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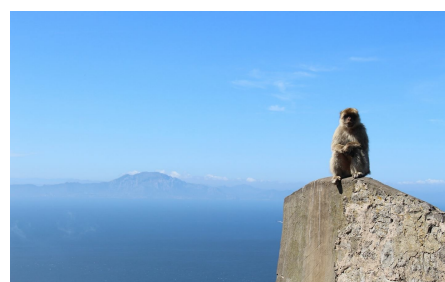
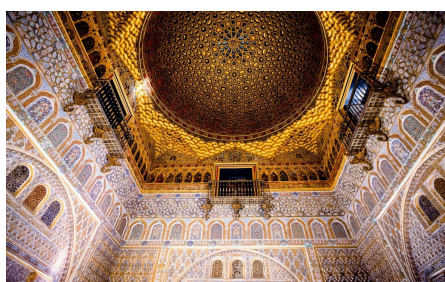
DISCOVER ANDALUSIA - EXTENSION TO EXPERIENCE SPAIN & PORTUGAL



TALK TO OUR WELL
TRAVELLED TEAM OF
EXPERTS

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Monday - Thursday 9:00am -
8:00pm, Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm
(London time)



JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 2

DESTINATION:

Discover Andalusia

Extension to Experience Spain & Portugal Nov

DURATION:

4 days / 3 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange your flights to coincide with the Spain Member Event to Málaga Costa del Sol Airport, Spain [AGP] and from the Portugal Member Event from Faro Airport, Portugal [FAO]

PICKUP LOCATION:

Los Amigos Beach Resort, Mijas Costa, Málaga,
Spain

OVERVIEW

Nov 06 - 09, 2024

Nov 06 - 09, 2025 - COMING SOON

Enjoy a short break to Andalusia & Gibraltar. A short extension between the Spain & Portugal Member Events, or a nice extension to see more of the region

For members attending both the Spain Member Event in Los Amigos and Portugal Event in Vilar do Golf, we are offering the opportunity to link the two events and explore further into the famous Spanish region of Andalusia, also visiting the British enclave in southern Spain, Gibraltar.

Andalusian culture is what most people think of when they think of Spain; bullfighting, sunny dry climate, flamenco, tapas, fiestas, beaches and diverse geography. Experience the culture and immerse yourself in local history with visits to the cities of Seville, Jerez, Cádiz and the famous Rock of Gibraltar. This extension provides transport from event to event and sightseeing along the way!

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - The 'Rock of Gibraltar' - a little corner of England

DAY 2 - Captivating Cádiz & Sherry from Jerez

DAY 3 - Spectacular Seville

DAY 4 - To Portugal, via the 'Columbus Route'

FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1 - THE 'ROCK OF GIBRALTAR' - A LITTLE CORNER OF ENGLAND

We set off from Los Amigos this morning and drive down the Costa del Sol as we make our way to the southern tip of Spain and the British enclave, Gibraltar.

Make sure your passports are to hand this morning as we will need them as we briefly leave Spain for a few hours. This little peninsula on the tip of the southern Spanish mainland has always been strategically important as a military base, for here it is only 9 miles across the Mediterranean Sea to Africa, and is the entrance for all ships coming into the Mediterranean from the Atlantic.

The 'Rock of Gibraltar', a 1,400 feet high limestone rock rising out of the sea, has been a British territory since 1713 and this British and military history and heritage is very much still in evidence today.

On a tour, we will see St Michael's Caves with its intricate limestone formations showcased with colourful lights, and the Monkey Reserve where the famous Barbary Apes live. The views from around the peninsula are spectacular - you can see three countries and two continents at the same time if the weather is clear!

After lunch, we make our way up the Atlantic coast to the fascinating city of Cádiz. Dating back of 3,100 years, Cádiz is renowned as being the oldest city in Western Europe and one of the oldest in the world. Here we will check in for the evening and enjoy dinner, before exploring in the morning.

