

4x4 Andalusia Adventure



Approximately 6 Hours



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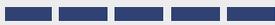


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Discover the magic of the **Costa del Sol** and the secrets of its wildlife, as well as authentic **Andalusia**. You will see the charming ‘white villages’ of this region and learn about their typical gastronomy. Keep an eye out for the fauna roaming freely and the forests of Spanish fir, chestnut and cork. Leave Málaga by **4x4 vehicle**, heading towards the **Genal Valley** situated in the mountainous area of Ronda. The River Genal is reputedly one of Europe’s cleanest rivers and its banks are home to one of the last few remaining natural Mediterranean oak forests, which once stretched across most of the Mediterranean coastline of southern Europe and northern Africa. This remnant of forest constitutes an area diverse and rich in ecologic wealth. The chestnut tree is one of the species most typical of the Genal Valley, providing spectacular fall colors and an interesting landscape of curves, hills and vegetation. The valley is criss-crossed by old mule tracks and pathways that link all the villages together. Explore these trails to encounter unspoiled natural **Mediterranean oak forests**, open riverbeds and high areas of rugged lunar limestone. **Iqualeja village** perches next to a river, and, to reach it, you’ll descend by way of switchbacks and vertigo-inducing hillsides. It is set amid quite stunning topography. Your guide will introduce you to the flora, fauna and customs of the region, and the beauty of the provincial countryside. **A snack** is served en route. Return to the ship at the end of your tour.

Andalusian Highlights



Approximately 4½ Hours



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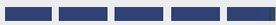


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4.8 out of 5

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Begin your tour with a visit to the 14th-century **Gibralfaro Castle**, located on the summit of the mount where a Phoenician lighthouse once stood. In 1487, the castle was conquered by the Catholic kings, who then used it as a prison for the defeated Muslims. Destroyed by the French Army and then abandoned in 1812, Gibralfaro Castle has only recently been restored. Today it is possible to journey through the history of the castle from its origin to its present day use. Next, you will visit the **Antonio Ordoñez Bullfighting Museum**, dedicated to the history of this controversial sport and providing a detailed insight into an emotional part of Spanish culture. The museum contains stunning costumes worn by the matadors, and photographs, posters and artifacts of famous *malagueños* bullfighters from the 15th century onwards. At the **Bullfighting School of Málaga**, you will hear how brave, romantic men, with little more than a few belongings would go from town to town in search of adventure and to learn to be bullfighters at amateur bullfights during the town's fairs. Today the training of bullfighters is undertaken at this specialist bullfighting school, although it is still quite normal for the tradition of bullfighting to pass down the family line. Much of the physical training to hone deft movements and the flexibility needed to fight well takes place here in classrooms, and is as expressive as a ballet. Finally, you will experience **Flamenco Tablão**, where you will learn about the dance that is an release, a lament and a celebration all at once. It is provocative, fun and sensual—full of gestures, touches, looks, and movement that have no script. The Flamenco is a manifestation of emotions that are universal but are wrapped in a uniquely Spanish flavor.

Notes:

For the Rotterdam's September 26th call, the Cathedral will be visited instead of the Gibralfaro Castle which is closed.

This excursion is led in English

Discover Cordoba



Approximately 8½ Hours



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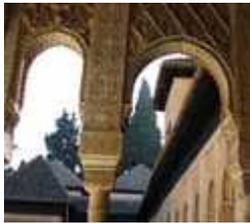
The mighty Roman Empire established **Cordoba** around the time that it became clear that inland Andalusia could be reached by way of the navigable Guadalquivir River. Today, only three of the thirteen gates of the original ancient Roman walls are still standing. Despite its auspicious start, Cordoba didn't reach its prime until the 10th century AD, during the time of Muslim domination in Iberia. And what a heyday it was! Draped in splendor, Cordoba became one of the political, cultural and economic leaders of the world. Due to this strategic

importance, Cordoba seemed the logical place to build a very large **mosque**—a primer for those who intended to make the *haj* to Mecca. Astonishingly, when Catholicism rose to overthrow the power of Islam, rather than destroying the mosque, the Catholic Church simply built a cathedral inside it. So, today, you will enter a forest of columns that belong to the mosque and discover in their midst a **Catholic cathedral**—this is a stunning and bizarre piece of art and architecture and its impact is not to be missed. Complete your time in Cordoba with a **walking tour** through the **Jewish Quarter**, where the narrow and winding streets hide many important and traditional buildings. Your guide will point out the Mudejar Synagogue and the quarter’s many references to water—Arabian engineering was crucial for the development of the area’s supply. **Lunch** will be served at a local restaurant before you return to Málaga.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on Sundays or Mondays. (Exception, tour will operate for the Rotterdam call on October 04, 2015.)

