

# Southern Spain ~ Allure of Andalusia

May 13 - 23, 2025 • 11 Days • \$5490

It's been more than a decade since our last visit to sunny Southern Spain and we are eager to share the classic charms of this venerable region of the Iberian Peninsula once again.

Walks and activities are offered in:

- the capital city of **Madrid**, starting point of our tour and home of the world-famous Prado Museum (offered on optional basis for early arrivals);
- the medieval walled city of **Toledo**, where Christian, Muslim, and Jew combined to create a rich culture and economy before the tragic expulsion of the Jews in 1492;
- **Granada**, fabled center of the last Moorish dynasty, defeated by Isabelle and Ferdinand in 1492, in turn paving the way for the funding of Columbus's history changing voyage;
- **Seville**, a delightful Andalusian city with a rich history and a magical medieval center; and
- **Pueblo Blancos** (white villages) plus several rural and natural areas in off-the-beaten-path Andalusia

Our 2025 tour is a fresh itinerary crafted from multiple tours between the mid-1990s and 2007, with a number of exciting new ideas from our on-site partners.

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[Tour Type: Classic Curated](#)

## Trip Details

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## Including:

- All land travel by motorcoach as outlined
- High-speed AVE train from Seville to Madrid - Day 10
- Transfer by bus from Madrid's train station to our airport hotel - Day 10
- Mid-range 3-star or better hotel accommodations
- 17 meals: all breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 5 dinners as denoted (B,L,D)
- 12 walks as listed plus optional Madrid walk on Day 1
- Walking fees for those collecting IVV walk credit (if IVV approved)
- WAI guide service throughout (2 guides)
- Cultural & historical expertise of national guide throughout
- Local guides at Alhambra, El Caminito de Rey Walkway, and Seville Alcazar
- All tipping for local guides, coach drivers, and group meals
- Pricing is based on double occupancy. A limited number of single rooms are available for a supplement of \$1025. We also provide a roommate matching service for those interested.

## Activities / Visits to:

- Toledo Panorama Coach Tour
- Toledo Cathedral
- Toledo Sightseeing Walk
- Windmills of La Mancha - Consuegra
- Royal Convent of Saint Dominic - Jaen
- Flamenco dinner show - Granada
- Granada sightseeing walk including Albaicín District
- Alhambra guided tour - Granada
- Visit to Salobrena - first of the White Villages
- Torcal de Antequera Natural Park
- El Caminito de Rey Gorge Walkway
- Organic citrus and olive oil agrotourism visit - El Chorro
- Zahara de la Sierra White Village
- Setenil de las Bodegas White Village
- Jerez de la Frontera Sherry bodega/farm visit
- Seville Cathedral with Giralda Tower
- Royal Alcázar of Seville guided tour
- Italica Sevilla archeological site

## Optional Excursions:

- Prado Museum (DAY 1)
- Villa de Madrid Walk (DAY 1)

*"I experienced a part of Spain that was new to me. It was beautiful, and walking is the best way to experience a new land... Tour was well organized and interesting... Guides were super."*

- Susan U.; Mason City, IA

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*"This has been a perfect way to experience this rustic and unspoiled corner of Spain... The walks exceeded my expectations."*

- Susan M.; Wheaton, IL

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*It is a privilege to be a part of this quality experience. The opportunity of enjoying the authentic local culture and rich heritage expands perspectives and worldviews.*

LaVae R.; Creswell, OR

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*"Hotels & meals are of much higher quality, with a good variety of local cuisine and/or recommended restaurants... I just love the style of travel you offer. You've done a wonderful job of researching the countries in order to provide an interesting, comfortable, & valued experience."*

- Anonymous

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*"Once again, knowledgeable in-country guides combined with organized, experienced WAI Guides have provided a rich cultural historical and gastronomical experience. Add to that beautiful walks and hikes and it is the only way to travel to new foreign and exotic places!"*

- Rick L.; Lakewood, CO

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*"Just a great time learning, exploring and feeling like I really got a "taste" for the places we visited."*

- Rod S.; Oskaloosa, KS

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*Always well-planned, great local guides, flexibility, fun and interesting tour participants, guided tours of places such as Alhambra, Alcazar, etc. Also, I like that the tour price includes just about everything. Best of all: No scheduled stops at shopping malls!*

