

Costa del Sol, Spain

Nine Days, Seven Nights including hotel, meals, day trips, and airfare from New York



Over forty-eight million vacationers visit Spain each year, making it one of the three most visited countries in the world. To travel to Spain is to experience sun, superb food, hospitality and joie de vivre, and yet it is also to discover the country's rich heritage of monuments and sights, the imprint of the different civilizations that once made it their home, or to journey through its singular and breathtaking countryside and delight in the stunning, starkly contrasting scenery, study the customs of its peoples and towns, and share in their local fiestas and traditions. To travel to Spain is to opt for diversity, to be the central character in what is sure to be a truly unforgettable trip. This is what makes Spain such a prized destination worldwide, and why the vast majority of those who visit it once, return in order to share in the enjoyment of a climate, countryside and culture which embody a rather special way of life.

Included features:

ROUNDTrip AIR TRANSPORTATION: From New York (JFK) on the scheduled services of an international airline.

FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS: Stay at one relaxing hotel throughout the program for seven nights at the four star Melia Costa del Sol hotel or similar.

SUPERB CUISINE: Your special rate includes daily buffet breakfasts, dinners and one lunch.

SIGHTSEEING/ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM: Full day tours to Ronda, the Rock of Gibraltar and Granada featuring the Alhambra Palace and Cathedral. Optional tours available.

COMPLIMENTARY SPACES: Based on all group departures.

DELUXE MOTOR COACHES: Deluxe motor coaches and experienced drivers escort you for all transfers, tours, and guided excursions.

BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS: ABC handles your baggage outside of the airport for your arrival and departure, based on one checked bag per person.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM HOSTS: An experienced professional local host will assist you on the tour upon arrival in Malaga.

LOCAL TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES: On all included features.

MARKETING PACKAGE: Full marketing package including brochures, e-mailable brochures, webpage etc.

EXPERIENCE AND ADVICE: ABC holds over 45 years of experience in the travel industry offering assistance and advice in fundraising programs.

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Day 1 - Depart the U.S: Depart the U.S for Spain

Day 2 - Malaga: Welcome to the famous Costa del Sol, Spain's Mediterranean coastline! Upon arrival into Malaga, proceed to baggage claim. After clearing customs, you will be met by your ABC Destinations representative. You'll be transferred to the four-star Amara Hotel located in the renowned resort town of Torremolinos, along one of the most cosmopolitan stretches of coastline in Spain. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, dinner is at the hotel. (Dinner)

