

7-DAY PREMIUM GUIDE

SOUTHERN COAST

Spain, Europe

Moorish palaces, flamenco, white villages & Andalusian soul

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Top Hotels

Best Restaurants

Insider Tips

Welcome to Southern Coast

Spain's southern coast — Andalusia — is one of Europe's most captivating regions. Here, eight centuries of Moorish rule left an extraordinary legacy: the Alhambra palace in Granada, Seville's Alcazar, and Cordoba's Mezquita. Layer in whitewashed hilltop villages, passionate flamenco, sherry vineyards, and the dramatic cliffs of Ronda — and you have a destination that rewards every sense. This 7-day guide covers the essential Andalusian circuit.

BEST TIME TO VISIT March–May & Sept–Nov	TYPICAL BUDGET \$110–\$180/day (excellent value)
COUNTRY Spain, Europe	GUIDE LENGTH 7 Days

7-Day Overview

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Days 1 & 2

DAY 1

Arrive Seville — Flamenco Capital

- Fly into Seville (SVQ)
- Plaza de Espana & Parque Maria Luisa
- Barrio de Santa Cruz — labyrinthine Jewish quarter
- Cathedral & Giralda tower climb
- Tablao flamenco evening show

TIP:

Book a flamenco show at Casa de la Memoria or La Casa del Flamenco — int

DAY 2

Seville Depths

- Real Alcazar (book ahead — UNESCO palace)
- El Arenal neighborhood & bullfighting museum
- Mercado de Triana
- Torre del Oro & Guadalquivir riverside walk
- Tapas crawl in Triana neighborhood

TIP:

Real Alcazar is still a royal residence — visit early morning for the best light and fewer crow

Days 3 & 4

DAY 3

Cordoba Day Trip

- Train Seville to Cordoba (45 min)
- Mezquita-Catedral (UNESCO — breathtaking)
- Juderia (Jewish quarter) & Calleja de las Flores
- Alcazar de los Reyes Cristianos
- Return to Seville or overnight Cordoba

TIP:

The Mezquita is most magical at morning mass when light streams through the

DAY 4

Ronda & White Villages

- Drive or bus to Ronda (2hrs from Seville)
- Puente Nuevo bridge & gorge views
- Ronda bullring — oldest in Spain
- White villages road trip: Zahara, Grazalema
- Sunset in Olvera

TIP:

The road between Ronda and Grazalema through the sierra is one of Spain's most scenic

Days 5, 6 & 7

DAY 5Granada — Alhambra Day	DAY 6Granada Depths & Costa del Sol	DAY 7Malaga & Departure
● Train or bus to Granada (3hrs) ● Alhambra Palace & Generalife Gardens (Morning) ● Alcazaba fortress & Nasrid Palaces ● Evening in Albaicin (Moorish quarter)... ● Free tapas with drinks in Granada (tradition) TIP: The Alhambra sells out months in advance. Book early!	● Sacromonte caves & cave flamenco ● Cathedral & Royal Chapel (Columbus tomb) ● Drive to Nerja (1.5hrs) ● Balcon de Europa cliff walk ● Nerja Caves tour TIP: Nerja is the most charming town on the Costa del Sol.	● Malaga — Picasso Museum & birthplace... ● Malaga Cathedral (unfinished tower) ● Muelle Uno harbor & modern art museum... ● Atarazanas Market lunch ● Fly home from AGP Malaga TIP: Malaga has transformed into a genuine cultural city — give it a try!

Where to Stay in Southern Coast

Hotel Alfonso XIII, Seville★★★★★ City Centre, Seville\$450–\$800/night Seville's iconic grand hotel. Moorish architecture, courtyards, and timeless Andalusian glamour.	Parador de Granada★★★★ Alhambra Hill, Granada\$250–\$420/night Inside the Alhambra grounds — the only hotel within the palace complex. Book very far ahead.
Hotel Palacio de Villapanes★★★★ Santa Cruz, Seville\$180–\$280/night 18th-century palace hotel with courtyard pool, steps from Seville Cathedral.	Hotel Molina Lario★★★★ City Centre, Malaga\$120–\$190/night Stylish 4-star in Malaga with rooftop pool overlooking the cathedral.

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Where to Eat in Southern Coast

El Rinconcillo, Seville Oldest Bar in Seville (1670)	Must order: Espinacas con garbanzos & jamón ibérico
Bar Las Teresas, Seville Traditional Tapas Bar	Must order: Montaditos & Manzanilla sherry from the barrel
Taberna Salinas, Cordoba Classic Cordovan	Must order: Flamenquin (rolled pork) & salmorejo
Restaurante Bardal, Ronda Michelin-Starred	Must order: Creative Andalusian tasting menu with ronda views
Bar Poe, Granada Free Tapas Bar	Must order: Order a drink, get free tapas — Granada tradition
Restaurante Chikito, Granada Traditional Granadan	Must order: Tortilla sacromonte & slow-cooked lamb
El Pimpi, Malaga Malaga Institution	Must order: Sardines a la malagena & local Malaga wine

Tips & Logistics

Getting There:	Fly into Seville (SVQ) or Malaga (AGP). Do the circuit: Seville → Granada → Malaga.
Getting Around:	Rent a car for white villages and Ronda. Trains connect Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Malaga.
Alhambra Tickets:	Book online at alhambra-patronato.es — sell out months ahead. No exceptions.
Free Tapas:	In Granada, every drink comes with a free tapa — a beloved local tradition unique to the city.
Best Season:	Spring (March-May) is perfect — wildflowers, mild heat, and Semana Santa festivals.
Siesta:	Many shops and sights close 2-5pm. Plan museum visits for mornings or after 5pm.
Flamenco:	Seville is the authentic home of flamenco — see it in an intimate tablao, not a large tourist show.

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