



RONDA

ANDALUCIA SPECTACULAR LANDSCAPE & CHARMING VILLAGES

RONDA, OLVERA, CORIPE, ARCOS DE LA FRONTERA, JEREZ, SEVILLE, SAN NICOLAS DEL PUERTO, SEVILLE, ZALAMEA LA REAL CONCEPCION, RIO TINTO MINES - 6 Days/5 Nights Itinerary

DAY 1: MALAGA-RONDA

Arrive in Malaga airport and depart for Ronda. In an impressive location, a sheer cleft of over 300 ft. called El Tajo splits the town. Time to visit the bullring, built in 1784, considered the most beautiful in Spain. Walking through the old town, we will find nice palaces and some magnificent views over the countryside. Afternoon guided city tour where we will visit the Bullring and old city. Dinner and overnight at hotel. **(D)**

DAY 2: RONDA-OLVERA-CORIPE-RONDA

After breakfast depart for Olvera (about 45 minutes), then we will start walking along the old train route transformed into walking route, Green route (Via Verde). We suggest walking till the old station of Coripe which is about 21.5 kms so easy (3hrs30 minutes/4 hrs), easy track and slightly down the hill. The whole route is

nice but there are two places of special interest. Peña Zaframagon, is one the biggest vulture concentrations in Europe, and near Coripe, a milenary 'holm oak'

tree which is declared a 'natural monument' and protected. In the Afternoon we will enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of Ronda and its superb views. Return to your hotel in Ronda for an overnight. **(B, D)**

DAY 3: RONDA-ARCOS DE LA FRONTERA-JEREZ-SEVILLE

After breakfast depart to along the "Route of the White Villages" (Arcos de la Frontera, Grazalema). All these villages in this mountainous area were part of the war like border between the Christian and the Muslim kingdoms for more than 3 centuries (XIII to XVth). They are surrounded by brilliant white houses with narrow

streets like a maze. The path is filled with fantastic views. Stop to visit the beautiful "White Village" of Arcos Frontera full of splendid corners, and impressive location. Stop to visit a sherry wine cellar with a tasting in Jerez Frontera. Sherry is the best well known Spanish wine abroad, and great part of the local economy is related to the production of this world-

famous wine. Afternoon guided tour in Seville, to visit inside the Gothic Cathedral, the largest in Spain and third in the world, with the Giralda Tower (striking minaret of the former mosque). Then a walk by Santa Cruz Quarter, a maze of small alleys with colorful names stepped in legend and small squares with the peacefulness of a tiny garden is an invitation to have a rest. Dinner and overnight at hotel. **(B, WT, D)**





SEVILLE

DAY 4 : SEVILLE-SAN NICOLAS DEL PUERTO-SEVILLE

After breakfast depart and discover the Sevilla Mountains (Sierra de Sevilla). We will drive till San Nicolas del Puerto about (1 hour 45 minutes) then we will start walking along the old train route transformed into a walking route, Green route (Via Verde). We will walk up for only 3kms till "Cerro del Hierro," to see this panoramic view and lunar landscape of an old mining area. Later we will walk down along the 'Green route' for about 18 kms (3 hours 30min. aproximately). Dinner and overnight at hotel in Sevilla. **(B, D)**

DAY 5: SEVILLE-ZALAMEA LA REAL-CONCEPCION-RIO TINTO MINES-SEVILLE

After breakfast depart for the spectacular old mining area of Rio Tinto which were worked by the Tartesos (old inhabitants of the area 3.000 years ago), Romans etc. and in XIXth by British companies, so it remains some curious British quarters in some of these old mining little villages. We will start north Seville, near Zalamea la Real, (100 kms, 1hr 30' from Seville) in

a tiny village called Concepcion following the Odiel River, along this fantastic 'via verde' till El Campillo, about 15 kms (2 hrs and half). Of course, those up for the challenge can go another 90 minutes to reach village Minas de Rio Tinto. Once you are in Minas de Rio Tinto there is a museum of miners and a curious old train from mining times in XIXth century (usually it is in operation only on weekends.) Balance of day in Seville **(B, D)**

DAY 6: RETURN HOME

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. **(B)**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 5 overnights in hotels (First Superior Category), in standard rooms.
- 5 buffet breakfast (hot and cold)
- 5 dinners in hotels (Buffet). No drinks.
- Visit of a Sherry Wine Cellar in Jerez Frontera
- Guided tours of Ronda, Olvera, Coripe, Arcos De La Frontera, Jerez, Seville, San Nicolas Del Puerto, Zalamea, La Real, Concepcion and Rio Tinto Mines
- Luggage portorage at hotels (1 piece of luggage per pax)

Legend

B	Breakfast
D	Dinner
WT	Wine Tasting

