

GARDENS OF ANDALUSIA

MAY 8 – 19, 2026



AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR ESCORTED BY
C. COLSTON BURRELL



Step into a world of fragrance, color, and timeless beauty on this unforgettable Gardens of Andalusia tour, a 12-day journey through southern Spain's most enchanting cities and landscapes, where Moorish palaces, aristocratic villas, and coastal hideaways burst into bloom each spring.

Our visit to Andalusia is a floral journey through Spain's sun-drenched south, where history, art, and gardens bloom in harmony.



Meet Your Escort and Guide



C. Colston Burrell is a lifelong naturalist, plantsman, and gardener. He is principal of Native Landscape Design and Restoration, which specializes in blending nature and culture through artistic design. When Cole is not traveling, he is designing gardens for his clients, or tending his own 10-acre property designed to display the plants he loves while letting natural succession serve as head gardener. He shares his garden with birds, butterflies, and a wealth of amphibians.

Cole escorts garden and natural history tours throughout the United States and abroad. The New World tropics are a favorite destination. He has traveled in Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Argentina, as well as Europe and Japan.

Originally trained as a Mathematician, Marina discovered early on that her true passion lay not in numbers, but in people, places, and stories. For over 17 years, she has dedicated herself to guiding, sharing the rich culture, history, and landscapes of her beloved Andalucía, as well as leading journeys through countless other beautiful corners of the world.

When she's not guiding, you'll likely find her hiking along Andalusia's rugged trails swimming under the Mediterranean sun, or taking her two beloved dogs on long countryside walks.

Marina is truly delighted to be your host on this journey-inviting you to experience the gardens, traditions, and treasures of the place she proudly calls home.



WELCOME TO ANDALUSIA

Join Garden and Nature Tours with C. Colston Burrell, The Minnesota State Horticultural Society, and Friendship Tours in Andalusia for a floral journey through Spain's sun-drenched south, where history, art, and gardens bloom in harmony. From the intricate patios of Córdoba to the royal gardens of the Alhambra, from hidden Nazari oases to tropical seaside orchards, we will trace the living legacy of Andalusia's garden artistry—rooted in Roman, Islamic, and Iberian traditions.

Along the way, savor olive oil tastings at ancient mills, enjoy tapas in sun-drenched plazas, wander among palm groves and rose gardens, and experience the soul of Spain through music, art, and cuisine. With elegant accommodations, expertly guided visits, and moments of leisure under Mediterranean skies, this tour offers more than floral beauty—it's a sensory celebration of Andalusia's culture, history, and natural abundance.



Tour Itinerary Highlights

- Enjoy a sumptuous welcome dinner
- Tour old Seville, Jardines Murillo, Alcázar Gardens, Seville Cathedral, and María Luisa Park
- Visit Palacio de la Condesa de Lebrija, Palacio de las Dueñas, and Setas de Sevilla
- In Cordoba, visit Palacio Portocarrero, Palacio de Viana, Mezquita of Córdoba, the Old Quarter, Córdoba Patios, and the Jewish Quarter
- In Granada, marvel at the majesty of the Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens, as well as Mirador de San Nicolás, Paseo de los Tristes, and Lorca Gardens
- Relax on the beaches of Costa Tropical
- Visit Gibraltar's Alameda Botanical Garden and Governor's Garden
- Enjoy an exhilarating Flamenco Show and dinner
- Travel to Málaga to visit the Picasso Museum, Pedro Luis Alonso Gardens, and Jardines de Málaga
- Toast a wonderful tour at our farewell dinner



