



BARRINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRESENTS

ANDALUCIA

AN 11-DAY EXPLORATION OF ANDALUCIA DURING HOLY WEEK
MARCH 23RD - APRIL 2ND 2018

Spain is a land of vivid contrasts. Timeless, sun-baked landscapes surround its vibrant cities, and traditional rural communities continue unchanged beside the bustle of modern-day urban life. The country's proud history and architectural legacy embrace Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Moors, and the Catholic Kings of Spain's "Golden Age."

We'll begin in Granada and wonder at the ethereal beauty of the Alhambra, the gorgeous gardens of the Generalife, and the old city known as the Albaicin. We drive across Andalucia, through wonderfully romantic white-washed villages, to the coast at Tarifa, where we'll board the ferry for a day trip across to Tangiers.

Teeming with passion, elegance, and beauty, Seville—with its mild winters and about 3,000 hours of sun each year—is the perfect antidote to spring in New England. We'll end our tour in this brilliant city during Holy Week, Holy Week, with its poignant processions by penitents of centuries-old brotherhoods and elaborate floats related to the Passion of the Christ. Sightseeing will also include a visit to the nearby Royal Residence, the Real Alcázar, with its lavish rooms and spectacular gardens, and an excursion into the surrounding countryside to view the remains of Roman Italica, birthplace of the Emperor Hadrian.

This spring, join BCS Director, Sandi Tinyk and Discover Europe's Gavin Miller for an unforgettable journey across the centuries of Spanish history and come bask in the sunshine of Al Andalus!

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD - Depart Barrington by private bus for Boston Logan, where you board your overnight flight. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH - Upon arrival in Europe this morning, you will connect with your onward flight to Malaga on the Costa del Sol. Your tour guide will meet your arrival and escort you, by private coach, to your hotel in Granada. After checking in, enjoy time to unpack, relax and possibly begin exploring the neighborhood. This evening we gather for a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: GRANADA**

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH - We spend the morning exploring the magnificent Alhambra. Built by the very finest craftsmen of Western Islam between the early part of the 14th century through the beginning of the 15th century, it is where the Nasrid Dynasty attempted to recreate their idea of Paradise on Earth. We also see the splendid Moorish garden of the adjoining Generalife, the Nasrids' country estate. The afternoon is free to visit the Royal Chapel, the symbol of the union between Isabella of Castille and Ferdinand of Aragon, or perhaps take a stroll amid the picturesque streets of the Albaicin, the enclave where Moslems took refuge after the 1492 fall of the Alhambra, which still preserves some of its Oriental charm. The evening is free to search out a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: GRANADA**



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ALHAMBRA

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:
BOSTON DEPARTURE: \$5490
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 990

Airfares are available from many U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- AIRFARE:** Roundtrip airfare from Boston to Malaga, returning from Seville including all customs fees and airport taxes
- HOTELS:** 9 nights' accommodation at first-class hotels including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation by luxury private motorcoach as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 5 dinners
- GUIDES:** DISCOVER EUROPE tour guide and BCS Director Sandi Tinyk throughout. Local guides in Granada, Seville and Córdoba
- BAGGAGE:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites featured in the itinerary

Please Note: Travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & REGISTRATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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MONDAY, MARCH 26TH - A full day excursion today takes us to Córdoba. A local guide introduces us to the city and its extraordinary Mezquita, the very embodiment of the power of Islam on the Iberian Peninsula. Part of the mosque was destroyed in the 16th century to make room for the construction of a Christian cathedral in its very center. We'll also explore the old Jewish quarter and the synagogue in the Mudéjar style, with Hebrew script covering its walls. There will be free time for individual exploration before we return to Granada for dinner together at a local restaurant. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: GRANADA**



of visitors to the park is limited to ensure minimal environmental impact. We'll travel in by jeep with a park ranger. Alternatively, you are welcome to enjoy a full free day in this beautiful city of a thousand orange blossoms. You might discover the area of El Arenal and visit the superb Museum of Fine Arts with its fine collection of works by Murillo. This evening, you're free to explore the city, sampling tapas along the way! **(B) OVERNIGHT: SEVILLE**

TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH - Today we travel west through the area of Los Pueblos Blancos, working agricultural towns that have been whitewashed in the Moorish tradition. We'll stop at the extraordinary city of Ronda, built on either side of a precipitous gorge, and the last Moorish bastion, before it fell to the Christians in 1485. Its famous bullring is the spiritual home of bullfighting and is one of the oldest and most important in Spain. A beautiful drive from here through the Parque Nacional Los Alcornocales brings us to the coast at the port of Tarifa. We'll have dinner at our hotel just outside the town. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: TARIFA**



