Discover Andalucia



Trip style:	Destination:	Walking Grade	Carbon Footprint:
	Spain	1	639kg CO2

HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

As Spain's stunning southern region, Andalucía not only raises the bar for golden beaches, fiestas, and flamenco, but also for history, nature, and culture-packed places. Starting in Málaga, this guided holiday is loaded with big-name attractions, including Las Alpujarras, Granada's UNESCO-listed Alhambra Palace, and the Great Mosque of Cordoba. You'll also spend time exploring the former Moorish capital, Seville and enjoying a sherry wine tasting.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- A guided tour of Granada's UNESCO-listed Alhambra Palace
- Guided sightseeing and free time in Seville
- Visiting the whitewashed villages of the Alpujarras
- A Flamenco evening in Granada
- Marvelling at the Great Mosque of Cordoba

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London Gatwick, including baggage and transfers
- Guided sightseeing with local leaders
- HF Holidays Tour Manager

- 2 nights in Malaga, 2 nights in Granada & 3 nights in Seville
- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 4 dinners
- All in-destination transport & entrance fees (as per itinerary)

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Day 1 Arrival day

Fly to Málaga, Spain. Transfer to the hotel and spend some free time in the city before a welcome dinner with local wine included.

Dinner included. Overnight in Málaga

Day 2 Malaga

Our first day in Andalucía begins with a half-day tour of Málaga alongside an expert local guide. We'll visit the magnificent hilltop castle of Gilbralfaro and the adjacent Alcazaba (entrances with audio "whispers" headsets included), walk along the promenade by the Roman Theatre, and pass by the bullring.

Málaga is the birthplace of Pablo Picasso and a free afternoon in the city is a great opportunity to visit the museum dedicated to the artist's life and work. Alternatively, stroll through the mural-sketched streets of Soho – an edgy creative quarter where hip cafés brush alongside craft beer bars and street art exhibitions.

Breakfast and dinner with local wine included. Overnight in Málaga.

Day 3 Las Alpujarras

This morning we'll depart Málaga and transfer to Granada. On the way, we'll head into the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains to visit Las Alpujarras. This stunning valley is lined with whitewashed villages that cascade down the hillsides, contrasting against the green landscape they cling to.

We'll visit three of these picturesque villages where life feels like it did many years ago. There'll be time to explore, and we'll enjoy lunch in a local restaurant with wine included.

Breakfast and lunch included. Overnight in Granada.

Day 4 Granada

Today we'll enjoy a guided tour of Granada which includes entrance to its two biggest attractions – the Alhambra Palace and the Generalife Gardens.

Sitting at the foot of the spectacular Sierra Nevada mountain range, the Alhambra Palace is a feast for the senses. As the oldest and best-preserved Islamic fortress in the world, it's one of Spain's most treasured UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and we'll spend our morning touring this 11th century marvel with an expert local guide.

We'll walk under honeycombed arches, beneath ornate ceilings, through oasis-like courtyards complete with ornamental ponds and trickling fountains, and along sky-high ramparts that command 360-degree views. We'll feel the intricately carved reliefs of Islamic calligraphy, run our fingers over the colourfully tiled walls, and visit the well-preened Generalife gardens where medieval Moorish emirs once spent their summers.

After the tour, there's free time to explore Granada before we meet for dinner and an exciting Flamenco evening.

Breakfast and dinner included. Overnight in Granada.

Day 5 Seville via Cordoba

Leaving Granada behind, we'll make our way to Andalucía's regional capital, Seville. But first, we'll pay a visit to the riverside city of Córdoba. Located on the banks of the Guadalquivir, it's home to some of Spain's most remarkable Moorish architecture and the city's showpiece is undoubtedly the Great Mosque of Córdoba (entrance included). As one of the oldest Moorish buildings still standing in Andalucía, it offers a fascinating insight into the area's history.

After the end of Islamic rule on the Iberian Peninsula, the mosque was converted into the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption, but you'll still see traces of its heritage as we walk amongst double arches and red brick structures. We'll round off with a guided tour of the city's historic Jewish quarter including entrance to the Synagogue.

Breakfast and lunch with local wine in Córdoba included. Overnight in Seville.

Day 6 Seville

We'll enjoy a full day sightseeing in Seville today, but the undeniable highlight is the city's UNESCO-listed cathedral (entrance included). Not only is it the largest Gothic building in western Europe but it's also the resting place of Christopher Columbus.

Admire the incredible architecture as we wander beneath the illuminated stained-glass windows before climbing the Giralda belltower. This sky-scraping spire is the former minaret of the mosque the cathedral was built on and standing in the belfry high above Seville is an exhilarating experience.