Tour Details

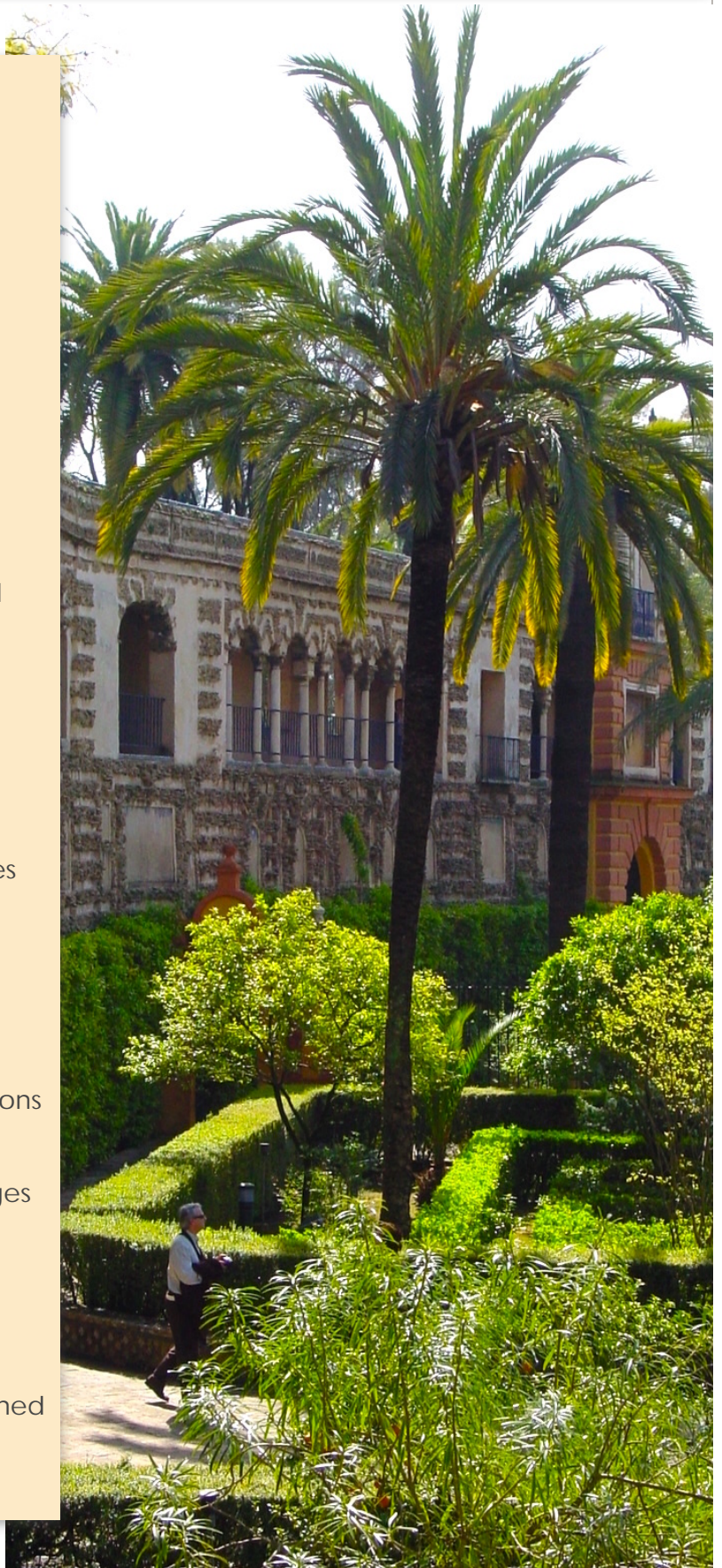
TOUR DURATION 11 Nights / 12 Days

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Transfers to and from Seville/Malaga airports for arrival and departure
- Transportation to all destinations
- Eleven nights lodging in Four Star Hotels
- Breakfast daily
- Ten group lunches
- Six group dinners
- Host throughout tour—C. Colston Burrell
- Local Guide throughout tour—Marina
- Admissions to all parks and gardens
- Guided tours and excursions
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Gratuities for your tour host
- Gratuities to your local driver and guides

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR

- Round trip airfare from home cities
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages except at receptions
- Travel insurance
- Airport fees, taxes and baggage charges
- Gratuities to luggage handlers or housekeeping
- Optional sightseeing or recreational activities
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary



Tour Pricing and Registration

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PRICING FOR 20-24 TRAVELERS

\$5,495.00 Land Price — Double Occupancy
\$1,400.00 Single Supplement

PRICING FOR 15-19 TRAVELERS

\$5,895.00 Land Price — Double Occupancy
\$1,400.00 Single Supplement

~ Fewer than 15 travelers may result in a small surcharge

~ Itinerary subject to change without notice

DEPOSIT

\$3,000.00 per person with reservation to secure your spot

TO REGISTER VISIT

<https://www.friendshiptours.net/group-travel>

Select "Group Sign In". Enter the Tour Code **26MAY08SPAIN** in the box labeled "Make a New Reservation."

****Special Thanks to Karl Gercens for many of the lovely photos that grace this brochure!****



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Registration Form

Gardens of Andalusia

Escorted by C. Colston Burrell

May 8-19, 2026 11 Nights/12 Days

ARRIVAL: Fri., May 8, 2026 at **Sevilla Airport (SVQ)**. Meet in baggage claim and be transferred to the hotel. Time TBD based on passengers' arrivals. Gather for a Welcome Dinner.

RETURN: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 transfer to **Malaga Airport (AGP)** for your flight home. Arrange for afternoon flights. Or continue onto the Barcelona post-tour extension.

COST (with 15-19 paying guests):

\$5,895. per person based on double occupancy
+\$1400. per person single supplement

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This trip requires a minimum of 15 travelers to operate.

AIR TRAVEL: Do not purchase air until you have been advised that the minimum number of travelers for this tour has been reached. This trip is based on 15 passengers. Flight arrangements are not included in this tour package.

RESERVATIONS VIA FRIENDSHIP TOURS:

CALL: 800-243-1630 and ask for **Andalusia Spain tour with C. Colston Burrell**

ON LINE : www.friendshiptours.net/group-travel

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DEPOSIT: \$3,000 per person with reservation to secure your spot.

FINAL PAYMENT: balance due Feb 6, 2026

Please reserve now. Small group tour.

Commitment required in order for trip to operate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels after deposit and before Feb 6, 2026, the fee is \$2,500. pp; no refunds if cancelled after Feb 6, 2026. If Friendship Tours needs to cancel due to lack of participation, a full refund will be processed.

PASSPORT: U.S. Citizens: Valid Passport required and must be valid 6 months past the return date. Non U.S. Citizens are responsible for obtaining proper documentation for travel.

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operated by Namara Tours. Friendship Tours acts solely as the liaison between Namara Tours & Garden & Nature Tours.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: ACTIVE

You can walk and stand for longer periods of time (1-2 hours). You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous. Passengers should consult their physician should they have any concerns regarding their physical condition.

TRIP PROTECTION COVERAGE is strongly recommended.

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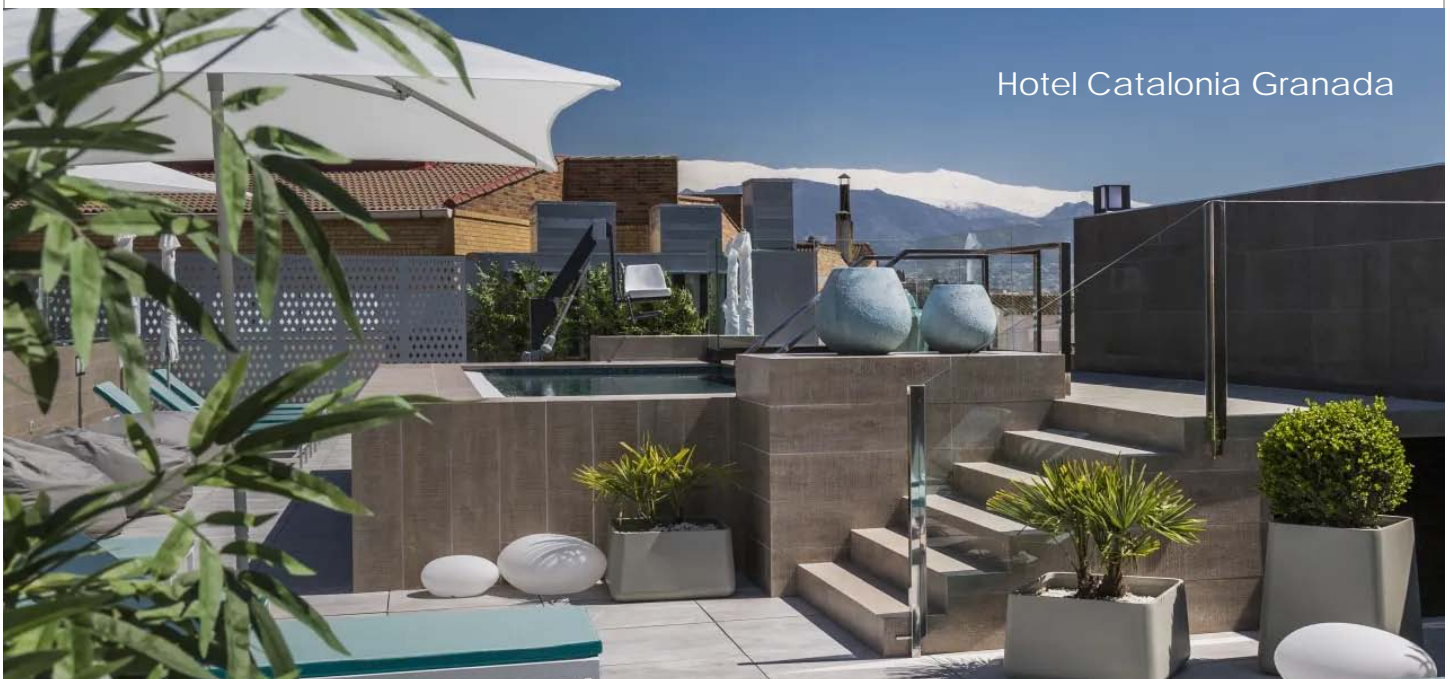
Hotels

