

# Discover & Explore Costa del Sol



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### MADRID, SPAIN

No city on earth is more alive than Madrid, a beguiling place whose sheer energy carries a simple message: this city really knows how to live.

#### An Artistic City

Few cities boast an artistic pedigree quite as pure as Madrid's: many art lovers return here again and again. For centuries, Spanish royals showered praise and riches upon the finest artists of the day, from home-grown talents such as Goya and Velázquez to Flemish and Italian greats. Masterpieces by these and other Spanish painters such as Picasso, Dalí and Miró now adorn the walls of the city's world-class galleries. Three in particular are giants – the Museo del Prado, Centro de Arte Reina Sofía and Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza – but in Madrid these are merely good places to start.

#### A Culinary Capital

Rising above the humble claims of its local cuisine, Madrid has evolved into one of the richest culinary capitals of Europe. The city has wholeheartedly embraced all the creativity and innovation of Spain's gastronomic revolution. But this acceptance of the new is wedded to a passion for the enduring traditions of Spanish cooking, for the conviviality of the eating experience and for showcasing the infinite variety of food from every Spanish region.

### OPTIONAL TOURS

It's time to start booking optional tours. This tour was designed to give you the freedom to decide whether you wanted free time to explore on your own, time to enjoy a day at the spa or take a guided tour with your friends & family. The choice is yours...build your tour...your way!

If you'd like to take one of our guided tours, please send full payment with a listing of your selections to our office no later than **one month prior to departure**. Tour Confirmations will be sent via email approximately 10 days prior to your departure.

Please note that NONE of the optional tours conflict with each other or with any included program tour. For planning purposes, refer to your program brochure for basic tour

information. The specific day a tour may operate is subject to change. A final daily itinerary will be included in your travel materials.

As tour arrangements are planned specifically for our groups, optional Tours are non-refundable. (Refunds will ONLY be issued if Adelman/Chamber Discoveries cancels the tour.)

The Madrid extension MUST have been purchased prior to ticketing—deadline for the Madrid extension was at the time you made your final payment for the trip. Contact your Operations Manager for details.

Anyone wishing to add this option now, will be responsible for airline change fees.

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Have you signed up for the Optional Post Tour to Madrid yet? Sign up now to avoid disappointment!

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## OPTIONAL TOURS

### Mijas – Half Day - \$89

Your stay on Costa del Sol is not complete without having seen the most typical “white washed village”; The Burro Taxis (donkeys) are waiting to take you on a ride. Don't miss the shrine of “Our Lady of the Rock”, carved into a solid piece of rock by a monk in the 16th century, and the smallest bullring of Spain, the only one that has a oval shape. The many lookout points offer breathtaking views of the coast and narrow little streets with flowerpots invite you for a relaxing stroll. Perfect place for shopping – Handicrafts, leather, Lladró, ceramics...



### Rock of Gibraltar - Full Day – \$149

Gibraltar also known as “The Rock”, guards the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea, it offers a fascinating blend of English and Spanish culture. Gibraltar borders the town of La Linea de la Concepción, part of the county of Cádiz. The Rock of Gibraltar - the most famous rock in the world. Gibraltar is situated at the southern end of Europe with a land frontier to Spain on its northern front. It sits at the joining of the Atlantic Ocean with the Mediterranean Sea.



### Malaga (new tour)- ½ Day - INCLUDED

Enjoy a 1/2 day in Malaga, one of the oldest cities in the world, founded in the 8th century by the Phoenicians. Today, art is everywhere - you can experience exhibits dedicated to glass and crystal, classic cars, contemporary installations, and, of course, the works of Picasso, who was born here. Wander past banana trees and beautiful fountains as you walk through Paseo del Parque, then hit the old city to quench your thirst at a Spanish tavern.



### Seville – Full Day \$139

Our city tour of Seville will include visits to the Gold Tower, Giralda Bell Tower and the ornate Cathedral housing Christopher Columbus' Tomb. We'll also visit Alcazar Palace, an 800-year-old palace-fortress of the Arab kings and explore the old Jewish quarter of Santa Cruz, beautiful Maria Luisa Park, and Plaza Espana.



### ~ MADRID EXTENSION\*\* - 4 Additional Days \* ~

Our Optional 3 night post-tour to Madrid includes a guided tour of Madrid followed by free time to explore this magnificent city on your own. This option includes transportation from Torremolinos to Madrid, 3 nights hotel accommodation in a city-center hotel, with breakfast included, and transportation to the Madrid airport for your flights home.



*\*Prices are per person, double occupancy. \*\*Madrid option MUST be paid for at the time of your final trip invoice is due (prior to ticketing) to avoid additional fees.*

All tours - prices based on a min. of 10 guests - prices subject to change if min. is not met. Order of tours subject to change until the final itinerary is distributed.



## Mijas

Mijas is a town and municipality in the province of Málaga, in Andalusia, southern Spain. It is a typically Andalusian white-washed village located at a mountain side about 450m above sea level, in the heart of the Costa del Sol region. There are some local history museums and many souvenir shops. Founded in prehistoric times by the Tertessians, it was known as Tamisa by the Romans; later the name changed to Mixa and finally to the current Mijas.