Judy M.; Encinitas, CA

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*"I always look forward to the "off the beaten track" experiences/adventures. The occasional "surprises" are always an added bonus! I rave about WAI to everyone - walkers or not. My standard comment is "you get what you pay for and more."*

- Margie M.; Elk City OK

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*Once again, traveling with WAI really is an adventure and great learning experience. Seeing old friends that I made through WAI is always especially wonderful.*

Lori P.; Manassas, VA

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*“All info is “up front.” Nothing is even hidden in the “small print.” The tours are always well planned and every traveler gets wonderful respectful helpful treatment and consideration. I like the combination of active walks, sightseeing, and history. You always go “above and beyond” to be helpful.”*

- Anonymous

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*“The tour was super as usual! I have never been disappointed in the 10 years I have been traveling with WAI. They have always been the BEST—and I signed on for 2 more!”*

- Anonymous

## **Overview / Trip Details**

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## Adventure Pace

**Tour Pace:** 1 2 3 4 5

**Walk Challenge:** 1 2 3 4 5

[About Adventure Pace](#)

## Adventure Pace

How much Adventure do you want? Here are a few features to help gauge the following factors on each tour.

**Tour Pace:** On a scale of 1 (slowest pace) to 5 (fastest pace), we've rated the following factors: number of 1-night hotels; driving miles per day; fullness of schedule; mid-tour airline flights; high elevation setting; and average amount of walking per day.

**Walk Challenge:** This number represents an average walk difficulty rating for the tour using a scale of 1 (easiest) to 5 (hardest).

## Important Info



### **Group Size**

24 travelers maximum



### **Accommodations**

Strategically located Mid-range accommodations or better



### **Meals**

Breakfasts included with 3 lunches and 5 dinners. Letters B,L,D in the day headere indicate which meals are included.



### **Airfare**

Not included. Madrid-Barajas International Airport (airport code MAD) serves our start and finish hotels in Madrid, Spain.



### **Transportation**

Included. We use motorcoaches with a seating capacity of 45-50 seats.





## Traveler Age

Our travelers usually range from 50-75 years of age. All ages welcome!

## Your Guides



### **Ruth & Scott Burk**

Ruth and Scott have spent much of their free time over the last two decades exploring the world, while successfully instilling wanderlust in their two adult children.

Ruth now operates her own business as a writer consultant for high tech companies, and Scott recently retired from a career as an air traffic control manager for the Portland, Oregon airport.

Ruth and Scott have led WAI Adventures in Europe, North America, South America, and Africa and are excited about exploring Southern Spain with you!

# Itinerary

Click on each day for more details. (BLD) refers to meals included – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

## [DAY 1~May 13: Arrive Madrid, Spain \(D\)](#)

*Walk #1: Optional Villa de Madrid Walk – 5 km, rated 1A*

Our Adventure on the Iberian Peninsula begins today in Madrid, highest capital in Europe. We look forward to sharing the sometimes violent, often romantic classical heritage of this corner of southern Europe. Spain has no shortage of historical drama starting with Mediterranean influences from ancient Phoenicians and Romans and continuing with an invasion and 800-year occupation of Arab/Berber Moors from present-day Morocco. Christian, Jew, and Muslim were equally regarded during much of this period, but King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabelle I, joined forces in the Christian reconquest to ultimately expel both Muslim and Jew in 1492.

What followed was the weakening of Spain's diverse economy, the financing of the voyages of Christopher Columbus, and the rise of Spanish power and influence, fueled heavily by New World riches.

Footprints of these forces will be felt during our journey along with the uniquely colorful Spanish and Andalusian culture that has emerged.