There'll also be a visit to the labyrinth-like alleys and lively palm tree-lined squares of the city's ancient Jewish neighbourhood of Santa Cruz and entrance to the Real Alcazar followed by free time to explore the city at leisure.

Breakfast and lunch included. Overnight in Seville.

Day 7 Free day in Seville

On our last day in Andalucia you are free to explore Seville further at your own pace. Enjoy an evening sherry wine tasting experience and later celebrate the end of our journey with a final dinner together.

Day 8 Departure day

Transfer to the airport.

Please note, March and November departures fly into Málaga and out of Seville. October departures fly into and out of Málaga.

DAILY WALK OPTIONS



Gentle walking grade 1

Short, easy walks on level paths with no stiles. Ideal for relaxed walking and active sightseeing. Typically, 2-3 miles (3-5km) or less, with little if any ascent.

ACCOMMODATION

Petit Palace La Hermosa, Málaga

Close to the iconic Calle Larios and Alameda de Colón, the 4-star Petit Palace La Hermosa combines modern style with traditional Andalucian character. Built in 2019, it offers a comfortable base for exploring Málaga, with 50 well-equipped bedrooms, all featuring air conditioning, WiFi, flat-screen TV, safe, minibar, and tea and coffee facilities.

Hotel Porcel Sabica, Granada

Set within Granada's main shopping and leisure district, the 4-star Hotel Porcel Sabica is a welcoming base and other must-see city sights. The Alhambra would be a bus ride away, or a 40 minute uphill walk. Granada Cathedral is a short walk away from the hotel. Its air-conditioned bedrooms include WiFi, flat-screen TV, minibar, and safe – everything needed for a comfortable stay while discovering the city.

The hotel's outdoor swimming pool, which is open seasonally and subject to local weather conditions and hotel management discretion, is usually available from mid-May until 12 October, with opening dates occasionally extended slightly depending on the weather. The pool is open daily from 11am to 8pm.

Hotel Becquer, Seville

It's not every day you get to stay in the former palace of a 16th century nobleman - but the Hotel Bécquer allows you to do just that. The grand former home of the Marquises de las Torres, this stylish 4-star hotel offers guests an unforgettable stay in the historic centre of Seville, just a 10-minute walk from the city's famous cathedral. Guests can make use of the outdoor swimming pool (open March to October), hit the rooftop terrace and bar for views over the Seville skyline, or unwind in the hotel's coffee corner where there are a range of complimentary beverages and canapés. After a day of exploring, retire to your comfortable classic room equipped with all mod cons including TV, hairdryer, complimentary toiletries, minibar, free Wi-Fi and air conditioning.

The hotel's outdoor swimming pool, which is open seasonally and subject to local weather conditions and hotel management discretion, is available from 1 March to 31 October. Guests can enjoy the pool daily from 10am to 10pm.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please contact us as far in advance as possible if you have any specific dietary requirements and we will do our best to meet your needs.

If you require a specific meal on the flight, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than 96 hours before travel.

VACCINATIONS & HEALTH

Vaccinations & health information

Before booking, you should check with your doctor to see whether any health precautions are needed for your trip. Health advice and requirements can change, so we recommend doing this in good time before travel.

As a general rule, travellers should ensure they are up to date with routine UK vaccinations and boosters, including, for example, MMR and diphtheria, tetanus and polio. Some countries may require you to have specific vaccinations such as Malaria, Rabies and Yellow Fever. Please check with your GP if you are unsure.

Please note that the use or possession of some common prescription or over-the-counter medicines is restricted or banned in certain countries. If you will be carrying medication, you should check with the relevant embassy or consulate before travelling. As an extra precaution, we recommend keeping medication in its original packaging, carrying a copy of your prescription, and, where possible, asking your pharmacist to provide the medication name in the language of the country you are visiting.

For further country-specific health advice, visit www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk or www.traveldoctor.co.uk. If you are travelling from outside the UK, please consult your own doctor and check local entry requirements.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

Passport & Visa information

This information is for those travelling with a full 'British Citizen' passport; for all other nationalities or passport holders, please check with your local consulate for advice.

Passport Requirements

This information applies to travellers holding a full British Citizen passport. Entry requirements vary by destination and can change at short notice. For most EU and worldwide destinations, passports must be valid for the entire duration of your stay. Some countries also require a minimum period of validity remaining on your passport (often up to 6 months beyond your return date), even if you are not staying that long.
We strongly recommend ensuring your passport has at least six months' validity remaining at the time of travel to avoid any issues.