Day 3 - Seville: After breakfast at the hotel, take a day of leisure, to relax, and enjoy the Coast of the Sun otherwise known to all as the Costa del Sol, or you can take an optional tour of Seville. Seville is Spain's fourth largest city and the capital of the Andalusia region. Built on the banks of the Guadalquivir River, the city has a rich Arab history and was once a prosperous trading port with the Americas. It was here in Seville that Columbus docked on returning from America. Enjoy a panoramic tour of this charming city; see the well cared for gardens at Maria Luisa Park, walk through the typical district of Santa Cruz and a visit to the Cathedral (15th C.). Enjoy the striking minaret, the slenderest tower in Muslim architecture, The Giralda, to which an exquisite bell tower was added in the 16th Century. Not faraway is another amazing monumental complex, the Alcazar, an Arabic Palace, which was completed by Peter 1st and is recognized for its Mudejar style. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4 - Ronda: After breakfast enjoy a full-day tour to Ronda. Explore the mountainous region of Ronda on this relaxing day trip from the Costa del Sol. You'll see all the highlights of the lovely town of Ronda, including the Plaza de Toros Maestranza, the Church of the Holy Spirit, the town square and a bull-fighting museum. The picturesque town of Ronda spans the plunging river gorge known as El Tajo, crossed by the impressive 18th century Puente Nuevo Bridge. You'll visit the town square, known as Plaza de Espana, the Church of the Holy Spirit, built in 1485, and the Cathedral Church of Our Lady of the Incarnation, known today as the Church of Saint Mary the Elder. Plaza de Toros, the oldest bull ring in Spain, has staged some of the most important events in bullfighting history. The museum's collection of memorabilia includes photos of famous bullfighting fans, including Ernest Hemingway and Orson Wells. You'll have free time to explore Ronda and perhaps enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel on the Costa del Sol. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 - Tangier: After breakfast enjoy morning at leisure and relax at the hotel or you can take an optional tour to Tangier. Tangier is an unforgettable opportunity to visit this fascinating destination. The fun begins with a ferry ride across the straits of Gibraltar to exotic Morocco and the ancient city of Tangier. Upon arrival, we will tour of the modern half of the city along with Cape Spartel, the northwestern most point of the African continent. Next, you will explore the old town or Casbah on foot! This is where shopping treasures abound in the myriad of colorful markets and meandering streets. Lunch is included today as no visit to Tangier would be complete without experiencing the wonderful cuisine of Morocco. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6 - Gibraltar: After breakfast, take a full-day tour of The Rock of Gibraltar. The Rock of Gibraltar is located at the entrance of the Mediterranean. Its strategic location and history have made it an international symbol of solidity and strength and is frequently featured in the world press and media. Gibraltar is connected to Spain by a sandy isthmus. The subject of repeated conquest and siege, Gibraltar has been a British territory since 1704 when it was ceded forever under the Treaty of Utrecht. Since 1973, it has been a part of the EU under the British accession. When you first see the Rock of Gibraltar, whether it is from the air, from the sea or from either the Costa del Sol or the western end of the Bay, it is its impressive stature, towering isolated above the surrounding countryside, that causes the greatest impact. It has had this effect on people for many thousands of years. Return to the hotel for dinner. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7 - Granada: After breakfast we set off for a tour to Granada the Alhambra Palace and Cathedral. Included is a guided tour of the Alhambra, a fortified palatine city of the 13th to 15th century. Built by the Nazarite Kings, it includes: Alcazaba Citadel and the Palaces of Los Leones and Comares; the Generalife, a summer residence set in beautiful gardens; and the so-called Royal Room of Santo Domingo, built in the orchards of Almanjara and the Palace of Alcazar Genil used by the Nazarite Queens. The Palace of Charles V, designed in 1526 by Pedro Machuca in the heart of the Alhambra as a symbol of new power, is the most outstanding Renaissance work in Granada. This afternoon we will stop for lunch at a local restaurant. Make sure you have plenty of film for your camera! Return to the hotel for dinner. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 8 - Malaga: After breakfast, enjoy today at leisure or you can take an optional tour of Malaga's cathedral. The Cathedral was built between 1528 and 1782 on or near the site of a former mosque. While original plans had allowed for two towers, lack of funds resulted in the completion of only one, giving rise to the name by which the cathedral is affectionately referred to, La Manquita, loosely interpreted as "one armed woman". The interior has influences of the Renaissance and baroque styles. The notable 17th century choir stalls of mahogany and cedar wood was designed by Luis Ortiz. Or just relax at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9 - Malaga/U.S.: After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (Breakfast)

OPTIONAL MADRID EXTENSION (returns 2 days later):

Day 9 - Malaga/Madrid: After breakfast meet your guide and driver and set off for the train station, board Spain's high speed train to Madrid. Upon your arrival in Madrid transfer to your hotel for check in, the rest of the afternoon is at leisure and yours to enjoy. You will have no trouble finding local restaurants in Madrid, have a glass of local wine and enjoy Tapas, or ask your guide or the concierge at the front to make a recommendation, they are eager and pleased to help. Overnight at: The N.H.National.

Day 10 - Madrid.: After breakfast start your 1/2 day city tour of Madrid. Enjoy a sightseeing tour through the most important and representative avenues, streets and squares of Madrid to admire its buildings and monuments. Visit of the Royal Palace, a beautiful exponent of the 18th Century and one of the best preserved in Europe. Return to the Hotel, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure, you can do some shopping or take a stroll on the Gran Via, one of Madrid's streets that must not be missed. Tonight dinner is on your own; enjoy your last night in Madrid. (Breakfast)

Day 11 - Madrid/U.S.: After breakfast say adios to Madrid, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (Breakfast)

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries due to local conditions.

2011 DEPARTURE DATES: NOV 2-10, 9-17

2012 DEPARTURE DATES: MAR 7-15, 14-22, 21-29 OCT 31-NOV 8, NOV 7-15, NOV 28-DEC 6