Travelers who arrive a day early (May 12) are invited to join us today for a pair of optional only-in-Madrid activities:

***Prado Museum:** Discover masterpieces by Goya, Velázquez, and El Greco on a guided tour through one of the world's great repositories of Western art. The Prado has a massive collection of masterpieces and is generally considered one of the most prestigious art museums in the world along with the Louvre in Paris, the British Museum in London, the Metropolitan in New York, and the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. This 2-hour guided visit is not to be missed. Estimated price: \$70*

***Villa de Madrid Walk:** After a break for lunch, a mid-afternoon walking tour of Madrid is the perfect way to unwind after a long flight or museum visit while working up an appetite for our Welcome dinner. A few points of interest featured on this guided walk include:*

- **Puerta del Sol** (Gate of the Sun) one of Madrid's most iconic squares which developed around a city gate dating to the 16th century;
- **Plaza Mayor**, a former market redesigned as the main square in the 16th century and known as a setting for bullfights, public executions, celebrations, famous today for its impressive renaissance-style architecture;
- **Mercado de San Miguel**, a covered food market considered a "gastronomic temple" of Madrid, with 30 vendors specializing in fresh seafood, hams, cheeses, olives, wines,



*and a wide variety of tapas;*

- **Jardines de San Francisco**, *a relaxing green space whose fountains, flower beds, and pathways have been designed in a classical style*

*Estimated price: \$50*

Later this evening, the full group comes together for our first official activity, a Welcome Orientation followed by dinner.

### [DAY 2~May 14: Madrid - Toledo \(B,D\)](#)

*Walk #2: Toledo on the Tajo Walk - 5 km, rated 2B*

Since the days of the Romans, Toledo's strategic position has attracted settlement by invading Visigoths and Moors, Jews, and finally the united Spanish nation under Ferdinand and Isabel.

Before entering the heart of this former capital of Spain, we'll enjoy a panoramic tour with our coach, stopping for remarkable vistas over this dramatically-sited town sitting regally in the oxbow of the Tajo River.

After a break for lunch amidst a medieval labyrinth of cobblestone shopping lanes, the afternoon walk takes us back to the days of the famous paragon of medieval Christian chivalry, 11th century knight, El Cid.

Our route passes many of the city's abundantly rich offerings: the Toledo Cathedral, one of Spain's great Gothic cathedrals and a repository of many of El Greco's famous paintings; Monastery of Santo Domingo el Antiguo, with origins dating back to the Visigothic period of the 6th century; two medieval Jewish synagogues (Toledo was the most important Jewish city in 12th century Spain); a number of museums that chronicle the rich treasury of medieval life in Toledo; and attractive shops offering strikingly exquisite damascened steel in the style inherited from the Moors.

Following the walk, explore a bit on your own and consider a pre-dinner break for coffee and sweets at "El Café de las Monjas".

Another special dinner beckons this evening in the unforgettable Old Spain atmosphere of charming Toledo.

### [DAY 3~May 15: Toledo - Granada \(B, picnic L,D\)](#)

*Walk #3: Don Quixote Windmills Walk - 3 km, rated 2B*

*Walk #4: Panoramas of Jaen Walk - 3 km, rated 2B*

Our walk in Consuegra, originally inhabited by Romans, takes us through this venerable old La Mancha town to a hilltop on the edge of town. The attractions here are ruins of a 12th century castle and a row of picturesque 15th century windmills, reminiscent of the heroic

struggle of Cervantes' Don Quixote against the "giants" of the land.

Leaving Consuegra, we continue south into Andalusia. Following a fun break for a picnic lunch, our next stop is a panoramic leg stretching walk in Jaen. We start from Santa Catalina Castle, originally a Moorish fortress from the 8th century, and descend into the city's historic center passing the mysterious, mostly buried Palace of Uribe and the 13th century Royal Convent of Saint Dominic with its lovely cloister, consider one of the most beautiful in Andalusia.

Our final stop today is the fabled city of Granada, final stronghold of the Moors who were ultimately defeated by Ferdinand and Isabel in 1492 after 781 years of Moorish dominance and occupation. Isabel celebrated the victory by giving an audience to little-known Genoese explorer and adventurer, Cristoforo Colombo, who was determined to find the westward route to the riches of the East Indies. This led, of course, to another significant chapter in the history of Spain, the Western Hemisphere, and humanity at large!

We check into our hotel for a two-night stay. Later this evening, we enjoy dinner together followed by the excitement and color of the flamenco—a dramatic form of dance originating from Arab and gypsy roots.

#### [DAY 4~May 16: Activities in Granada \(B\)](#)

*Walk #5: Granada Walk - 4 km, rated 2B*

*Walk #6: Alhambra Moorish Delights Walk - 5 km, rated 1A*

After breakfast, our morning walk takes us through an Andalusian, Moorish old town packed with architectural contrasts. Granada has been inhabited for thousands of years, long before the Romans called it Iliberis. Most of what we see today, however, dates back no earlier than the Muslim invasion in the 8th century, and much of the architecture is from later in the Middle Ages.