Our Andalusian escape begins in the heart of Seville at the Hotel Casa de la Judería, a romantic sanctuary unlike any other. More than just a hotel, this exquisite 4-star gem is a labyrinth of aristocratic houses connected by flower-draped patios, shaded courtyards, and secret garden passages. Bougainvillea spills over wrought iron balconies, and the scent of jasmine floats on the breeze as you walk past gently bubbling fountains. Here, each room opens to a world of architectural wonder and botanical delight.

In Córdoba, you'll be welcomed by the refined charm of Crisol Jardines de Cordoba, a stylish, classic establishment that invites you to explore its beautiful gardens and outdoor spaces, which make it the perfect venue for hosting all kinds of events. Its bright, spacious bedrooms are the peaceful haven you need after a day visiting the city. Furthermore, Crisol Jardines de Córdoba provides guests with unique culinary offerings. The seasonal outdoor swimming pool and its two tennis courts will provide the cherry on top for any stay.

The adventure continues in Granada with two nights at the stylish Hotel Catalonia Granada, where contemporary comfort meets scenic splendor. From the rooftop terrace, the Sierra Nevada Mountains rise beyond a skyline of historic towers and domes, while the hotel's inviting outdoor spaces offer a serene contrast to the city's lively energy. Just minutes from the Alhambra and the lush Lorca Gardens, this hotel is perfectly positioned for those seeking both urban excitement and moments of tranquil reflection.

Our journey ends on the sun-drenched shores of the Costa Tropical at the Hotel Helios Almuñécar, a beachfront haven framed by palm trees and sea breezes. Wake to views of the Mediterranean glinting beyond your window, then step out into lush hotel gardens where hibiscus and oleander bloom in dazzling color. A stroll away, the exotic palms of El Majuelo Botanical Park and the scent of mangoes and avocados in the coastal air create a dreamlike atmosphere. Here, garden serenity meets seaside charm for the perfect finale to your Andalusian garden escape.



Hotel Catalonia Granada

Itinerary - Arrival Day

Day 0 – Thursday, May 7 Depart home cities for Seville

Day 1 – Friday, May 8 Arrival in Seville • Welcome Dinner at Casa de la Judería

Welcome to Seville—the radiant heart of Andalusia, where Moorish palaces, flamenco rhythms, and orange-scented courtyards await you. Upon arrival, after clearing customs, we transfer to our charming accommodation, the Hotel Casa de la Judería for the first of three nights. This lovely hotel is nestled in the cobbled lanes of Seville's historic Jewish Quarter. This enchanting boutique hotel is a living mosaic of connected houses, patios, and gardens—an ideal introduction to the ambiance of Andalusia.

Take the afternoon to relax and soak in your surroundings. Perhaps sip a glass of wine beneath a vine-draped arch or simply enjoy the peaceful fountains and flowered courtyards.

This evening, we'll gather for a welcome dinner together—a warm introduction to the flavors of southern Spain, with local dishes crafted from fresh regional ingredients. Enjoy lively conversation and get to know your fellow travelers as we set the tone for the unforgettable days ahead.

After dinner we return to our hotel. Night in Seville at Casa de la Judería. D



Itinerary - Day 2

Day 2 – Saturday, May 9

Old Seville Gardens and Parks

Today begins with a delightful walking tour through the winding alleyways and sunlit plazas of Seville's Old Quarter, one of the most beautiful and historic urban cores in Europe. Our first stop is the tranquil Jardines de Murillo, a leafy garden adorned with tiled benches, citrus trees, and monuments to Spanish writers—named after Seville's beloved Baroque painter, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo.

From here, we'll wander toward the crown jewel of Seville: the Real Alcázar, a stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site. Inside this Moorish-Christian palace, you'll explore royal halls, dreamy patios, and some of the most exquisite gardens in all of Spain. Think palm groves, hidden fountains, tiled pavilions, and the scent of orange blossom hanging in the air—a botanical and architectural paradise.

Next, we'll visit the majestic Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, which stands on the site of a former mosque. Don't miss the Giralda Tower—originally a minaret—whose panoramic views of Seville reward those who climb to the top.

The afternoon is free to explore at your leisure. We recommend heading to the elegant Plaza de España, built for the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition, where tiled alcoves represent each province of Spain. Adjacent to the plaza lies the verdant expanse of Parque de María Luisa—a dreamlike public garden filled with sculptures, hidden groves, lily ponds, and shady walkways. It's a perfect spot for a peaceful stroll, a quiet bench break, or simply to admire the richness of Andalusian flora.

This evening is free to dine at your own pace. Night in Seville at Casa de la Judería. B, L



