



**Las
CABALGATAS
D'ESPAÑA**



Performance Travel Ltd

**JEREZ LA FRONTERA, ANALUCIA, SPAIN
SAMPLE ITINERARY**



Your Hotel

Youth Music of the World prides itself in providing only superior first class hotels. Your accommodations will have en-suite facilities, including bath and/or shower and W.C., and all of the usual amenities associated with a first class hotel, including full housekeeping services with linen and towel change, room service, direct dial telephone, flat screen TV with Freeview, WIFI and personal safes.



29 DECEMBER

Depart USA on flights to Europe.

Dinner and breakfast will be served on your transatlantic flight.

30 DECEMBER

On your arrival in to Madrid airport, after clearing immigration and customs, you will be met in the arrivals area and transferred by coach to your hotel. On arrival at the hotel your Tour Assistant will help with your check-in. There may be a short wait before you have access to your room.

An orientation meeting will be given by your Tour Assistant who will give you your itinerary book and any additional information and maps that you will need to enjoy your time in Spain.

Lunch at Leisure.

This afternoon will be left free for you to enjoy one of the many Christmas markets in Madrid. Such as the one in Plaza Mayor which is the most classic of all the Christmas markets in Madrid! Starting in mid-November and lasting until early January, this iconic square transforms into a winter wonderland adorned with twinkling lights and cheerful decorations. With more than 100 stalls, a brightly lit carousel and a festive atmosphere all throughout the historic square, you'll definitely find yourself in the Christmas spirit from the moment you arrive. Plus, with a history stretching back to the 19th century, it's also one of the oldest and most cherished Christmas markets in the whole country. There's no better place to get in the holiday mood!



Or the Feria Mercado de Artesania de Madrid (Madrid Craftsmanship Fair Market) is a celebration of creativity and craftsmanship that takes place at the picturesque Plaza de España. This art and craft market showcases the rich cultural heritage and talent of local artisans and designers. As visitors wander through the market, they are treated to an exceptional array of high-quality, handmade products. From intricately crafted jewellery to exquisitely designed clothing. The festive atmosphere enhances the experience as visitors have the opportunity to meet the artists and gain insight into the stories behind each art piece. With its emphasis on authenticity and creativity, this market provides an ideal platform for both artists and visitors to share in the joy of artistic expression and find extraordinary gifts for their loved ones.

Dinner will be served in a local restaurant in Madrid.

Return by coach to your hotel.

31 DECEMBER

A substantial buffet breakfast will be served each morning in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

Depart from your hotel for a panoramic sightseeing tour with an English speaking guide, including photo stops around Madrid. You will drive along the great avenues of Alcalá, Castellana and Gran Vía, pass through the great Plaza of España, Colon and the world famous Plaza Mayor, and have the chance to see the finale area of the Cabalgata de Reyes in Plaza de la Cibeles outside the Madrid City Hall.

You will be taken past the 'centre' of Madrid including the celebrated Puerta del Sol and many of the great monuments and museums including the Palacio Real,



the Prado, the Thyssen and Reina Sofia museums and of course Retiro park. The tour is also a great opportunity to look out for places you might like to visit during any independent time you have in Madrid.

Lunch at leisure at San Miguel Market, where you will find over thirty Spanish food stalls to choose from!

This afternoon you will be taken on a guided tour of the Royal Palace, the official residence of the Kings and Queens of Spain. The palace is made up of 3,000 rooms some of which are still used for State Banquets and great occasions today. The impressive building made mainly of marble and white stone is filled with works of art, porcelain, armour and tapestries. Make sure to see the opulent apartments of Charles III in particular his dressing rooms, also the huge State Dining Room created by Alonso XIII and the Royal Pharmacy is also definitely worth a quick look!

Return to the hotel where a New Year's Eve gala dinner will be served in your hotel this evening.

After dinner, music and dancing has been arranged in your hotel. Party poppers, hats and balloons will be provided to see in the New Year.

You will be able to ring in the New Year in traditional Spanish style! A TV will be provided for you to watch the bells ring out from the Real Casa de Correos clock in Puerta Del Sol. Traditions state that eating a grape for each 12 chimes of the clock will bring you luck!