We start on a hill above the city known for its panoramic views across to the stunning profile of the Alhambra, shining against a backdrop of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The Albaicín District is heavily featured on the walk. This historic Moorish neighborhood is known for its narrow, winding streets and picturesque whitewashed buildings. Granada Cathedral is famous for its stunning interior of Renaissance and Baroque styles, and the Royal Chapel (not included on our walk), containing the tombs of King Ferdinand II of Aragon and Queen Isabel 1 of Castille.

After a midday break for a tapas lunch (not included) and free time to explore the riches of Granada, we reconvene to visit the medieval Moorish fortress called Alhambra, an *Arabian Nights* fairytale world of fountains, pools, and labyrinth-like rooms and passageways. This UNESCO site is widely considered one of the must-see sights of Europe, and one of its most romantic and visually sensual monuments.

Our guide builds upon our growing understanding of Moorish influence and dominance as

we stroll the grounds of this pinnacle of Moorish art and architecture, finishing the afternoon in the fantasyland of gardens and mountain stream-fed fountains called Generalife.

#### [DAY 5~May 17: Granada - Antequerra \(B\)](#)

*Walk #7: Salobreña Pueblo Blanco Walk - 3 km, rated 1A*

*Walk #8: Parque Natural Torcal de Antequerra - 2 km/7 km, rating 2D*

*Walk #9: Antequerra Town Trekking - 2 km, rating 1A*

Today's first stop is along the Mediterranean Sea in Salobrena, one of Andalusia's famous Pueblo Blancos (white villages). Pueblo Blancos are a series of heritage villages known for the charm of their traditional Moorish architecture—distinctive white-washed houses capped with terracotta roofs.

Salobrena sits perched above the Mediterranean and claims a legacy dating back to Phoenician and Roman times. Its prominent features are a 10<sup>th</sup> century Moorish castle, the delightful labyrinth of whitewashed homes and narrow lanes in Old Town, and a pair of famous, fine-sand beaches.

After a short walk in Salobrena, we continue to the main hike of the day in Parque Natural Torcal de Antequerra, which enjoys government protection due to its unique and whimsical karst formations. Trails are unavoidable rocky and at least two routes will be offered through this wonderland of glaciated limestone.

Tonight's hotel is in the nearby town of Antequerra. A pleasant stroll into the center is a good way to find restaurants for this evening's no-host dinner.

#### [DAY 6~May 18: Antequerra - Ronda \(B,L,D\)](#)

*Walk #10: El Camininto del Rey Gorge Challenge Hike - 8 km, rated 2B (with vertigo warning)*

Today's featured event is an unforgettable trail on an elevated walkway along the sides of 3 limestone gorges. The trail is safe and not difficult, and the section in the gorges is only about 3 km long. One of the aspects that make it unique, however, is the possible sensation of vertigo as you realize how high you are up the canyon walls.

Those who prefer a less adventurous experience will be treated to a bus tour of the area featuring a number of scenic viewpoints.

The two groups then rendezvous in the town of El Charro for lunch.

This region of Spain is considered to have the best citrus groves in Spain. Our afternoon agritourism cultural excursion centers around two local delicacies, organic oranges and olive oil.

We arrive in delightful Ronda this evening for a 2-night stay and another memorable Andalusian dinner experience.

The historical background of Ronda is by now familiar...Roman founders followed by Visigoth invaders, then Moorish Muslims streaming across the nearby straits of Gibraltar, and finally the Christian Reconquest culminating in the defeat of the Moors by Ferdinand and Isabel, who used Ronda as their base of operations for the reconquest of the area north of Gibraltar. One of Spain's oldest towns, Ronda is also known as the birthplace of bullfighting.

For the 21st century visitor, Ronda is another lovely old Andalusian town boasting a spectacular viewpoint famous throughout Spain. The El Tajo Gorge splits the town in two and is spanned by the equally dramatic, 17th century arched bridge. Views from the bridge are an experience every visitor to Ronda seeks out.

This video is on the long side (15 minutes) but gives a good sense of this unique hike at Caminito Del Rey.