Granada & the Alhambra



Approximately 8½ to 9 Hours



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Value



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On a 2½-hour drive to **Granada**, your guide will introduce you to local traditions and history. Granada itself is a beautiful city, but nothing in all of Spain compares to the wealth of architectural art to be found in the city's Muslim-Hispano complex—the 14th-century **Alhambra**. This breathtaking example of Muslim architecture is surrounded by walls and towers, and inside you will find palaces, military buildings, a fortress and an administrative center. Explore this remarkable structure whose detailed mosaics, prism-style cupolas and stone-cast latticework offer a surprising grace and sophistication. The nearby **Generalife gardens** surround the summer residence of the Moorish kings. **Lunch** is included.

Notes:

Travel time to Granada is approximately 2½ hours each way, with a brief restroom stop en route. The Alhambra is not accessible to wheelchairs or walkers.

Kayaking in Malaga



Approximately 5½ Hours



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Get acquainted with the great outdoors of Spain. This is an unforgettable **kayaking experience** among cliff sides and sea caves.

Follow your guide to the **Maro-Cerro Gordo Cliffs**, where seabirds make their vertical homes on the steep sides. As you paddle, you will see small caves, waterfalls, and nooks and crannies that can only be appreciated from a small craft.

Snorkel gear is provided so that, if you wish, you can hop in and enjoy the cooling waters of the Mediterranean. Your guide will provide basic **snorkel** instruction. If snorkeling isn't your thing, feel free to just swim and bask in the sunshine.

Notes:

Pregnant women and guests with respiratory problems are not allowed to participate. Participants must be reasonably fit and in good physical condition.

Malaga Highlights by Eco-Friendly Electric & Solar Mini-Train



2 Hours



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3.8 out of 5

Value



3.4 out of 5

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Discover **Málaga** by wheeled electric and solar-powered mini-train vehicle. During your drive, you will see some interesting and beautiful buildings from the 19th century, including the City Hall. Your electric vehicle takes you to the famous **Vintage Car & Hat Museum**. This museum is housed in one of Málaga's most architecturally stunning buildings—the old tobacco factory (Fabrica de Tabacos). Constructed in 1927, it has been carefully transformed into a museum with a collection of more than 80 vintage and modern cars, alongside fashionable vehicles from the 1920s, '30s, '40s and '50s—one of the most important private collections in the world. There's no need of to even step out the vehicle, and your electric and solar-powered mini-train will return you to the ship.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on Mondays.

Malaga Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.



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Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Malaga Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus)



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Malaga Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



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Malaga Sights



Approximately 4 Hours



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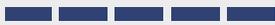


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Notes:

Tour does not operate on Sundays except for the ms Rotterdam October 4, 2015 call. Tour will visit outside the Cathedral on October 4, 2015 due to Mass service.

Malaga Sights & the Picasso Museum



Approximately 4 Hours



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Notes:

Tour does not operate on Mondays.

Marbella & Puerto Banus



Approximately 4½ Hours



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Get to know **Marbella**, one of the most exclusive seaside resorts on the Costa del Sol. The drive from Málaga follows the coast and takes about one hour, passing through a series of popular resorts. In Marbella, you will set out on a **walking tour** through the town center, to enjoy its shady squares and fountains. Fifteen minutes away by bus is the famous resort of **Puerto Banus**, with its beautiful, modern marina populated by mega-yachts—the marina boasts more than 900 moorings. You will have **free time** in Puerto Banus to **browse** among the many **fashionable boutiques** or sit at a sidewalk café, sipping a cold drink (at your own expense) and watching the world go by.

Mijas Mountains on Horseback



Approximately 4 Hours



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This magnificent trip is a chance to experience the wonderful, natural beauty of the **mountains of Mijas** in an idyllic way, **riding on horseback** through the trees and groves of the area. An added bonus—your steed is one of the magnificent **horses of Andalusia**. Leaving Rancho La Paz, you will encounter breathtaking views as you ride to a rustic farm now lying in ruins but

retaining a very romantic character. Pause here for a **snack** of local meats and *tapas* accompanied by the sweet **wine** that is grown locally. Later, as you head back to the ranch, you will follow **narrow forest trails** redolent with the scent of pine, which can only be accessed on horseback.

Notes:

Maximum weight is 220 lbs.

Panoramic Malaga



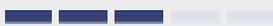
Approximately 2½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



3 out of 5

Value



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Discover **Málaga**'s rich archaeological remains and fascinating monuments on this **panoramic drive** past its marvelous landmarks. Ancient history is alive and well in this busy center of the Costa del Sol, and civilizations old and older have left remnants for you to admire and ponder. View from the outside the stunning architecture of the Alcazaba Palace, built in the 11th century for the Arabian Caliphs. Adjacent is the Gibralfaro Castle, an ancient Moorish fortress offering breathtaking views of the city and its bay. Next, a glimpse of the Renaissance-style cathedral awaits you. It was built between the 16th and the 18th centuries and now is a National Monument. During your drive, you will also see the façade of the bullring (one of the

busiest in Spain), and some interesting and beautiful buildings from the 19th century, including City Hall, the Justice Court and the Central Post Office. Passing by Plaza de la Merced, you will have a chance to see the house in which Picasso was born, before your motor coach returns you to the ship.

Notes:

No inside visits are included on this tour.