The party will go on until just after midnight when, after a brief celebration, it will be time to get some rest.



1 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

Check out of your hotel in Madrid.

Depart by coach from your hotel for Toledo. Toledo was the capital of Spain and home to the Spanish Court until 1563. It is now the capital of the province of Castille la Mancha. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986 for its extensive cultural and monumental heritage. A UNESCO World Heritage Site is a place that is listed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as of special cultural or physical significance.

On arrival you will be taken on a guided walking tour around Toledo. Famous for its rich history and the co-existence of Christian, Islamic and Jewish cultures the tour will take you to both the 13th Century High Gothic Cathedral in Toledo, as well as to the Synagogue of Santa Maria La Blanca famous for its rich stucco decoration.

Independent lunch in Toledo.

Continue on by coach to Granada.

Granada is the capital city of the province of Granada, in the autonomous community of Andalusia, Spain. The area was settled since ancient times by Iberians, Romans, and Visigoths. The current settlement became a major city of Al-Andalus in the 11th century during the Zirid Taifa of Granada. It's known for grand examples of medieval architecture dating to the Moorish occupation, especially the Alhambra. This sprawling hilltop fortress complex encompasses royal palaces, serene patios, and reflecting pools from the Nasrid dynasty, as well as the fountains and orchards of the Generalife gardens.



Check in to your hotel in Granada.

There may be some time for personal shopping and sightseeing in the vicinity of your hotel before dinner.

Dinner this evening will be served in your hotel in Granada.

2 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

This morning take a guided tour of the Alhambra Palace in Granada.

The Alhambra Palace It is one of the most famous monuments of Islamic architecture and one of the best-preserved palaces of the historic Islamic world, in addition to containing notable examples of Spanish Renaissance architecture. The complex was begun in 1238 by Muhammad I Ibn al-Ahmar, the first Nasrid emir and founder of the Emirate of Granada, the last Muslim state of Al-Andalus. The most significant construction campaigns, which gave the royal palaces much of their definitive character, took place in the 14th century during the reigns of Yusuf I. After the conclusion of the Christian Reconquista in 1492, the site became the Royal Court of Ferdinand and Isabella (where Christopher Columbus received royal endorsement for his expedition).

Independent lunch in Granada.

This afternoon has been left free for independent shopping and sightseeing. Your tour assistant will be able to suggest plenty of things for you to see and do around Granada.

Enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant serving typical Andalusian food.



3 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

Check out from your hotel in Granada.

Depart by coach to Ronda. You will have time to explore this beautiful town with its impressive gorge and the eldest bullring of Spain built in 1784 in the Neoclassical style by the architect José Martín de Aldehuela. Ronda is also known for its cliffside location and a deep canyon that carries the Guadalquivir River and divides the town. It is one of the towns and villages that are included in the Sierra de las Nieves National Park.

Independent lunch in Ronda.

After lunch continue on by coach to Seville.

The city of Seville is the capital of the Spanish region and province of Andalusia and has about 700,000 inhabitants, making Seville the fourth largest city in Spain. Seville has the largest historic centre of Europe. The historic city centre of Seville offers many attractions, such as the Real Alcázar de Sevilla, the Seville Cathedral with the Giralda Tower and the Torre del Oro at the river. As well as being internationally known for its strong passion for football and international winning football club! Due to its numerous historical highlights, Seville is seen by many people as the most beautiful city of Andalusia and Spain.

Check in to your hotel in Granada.

There may be some time for personal shopping and sightseeing in the vicinity of your hotel before dinner.

Dinner this evening will be served in your hotel in Seville.



4 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

Depart from your hotel for a guided tour of Seville including visits to the Cathedral of Saint Mary and Plaza España.

The Cathedral of Saint Mary of the See or Seville Cathedral, is a Roman Catholic cathedral. It was registered in 1987 by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. It is one of the largest churches in the world as well as the largest Gothic church. Seville Cathedral was the site of the baptism of Infante Juan of Aragon in 1478, only son of the Catholic Monarchs Ferdinand II of Aragon and Isabella I of Castile. Its royal chapel holds the remains of the city's conqueror, Ferdinand III of Castile, his son and heir, Alfonso the Wise, and their descendant, King Peter the Cruel.

