

Rail holidays of Spain

Expressions



Al Andalus luxury train holiday in Andalusia



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8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS

Seville

Jerez

Cadiz

Ronda

Granada

Ubeda

Baeza

Cordoba



This 8-night luxury holiday in Andalusia on the Al Andalus train starts with a flight to Seville where you spend the first and last night of the holiday. There are six nights on board the luxurious train, where accommodation is in lavish suites and four saloon cars allow guests to relax in comfort and enjoy the stunning scenery. Each trip on the Al Andalus train includes a programme of excursions including entry to museums and other places of interest with a multilingual guide, while all meals are included, either on board the train or in local restaurants. Excursions include a tour of Seville, an equestrian ballet performance in Jerez, a visit to La Alhambra in Seville, and a tour of the historic buildings of Baeza.

PRICES

From £4,460 per person

Based on travel in a "Grand Class" cabin.

From £5,340 per person

Based on travel in a "Deluxe suite".

Upgrades at the hotels are possible for a supplement.

DATES

Please see page 4 for the dates of operation.

TOUR CODE

SNFH01

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flights London to Seville return with British Airways
- Two nights' bed and breakfast at Hospes Las Casas del Rey de Baeza, Seville based on two people sharing a Dreamer Room
- 6 nights' full board on Al Andalus train based on two people sharing a Grand Class Cabin, including the excursions and meals mentioned in the itinerary
- Private transfers from the airport to your hotel and back

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Early check-in or late check-out at any hotels (although we can arrange this on request at additional cost)
- Any other services not mentioned above, such as transfers and meals except breakfast at hotels
- Personal holiday insurance. This is essential and cover should be in place from when you book the holiday.
- Local tourist tax, usually between Euros 1 and 3 per person per night, and payable locally to the hotel
- Transfers between hotel and station

Day one London to Seville

Begin your holiday by flying from London Gatwick to Seville. A private car transfer to your hotel is included. Settle into your hotel and spend the night here, ready to start your rail adventure the following day.

Day two Seville to Jerez

Check out of the hotel and take a taxi at about 10:00 hrs to the Hotel Alfonso XIII which is just a few minutes' drive from the hotel. Here you will meet everyone who is participating on this tour, and the crew will take care of your luggage. You will have lunch at this hotel, then enjoying a sightseeing tour of the city before boarding the Al Andalus luxury train when you will be welcomed with an on-board cocktail and shown to your cabin. You will have dinner on board whilst you make your way to Jerez, where you will spend your first night on the train.

Day three in Jerez

Begin your day by eating a delicious buffet and a la carte breakfast on board the train, and then visiting a wine cellar in the city. You will then have the chance to watch a famous equestrian ballet "How the Andalusian horses dance" at the Royal Andalusian school of Equestrian Art, set to traditional Spanish music with riders who wear 18th century costumes. Lunch will be in Sanlúcar de Barrameda with a view to the salt marshes of Doñana National Park and the mouth of the river Guadalquivir. You will get a chance to explore this area and the luxury coach will take you back to Jerez, where you will have dinner on board and spend the night.

Day four Jerez to Cadiz and then to Ronda by train

You will be taken by bus to Cadiz where you will have a city tour as well as free time to explore the oldest city in Europe which is surrounded almost entirely by water. Be sure to make time to visit the Baroque Cathedral and take a leisurely walk around the coastal Castle of Santa Catalina. You will have lunch on-board the train and head towards Ronda, where you will have dinner and stay overnight.

Day five Ronda to Granada by train

After breakfast, leave the train and spend the morning exploring Ronda, a spectacular city which is split in half by a narrow gorge through which the Guadalevín river runs. Enjoy the stunning views from the famous bridge and discover the charm of the old town. Eat lunch in Ronda, then board the train in the afternoon



Alhambra de Granada

to travel to Granada. Dinner will be served on board the train before it stops in Granada overnight.

Day six in Granada

Eat breakfast on board the train then spend the morning at the Alhambra, the magical palace fortress which has guarded over the city since the 9th century. The complex sits on an elevated crag amongst vast, aromatic gardens and originally housed the Nasrid rulers of the Kingdom of Granada. After lunch you will have free time to explore more of this beautiful city and enjoy views of the Sierra Nevada. You will have dinner then spend the night on board the train in Granada.

Day seven Granada to Cordoba by train and visit Linares Baeza and Ubeda

Leave Granada early morning and eat breakfast as you travel towards the station of Linares-Baeza. Leave the train here and visit the Renaissance towns of Úbeda and Baeza, both of which are listed UNESCO World Heritage Sites. After lunch, you will return to the train to begin the journey to Córdoba. Eat dinner on board the train and stay overnight in Córdoba.