## Rock of Gibraltar

Looming like some great ship off southern Spain, Gibraltar is a fascinating compound of curiosities. Despite “bobbies on the beat”, red post boxes and other reminders of 1960s England, Gibraltar is actually a cultural cocktail with Genoese, Spanish, North African and other elements which have made it fantastically prosperous. Naturally, the main sight is the awesome Rock; a vast limestone ridge that rises to 426m, with sheer cliffs on its northern and eastern sides. For the ancient Greeks and Romans this was one of the two Pillars of Hercules, split from the other, Jebel Musa in Morocco, in the course of Hercules’ arduous Twelve Labours. The two great rocks marked the edge of the ancient world. Gibraltar’s location and highly defensible nature have attracted the covetous gaze of military strategists ever since.



## Costa del Sol

Stretching from Almeria to Tarifa , Costa del Sol is a densely populated coast of Andalusia . It stretches along just over 150 kilometers of Malaga province and is one of Spain’s most popular



tourist destinations. Evidence of the area’s (specifically the western side) popularity is the fact that there are more jet skis per capita than anywhere else in Europe. All year round, people favor its row of fine, sandy beaches and calm Mediterranean waters. The area’s mild climate is a major factor in enjoying the beaches and a wide variety of outdoor and water activities year round. The Costa del Sol’s resorts like Benalmadena, Fuengirola, Torremolinos, and Marbella, with their miles of beautiful fine sand beaches and splendid weather, have kept tourists coming back year after year, by the thousands.

Costa del Sol’s history dates back to the Phoenicians. From that time, the coast has been inhabited by Greeks, Romans and Moors, all of whom have influenced the coast and left their mark, evident in Costa del Sol’s culture and architecture. Although often in the shadow of its neighbor Seville, Costa del Sol and the Malaga provinces are home to some of the most excellent Flamenco and bull fight shows, and a number of the best tapas restaurants.

Remarkable historical monuments in themselves, the whitewashed towns of Costa del Sol and their people still live according to age-old traditions, inherited from their Roman, Iberian and Moorish forefathers.

## Malaga

If you think the Costa del Sol is soulless, you clearly haven’t been to Málaga. Loaded with history and brimming with a youthful vigor that proudly acknowledges its multi-layered past, the city that gave the world Picasso has transformed itself in spectacular fashion in the last decade, with half a dozen new art galleries, a radically rethought port area and a nascent art district called Soho. Not that Málaga was ever lacking in energy: the Spanish-to-the-core bar scene could put bags under eyes of an insomniac madrileño, while the food culture encompasses both Michelin stars and tastefully tatty fish shacks.

Come here for tapas washed down with sweet local wine, and stay in a creative boutique hotel sandwiched between a Roman amphitheater, a Moorish fortress and the polychromatic Pompidou Centre, while you reflect on how eloquently Málaga has reinvented itself for the 21st century. Look out, Seville.

## Seville

Seville, located in the South of Spain, is a provincial capital, seat of the government and parliament of the Comunidad Autónoma de Andalucía (Regional Government). It has more than 700,000 inhabitants, nearly half the population of the whole province. The city of Seville is located on the plain of the Guadalquivir River which crosses the city from North to South. The river can be navigated from Seville all the way to its outlet near Sanlúcar de Barrameda, on the Atlantic coast. In the past, the port of Seville played an important role in commerce between Spain and the Americas. It remains today one of the most active river ports of the Iberian Peninsula.

### Giralda Bell Tower & Cathedral

The Giralda tower is one of the highlights of Seville and one of its most representative buildings. It is the most visited monument of the city along with the Cathedral. The importance of the Giralda is justified because it is the bell tower of one of the largest churches in the world (the Cathedral of Seville is the 3rd biggest one in the world) and also, because it is one of the finest examples of the cultural blend that defines Spain. The ornate Cathedral also houses Christopher Columbus' Tomb.

### Alcazar Palace

The Alcázar of Seville (Spanish "Reales Alcázares de Sevilla" or "Royal Alcazars of Seville" in English) is a royal palace in Seville, Spain, originally a Moorish fort.

The Almohades were the first to build a palace, which was called Al-Muwarak, on the site of the modern day Alcázar. The palace is one of the best remaining examples of Mudéjar architecture. Subsequent monarchs have added their own additions to the Alcázar. The upper levels of the Alcázar are still used by the royal family as the official Seville residence.