Itinerary - Day 3

Day 3 – Sunday, May 10

Seville's Palaces and Setas de Sevilla

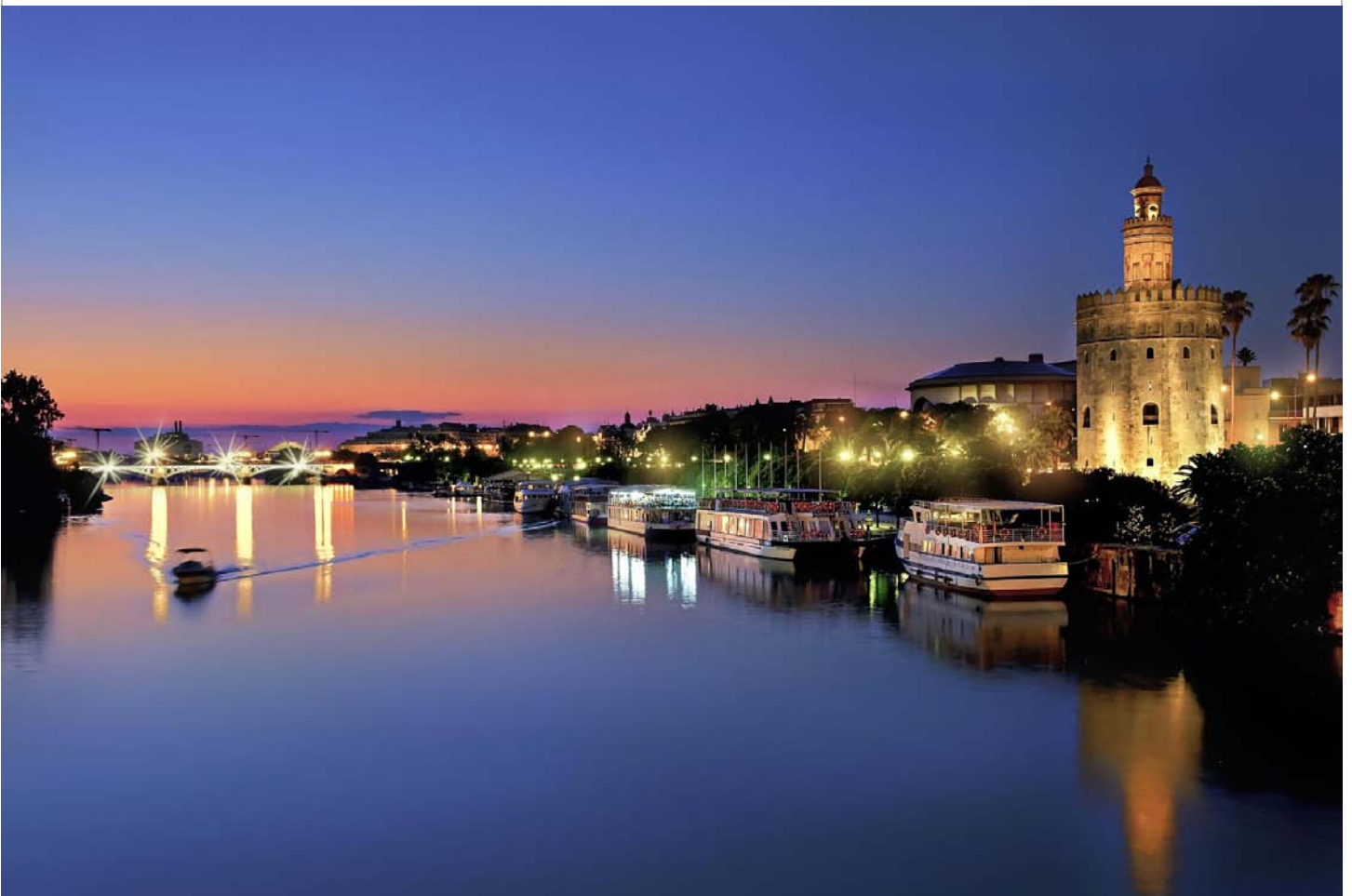
Seville's aristocratic past comes alive today with visits to two of the city's most elegant private palaces. Begin the morning at the Palacio de la Condesa de Lebrija, an architectural jewel filled with Roman mosaics, antique treasures, and intimate salons—all lovingly collected by the Countess of Lebrija, a pioneering intellectual and art collector. The tiled courtyards and frescoed rooms reflect centuries of Andalusian history.

Next, explore the Palacio de las Dueñas, a noble residence still owned by the House of Alba. Its romantic gardens, lemon trees, and quiet porticoes once inspired the poetry of Antonio Machado, who was born here. The palace is a graceful blend of Gothic, Renaissance, and Mudejar styles, with lush greenery softening its grand architecture.

After lunch, visit one of Seville's most modern and unexpected landmarks: the Setas de Sevilla (the "Mushrooms of Seville"), a stunning wooden structure that spans the Plaza de la Encarnación. Walk its panoramic skywalk for breathtaking views over Seville's rooftops—a contrast to the ancient courtyards and classical gardens we've explored.

The remainder of the day is at leisure. You might return to the gardens of Maria Luisa for a late afternoon stroll, or simply relax in one of the many hidden squares of the old town.

Night in Seville at Casa de la Judería. B, L



Itinerary - Day 4

Day 4 – Monday, May 11

Seville to the Palaces of Córdoba

This morning, we say farewell to Seville and travel through the heart of Andalusia toward Córdoba. En route, stop in the charming town of Palma del Río to visit the Palacio de Portocarrero—a little-known gem nestled behind fortress walls.

This private residence, still lived in today, features intimate Renaissance gardens filled with roses, fountains, and ivy-covered walls—truly one of Andalusia's best-kept secrets. Enjoy a delicious lunch in Palma del Río before continuing on to Córdoba, once the brilliant capital of Moorish Al-Andalus.

Upon arrival, step into the lush, labyrinthine world of the Palacio de Viana, a noble mansion famed for its twelve interlinked patios and gardens. From vibrant flower pots to delicate tiled fountains, every space bursts with color and life—an extraordinary preview of the Córdoba's world-renowned patio tradition.

After a day of touring we check into our hotel for the first of two nights. Night at Crisol Jardines de Cordoba. B, L, D



Itinerary - Day 5

Day 5 – Tuesday, May 12

Exploring Córdoba

This morning, experience one of Spain's most awe-inspiring monuments: the Mezquita-Catedral of Córdoba. Step inside and be transported into a forest of red-and-white arches, marble columns, and spiritual grandeur—a rare architectural fusion of Moorish and Christian influences, and a powerful symbol of Córdoba's layered past.

From the Mezquita, continue into the Old Quarter, where narrow whitewashed lanes, iron-grilled balconies, and splashes of bright flowers capture the soul of Andalusian charm. Soon after, you'll discover the city's most intimate treasures: the Patios de Córdoba. These private courtyards, hidden behind unassuming doors, burst into life with colorful geraniums, jasmine, and bougainvillea tumbling over ceramic pots. As you move from one patio to the next in the San Basilio district, you'll hear stories from the families who lovingly maintain them—a tradition recognized by UNESCO for its cultural significance. To enhance the experience, enjoy a brief tasting of Córdoba's local Montilla-Moriles wine, the perfect sip to accompany this celebration of beauty and hospitality.

End your day in the historic Jewish Quarter, where quiet streets, ancient synagogues, and artisan workshops create a timeless atmosphere. Perhaps enjoy an alfresco dinner this evening in one of the shaded patios you've come to admire.

