

AMELIA DALTON^{LTD}

TRAVEL

ANDALUCÍA in SPRING SUNSHINE & WARMTH *A varied Short Break in early March*



From the dry plains of **La Mancha** to the sea-kissed **Levante** and on through southern Spain - historic **Andalucía**, is home to fascinating architecture, colourful traditions, delicious food and elegant, sophisticated wines. **SEVILLE**, romantic and charming, the city of Carmen and Don Juan has traffic-free streets tightly packed with magnificent monuments and buzzing tapas bars. **JEREZ** smaller and equally historic is alive with a bustling market and unique wine **bodegas**. Their old-world charm, style and appeal is far removed from the stainless-steel production lines of many wine producing areas. While the **Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park**, designated a Biosphere Reserve since 1977, is one of Spain's most fascinating National Parks. This complex area of limestone mountains, caves and forests is home to Egyptian vultures, cork oak woodlands and unique flora. In addition to exploring locally with an experienced guide, we will relax amongst the charms of the **Hacienda de San Rafael**, featured in the Condé Nast Traveller, February 2024. This Gold list only includes 68 of the world's "best", so a great accolade and affirmation of this charming hotel's style and personal touch, with attractive furnishings many from Asia.

Tuesday 19th March 2024, SEVILLE.

After arrival at Seville airport we transfer* (approx. 30 mins) to the **Hacienda San Rafael**, a private, family owned hotel amid olive groves just south of Seville. After welcome drinks we dine in the charming dining room at the Hacienda.



Wednesday 20th March: JEREZ

Departing after breakfast we transfer **Jerez**. Our walking tour initially starts at the lively market housed in a splendid neo-classical building. The Mercado de Abastos is famous for its fish, from super fresh prawns and tuna to wine, fruit and olive oil: it is a colourful bustle. Next, we visit a Bodegas to taste elegant sherry before a pairing lunch with local dishes. Returning to our base at the Hacienda we have the rest of the day free; read a book, play bridge or have a snooze before dinner at the Hacienda with local wines.

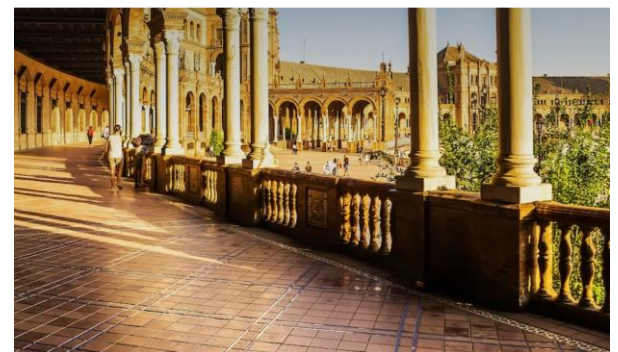
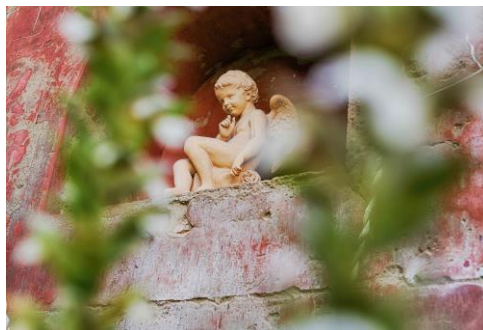


Thurs. 21st March; SIERRA de GRAZALEMA

Today we enjoy the nearby countryside in the National Park of the **Sierra de Grazalema**. Strolling amongst the limestone scenery with our local guide, the Reserve is home to varied birdlife and unique flora, orchids, an endemic poppy and geranium, whilst birdlife ranges from Egyptian and griffon vultures to soaring eagles. After the fresh air of the morning, we lunch in one of the charming mountain villages, have time to explore the village before our return to the comforts of the Hacienda. Dinner tonight with wine will be a relaxing one at the Hacienda.

Friday 22nd March; SEVILLE

After breakfast we transfer to the elegant city of **Seville** sitting on the banks of the Guadalquivir River. Rich in history and culture, this is one of the most charming and famous cities of the world. The morning is free for your own choice of visits. There is a wealth of options, from the 10th Century royal palace of the Alcazár, the cathedral with its varied architecture gargoyles and stained glass windows, the Giralda tower and many colourful tapas bars. Whilst no specific visits are organised, they can easily be arranged in advance according to your preferences. After time for a lunch where you wish, our minibus returns us to the Hacienda for a peaceful afternoon and our Farewell Dinner.



HACIENDA DE SAN RAFAEL.

Sitting amongst the peaceful countryside between Seville and Jerez, this traditional Hacienda was once an olive estate and has been a luxury hide-away for many successful years. The six acres of gardens surround the original 18th century building; there are 11 rooms and three garden casita suites. The individually designed rooms, each with its own veranda, have beautiful antiques and textiles. Well placed for nearby Seville, Jerez and Cadiz, the privately owned Hacienda will offer a delightful contrast after the bustle of life in Seville. I have taken groups here many times, and it is one of my favourite hotels.



Tuesday 19th – Saturday 23rd MARCH 2024

Cost based on 2 sharing a room Eur 3,600 per person

Supplement for single occupancy of double room: EUR760

Cost includes:

- Accommodation as mentioned, or similar, with Continental breakfast, taxes and service charges (suites & garden villas available @ extra cost)
- meals as mentioned (2 Lunches and Dinner every evening with wine.)
- tasting, entrance fees and visits as mentioned in the itinerary.
- transfers from and to Seville airport connecting only with Easy Jet flights mentioned below.
- private transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- gratuities to restaurants, guides and drivers
- services of local guide & Amelia Dalton tour leader

Cost does NOT include:

- arrival at and departure from Seville airport, & any transfer other than those specified.
- items of a personal nature.
- travel insurance.
- meals, drinks and transport unless specified in the itinerary.
- government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication.

FLIGHTS; transfers will co-ordinate with these flights:

19th March Easy Jet EZY8051 ETD Gatwick 11.10 / ETA Seville 14.55 / 23rd March ETD EZY8006 Seville 10.45 / ETA 12.30 Gatwick
I will be happy to help with flight bookings.



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