### [DAY 7~May 19: Activities from Ronda \(B\)](#)

*Walk #11: Zahara de la Sierra walk - 2 km, rating 3B*

From Ronda, we explore two more fascinating Pueblo Blancos. Zahara de la Sierra is a classic example of Moorish fortified hilltop towns, sitting high above a stunning turquoise reservoir. Built by soldiers of the Christian Reconquest upon the older ruins of a Moorish *Atalaya*, the 16th century watchtower looms above the town.

Scholars believe these *Atalaya* watchtowers allowed Moorish towns to send signals to one another with surprising speed, claiming warning messages could pass from Barcelona to Cordoba, about 460 miles, in the space of less than 4 hours.

After the stroll through town, walkers will have opportunity to ascend to the watchtower (which accounts for today's walk rating of 3) to imbibe of its stunning views.

Next stop is Setenil de las Bodegas, where lunch can be enjoyed in perhaps the most extraordinarily sited of the venerable white villages. Much of the town is comprised of homes and restaurants shoehorned into the sides of a pair of soft tufa rock cliffs sculpted by the Trejo River. It's an unforgettable setting to enjoy a meal!

Back in Ronda, late afternoon and evening are free to wander and window-shop. Suggestions for dinner will be made, and there are many options near our hotel.

### [DAY 8~May 20: Ronda - Seville \(B, light L\)](#)

*Walk #12: Seville Parque de Maria Luisa Walk - 5 km, rated 1A*

From Ronda, our route takes us west to the town of Jerez de la Frontera through an area

known for bull breeding, and more picturesque white villages. Jerez has three claims to fame: it has a long and distinguished flamenco tradition, it is renowned as the home of the Carujana horses, a cross breed of Andalusian, Neapolitan, and German breeds, and it is the center of the Jerez Triangle, a collection of nearby towns that have sole worldwide rights to produce the wine labeled as Sherry.

We'll tour one of the bodegas before enjoying sherry tasting and tapas in an authentic, old Andalusian farm.

From Jerez, we continue north to Seville, where you have the remainder of the afternoon free to explore this gem of Andalusia. Alternatively, you are invited to join us for a stroll through the extensive 19th century gardens of María Luisa, with their beautiful pools and fountains, before having dinner on your own at one of the multitude of options beckoning near our centrally-located hotel.

### [DAY 9~May 21: Activities in Seville \(B,D\)](#)

*Walk #13: Splendid Seville Walk - 7 km, rated 1A*

Seville is considered the "Pearl of Andalusia", and with good reason. We spend today sampling a number of its delights from our hotel in the historic Santa Cruz district (also known as the old Jewish Quarter).

Among the attractions we pass or visit on our route is the Seville Cathedral, unique for its Giralda Tower, considered a symbol of the city. Originally a minaret for the Great Mosque of Seville during the Moorish Almohad dynasty, it was later converted to a bell tower and was constructed with a series of 35 ramps to allow people to ascend on horseback. The Giralda, along with the Seville Cathedral, was combined in 1987 with the Seville Alcázar as a World Heritage Site.

Following another fun no-host lunch, the bulk of the afternoon is devoted to a guided tour of the Royal Alcázar of Seville, one of the oldest royal palaces in Europe still in use (the upper stories are still in use by the Spanish royal family when they visit Seville).

This expansive complex was initially Moorish, then underwent significant renovations after the Castilian reconquest of Seville. The result is a magical blending of Mudéjar (Moorish), Gothic, and Renaissance architectural styles. Well known features of the Alcázar on our visit include Puerta del León (Lion's Gate), the main entrance; Patio de las Doncellas (Courtyard of the Maidens), featured in several well-known movies and TV series; Los Baños de Doña María de Padilla (Baths of Lady María de Padilla); Palacio de Don Pedro (Palace of King Don Pedro); and the vast Gardens of the Alcázar.

A farewell dinner in Seville is a fitting way to finish our exploration of this splendid Andalusian city!

### [DAY 10~May 22: Seville - Madrid, Spain \(B\)](#)

One of the surprises of our time in Spain has been the realization of how prominent Roman civilization and culture was during the many centuries Rome dominated the Mediterranean.