The Plaza de España is a plaza in the Parque de María Luisa, in Seville. It was built in 1928 for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929. It is a landmark example of Regionalism Architecture, mixing elements of the Baroque Revival, Renaissance Revival and Moorish Revival styles of Spanish architecture. The Plaza was designed by Aníbal González, to showcase Spain's industry and technology exhibits. González combined a mix of 1920s Art Deco and Spanish Renaissance Revival, Spanish Baroque Revival and Neo-Mudéjar styles. The Plaza de España complex is a huge half-circle; the buildings are accessible by four bridges over the moat, which represent the ancient kingdoms of Spain. In the centre is the Vicente Traver fountain.

Independent lunch in Seville.



After lunch you will have the opportunity to explore the neighbourhood of Santa Cruz.

Santa Cruz, is the primary tourist neighbourhood of Seville, and the former Jewish quarter or Juderia in Spanish. When Ferdinand III of Castile conquered the city from Muslim rule, he concentrated the city's Jewish population, second in the Iberian Peninsula only to that of Toledo, in this single neighbourhood. After the Alhambra Decree of 1492 expelled the Jews from Spain, the neighbourhood went downhill. In the 18th century, the neighbourhood underwent a major process of urban renewal, including the conversion of a former synagogue into the current Church of Saint Bartholomew.

Tonight enjoy a dinner of Spanish tapas and flamenco dancing show in a restaurant the centre of Seville. Seville is famously known for its famous flamenco dancers. Some believe that the flamenco was born in Barrio de Triana, which is a district of Seville.

Return to your hotel after dinner.

5 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

This morning has been left free for independent shopping and sightseeing. Your tour assistant will be able to suggest plenty of things for you to see and do around Seville.

Lunch at leisure in Seville.

Return to your hotel to prepare for taking part in the Cabalgata de Reyes, Jerez La Frontera. Board your luxury coaches for the 60 minute journey to The Parade Assembly Area in Jerez. The Cabalgata will start at approximately 5.00 pm and it will end at 8.30 pm.



The Three Kings' Parade has been held in Jerez for hundreds of years. To the delight of both young and old, every 5 January the streets of Jerez are filled with floats and carriages on this special day. Thousands of people in Jerez fill the streets every year to watch the Three Kings' Parade. There are over twenty floats making up the procession, giving away multiple tons of sweets. It is an exceptional display of light and colour. The Kings, their pages and ladies, all attired in sumptuous costumes similar to a Carnival. This event represents the Kings' arrival in the city, where the next morning, on 6 January, they will deliver their presents to the children of Jerez.

At the end of the Cabalgata return by coach to Seville.

Dinner this evening will be served in your hotel.

After dinner pack your suitcases and belongings for your departure tomorrow morning.

6 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

Check out from your hotel.

Depart by coach from your hotel in Sevilla towards Madrid stopping en-route in Cordoba with a guided visit at the Mosque of Cordoba.

Córdoba is a city in Andalusia, Spain, and the capital of the province of Córdoba. The city primarily lies on the right bank of the Guadalquivir, in the south of the Iberian Peninsula. Once a Roman settlement, it was taken over by the Visigoths, followed by the Muslim conquests in the eighth century and later becoming the capital of the Umayyad Caliphate of



Córdoba. During these Muslim periods, Córdoba was transformed into a world leading centre of education and learning. Córdoba has more World Heritage Sites than anywhere in the world, with four. One of them being the Mezquita-Cathedral.

The Mosque-Cathedral officially known by its ecclesiastical name of Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption is the cathedral of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Córdoba dedicated to the Assumption of Mary and located in the Spanish region of Andalusia. However, due to its status as a former mosque, it is also known as the Mezquita and as Great Mosque of Córdoba. The mosque was converted to a cathedral in 1236 when Córdoba was captured by the Christian forces of Castile during the Reconquista. The structure itself underwent only minor modifications until a major building project in the 16th century inserted a new Renaissance cathedral nave and transept into the centre of the building.

Independent lunch in Cordoba.

After lunch continue on by coach to Madrid.

Check in and overnight stay in your Madrid hotel.

Dinner this evening will be served in a typical Spanish restaurant.

7 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

Depart by coach for Madrid Barajas airport for your flight home.