Included meals: Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Playa Victoria, Cadiz (or similar)

DAY 2 - CAPTIVATING CÁDIZ & SHERRY FROM JEREZ

An important trading point and port, the city set on an island just off the mainland, Cádiz has seen many rulers and tells a fascinating history. We will discover some of this on a guided tour before we have time for lunch at leisure and exploration.

This afternoon, we head back in land towards Jerez and visit a sherry winery. Here we will learn about the famous sweet wine, sherry, which is so famous of the area and whose name in English is derived from a mispronunciation of the town's name.

Afterwards, we will travel to our hotel in Seville, the capital of Andalusia and most important city in southern Spain, where after checking-in we will enjoy dinner together.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Silken Al Andalus, Seville (or similar)

DAY 3 - SPECTACULAR SEVILLE

The bustling city of Seville is the capital of southern Spain's Andalusia region and most famous for flamenco dancing. The largest city in southern Spain, it has a rich and fascinating history, being ruled by many different cultures and rulers over the years and an important trading centre.

Today will be dedicated to seeing the very best of Seville. This morning we enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the historic city centre including entrance to the Gothic Cathedral, the site of Christopher Columbus's tomb, and a minaret turned bell tower, the Giralda. After the tour there will be some free time for you to explore at your own pace and find somewhere for lunch.

This afternoon we will enjoy a panoramic tour of the beautiful Plaza de España. The landmark square features an large ornamental water feature beside a gigantic ornate pavillion, the centrepiece for the 1929 Iberoamerican Exhibition and decorated with painted ceramic tiles depicting the history and culture of Spain's 48 provinces and islands.

Afterwards, we continue down to the mighty Guadalquivir River for a panoramic cruise, passing the many bridges and sights such as the Torre de Oro, before we head for dinner in the city centre.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: 4* Macarena Hotel, Seville or similar

DAY 4 - TO PORTUGAL, VIA THE 'COLUMBUS ROUTE'

We leave Seville this morning as we head west, to cross the Guadiana River which forms the border into Portugal and onwards to our resort on the Algarve.

Our first stop however is just outside the town of Huelva, sitting on the marshy estuaries of the Rio Tinto and Rio Odiel. Whilst the modern town is small, its port area is large, bearing history to its maritime importance.

The town has strong historical connections to Christopher Columbus, as it is here, at the monastery of La Rábida, a quiet oasis in marshy wetlands amongst the modern port buildings, where Columbus planned his explorations and voyages to the New World. We will visit and tour the monastery, learning of its past and seeing priceless artefacts, before visiting the nearby Pier of the Caravels. Here we will get the chance to see lifesize replicas of the three ships that participated in Columbus' discovering America – La Pinta, La Nina and the Santa Maria. You will be amazed at the small size of the boats the men set sail upon to cross what is now known as the Atlantic to the Americas.

We will have lunch together in Huelva, before we continue our way into Portugal and continue our journey along the Vilar do Golf resort. Here, after checking-in, we will spend the evening at leisure to relax and prepare for our next adventure. For those that leave us here and are not joining the Experience Portugal event, it is time to make your own way onwards home.

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Vilar Do Golf by Diamond Resorts, Almancil, Portugal (as day 1 of the Experience Portugal event)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Transport as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as detailed in the itinerary
- All activities, visits and excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- English speaking tour & local guides as detailed in the itinerary
- Tour Director from The Big Journey Company (subject to minimum group size being reached.)

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Travel to Los Amigos Beach Resort, Spain or from Vilar do Golf, Portugal
- Transfers outside of the journey dates
- Additional food and beverage unless otherwise included in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Personal Travel & Medical Insurance
- Optional excursions/entrances
- Gratuities
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements
- Any non-stipulated entrance, attraction or service

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Arrival flight required: Spain Member Event arrive into Malaga-Costa del Sol Airport [AGP]. For departures after the Portugal Member Event please arrange departure flights from Faro Airport [FAO]
- This tour extension operates Experience Spain Member Event in the Costa Del Sol and before the Experience Portugal: Member Event in the Algarve, Portugal
- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
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