

Spain Andalucía | In a Parador

Inspiring Moments

- ► Ponder the influence of the Moors as you explore the entrancing **Alhambra**.
- ► Feel the passion in the soulful dancing and singing of a **flamenco performance.**
- Immerse yourself in the charm of Antequera, an off-the-beaten-path gem known for its religious architecture and its beautiful natural setting.
- ► Marvel at the breathtaking view of El Tajo Gorge in **Ronda.**
- Delight in the majestic architecture of the cathedral and Alcázar in Sevilla.
- Sip a glass of wine at a countryside winery as you savor your adventure in Andalucía.
- ► Experience four UNESCO World Heritage sites.





Court of the Lions, Alhambra, Granada

Experience romantic southern Spain on a seven-night journey in Andalucía. Stay in a modern parador in Antequera, and discover the history of Al-Andalus, as this region of Spain was known during eight centuries of Moorish control. Examine the influence of Muslim culture, along with Christian and Jewish influences, on the region's art, architecture and cuisine. See the courtyards and fountains of the Alhambra in Granada, the iconic arches of La Mezquita in Córdoba and the imposing Alcázar in Sevilla. From beautiful Ronda perched above El Tajo Gorge to a spirited flamenco, embrace the best of Andalucía!

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Málaga, Spain.

Day 2 | Málaga, Spain | Antequera

Transfer **3** to the Parador de Antequera.

Tonight, at the parador, get acquainted with your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Antequera

Discovery: Ancient Antequera. Witness Europe's most striking megalithic monuments, the Menga and Viera dolmens, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Ponder the incredible labor and skill required to build these enormous stone burial chambers. Then take a guided walk in Antequera. Begin at the Alcazaba, the 14th-century Moorish fortress that once guarded the city, and admire sweeping vistas of Antequera. Head into the old town to see its historic landmarks and enjoy lunch in town afterward.

Free Time: Set your own agenda this afternoon.

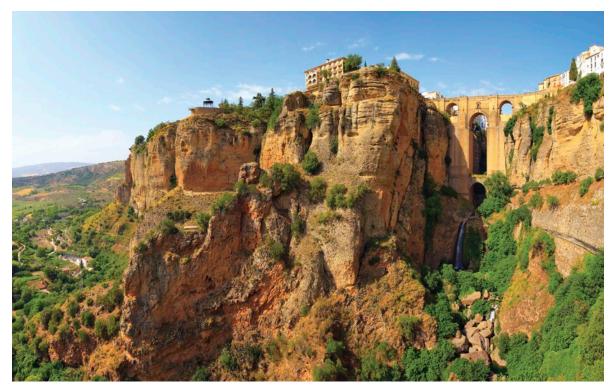
Enrichment: Andalucía and the Moorish Influence.

Day 4 | Granada

Discovery: *Granada & Palace City.* Today, visit the stunning Alhambra, the Moorish fortress and palace complex in Granada. It was built in the 13th and 14th centuries by the kings of the Nasrid dynasty who sought to create their own paradise on earth. In the Palacios Nazaríes, see the Court of the Myrtles, the Hall of the Ambassadors, the Court of the Lions, and more. Visit the castle, and stroll amid the gardens of Generalife. Within the Alhambra, relax over lunch at the Parador de Granada's restaurant.

Day 5 | Sevilla

Discovery: *Sevilla.* Journey to Sevilla, the cultural heart of southern Spain. On a panoramic/walking tour, visit the magnificent Plaza de España adorned with colorful ceramics and see the grand Cathedral





of Sevilla, the world's largest Gothic building. Next, visit the splendid Real Alcázar, a 10th-century Moorish palace that later became a Spanish royal residence. See the centuries-old bullring and Torre del Oro, the Moorish watchtower near the Guadalquivir River. Finish with a walk through the charming Barrio de Santa Cruz.

Free Time: Find a nice spot for lunch on your own before returning to Antequera.

Day 6 | Ronda

Discovery: *Ronda.* Spectacularly set on the edge of El Tajo Gorge high above the open countryside, Ronda is a showstopper and the largest of the region's *pueblos blancos*, or white towns. Visit the Iglesia de Santa María la Mayor. Then stand in the famed sandstone bullring, Plaza de Toros, inaugurated in 1785, and discover more about this iconic Spanish tradition at the museum on site. Later, delight in an unforgettable view over El Tajo from the terrace of Casa de San Juan Bosco.

Connects: *Bodega Excelencia.* Sit with a glass of wine and take in the gorgeous scenery of the vineyard. Your visit includes a wine tasting and lunch.

Day 7 | Córdoba

Discovery: *Córdoba.* Explore the great mosque, La Mezquita, containing the finest examples of Moorish architecture in Spain. After the city was recaptured by the Spanish, a cathedral was built inside the complex in the 16th century. Its most spellbinding feature is the superb hall with 856 columns made from marble, granite, jasper and onyx connected by striped arches. See the impressive Roman bridge that stretches across the Guadalquivir River, and walk in the



atmospheric Jewish quarter, filled with winding streets and whitewashed homes.

Free Time: Make your own plans for lunch and exploration in Córdoba.

Tonight, dine on traditional dishes at a restaurant in Antequera. During a special performance, relish the passion and precision of flamenco, Spain's renowned art form.

Day 8 | Antequera

Enrichment: Contemporary Spain.

Free Time: Spend the day at leisure in Antequera, or join one of today's activities.

Elective | Torcal & Olive Oil Experience. Visit a family-owned olive oil mill and learn how olive oil is made. Savor a delicious brunch featuring the mill's olive oil. Then drive through the unique limestone landscape of El Torcal Nature Reserve.

You can also opt to take a complimentary, round-trip shuttle to vibrant Málaga and explore on your own. Tonight, celebrate your time in the south of Spain at a Farewell Reception and Dinner in the parador.

Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer **C** to the airport in Málaga for the return flight **t** to your gateway city.

Included Features

- Accommodations {with baggage handling}
- 7 nights in Antequera, Spain, at the first-class Parador de Antequera.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Small group: Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- -Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- SAHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **()**AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- PElectives to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- -Tipping of guides and drivers.
- -Complimentary travel mementos.



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