We return to our hotel for dinner on your own. Night at Crisol Jardines de Cordoba. B, L



Itinerary - Day 6

Day 6 – Wednesday, May 13

Córdoba to Granada's Alhambra and Generalife

After checkout we depart Córdoba and journey east toward the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the soul-stirring city of Granada.

This afternoon, visit the legendary Alhambra Palace, a marvel of Islamic architecture that seems to float above the city. Wander through arched halls, tranquil courtyards, and the jewel-like Generalife Gardens, once the summer retreat of the Nasrid kings. Roses, myrtles, and fountains echo with the whispers of centuries past. The gardens are designed not only for beauty, but for contemplation, cooling, and serenity—a masterclass in Moorish landscape design and the pinnacle of Andalusian garden artistry.

After our exciting day we check into our hotel for the first of two nights. Night at Catalonia Granada. B, L



Itinerary - Day 7

Day 7 – Thursday, May 14

Exploring Granada

Begin your day in Granada's Albaicín quarter, the city's ancient Moorish heart. Meander through narrow cobblestone lanes to the famous Mirador de San Nicolás, where the view of the Alhambra against the snowy Sierra Nevada is considered the most iconic panorama in Spain.

Nearby, step inside the enchanting Carmen de los Geranios, once the residence of Belgian painter Max Moreau. This traditional Granada "carmen"—a walled house with a lush private garden—invites you into a serene world of shaded terraces, fountains, and bright geraniums spilling from ceramic pots. The intimate garden, with its tranquil views of the Alhambra, perfectly captures the essence of Granada's private horticultural treasures.

Descend via the atmospheric Paseo de los Tristes, a riverside promenade lined with cafés and overlooked by dramatic cliffs and cypress trees. Then, explore the Lower Sacromonte, a hillside district known for its cave homes and flamenco heritage.

In the afternoon, we visit the peaceful Federico García Lorca Gardens, a tribute to Spain's great poet and playwright. The gardens surround his former summer residence and offer a quiet retreat of olive trees, hedges, and open lawns—a modern oasis with a poetic soul.

The evening is free for you to explore Granada's culinary scene or simply relax under the stars. Dinner on your own. Night at Catalonia Granada. B. L



Itinerary - Day 8

Day 8 – Friday, May 15

Granada to the Costa Tropical

This morning, we leave the snowy shadows of the Sierra Nevada behind and descend toward the Costa Tropical, a lush, fertile coastline where the Mediterranean sparkles and subtropical fruit trees flourish. Our first stop is a true hidden treasure: a visit to an ancient Roman olive mill museum, lovingly preserved and still in working order. Here, you'll witness the traditional methods of olive oil production passed down through millennia. Enjoy a tasting session of freshly pressed olive oils, each with its own complex aroma and flavor—liquid gold that has shaped Andalusia's cuisine and culture since antiquity.

Continue on to the enchanting village of Vélez de Benaudalla, nestled in the foothills of the mountains. Here, we'll explore the Nazari Garden, one of the finest surviving examples of Islamic garden design outside of the Alhambra. Peaceful pathways, trickling water features, and shaded terraces reflect the timeless beauty of Moorish landscape philosophy—where every element is designed for tranquility, reflection, and sensory delight.

After a morning of fragrant gardens and ancient traditions, we'll descend to the secluded cove of Cabria, near Almuñécar, for a relaxed and scenic late lunch surrounded by mango groves and avocado trees. This small bay is a tropical oasis, where sea breezes and citrus blossoms mingle in the air.

Later that afternoon, we check into our hotel to freshen up before we step into the heart of local tradition with a flamenco dinner show at Venta Luciano, nestled in Almuñécar's gypsy quarter. This intimate venue is renowned for hosting some of Spain's most acclaimed flamenco dancers and musicians—a raw, passionate performance where every clap, stomp, and note comes straight from the soul. Enjoy traditional cuisine in a rustic setting as the spirit of flamenco ignites the room. After the show we return to our hotel for the first of four nights. Night at Hotel Helios Almuñécar. B, L, S & D



Itinerary - Day 9

Day 9 – Saturday, May 16 Tapas Trail in Almuñécar

Today offers a delightful blend of culture, nature, and cuisine in the heart of the Costa Tropical. We begin the day with a visit to the Almuñécar Tourism Office, where local guides will offer insights into the town's rich history—from its Roman salt factory and Phoenician heritage to its role in modern-day Andalusian culture.

Then, join a guided tapas trail, hopping between authentic local bars where each drink is accompanied by a traditional tapas. This is Andalusian life at its most relaxed and sociable—where flavors, friendships, and laughter come together effortlessly.

Midday, explore Parque El Majuelo, a botanical garden and cultural park nestled below the ancient Moorish castle. The park is home to an impressive collection of rare and exotic palm trees from around the world, set among Roman ruins and open-air sculptures. It's a peaceful, shaded escape just steps from the seafront.

The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure. Relax on the sun-kissed beaches, dip your toes into the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean, or stroll the seaside promenade lined with hibiscus, tamarind trees, and café terraces.

As the sun begins to set, enjoy a casual dinner at the hotel by the waves. Night at Hotel Helios Almuñécar. B, L, D



Itinerary - Day 10

Day 10 – Sunday, May 17

Day Trip to Gibraltar

This morning, we set out for a unique cross-cultural experience with a day trip to Gibraltar, the famous British territory perched on the southern tip of Spain. As we arrive, take in the impressive Rock of Gibraltar, standing sentinel over the Strait where the Mediterranean meets the Atlantic.

Enjoy a visit to the Alameda Gibraltar Botanic Gardens, founded in 1816 and today home to over 500 species of plants from Gibraltar and around the world. Shaded pathways, historic stone structures, and views of the bay make this a tranquil and exotic oasis at the edge of Europe.

Nearby, we'll also stroll through the Governor's Garden, a refined green space adjoining the colonial-era Government House. With its grand palm trees, Mediterranean blooms, and peaceful ambiance, it's a charming window into Gibraltar's botanical identity. We return to Almuñécar in the late afternoon with time to relax before dinner.

Night at Hotel Helios Almuñécar. B, L, D



Itinerary - Day 11

Day 11 – Monday, May 18 Day Trip to Málaga

Today we travel along the sparkling coast to the city of Málaga, a dynamic blend of historic charm and contemporary creativity. Begin with a visit to the Museo Picasso Málaga, located in the elegant Buenavista Palace. This exceptional museum holds an intimate collection of works by Pablo Picasso, who was born in Málaga in 1881. From early sketches to abstract canvases, it offers insight into the genius of one of the world's greatest artists.