QUEEN'S BATH, ALCAZAR, SEVILLE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH - There is an optional day trip across the Strait of Gibraltar today to Tangier in Morocco. Those not wishing to take part can spend the day in nearby Gibraltar or relaxing at the hotel. The evening is free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: TARIFA**

THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH - A beautiful drive this morning takes us up the Atlantic coast to the historic port of Cádiz. Founded by the Phoenicians, Cádiz is the oldest continuously inhabited city in Spain and, some say, the most ancient city still standing in Western Europe. After a break for lunch, we'll continue to our hotel in Seville, where dinner awaits us. We have arrived in Seville during their most revered holiday of the year - Holy Week. Today is *Jueves Santo* and there will be time this evening to catch one of the 60 processions through the city that occur during this *Semana Santa*. At 8.30 p.m. we may catch the return of *La Exaltación* up the steep slope of El Cuesta del Rosario. If you can stay up until 1.00 am, you can witness the breathtaking exit of *El Silencio* with candlelight illuminating the whole procession. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SEVILLE**

FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH - Today is *Viernes Santo*, but all the major tourist sites are still open. Throughout the night (beginning at midnight on Thursday) the procession of *La Macarena* winds through the city streets. This morning a local guide introduces the city in a walking tour that will include watching part of the procession before visiting Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic building in the world, and the royal palace. A walk up the steep ramp of the beautiful Moorish bell tower, La Giralda, offers fabulous views over the city. The afternoon is free to stroll the Barrio de Santa Cruz, a romantic, tangled maze of whitewashed alleyways and tree-lined squares, visit the Tower of Gold, or walk through the Plaza de España - all the while keeping an eye out for parades and processions! Your tour guide will make suggestions for a free evening. Tonight features *La Mortaja* at the Palacio de las Dueñas. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SEVILLE**

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST - *Sábado Santo*. A day excursion to the Parque Nacional de Doñana, one of Europe's greatest wetlands where a wide variety of wildlife has been allowed to flourish in strictly controlled conditions. The number



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SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST - *Domingo de Resurrección*. If you just can't get up this morning in time to make the 4.30 am *El Resucitado* from the Iglesia de Santa Marina, make sure you get to Santa Angela de la Cruz for 11.30. After free time for lunch, we drive a few miles north of Seville, to the nearby village of Santiponce to visit Roman Italica, one of the largest, most important Roman ruins in Spain. We'll investigate the site at our leisure. This evening we gather at the hotel for an evening of flamenco and dinner in Seville's old quarter. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SEVILLE**

MONDAY, APRIL 2ND - This morning we transfer to Seville Airport for our returning international flights back to Boston. Our arrival at Logan Airport we will be met by our private coach for the transfer back to Barrington. **(B)**

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO MADRID

The cost of this extension per person **\$1390** (single supp: **\$380**)

This includes: 3 nights accommodation in a first-class hotel (all hotel taxes and service charges included, all ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary, first class train tickets from Seville to Madrid, continental breakfast daily and 2 dinners, a Discover Europe tour director throughout, a local guide for Madrid city tour, portage of one large suitcase per person and entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.

MONDAY, APRIL 2ND - This morning you board a high-speed train from Seville to Madrid. After transferring to your city-center hotel, the rest of the day is free to unpack, relax and explore the neighborhood. Dinner at the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: MADRID**

TUESDAY, APRIL 3RD - A panoramic sightseeing tour of Madrid this morning will conclude at the Paseo del Arte, the Art Walk, a rejuvenated route joining Madrid's three largest art galleries, the Prado, the Reina Sofia and the Thyssen-Bornemisza. Each one has recently unveiled new wings. Our local guide will give us an introduction to the masterpieces on display at the Prado and then there will be free time for lunch and those who so desire can continue on the Art Walk in the afternoon. Or you may prefer to visit to the Royal Palace or the Basilica of San Francisco el Grande, or enjoy the sunshine and atmosphere in the social heart of Madrid, the Plaza Mayor. This evening why not sample a few tapas bars. Your courier will have plenty of suggestions. **(B) OVERNIGHT: MADRID**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH - Today we make a full day excursion to some of the most spectacular sights in Spain just outside Madrid. We'll begin at El Escorial, the massive palace built for Philip II, and continue to the Valley of the Fallen, a monument to those who died in the Spanish Civil War. At the elegant city of Segovia we'll see its famous Roman aqueduct before free time to explore. Upon our return to Madrid, there will be time to relax before dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: MADRID**

THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH - This morning sees transfers to Madrid Airport for return flights to the US. **(B)**

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **D** - dinner