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#### Day by Day Itinerary

#### Sunday, October 6 - CHICAGO / EN ROUTE

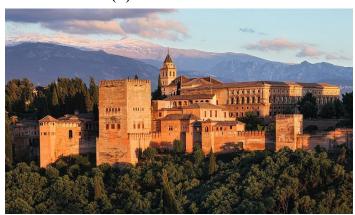
We depart Chicago this afternoon by scheduled airline service as we begin the overnight transatlantic journey to Madrid, Spain. (I)

Monday, October 7 – MADRID / Malaga / GRANADA

As the sun begins to rise on the Iberian Peninsula we will arrive in city of Madrid, where we'll change planes for the short flight to Malaga, where on arrival, we'll meet our Tour Escort who will accompany us on vacation. We'll follow the Mediterranean coastline as we make our way to Granada, beautifully situated at the foot of the snow-capped Sierra Nevada Mountains in the heart of Southern Andalusia. Our home for the first two nights on tour is the stunning Alhambra Palace Hotel. (I,D)

#### Tuesday, October 8 – GRANADA

Granada is a brilliant jewel of Moorish architecture, as we'll see on our tour of the fabled Alhambra, a compound of palaces, a fortress and lush gardens built in the 14th century where magical use of space, light, water, and decoration characterizes the delicate craftsmanship that dazzles the eye. We'll also visit the nearby Generalife, the country estate of the Nasrid kings, complete with fountains, tropical gardens, and picturesque vistas high above the city. We'll then travel across the city to visit the Albaicin, the former Moorish town with gypsy dwellings. Our tour will come to an end as we return to the old city center where we'll see the Cathedral and visit the nearby Royal Chapel built to enshrine Ferdinand and Isabella. Afterward, time at leisure will allow us to explore the labyrinth of streets in the Albaicin or to wander the Granada's two main squares, the Plaza Bib-Rambla and the Plaza Nueva. (B)



#### Wednesday, October 9 – GRANADA / SEVILLE

This morning we depart Granada and travel to the charming city of Cordoba, the halfway point of the Guadalquivir, where the wheat lands and olive groves of the southern Campina plains meet the ranches and farmland of the Sierra de Cordoba plateau to the north. The heart of Cordoba is the old Jewish quarter and a morning walk through this area provides the sensation that little has changed since the 10th century when Cordoba was one of the greatest cities in the Western World.

Afterwards we will visit the Mezquita that dates back 12 centuries, and where the walls of the Great Mosque hide more than 850 arches and pillars of granite, jasper, and marble that support the roof, creating a dazzling visual effect. We'll also see the Mihrab, a richly ornamented prayer niche that once held a gilt copy of the Koran, the Cathedral featuring an Italianate dome and the Torre del Alminar bell tower that offers a fine view of the city. Our hotel for our two nights in Seville is the stylish H10 Casa de la Plata. (B)

#### Thursday, October 10 - SEVILLE

This morning we'll enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of wonders of Seville. Among the treasures that we'll see are the Barrio de Santa Cruz, a warren of white alleyways and patios that have long been the most picturesque corner of the city. Here we'll visit one of the largest and richest gothic Cathedrals in Christendom, unmatched in its abundance of artistic treasures, not to mention its great Giralda



Tower, Seville's most prominent landmark. We'll also visit the 14th century Alcazar with its Moorish Palace and lovely gardens and see the Archives of the Indies, the building that houses all of the famous drawings of the New World including letters by Columbus and Queen Isabella. Then we'll travel to El Arenal where we'll see the Plaza de Toros de la Maestranza, Seville's 18th century bullring, and the riverfront dominated by the Moorish Torre del Oro. The afternoon is free, and this is an ideal location for a leisurely afternoon spent along the tree-lined promenade beside the Paseo de Cristobal Colon. Tonight, we'll enjoy an evening of dinner and entertainment featuring superb Flamenco and regional dancing. More than just a dance, Flamenco is a forceful artistic expression of the sorrows and joys of life. **(B,D)** 

#### Friday, October 11 – SEVILLE / MARBELLA

We depart Seville today and make our way to Ronda, perhaps the most spectacularly located city in the Andalusian Mountains. Sightseeing will introduce us to the Old Town where we'll visit the church of Santa Maria la Mayor, one of the most important sacred monuments of Ronda, and Casa Don Bosco, a modernist palace built at the beginning of the 20th century belonging to the Granada family. Then we'll cross the Puente Nuevo over the Tajo Gorge to arrive in the New Town that is home to the pedestrian precinct where we'll visit the Plaza de Toros, the second oldest bullring in Spain. Due to its history, architecture, character and beauty, it is recognized as one the most monumental existing bullrings. Afterward, you'll love strolling along the quaint narrow streets and

have ample time to browse in the stores. Leaving Ronda, we'll travel to the fashionable Costa del Sol to arrive in the spectacular coastal resort of Marbella, where we will be staying at the fabulous 5-star El Fuerte Marbella. (B,D)

#### Saturday, October 12 – MARBELLA

Thanks to an average of 300 days of sunshine a year and its varied coastline, the Costa del Sol offers a diverse landscape, climate, cultural riches and monumental wonders, and today is at leisure to enjoy the sandy beaches and browse the boutiques while stopping to sample the cafes and restaurants. Although a modern town, Marbella is full of history. Its origins date back to 1600 BC so it



is fair to say there is a little part of history to be found in every corner of the Old Town. Or if you prefer, an optional tour is available, taking you to the British Colony of Gibraltar. Famous for centuries as the "Key to the Mediterranean," the town combines the blue-helmeted policemen and red mailboxes of Britain with the legend of the Barbary Apes, and of course, the famous Rock of Gibraltar. You'll walk the Old Town's winding streetscapes that have a timeless quality about them and enjoy the breathtaking view from Europa Point across the Strait of Gibraltar to the continent of Africa. **(B)** 

#### Sunday, October 13 - MARBELLA

The morning is at leisure to enjoy a relaxing walk along Marbella's resort promenades before we set off to discover the town of Mijas, a "white village" set high in the Sierras. Mijas is typical of rural Andalusia with narrow streets, small squares, and impeccably whitewashed houses with flower-filled gardens. However, Mijas also offers one of the most magnificent views over the Mediterranean coast from its natural balcony. Enjoy wandering along the village streets while exploring the quaint shops, try a ride on one of the town's unmetered "donkey taxis," or stop to learn about the local culture by visiting the bullring and bullfighting museum. On our return to Marbella, sit back and enjoy the sandy beaches and browse through the trendy boutiques before dinner this evening. (B,D)

#### Monday, October 14 – MARBELLA / Malaga / CHICAGO

All too soon, our Shaynanigans in Spain come to an end as we return to Madrid's Barajas Airport for the non-stop transatlantic journey home. No better time to reflect on memories that will last a lifetime and new friendships made along the way! **(B,I)** 

\* \* \* Welcome Home \* \* \*

#### **Meal Codes:**

I = In-flight B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

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#### **The Vacation Price Includes:**

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