Afterward, enjoy a guided stroll through the Pedro Luis Alonso Gardens, a delicate display of Andalusian and French landscaping featuring rose gardens, citrus trees, and colorful seasonal plantings arranged around quiet fountains and pathways.

Nearby, the Jardines de Málaga, just beneath the Alcazaba fortress, offer yet another oasis in the city. With palm-lined promenades, exotic flora, and sea breezes rustling the leaves, it's the perfect place to pause and reflect on your garden-filled journey through Andalusia.

The afternoon is yours to explore. Perhaps visit the Roman Theatre, relax at a beach café, or take a short funicular ride for panoramic views over the Costa del Sol. In the evening, enjoy a delightful farewell dinner in Almunecar. Night at Hotel Helios Almuñécar. B, L, D



Itinerary - Day 12

Day 12 – Tuesday, May 19 Farewell to the Costa Tropical and Andalusia

This morning, we bid farewell to Andalusia's sun-drenched coast and transfer to Málaga Airport for your departure flights. As you leave with the scent of orange blossoms, the rhythm of flamenco, and the beauty of Andalusia's gardens still fresh in your memory, we hope this journey has inspired and uplifted you—body, mind, and spirit. B

Welcome Home!

For those continuing on the optional post-tour visit to Barcelona, your onward arrangements will begin from here.

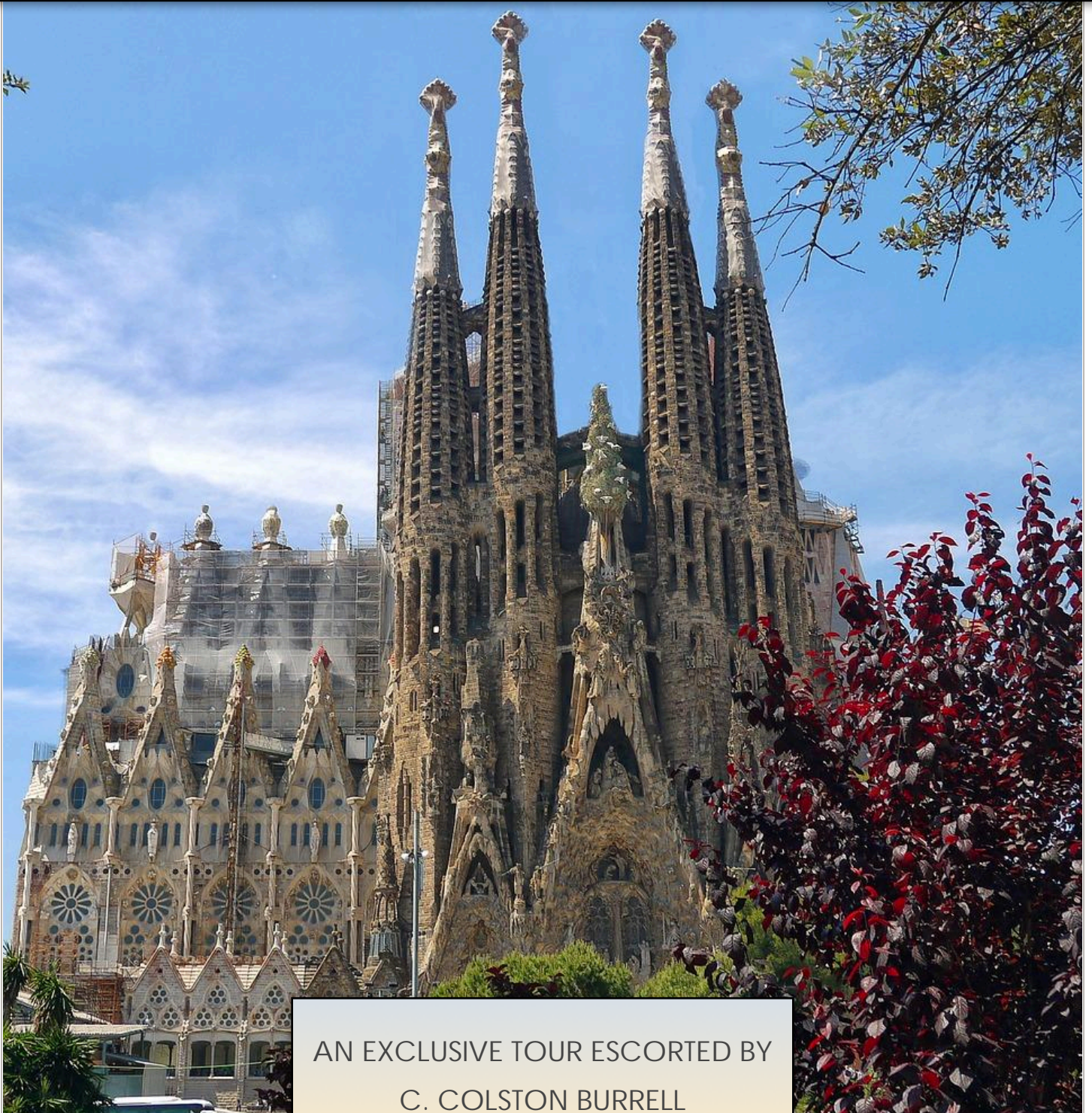
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Barcelona is renowned for its architectural masterpieces, particularly those by Antoni Gaudí, which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The city is a major cultural hub, offering a mix of traditional and modern influences in art, fashion, and cuisine.



Welcome to Barcelona

Join Garden and Nature Tours with C. Colston Burrell, The Minnesota State Horticultural Society, and Friendship Tours in Barcelona to discover its charms and treasures. Barcelona is more than a destination — it's a living canvas of history, art, and architecture, inviting you to delight in its magnificence.

The city dazzles with contrasts — Roman ruins and Gothic spires meet the bold modernist creations of Antoni Gaudi. Its heart beats in the Gothic Quarter, a maze of medieval alleys and hidden squares, while the lively La Rambla spills into the streets with color and energy.

From the whimsical mosaics of Park Güell to the soaring towers of the Sagrada Família, Gaudi's genius shapes the skyline, offering a sense of wonder at every turn. Beyond his masterpieces, the city reveals itself from above on Montjuïc Hill, where sweeping views, gardens, and cultural landmarks frame the Mediterranean horizon.



