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Andalucía

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Approximately \$2,395 per person, plus airfare and V.A.T., based on double occupancy.

The timeless allure of Andalucía is a sensory experience. Marvel at blue sky that stretches over the Mediterranean. Feel the cool shade of cobbled lanes that twist amid whitewashed Moorish hill towns. Hear the rapid click of castanets and the flip of a Flamenco dancer's frilled skirt. Your base from which to explore this storied land is the town of **Marbella**, a renowned resort nestled on the shores of the Mediterranean. See its many landmarks, and immerse yourself in deluxe coastal living at nearby **Puerto Banús**. Admire the walled town of **Ronda**, one of Spain's famous "white towns," and journey to Morocco to explore **Tetouan**, a city with a distinct Andalucían influence. Marvel at the Alhambra in **Granada** and the art and architecture of **Málaga**. Join us on this exciting program that showcases the best of this celebrated region!

Day-By-Day Itinerary:

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for Málaga aboard scheduled jet service.*

DAY 2 ~ MARBELLA

Upon arrival, transfer* to **Marbella** and the *Hotel Fuerte Miramar*.

DAY 3 ~ MARBELLA

Excursion: *Highlights of Marbella*. This morning, begin your Spanish adventure with a tour of Marbella. See the palatial Town Hall, the picturesque Arab quarter and medieval architecture. Travel to Puerto Banús, an elegant yacht harbor nestled on the Mediterranean, and catch a glimpse of Andalucían coastal life.

Local Flavor: Lunch is served in Marbella at a well-known seafood restaurant.

Independent Exploration: The remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight, attend a *Welcome Reception and Dinner* at your hotel.

DAY 4 ~ MÁLAGA

Excursion: *Málaga*. Begin your exploration with a tour showcasing the city's various highlights, including the impressive 16th-century Cathedral and La Alcazaba, the Arab fortress that is one of the most important Muslim buildings on the Iberian peninsula. Afterwards, visit the Picasso Museum to view works painted by this famous artist.

Local Flavor: Lunch is served at a local restaurant in Málaga.

Educational Focus: *Meet the People*.

Excursion: *Flamenco Performance*. Enjoy a flamenco performance at the hotel this evening.

DAY 5 ~ MOROCCO

Excursion: *Morocco*. Cross the Strait of Gibraltar into the fascinating country of Morocco. Travel to Tetouan, a lively city with a strong Andalusian influence, the result of the Muslims and Jews who fled Spain's Catholic Monarchs in the 15th century. See the Medina, distinguished by its whitewashed buildings; the Mellah, or Jewish Quarter, whose tall houses are adorned with iron balconies and ornately decorated windows; the impressive city walls and other landmarks.

Local Flavor: Lunch is at a local restaurant in Tetouan, including an Arabian show.

DAY 6 ~ MARBELLA

Independent Exploration: The day is at leisure.

Educational Focus: *The Moors in Spain*.

DAY 7 ~ GRANADA

Excursion: *Granada*. Visit the Alhambra, with its brilliant Royal Palace and terraced gardens, the pinnacle of ancient Islamic architecture.

Local Flavor: Lunch is at the Parador on the grounds of the Alhambra.

After lunch, spend some leisure time in downtown Granada, where you can visit the Cathedral.

DAY 8 ~ RONDA

Educational Focus: *Andalusia and its Bullfighting Traditions*.

Excursion: *Ronda*. Explore the old walled town of Ronda, featuring Spain's oldest bullfighting ring, the Moorish-influenced collegiate church and Casa Don Bosco.

Local Flavor: Visit a nearby bodega for lunch and a wine tasting. This evening, attend a *Farewell Reception, Graduation Ceremony* and a *Farewell Dinner*.

DAY 9 ~ MARBELLA

Educational Focus: *Contemporary Spain*.

Independent Exploration: The morning is at leisure. Depart Marbella for your flight to **Frankfurt**, Germany and the deluxe *Sheraton Hotel*.*

DAY 10 ~ IN TRANSIT

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.*

NOTE: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.