This morning, we have opportunity to visit Italica Sevilla, site of the first Roman city founded in Spain. The ruins date back to 206 BC, founded by one of Rome's greatest generals, Publio Cornelio Scipio, who defeated Hannibal to end the Second Punic War. He founded Italica as a place for his troops to recover and retire. It then became the birthplace of two Roman Emperors, Trajan and Hadrian, as well as many of Rome's senators.

Following our visit, we take a highspeed AVE train back to Madrid, arriving early in the evening at an airport hotel for our final night in Spain.

### [DAY 11~May 23: Depart from Madrid \(B\)](#)

Our Iberian Adventure draws to a close this morning. We bid farewell to Spain and return home from Madrid with fond memories of this proud and historic land.

Our hotel is an easy 5-minute taxi ride from the Madrid airport.

## **Before You Book**

*Click on each heading for more details.*

### [How Do I Lock in My Place on This Adventure?](#)

To register, a non-refundable \$300 deposit is required to hold your spot. A final payment is due 90 days before departure and is non-refundable after the due date. You will receive a prompt email from us 2 to 3 weeks in advance.

Once this tour has a viable number of participants, an "Adventure Advice" email will be sent with critical information on flight arrangements as well as important steps to take in the months before your trip. Please do not buy your airline tickets until you review this Adventure Advice email.

Please follow this link to read our full [General Tour Conditions](#).

### [What is a Classic Curated Tour?](#)

With help from local experts and walking guides, these itineraries are hand-crafted, with the help of trusted in-country partners, to tailor itineraries to WAI specifications.

When planning Classic Curated Tours, our objective is to capture the essence of a destination - the history, culture, and natural wonders unique to that part of the world. We then build activities and walks that we hope will take us inside these characteristics.

Yes, these tours are educational, but they are also interactive and immersive; walking gets



us off the bus and penetrates local cultures to not only see but touch, smell, and feel these special spaces.

Along the way, local walking guides amplify the experience by sharing insights into the magic of that particular location.

In the case of Southern Spain, WAI's first walking tour in this part of Europe was offered in 1997, followed by several itineraries featuring Southern Spain and Portugal during the ensuing 10 years. After 2007, however, we shifted our focus to Northern Spain and the Camino de Santiago.

In 2025, we are delighted to return to Southern Spain and the Andalusia Region to combine our prior knowledge with insights from our Spanish tour planning partners!

### Walk Ratings

We generally walk at a pace of 2 to 3 miles per hour. Walks that are oriented more towards education may take longer due to stops for guide commentary. Nature walks, on the other hand, generally continue at a steadier pace because we're stopping less to talk.

In most cases, we are not "strolling." We are walking at a relaxed but steady pace. Your experience will be significantly affected by your level of physical fitness. If not walking regularly at home, we strongly recommend that you make a priority of "training" beforehand to both enjoy the trip and avoid medical issues due to overexertion.

If you have questions about your ability to participate, please contact our office at [fun@walkingadventures.com](mailto:fun@walkingadventures.com).

We have adopted a walk difficulty rating system which contains a numeric indicator for trail incline and an alpha indicator for trail terrain. The explanation for this system is presented on the table below:

#### **INCLINE**

1. Minimal hills or stair climbing. Cumulative elevation gain: <200 feet.
2. Some moderate hills and stair climbing. Cumulative elevation gain: 200-1000 feet.
3. Some significant hill or stair climbing. Cumulative elevation gain: 1000-2000 feet.

#### **TERRAIN**

- A. Almost entirely on pavement.
- B. A significant part of the route is on well-groomed trails with very few obstacles.
- C. A significant part of the route is on somewhat difficult terrain (rocky / rooted paths or soft sand).

### How Is Airfare Arranged?

The official start and finish point for this adventure are our hotels in Madrid, Spain, both served by Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport in Madrid (airport code MAD).

Because travelers arrive over a broad span of time in the course of at least two days, it is not cost-effective to include airport to hotel transfers in the tour price. Taxis are easy to catch and other alternatives will be proposed in the Adventure Advice memo. Our first hotel is approximately a 20 minute taxi ride from the airport. Our last hotel is about 5 minutes from the airport.

About a month before departure, a list of travelers and their flight details will be sent, allowing travelers to consider ride-sharing if their flights arrive around the same time.

We recommend that you contact Laura Pfahler, the travel agent we work with, to help book your flight arrangements. In this age of airfare complications and airport uncertainty, using a travel agent is a good investment!