Day eight Cordoba to Seville by train

Enjoy your final breakfast on board the train then disembark to visit Córdoba. Discover the former capital of the mediaeval Caliphate of

Al Andalus, home to an astounding mosque turned Catholic cathedral, plus a fascinating Jewish quarter and Roman ruins galore. Enjoy some free time here before returning to the train where you eat lunch as the train continues to Seville. Arrive back into Seville and say goodbye to your new friends, before taking a taxi back to Hospes Las Casas del Rey de Baeza. Check in here for one night.

Day nine Seville to London

Spend the morning at leisure in Seville, before travelling back to the airport by private transfer for your flight back to the UK.

ABOUT THE TRAIN

Below is further information about the Al Andalus Luxury Train.



THE TRAIN

The Al Andalus Luxury Train is made up of historical suite cars which were built between 1928 and 1930 in France for the British monarchy to travel between Calais and the French Riviera. Alongside the saloon coaches, they form an elegant and comfortable train with a Belle Epoque air. Original elements of these genuine coaches are combined with the latest technology to allow travellers to enjoy maximum comfort and safety. The train is equipped with Wifi internet and has a computer in the lounge car.

DATES FOR 2022

The Al Andalus train departs from Seville on the following dates. You will need to arrive in Spain at least one day before this.

- 9, 16, 23 and 30 May
- 6, 13, 20 and 27 June
- 12, 19 and 26 September
- 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 October

ACCOMMODATION

“Grand Class” cabins are formed of two twin beds (both at ground level) which turn into comfortable sofas during the day. They are equipped with a wardrobe, luggage rack, safe, minibar and individual climate control. They have large windows and an ensuite bathroom with shower and hairdryer provided.

Guests looking for a special treat may upgrade to a “Deluxe Suite”. These cabins have a double bed which is a sofa during the day. They have the same facilities as the “Grand Class” cabins and their bathrooms are equipped with a hydro-massage shower/steam sauna.



AI Andalus luxury train

INCLUDED IN THE GRAND CLASS CABIN

- A la carte and buffet breakfasts every day
- All dinners and lunches (including wine, water, soft drinks and coffee)
- Welcome drink and snack
- Farewell dinner – gala party
- Travelling toiletries bag
- Free mineral water in the minibar
- Activities onboard: music and live performances, parties in the bar car, show cooking and cocktails, dancing etc.
- Tickets to museums, attractions and shows
- Excursions and scheduled tours
- Luxury coach accompanying the train
- Taxes and services – there is no obligation to tip
- Daily newspapers and magazines
- Multilingual guide throughout the tour

NOT INCLUDED

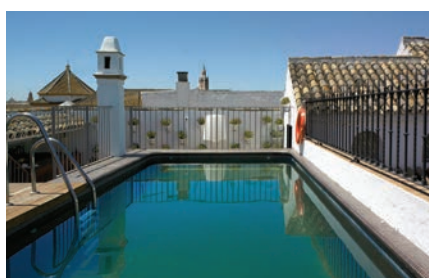
- Optional laundry service
- Bar service

INCLUDED IN THE DELUXE SUITE

- As above, plus:
- All non-alcoholic drinks in the minibar
- Options for crew to unpack and pack your luggage



Grand Class cabin



Hospes Las Casas del Rey de Baeza



Restaurant car

MAP OF AL ANDALUS TOUR IN ANDALUCIA

The map below illustrates the route outlined in this touring itinerary, with overnight stops and places of interest highlighted.



PRICE INFORMATION

This tailor-made touring holiday is one of several suggested touring holidays we can offer you exactly as it is but also with any alterations you might want including extra nights in one or more places or adding in extra places. All our tours can be extended so that you can include a longer stay at the included destinations or add additional stops. Do call to discuss the options with our travel consultants.

OUR PRICES

The sample prices mentioned in this leaflet are generally a 'from' price based on the cheapest season of travel. However, train fares and hotel rates can change (up and down depending on offers), so we give you an accurate price for your holiday when we provide you with a quotation. Our sample prices should be used as an indication of how much a particular combination will cost and to show the differences on average between the hotel categories on offer.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Our booking conditions apply to all holidays. A copy can be found on our website and a copy is also sent to you with a written quotation and when you make a booking.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Expressions Holidays offers full financial protection for all holidays you book with us. If your holiday includes a flight, the ATOL (3076) covers the costs of the holiday. If the holiday does not include a flight, it is the ABTOT bond that protects the cost of the holiday. We are also members of AITO (the Association of Independent Tour Operators).

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HOW TO BOOK

To make a booking, just phone us on

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and we can take you through the details we need and start the booking process.