If you hold a different type of British passport or a passport issued by another country, you must check the requirements with the relevant embassy, consulate, or official government website.

Visa Requirements

Visa rules depend on your nationality, destination, length of stay, and purpose of travel, and they can change frequently. It is your responsibility to check whether you require a visa before travelling.
British passport holders should check the latest entry, passport validity and visa requirements for their destination on the UK government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) website:
https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Packing list

It's best to be prepared for all weather conditions. To make it easier, here is a list of items you should consider packing.

Essentials

- Walking boots
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers
- Insulated jacket/top
- Walking clothing
- Walking socks (plus spares)
- Sunhat
- Gloves/mitts and warm hat
- Water bottle (minimum 2 litre capacity)
- Headtorch
- High-factor sunscreen (minimum SPF 30)
- Swimcap (compulsory in Itialian resorts)
- Sunglasses with a dark lens
- Rucksack (15-30 litres)
- Mobile phone
- Personal first aid kit (containing your medication, blister plasters, etc.)
- Passport
- Visa (if applicable)
- Copy of your travel insurance policy
- UK Global Health Insurance Card (**formerly known as EHIC**)

Recommended

- Collapsible walking poles
- Swimwear and travel towel
- Snacks
- Dry bags

- Rubbish bags
- Insect repellent

Optional extras

- Camera
- Sit mat
- Flask for hot drinks
- Durable lunch box
- Gaiters
- GPS device (excluding Bhutan, Georgia and India)

JOINING INSTRUCTIONS (WITH FLIGHTS)

With flights

Book your holiday 'with flights' and you can choose to depart from selected UK airports* to your destination. For latest flight times and prices please call us on 0203-974-8865 or email reservations@hfholidays.co.uk

If you choose to book your flights with us, we automatically include return transfers between the destination airport and hotel.

JOINING INSTRUCTIONS (WITHOUT FLIGHTS)

Without flights

If you are booking on a land-only basis, you can join the group transfer at an additional cost. To do so, your arrival and departure times must be in line with the scheduled group flight timings. Guests travelling at different times will need to arrange their own transfers. Please contact us before booking to discuss the available options and costs.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is a condition of booking. Therefore, if you have not already arranged insurance, it is imperative that you do so before you travel.

For more information about healthcare and its costs, please visit: https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/

Drinking Water

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Standards for drinking water vary widely around the world. In many destinations, tap water may not be safe to drink, brush your teeth with, or use for making ice. Where advised, you should drink only bottled or treated water and ensure that bottle seals are intact before use. If bottled water is unavailable, water should be boiled or filtered.

Staying well hydrated is particularly important in hot climates and during active holidays. Carry water with you and drink regularly.

If you are unsure about local water safety, check official country-specific health advice before travel, or ask your accommodation or local guides for guidance once you arrive.

Ticks information

Ticks are tiny creatures that live in vegetation and can attach themselves to passing animals or walkers and may carry a risk of Lyme Disease. Please refer to NHS advice and guidelines for information: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/

Local Language information for Andalucia

Spanish – specifically Castilian – is the main and official language and is spoken throughout Andalucía.

LUGGAGE

Luggage information for Andalucia Discovery Tour

Baggage allowance

1 piece of checked-in luggage (max 23kg). Please check details of your airline's baggage allowance, as shown on your e-ticket. Remember to also check any connecting flights you may have booked.

Lost/damaged luggage

If your bag or its contents are damaged or lost while in the airline's care, this should be reported to the baggage service agents at the airport on arrival. They will assess the damage; in some cases, the airline may decide to settle your claim immediately.

You will be given a reference to quote to your insurance company if an immediate settlement is not possible - in many cases, baggage claims can only be accepted in writing. A baggage claim form must be obtained from the airport.

LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Euro (€)

LOCAL TIME

Local time for Andalucia

GMT/UTC +1, Central European Time

ELECTRICITY

Electricity information for Andalucia

220V, round European two-pin sockets. We recommend you take a universal plug adaptor for UK appliances.

ATM AVAILABILITY

ATM availability for Andalucia

Card payments are widely but not universally accepted in Spain and ATMs are widely available. Some cash is useful for small purchases, particularly outside cities and major towns.

TRIPNOTE VALIDITY

TRIP NOTE VALIDITY These Trip Notes are valid based on the date printed at the bottom of the page. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure. We will send you the latest trip notes prior to departure through a link in your pre departure documents or we can send you a copy in the post if preferred. In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary. The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

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