palacio de los Patos (or similar)

A refined boutique retreat in the heart of Granada, Hospes Palacio de los Patos blends historic elegance with modern luxury. Its 42 rooms span two buildings: the 19th-century Palacio, with warm, sophisticated interiors, and the contemporary Alabaster building, defined by sleek lines and a calming palette. Guests can relax in the lush garden, enjoy authentic Granadine cuisine, or indulge in the tranquil spa.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, minibar, safe, flatscreen TV, air conditioning, Wi-Fi.



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## Day 8

### The Majesty of the Alhambra and Farewell to Andalusia

Begin your final full day with breakfast before setting out to explore Granada's crown jewel—the Alhambra. With a local expert, uncover the intricate beauty of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, a masterpiece of Islamic art and architecture. Continue with a panoramic tour showcasing sweeping views from San Nicolás, San Cristóbal, and San Miguel Alto, then stroll through the enchanting Albaicín and Sacromonte neighborhoods. Enjoy lunch and free time to wander or relax before gathering for a festive farewell dinner—an evening of laughter, friendship, and one last toast to your unforgettable Spanish adventure.

Meals: breakfast, dinner | Overnight: Hospes Palacio de los Patos (or similar)



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## Day 9

### Adiós to Spain!

At around 10 AM, meet your private driver in the hotel lobby for your group transfer from Granada to Málaga- Costa del Sol Airport (AGP). Sit back and relax as you travel comfortably through the scenic Andalusian landscape. This 1.5-hour journey ensures a smooth and timely arrival at the airport for your departing flight. Ensure that you schedule a flight with a departure time after 3 PM to allow ample time for travel and airport procedures.



# What's Included

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- Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- All meals as listed in the itinerary
- Two drinks with included meals. Choose from still or sparkling water, juice, soft drinks, and house wine.
- All ground transportation
- One airport group transfer on scheduled arrival and departure days
- Guided sightseeing and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- Drinking water to refill personal bottles
- English-speaking guide(s) throughout the trip
- Gratuities for hotel staff and waitstaff

## Not Included

- International airfare
- Optional activities
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities for guides and drivers

*Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.*