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Tour Itinerary Highlights

- Transfer to Barcelona by high-speed train from Malaga
- Enjoy a delicious welcome dinner at a local restaurant
- Stroll along La Rambla, a lively boulevard brimming with colorful flower stalls, musicians, and cafes
- Walk the medieval alleyways of Gothic Quarter, discovering hidden squares, centuries-old churches, and artisan shops
- Explore Mercat de la Boqueria, one of Europe's most famous food markets
- Tour Montjuic Castle and discover the history, culture and nature of Montjuic Hill
- Visit Gaudi's Guell Park
- Behold Sagredo Familia, Gaudi's still-unfinished basilica
- Enjoy a day of independent sightseeing in Barcelona, or take an optional group tour to Montserrat
- Toast an unforgettable tour at our farewell dinner



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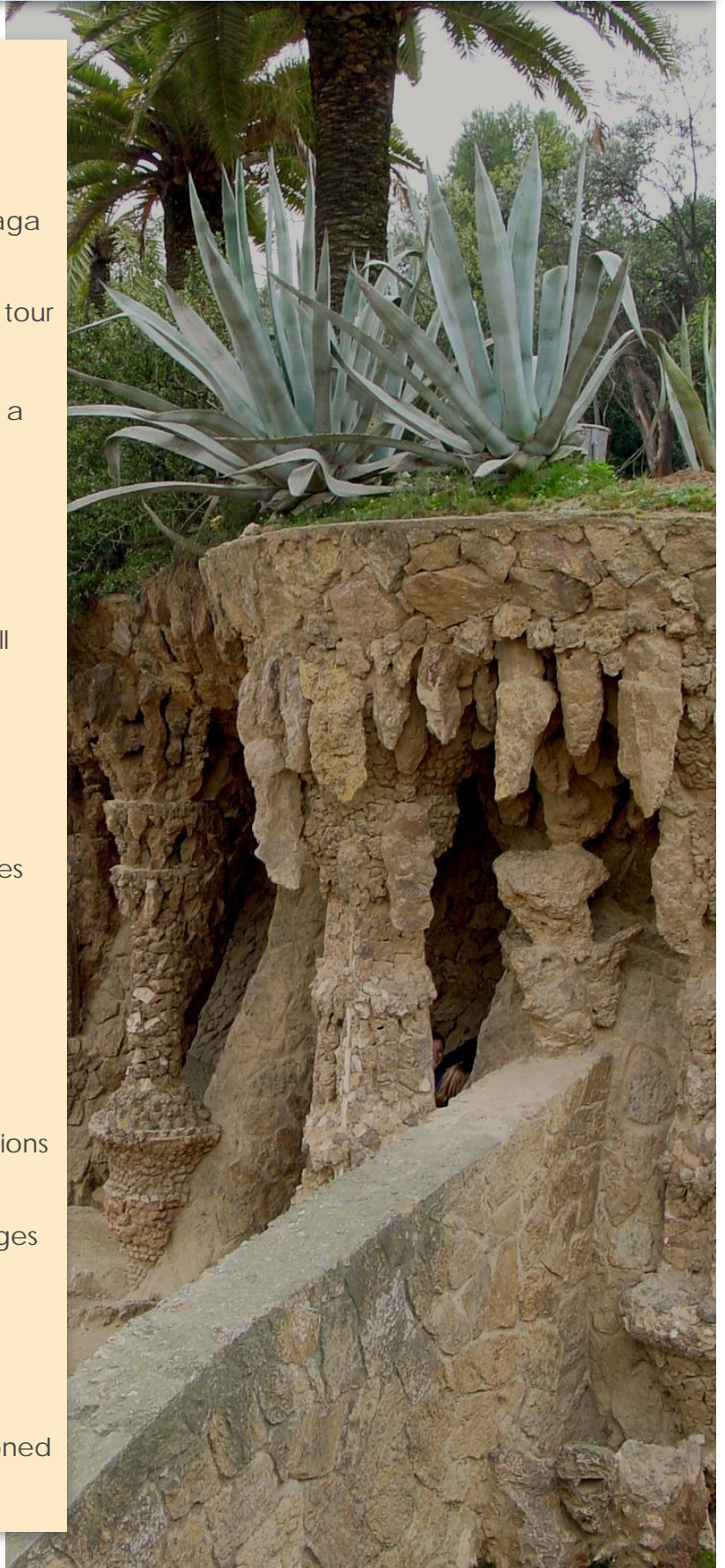
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TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Transfers by high-speed train from Malaga to Barcelona
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- Three nights lodging at Silken Ramblas, a Four Star Hotel in central Barcelona
- Breakfast daily
- Two sumptuous dinners
- Optional excursion to Montserrat
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- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Gratuities to your local driver and guides
- Gratuities for your tour host

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR

- Round trip airfare from home cities
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages except at receptions
- Travel insurance
- Airport fees, taxes and baggage charges
- Gratuities to luggage handlers or housekeeping
- Optional sightseeing or recreational activities
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary



Tour Pricing and Registration

TOUR DURATION

3 Nights / 4 Days

PRICING BASED ON 10 OR MORE TRAVELERS

\$2,499.00 Land Price — Double Occupancy

\$500.00 Single Supplement

PRICING BASED ON 5 to 9 TRAVELERS

\$2,799.00 Land Price — Double Occupancy

\$500.00 Single Supplement

~ This tour requires 5 travelers to operate

~ Itinerary subject to change without notice

DEPOSIT

Your \$3,000.00 per person deposit covers both tours

TO REGISTER VISIT

<https://www.friendshiptours.net/group-travel>

Select "Group Sign In". Enter the Tour Code **26MAY08SPAIN** in the box labeled "Make a New Reservation."

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Barcelona Post-Tour Extension

Escorted by C. Colston Burrell

May 19-22, 2026 3 Nights/4 Days

ARRIVAL: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 travelers continuing from the Main Tour onto the Post Tour will be board the high speed AVE train from Malaga to Barcelona.

RETURN: Friday, May 22, 2026 transfer included from hotel to **Barcelona Airport (BCN)** for your flight home.

COST (with 5-9 paying guests):
\$2,799. per person based on double occupancy
+\$500. per person single supplement

COST (with 10+ paying guests):
\$2,499. per person based on double occupancy
+\$500. per person single supplement

This trip requires a minimum of 5 travelers to operate.

AIR TRAVEL: Do not purchase air until you have been advised that the minimum number of travelers for this tour has been reached. This trip is based on 5 passengers. Flight arrangements are not included in this tour package.

RESERVATIONS VIA FRIENDSHIP TOURS:

CALL: 800-243-1630 and ask for **Andalusia Spain tour with C. Colston Burrell**

ON LINE: www.friendshiptours.net/group-travel
and select "Group Sign In". Enter the Tour Code **26MAY08SPAIN** in the box labeled "Make a New Reservation."