More details about flight arrangements and travel agent contact information will be provided in an Adventure Advice PDF by email after you register for the Adventure. Please do not book your airfare prior to receiving these flight details from us!

- Laura Pfahler: 503.434.6401 or [llp@wtpdx.com](mailto:llp@wtpdx.com)

### [Travel Insurance](#)

WAI recommends travel insurance for financial and medical protection from any number of unforeseen circumstances that can arise before departure or during your Adventure. Many travel insurance providers are available for you to consider. Laura Pfahler and Sharon Mitchell of World Travel Inc. can provide travel insurance options for your WAI tour, as well as for your airfare. For those who purchase airfare through Laura, purchasing your travel insurance from her colleague, Sharon Mitchell, may be the simplest option.

Sharon Mitchell: 971-261-2091 or [smitchell@wtpdx.com](mailto:smitchell@wtpdx.com)

Be aware that some travel insurance policies contain time-sensitive provisions (i.e. some benefits, such as coverage of pre-existing conditions, are available only if the policy is purchased within a certain number of days of the purchase of the travel package). In addition, remember that airfare is not covered by any travel insurance policy you may have purchased for the tour.

Check out [Insurance Tips](#) from World Travel for a short introduction to travel insurance.

Other options include:

- Allianz
- Betins
- Travel Guard

- Travel Insured International

Using the [SquareMouth.com](https://www.squaremouth.com) website can be a good way to compare pricing.

NOTE: WAI receives no commission or financial remuneration from World Travel Inc. In addition, WAI bears no responsibility for travel insurance benefits advertised by various credit card companies. If you are relying on this type of benefit for insurance, we advise you to verify coverage types and limits and that your purchase does in fact qualify you for this insurance.

*We suggest purchasing from a reputable, well-established insurance company (avoid buying insurance from an unknown company found only online). Travelers interested in purchasing “cancel for any reason” insurance coverage should be careful to check pricing and terms BEFORE they register for a tour. Recent changes in the international travel landscape has caused changes in the policies of some insurance companies, and made the purchase of this particular type of policy even more time-sensitive.*

### [What if WAI Cancels the Tour](#)

Walking Adventures International reserves the right to cancel this tour departure if there are fewer than 12 participants, in which case registered participants will receive a 100% refund of payments received.

This refund policy contains one exclusion. Many suppliers require non-refundable deposits as a condition of booking services. Though it is rare, unforeseen circumstances can force us to cancel a tour. In cases where supplier’s non-refundable policies are imposed, WAI attempts to retrieve as much of these deposits as possible but cannot guarantee a 100% refund.

In cases where full refunds cannot be obtained for a cancelled tour, we will do our best to transfer unrefunded money as traveler credits to be applied to a future tour to that destination.

View our full [General Tour Conditions](#) for more details.

### [Wellness Policies For This Tour](#)

Our approach to wellness on tour has traditionally been to encourage travelers to:

- Focus on health before the tour so you start healthy.
- Pace yourself while on tour; travel is inherently stimulating and can produce adrenalin boosts that mask energy drain. Guard your energy reserves and consider the length of the trip and whether to opt out of some activities and/or walks.
- Be self-aware. If you feel yourself tiring or feel a bug coming on, take precautions to block it (e.g. extra rest, extra doses of vitamin C, etc).
- If you feel a bug coming on or if you take ill, distance yourself from others when

possible.

- If you feel ill, isolate yourself towards the back of the bus and away from others and please wear a mask.

Click [WAI Wellness on Tour Policy](#) to view the WAI policy on Wellness on Tour.

### [What Happens Next?](#)

Once we have a viable number of participants, an “Adventure Advice” email is sent with critical information on flight arrangements as well as important steps to take in the months before your trip. Please do not buy your airline tickets until you review this Adventure Advice email.

A final payment is due 90 days before departure and is non-refundable after the due date. You will receive a prompt email from us a week or two in advance. Please see our [General Tour Conditions](#) for the full terms and conditions for participation in this Adventure.

About 2 weeks before departure, you will receive a final email packet with details of the program, including hotel names and contact information, a list of fellow travelers, and a more detailed daily schedule.

We look forward to returning to share the delights of *Southern Spain ~ Allure of Andalusia*.