## 10 FUN FACTS ABOUT SPAIN

Here are 10 fun facts that you might not know about Spain its people and its history:

1. Costa del Sol stretches 160km from the cliffs at Maro in the East to Punta Chullera in the West.
2. The history of this famous coastline spans about 2,800 years, with an ancient Celtiberian tribe called the Bastuli possibly being the earliest inhabitants here.
3. This region has been occupied by a number of different conquering forces during its fascinating history including the Phoenicians, Romans, Germanic tribes, Byzantine Empire and Arabs, up until the period of Reconquista by the Catholic Monarchs.
4. There are as many as 320 days of sunshine per year in this area of Spain making it the ideal destination for tourists looking for sun, sand and sea.
5. Almost 50% of the province of Málaga is covered by nature parks, natural areas, nature reserves and natural monuments.
6. Malaga's Cathedral is one of those essential places to visit in a tour through the city of Malaga. It is called Santa Iglesia Catedral Basílica de la Encarnación but it is popularly known as "La Manquita". Its construction began in 1528 and its works lasted 250 years. However, the Cathedral remained unfinished, the most significant being the lack of the South Tower.
7. Malaga Subway clocks do not display 60 seconds, but 59. They have a British style seconds' hand by which the hand comes to the end and rather than continuing, pauses and then it's the minute hand that marks this second. This system is used in British stations to indicate exactly the departure of the trains.
8. The Malaga coat of arms was awarded by the Catholic Kings after the conquest, on August 30, 1494. In it are recorded the initials: TM, which means "Tanto Monta" abbreviation of "Tanto monta cortar como desatar" (It doesn't matter if you cut it or untie it) famous phrase used by King Fernando The Catholic.
9. Did you know that was after a great epidemic in the city of Malaga and that did not afflict the prison or its prisoners?
10. El Pimpi, one of the most unique places in Malaga. In its origins was probably the first dancing bar of Costa del Sol, also a convent. Today is a magnificent restaurant, where you can enjoy local gastronomy and wines.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## FLIGHT UPGRADES

**Question:** Can I upgrade my seat assignment or flights?

**Answer:** In most cases, yes, you can upgrade your seats to Comfort Class, Premium Economy Class or even Business Class if the request is made prior to ticketing. If you are interested in receiving upgrade options, please contact your Operations Manager so that we may work on your request when the time comes. Additional fees will apply based on your final selections. Full payment will be required for additional services at the time of purchase. Seating upgrades are non-refundable once purchased.

**Question:** Can I use my frequent flyer points to upgrade my flights?

**Answer:** Possibly. We recommend you contact your provider for details and then continue with our air department accordingly. We will need to know which "Class of Service" you need to be booked in, in order to receive the upgrade you wish.

## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

**Question:** When will I get my travel documents?

**Answer:** Travel material will be available approximately 30 days prior to your departure date. There is generally a final orientation meeting where these are distributed and guests are given an opportunity to review the materials and ask any questions they may have. If a meeting is not scheduled, Adelman/Chamber Discoveries will mail your documents directly to the address we have on file for you approximately 25-30 days prior to your trip.

**Question:** I live out of the area or will be out of town during the Final Orientation Meeting. How can I get my travel documents?

**Answer:** If there is a Final Orientation Meeting for your group, we will send all of the materials directly to the organization for the meeting. For anyone who cannot attend the meeting, the materials will be mailed to you within a few days following the meeting.

## CUSTOMIZED TRAVEL OPTIONS

**Question:** Can members of my group extend their trip or travel from a different home city? If so, how does that work and what is the cost?

**Answer:** Absolutely. We are happy to work with you and your guests in making special travel arrangements. These are handled on a case-by-case basis approximately 75-100 days prior to the trip. Guests wishing to extend their trip or travel from a different home city should put their detailed requests in writing as soon as possible so that we can begin working on the research for their trips.

Approximately 75-100 days prior to their travel dates, Adelman/Chamber Discoveries will send these guests information detailing their travel options. At that time, the guest may elect to use our services, cancel their request and simply travel with the group, or make their own arrangements. Either way, they must return the materials with their final selection noted so that we can finalize ticketing arrangements on their behalf.

## SPECIAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

**Question:** What if people want to travel together, what steps are needed to keep them together as much as possible?

**Answer:** Guests wishing to travel together need to put their requests in writing and submit to Adelman/Chamber Discoveries via email (bgarrison@adelmantravel.com) or fax (866) 668-2126, or regular mail to Adelman/Chamber Discoveries at 6980 N. Port Washington Rd. Milwaukee, WI 53217, as soon as possible and identify exactly who they wish to travel with (i.e. Marta Jones and Betty Harris wish to travel with Susie & Tom Klein - they are traveling to Spain with xxx in Month YEAR)



Alhambra Palace



Mijas Donkeys



Gibraltar

## DAILY ITINERARY

- Day 1: Depart the USA
- Day 2: Arrive in Spain
- Day 3: Costa del Sol/Malaga
- Day 4: Costa del Sol/ Rhonda
- Day 5: Costa del Sol/Mijas (optional)
- Day 6: Costa del Sol/Gibraltar (optional)
- Day 7: Costa del Sol/Seville (optional)
- Day 8: Costa del Sol/Granada
- Day 9: Costa del Sol to the USA,  
or Madrid (if applicable)
- Day 10: Madrid
- Day 11: Rome to Home



## OPTIONAL TOURS - SIGN UP

Please confirm my participation in the:

\_\_\_\_\_ Gibraltar - \$149

\_\_\_\_\_ Mijas - \$89

\_\_\_\_\_ Seville - \$139

\_\_\_\_\_ Madrid Post Tour - \$799 (must sign up for Madrid Post by July 1)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$10 per tour on-site booking fee for tours reserved once in destination.*

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