

# 8 Days Andalusia Highlights

*All Departures Are Guaranteed*

18.01. to 25.01.2020  
08.02. to 15.02.2020  
15.02. to 22.02.2020  
29.02. to 07.03.2020  
07.03. to 14.03.2020  
21.03. to 28.03.2020  
18.04. to 25.04.2020  
09.05. to 16.05.2020  
23.05. to 30.05.2020

## **Day 1: Arrival Malaga**

Arrival of the guests to Malaga Airport and welcome by our english/french/german speaking guide. Departure from airport to the 4\*\*\*\*HM Gran Hotel Costa del Sol. Dinner and overnight.

## **Day 2: Ronda**

Full day excursion to Ronda. Ronda, one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in Spain. It is built on a 780 m high rocky plateau and is split dramatically by a 100 meter deep gorge and so receives a unique wild rugged scenery. Here the old and Andalusian tradition and lifestyle until now has been largely maintained. The sights are all located on the southern side of the old town such as Stave Church "Santa Maria Mayor" with its Moorish chapels. Many wooden oriels on the otherwise white buildings originally reported back to the Islamic roots of the town. To achieve to a Christian acting cityscape, they were in later times replaced by the now typical, low brick and inaccessible balconies. The main attraction is the coming of the 18th century stone bridge that leads to the old town. It spans the so-called "Tajo", where from previously the Christian slaves of the Moorish rulers had to carry up the water. Another attraction is the oldest bullring in Spain. Ronda is considered the birthplace of bullfighting, because here the still valid rules were established in the 18th century.

### **Day 3: White Villages**

Half-day excursion into the mountains of the Costa del Sol. First stop is in the white village of Benalmadena with a short walking tour. Then the excursion continues to a newly built Buddha Temple, symbol of religious tolerance in the country and from where has made a fabulous view of the sea and the town of Fuengirola. On a clear day you can even see the outlines of Gibraltar and the African continent. Thereafter arrival in one of the most beautiful white villages of Andalusia in Mijas Pueblo. A tour through the narrow streets reflects the life of yesteryear. The village is located on a rocky plateau, from where you have breathtaking views of Fuengirola and the sea. To the rocky plateau winds the botanical trail, with palms, trees and plants from around the world. Afterwards you will have free time for own investigations.

### **Day 4: Granada**

Full day excursion to Granada with visit to the Alhambra. The bus trip leads first through the mountains of Malaga and the narrow valley of the Rio Guadalmedina via Antequera to Granada. As in the 13th century, the Kingdom of Granada was created under the Nazarite, the founder Alhama Ibs Nasr decided to move his residence in the direct vicinity of the Citadel or Alcazaba. The fort was rebuilt and the construction to build the palace city, were mainly completed by his successors Yusuf I and his son Mohammed V. The name Alhama comes from the word "red" and so the Alhambra is also known as the Red Castle. After visiting the Nasrid palace and other highlights of the Alhambra, the visit continues to the gardens of the Generalife. In the afternoon you will have free time in the old town where you can pass by the picturesque old town to the caravanserai, the Royal Chapel and the Cathedral. Subsequently, from a vantage point you will have a spectacular view over the extensive work of art with the underlying peaks of Sierra Nevada and the Arab quarter Albaycin.

### **Day 5: Day at leisure**

Full day at leisure.

### **Day 6: Day at leisure or optional Gibraltar**

Free time or optional departure from the hotel to the southwest for a full-day excursion to the crown colony of Gibraltar. The roads in Gibraltar are so narrow that you need to change to a mini bus to visit the Monkey Rock. The rock has been awarded the British in the Treaty of Utrecht and has been a bone of contention between Spain and England. First the tour will bring you to the extreme south of the peninsula, from where you have a magnificent view of the Bay of Algeciras (here ends the Mediterranean) and the African coast. The famous pillars of Hercules marked the end of the known world: In Europe, the Rock of Gibraltar and on the African side of the mountain Al Moussa. After that the excursion continues up to the cave. Then it continues to see the famous monkeys. About 120 animals are now living freely in the British colony.

### **Day 7: Day at leisure or optional Malaga**

Free time or optional half day excursion to Malaga the capital of the Costa del Sol which was founded 3,500 years ago by the Phoenicians and has been the scene of Romans, Visigoths, Arabs and finally the Catholic Monarchs. The old town resembles a large open-air museum with its mighty cathedral, the narrow winding streets, little squares and green oases. On a walking tour of the cathedral is visited, you can also see the remains of the Roman theater, the place La Merced and the birthplace of Pablo Picasso, the world-famous son of the city. Depending on the request, the fortress of La Alcazaba from the year 1065 and the Picasso museum, with works from the creative life of the artist can be visited. Also worth seeing is the more than one

kilometer long city park with more than twenty different types of palm trees, the town hall, the university and the Bank of Spain. To conclude the tour the ascend onto Gibralfaro with a stunning panoramic view of the city is another highlight. Anyone who has seen Malaga, will come back to this place.

### **Day 8: Departure Malaga**

BB and leisure time. Transfer in time to the airport to Malaga.

18.01. to 25.01.2020

08.02. to 15.02.2020

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29.02. to 07.03.2020

**Price per person in Double Room minimum 20 participants: 460,00 Euro**

**Single Supplement: 178,00 Euro**

07.03. to 14.03.2020

21.03. to 28.03.2020

**Price per person in Double Room minimum 20 participants: 475,00 Euro**

**Single Supplement: 178,00 Euro**

18.04. to 25.04.2020

**Price per person in Double Room minimum 20 participants: 515,00 Euro**

**Single Supplement: 178,00 Euro**

09.05. to 16.05.2020

23.05. to 30.05.2020

**Price per person in Double Room minimum 20 participants: 550,00 Euro**

**Single Supplement: 178,00 Euro**

Included services

All Transfers and excursions in a new modern Spanish bus with airconditioning and high level of security equipment

English/French or German speaking tour guide during all transfers and excursions

7 overnight stays in above mentioned hotel

7 Buffet Breakfast

7 dinners in the hotels

Local guided city tours: Ronda 2 hours and Granada Alhambra 2-3 hours

Entrance fees: Granada Alhambra with Generalife (subject to the allocation of the tickets by the administrative authorities)

Audio Head Set in prescribed Monuments

All taxes

Not included are:

Other meals, beverages and personal expenses

Not declared services like portorage, etc

Flights

Other entrance fees

Site Inspection Tours

Flamenco Show at the Costa del Sol Euro 34.00 including transport and a free drink

**Optional full day excursion to Gibraltar**

Price per person at minimum 20 persons: Euro 73.00

Included services:

All Transfers and tour in a new Spanish luxury bus with airconditioning and high level of security equipment

Guide from/to Hotel

Entrance fees: Ride in a minibus in Gibraltar (Rock Tour) with cave

All taxes

Not included are:

Other meals, beverages and personal expenses

Other entrance fees

**Optional half day excursion to Malaga**

Price per person at minimum 20 persons: Euro 33.00

Included services:

All Transfers and tour in a new Spanish luxury bus with airconditioning and high level of security equipment

Guide from/to Hotel

All taxes

Not included are:

Other meals, beverages and personal expenses

Other entrance fees

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