East-West Global Travel

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An Experiential Learning Tour

Andalusia, Spain

- Day 1: Depart your gateway city for an overnight trip to Seville, Spain. After making one connection in the USA and one in Madrid, you will arrive in Seville in the early afternoon the following day.
- Day 2: Upon arrival in Seville, and after clearing Spanish Customs and Immigration, your group will be met by your Tour Manager who will direct you to your privately chartered bus waiting outside. Your Tour Manager will be with the group for the entire stay in Spain, ensuring that all aspects of the trip go smoothly. In addition, the group will enjoy the services of a privately chartered luxury motor coach and driver, handling all transportation needs for the group from start to finish for the next week in Spain.

After the luggage has been loaded onto the bus, you will be transferred to your hotel located very near the center of the city, the <u>Hotel Don Paco</u>,

We will arrange a welcome luncheon for the group in a local restaurant in the historical center of the city this afternoon. The rest of the day and evening will be free to relax after the long trans-Atlantic journey. Many of the most interesting sights are within a ten minute walk of the hotel, so you may wish to do some informal exploration on your own.

Dinner and overnight at the Hotel Don Paco.

Day 3: This morning the group will have a guided city tour of <u>Seville</u>, which is the capital of the autonomous region of Spain known as <u>Andalusia</u>. Your tour of Seville will include admission tickets to the <u>Cathedral</u> and <u>Giralda</u> (both UNESCO World Heritage sites), in addition to the many other sites that make Seville such a unique and interesting place.

In the afternoon the group will have a sightseeing cruise on the Guadalquivir River, providing a unique view of the city and its surroundings.

Dinner and overnight at the Hotel Don Paco.

Day 4: This morning the group will visit one of the many olive oil factories in the area. Seville in in the heart of Spain's premier olive-oil region. Many mills here have recently shifted from selling low-grade oil in bulk to making quality artisanal olive oils. You will have a tour and have the chance to experience both the ancient traditions and artisanal innovations offered.

This afternoon the group will be treated to a class in the traditional Spanish folk music and dancing known as <u>flamenco</u>. Not only will you learn about the history and tradition of this uniquely Andalusian form of expression, you will also learn to dance in this style!

Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 5: Today the group will transfer to <u>Cordoba</u>, a city with a history dating back to Roman times. In the Middle Ages the city was the capital of an Islamic Caliphate, and you will see the influences of Islamic culture and architecture as you tour the city.

The group will be staying at the Los Omeyas Hotel here for one night.

After checking, your group will have a guided tour of the city including a visit to the <u>Great Mosque of Cordoba</u>, which dates back as far as the year 600 AD and has served as both a mosque and a Catholic cathedral.

Dinner and overnight at the Los Omeyas Hotel.

Day 6: In the morning the group will transfer to Granada, approximately two hours away by bus. You will check in to your accommodations here, the <u>Hotel Aben Humeya</u>.

In the early afternoon your group will learn how to make <u>paella</u> by participating in a two hour paella cooking class, led by a private chef. After assisting with the dish's preparation and cooking, you will sit down and eat. In addition to your paella meal, a drink, dessert and recipe are all included in the experience.

Later this afternoon you will have a guided tour of the Albayzin district of the city. You will wander through the winding streets and learn about the Moorish influence from medieval times. The Albazin district of Granada has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site

The remainder of the afternoon and evening will be free. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel Aben Humeya.

Day 7: This morning the group will have a half day city tour of <u>Granada</u>. Your tour will include tickets to the <u>Alhambra and the Generalife</u>, a famous Moorish citadel and palace.

The afternoon is free to spend at leisure and perhaps to get some last minute sightseeing or shopping in.

This evening the group will be treated to dinner and a flamenco show known as Tablao Flamenco Albayzin.

Day 8: This morning the group will check out of the hotel in Granada and transfer to the airport in Seville, where you will check in for your international flight back to the USA and your gateway city.

After making one connection in Madrid and one in the USA, arrival in your gateway city will be in the evening.