DEPOSIT: \$3,000 per person with reservation to secure your spot on both the MAIN TOUR & POST TOUR.

FINAL PAYMENT: balance due Feb 6, 2026

Please reserve now. Small group tour.

Commitment required in order for trip to operate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels after deposit and before Feb 6, 2026, the fee is \$2,500. pp; no refunds if cancelled after Feb 6, 2026. If Friendship Tours needs to cancel due to lack of participation, a full refund will be processed.

PASSPORT: U.S. Citizens: Valid Passport required and must be valid 6 months past the return date. Non U.S. Citizens are responsible for obtaining proper documentation for travel.

PRICES & ITINERARY: Prices are valid at time of publication. Friendship Tours shall not be liable for any fluctuation in price or change in schedule or equipment or accommodations for any travel booking or travel service to be provided by a Travel Supplier. Changes to itineraries may become necessary. These changes will not be considered a material change and will not be cause for cancellation or refund. This itinerary is planned & operated by Namara Tours. Friendship Tours acts solely as the liaison between Namara Tours & Garden & Nature Tours.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: ACTIVE

You can walk and stand for longer periods of time (1-2 hours). You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous. Passengers should consult their physician should they have any concerns regarding their physical condition.

TRIP PROTECTION COVERAGE is strongly recommended.

Friendship Tours can assist with the purchase of trip protection coverage through Travel Insured International's Worldwide Trip Protector Plans.

Travel Insured International offers the Worldwide Trip Protection plans with the option to add upgrade benefits (available for additional cost) including CANCEL FOR ANY REASON coverage (CFAR) when purchased within 14 days of your initial deposit. Insurance Premiums are non-refundable. Ask Friendship Tours for more information and a quote: 860-243-1630 or 800-243-1630.

<https://www.friendshiptours.net/assets/documents/Travel-Insured-International-Platinum-vs-Deluxe.pdf>

Or request a quote online referring to: **Agency #18649**
<https://www.friendshiptours.net/protection-plan>

RESPONSIBILITY: This package is subject to our full terms and conditions which can be found on our website at <https://www.friendshiptours.net/tour-policies>. Paper copies are available upon request. **By signing up for the tour, making a payment and continuing to use our services, you are agreeing to be bound by the Terms and Conditions.**



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Itinerary - Day 1

Day 1 – Tuesday, May 19

Arrival in Barcelona

This morning, after our included breakfast, we'll board Spain's sleek high-speed AVE train from Malaga and enjoy a comfortable 6-hour journey northward through historic cities, scenic villages and bucolic countryside, arriving in vibrant Barcelona by early afternoon.

After checking into our hotel and taking some time to relax and refresh, we'll step straight into the soul of the city with a leisurely walk along Barcelona's famous La Rambla. This lively boulevard brims with colorful flower stalls, musicians, and cafes that spill out onto the street. Just off the Rambla lies the atmospheric Gothic Quarter, where medieval alleys twist and turn, revealing hidden squares, centuries-old churches, and artisan shops. Along the way we'll pause at the Mercat de la Boqueria, one of Europe's most famous food markets, where the aromas of jamón ibérico, cheeses, and fresh fruit invite us deep per into Barcelona's culinary traditions.

After touring we return to our hotel to freshen up. As the evening sets in, we'll gather for a festive welcome dinner in the Gothic or Rambla district, savoring Catalan flavors and Spanish specialties before retiring for our first of three overnight stays in Barcelona. Night at Silken Ramblas Hotel. B, D

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Itinerary - Day 2

Day 2 – Wednesday, May 20 Gaudi's Masterpieces and The Heights of Montjuic

After our included breakfast, our day begins with a journey into the imaginative world of Antoni Gaudi at Park Guell, a whimsical garden-city filled with kaleidoscopic mosaics, serpentine benches, and playful architectural forms. This UNESCO World Heritage Site offers not only Gaudi's genius at every turn but also sweeping views across the city to the shimmering Mediterranean Sea.

Next, we'll stand in awe before the Sagredo Familia, Gaudi's still-unfinished basilica and perhaps the most extraordinary church in the world. Its soaring spires and intricate facades tell biblical stories in stone and glass, creating a breathtaking testament to faith and artistry that has been over a century in the making.

In the afternoon, we'll make our way to Montjuic Hill, where history, culture, and nature converge. Here you'll find grand architecture from the 1929 International Exposition, lush gardens, and panoramic terraces overlooking the harbor. From the steps of the Palau Nacional, home to the National Art Museum of Catalonia, the city unfurls beneath us in a breathtaking panorama. You may wish to stroll the tranquil gardens, visit Montjuic Castle, or simply soak in the atmosphere.

The evening is free to enjoy Barcelona as you please-whether sipping cava at a rooftop terrace, savoring tapas in a hidden bodega, or taking a sunset stroll along the waterfront. Night at Silken Ramblas Hotel. B



Itinerary - Day 3

Day 3 – Thursday, May 21 Exploring Barcelona

Today is yours to enjoy Barcelona at your own pace. You might choose to stroll along the elegant Passeig de Gracia, browsing designer boutiques and admiring Gaudi's architectural gems such as Casa Botillo and La Pedrera. Or perhaps you'd prefer to spend the day at Barceloneta Beach, soaking in the Mediterranean sun with a seafood lunch by the water. For a more bohemian experience, the Gracia district offers tree-shaded plazas, vibrant street art, and an authentic neighborhood charm.

For those who wish to venture outside the city, we offer an optional excursion to Montserrat (separate registration required), a dramatic mountain range just an hour's drive from Barcelona. Here, jagged limestone peaks rise high above Catalonia, creating one of Spain's most iconic landscapes. We'll visit the Benedictine Monastery of Santa Maria de Montserrat, home to the revered Black Madonna statue, a symbol of Catalan devotion. If we're lucky, we may hear the angelic voices of the Montserrat Boys' Choir performing in the basilica. There is time to explore the museum, sample local liqueurs, or ride the funicular for sweeping views of the countryside.

In the evening, enjoy a delightful farewell dinner. Night at Silken Ramblas Hotel. B, D



Itinerary - Day 4

Day 4 – Friday, May 22

Farewell to Barcelona

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Barcelona. We transfer as a group to the airport for our return flight to the United States, carrying with you the unforgettable memories of Spain's architectural wonders, vibrant culture, and Mediterranean spirit. B

Welcome Home!

