

Sunny Spain: Madrid & Costa del Sol

Departing March 27 – April 4, 2028

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Highlights...

Fuengirola • Málaga • Marbella • Mijas White Village •
Ronda • The Alhambra • Granada • Madrid • Plaza Mayor
• Home-Hosted Lunch

9 Days • 10 Meals: 7 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 2 Dinners

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** All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

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IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. **(See registration form for consent.)**

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Get ready for a true taste of southern Spain. From the sunlit shores of the Costa del Sol to the grand boulevards of Madrid, the journey ahead promises contrast, culture, and color. Settle in and enjoy your overnight flight as the adventure begins.

Day 2: Málaga, Spain - Fuengirola

Welcome to Málaga, where centuries of history meet the easy rhythm of Andalusian life. After arriving, make your way to the coastal town of Fuengirola and settle into your home for the next few nights. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing through the afternoon, leaving time to wander, relax, or ease into the Mediterranean pace. As evening approaches, gather with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a welcome reception at your hotel.

Day 3: Fuengirola - Ronda - Fuengirola

This morning, travel into the hills to Ronda, a dramatic town shaped by centuries of layered Arab history. Walk through the Old Town and see the 18th-century Puente Nuevo spanning the sheer El Tajo gorge below. Then **it's your choice!** Visit the Arab Baths archaeological site alongside a local guide **-OR-** explore bullfighting's place in Spanish culture during an audio-guided visit to the historic bullring. Back in Fuengirola, the day winds down with dinner at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Fuengirola - Marbella - Fuengirola

Set out for Marbella, where narrow cobblestone streets, whitewashed façades, and flower-lined plazas reflect the city's Moorish past. During a walking tour, spend time around Plaza de los Naranjos, where daily life unfolds amid historic architecture. By afternoon, continue into the Andalusian hills to Mijas, a whitewashed village known for its winding lanes, colorful balconies, and expansive coastal views. After time to explore, return to Fuengirola and enjoy a relaxed evening at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Fuengirola - Málaga - Fuengirola

This morning, head into Málaga and discover the port city alongside a local guide. Meet a member of the Sepulcro Brotherhood and gain insight into the religious traditions that continue to shape daily life. Walk Málaga's winding old town streets and see the historic Roman Theatre before sharing lunch inside a local's home, where conversation flows easily across cultures. With free time to explore independently, shop in the old town, or perhaps visit the Picasso Museum.* Return to Fuengirola as the sun begins to dip toward the horizon. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 6: Fuengirola - Granada - Fuengirola

Today, you travel to Granada, the last capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. This morning, spend time with a local expert visiting the Alhambra,** a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the Wonders of the Muslim world. As you walk through this centuries-old palace and fortress complex, intricate stonework, shaded courtyards, and far-reaching views reveal layers of power, artistry, and belief. After your extensive morning

walk, enjoy free time in Granada to find lunch on your own before returning to Fuengirola, where the evening unfolds at your own pace. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Fuengirola - Málaga - Madrid

This morning, bid *adiós* to the Costa del Sol and board a northbound fast-speed train*** bound for Madrid. Sit back and watch the landscape shift as southern Spain gives way to Spain's bustling capital. After arriving, walk from the station to your hotel before joining your Tour Manager for a stroll to get your bearings in the city. Wander along the Paseo del Prado and into Barrio de las Letras, where historic streets and long-standing caf  s introduce the spirit of Madrid. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 8: Madrid

Set out with a local expert to explore Madrid's historic center. See iconic sites like Plaza Mayor, once the city's social heart, and wander through tucked-away streets and quiet squares filled with stories of monarchs, artists, and everyday life. Continue toward Plaza de Oriente, where views of the Royal Palace frame the walk. The city tour concludes around noon, leaving the afternoon yours to experience Madrid in your own way – linger at a caf  , stroll through the plazas, or you may choose an optional excursion to visit the Prado Museum**** with a local expert. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant to toast the end of your journey. *¡Salud! Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Madrid - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. As you head home, carry with you the flavors, landscapes, and shared moments from the Costa del Sol to Madrid. *Today breakfast will be included.*

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE		
Day	1	Overnight Flight
Day	2 – 6	Occidental Fuengirola, Fuengirola
Day	7, 8	NH Madrid Nacional, Madrid
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.		

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not appropriate for travelers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

Cities in Spain are compact, with cobblestone streets and uneven ground. Expect some walking and standing, as coach drop-offs are often located in designated areas—especially in Ronda, Mijas, Marbella, Málaga, Granada, and Madrid.

Porterage service is not available upon check-in at the Fuengirola hotel. Please be prepared to handle your own luggage on arrival day.

The walking tour of the Alhambra will take approximately 3.5 hours with only one short break. While our tickets are pre-booked, travelers should expect to wait in line up to 30 minutes to enter the site.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

From mid-June to mid-September, temperatures can easily reach 90°F (32°C).

Dinner times follow local custom and will be served at 7:30 p.m. or later.

Due to local festivities, the order of your included visits may change.

****Alhambra tickets are not guaranteed and subject to availability per Spanish Governing Authority.** On the rare occasion that tickets are not available for your entire group, you will visit another top Spanish attraction and your group leader or travel agent will be notified. Complete passport information is required 150 days prior to departure to book tickets to the Alhambra. If passport information is incomplete or inaccurate within 150 days prior to your tour departure, there is a strong possibility that we will be unable to confirm entrance tickets. You will be

subject to any additional charges incurred from failing to provide passport information within the designated time frame.

***The Picasso Museum is one of the most popular sites in Málaga.** Tickets are in high demand, so if you are interested, we recommend that you purchase them online in advance through the Picasso Museum's official website. Tickets should be purchased for the early afternoon.

******Due to high demand, the Prado Museum optional tour must be purchased at a minimum of 90 days prior to departure.**

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Travelers with dietary restrictions or food allergies should be aware that included meals may feature pre-set menus showcasing local cuisine. Dietary needs may be shared with restaurant staff when possible; however, accommodations cannot be guaranteed. Travelers are encouraged to discuss their needs with their Tour Manager while on tour. Due to local ingredients and food preparation practices, options may be limited and cross-contamination may occur.

*****A small overnight bag is required.** Your main luggage will be transferred from Málaga to Madrid on the night prior to the train ride. We recommend bringing a cabin-sized duffel bag or backpack, large enough to pack your overnight belongings. You will be responsible for handling this overnight bag and any other luggage you wish to bring with you on the train.

Due to traffic regulations, motorcoaches cannot reach historic city centers. This means at times, the coach may drop the group off at one location but pick it up elsewhere. If you opt out of an activity, you'll need to arrange your own transfer to the next coach pick-up spot, as travelers cannot remain on the coach during stops due to European regulations.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our arrival transfers will depart from Málaga airport to Fuengirola.

Our air travelers will arrive into Málaga, Spain airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

Breakfast is not provided on the last morning for travelers leaving before the hotel breakfast room opens.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department's latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

ETIAS is not currently active and has been postponed for visitors traveling to countries within the Schengen Area. The European Union will provide several months' notice before implementation. For the latest information about ETIAS, including who needs to apply and when it will be required, please visit the official ETIAS website: <https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias>

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.