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Moorish Trails (SJ 2016)

WALK & TREK

TOURDURAT
8
DAYS

Tour Style: Classic
Tour Comfort: Standard
Tour Type: Centre Based
Trek Grade: Moderate
tour Code: SJ

Tour Highlights - Moorish Trails

- ✓ Canillas De Albaida - Stay in a 16th Century converted convent in this traditional Moorish village
- ✓ Rural Landscapes - Walking through a rich profusion of natural diversity, Moorish villages and the unspoilt wilderness in the heart of Andalucia
- ✓ Competa - Picturesque white-washed mountain village famous for its locally made wine and stunning views
- ✓ Cerro Verde - Panoramic views from the 1346m summit
- ✓ Granada - Option to visit the Alhambra and Generalife, examples of classic Moorish architecture and gardens

Tour Essentials

Accommodation:	7 nights Standard Hotel
Included Meals:	7 breakfasts, 0 lunches, 0 dinners
Start Point:	Join tour: Malaga Airport
End Point:	Tour ends: Malaga Airport
Transport:	Taxi, Minibus
Countries:	Spain

Moorish Trails

From our small, traditional hotel in the village of Canillas de Albaida, we explore an ancient network of trails linking picturesque white-washed Moorish villages through an Andalucian landscape of vineyards and olive groves. We hike along parts of an old 'Silk Route' and have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Alhambra Palace in Granada. In the evenings we can sample some of the delicious local food and sweet wine.

Suitability

We've given each of our tours a comfort rating and a tour pace, walking or cycling grade to give you a general idea about the level of activity on each tour and the standard of accommodation you will be staying in at the end of your day's adventure.

Often you'll stay in different styles of accommodation during your tour; so we make an average rating across the entire tour. For more information on where you'll stay each night, please refer to the day by day tour itinerary.

Tour Comfort: Standard

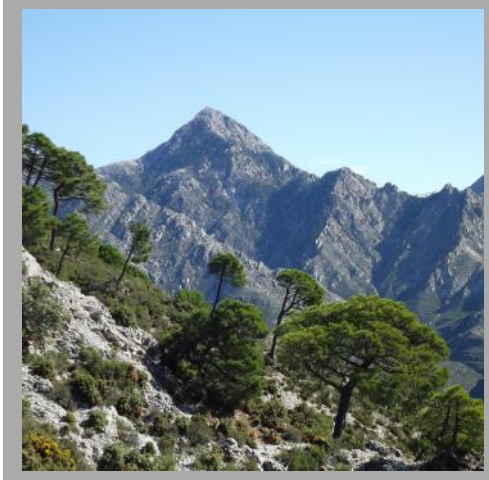
Our mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en-suite facilities.

Tour Style: Classic

Packed with adventure, these tours offer inspiring destinations and authentic travel experiences at a reasonable price. Using all kinds of transport and accommodation, we'll take you off the beaten track to discover the true heart of the people and places you visit.

Trek Grade: Moderate

For those who are fit and active, these moderate walks are normally on good paths and tracks at low altitude. Days may include some fairly demanding ascents and descents, so previous experience is preferable but not essential.



Your tour itinerary

Tour itinerary notes

While our intention is to adhere to the day-by-day itinerary as printed below, a degree of flexibility is built in. Overnight stops may vary from those suggested.

Your Tour Leader

A Tour Leader is an integral part of any Explore tour and your tour will be led by one of our experienced tour leaders who have been handpicked and expertly trained. We believe that our Tour Leaders are the key to the success of our tours; they are passionate travellers who are bursting with first-hand local knowledge which they love to share. Your tour Leader will also take care of all the planning and organisation throughout your journey. Their passionate approach will make this tour fun and inspiring, bringing the destination to life whether you're travelling alone or with others.

DAY 1 Join tour Malaga; transfer to Canillas de Albaida

Joining the tour at Malaga airport we transfer to Canillas de Albaida by minibus, a journey of about one and a half hours, where there should be some time to freshen up and relax before a briefing this evening about the coming days ahead. Our base for the next few days is a picturesque village of white washed houses lying on the edge of the Sierra Tejeda Natural Park, in the shadow of the Atalaya and Verde Mountains. Moorish in origin (Albaida comes from the Arabic for white), its history dates back to the 13th century and the village today is an engaging collection of steep narrow streets that meander up the hillside and lead down to a traditional square. The shrine of Santa Ana dominates the village from its lofty promontory overlooking the surrounding landscapes of pine and oak trees. These vistas are home to eagles, mountain goats and wild boar and the terraced fields that circle the village are traditional reminders of the Moorish farmers who once worked these fertile lands. This rich mix of cultural styles is also reflected in the food of the region, where Moroccan and Spanish influences make for some delicious local delicacies, including fennel broth and almond and garlic soup. NOTE: Our main transfer from Malaga Airport to Canillas de Albaida will be at 16.00. Another transfer will be provided for guests arriving on our main flight (times will vary, usually early afternoon).

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**

Included Meals: None

DAY 2 Walk to historic town of Competa, famous for it's wine

Our first day starts with a tour of the local village, your tour leader will point out to you some places of interest and also talk about the history of the village. After this we will start our walk to Cómpeta which is considered by some as the 'pearl of the Axarquia'. Offering some stunning views of the surrounding mountains and the Mediterranean, this lovely village is famous for its locally made wine and presents us with a picturesque setting of labyrinthine streets and whitewashed houses cluttered around the minaret of a 13th century tower. Built in the Baroque-Mudejar style, this dominating edifice towers above the village streets. In the surrounding countryside the Tejeda and Almijara ranges cover over 20,000 hectares, much of it protected and presenting us with a rich mix of scrubland, forest and terraced farming, making for some superb walking. After approximately four hours of walking we then reach the main plaza in Cómpeta. Here you will have an hour to relax, maybe over a tapas lunch in one of the many bars and restaurants in the village. After our break we follow an old mule track to Bodegas Almijara where we will have the opportunity to tour the winery and taste some of the local Muscatel wines (optional). After our visit we head back to Canillas for dinner and, doubtless, a well-earned glass of something refreshing. Total walking approx 12km, 5 hours, 250m ascent.

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3 Hike along ancient silk route. Optional cookery class

Taking a taxi this morning we head first for Competa. From here we follow a track that passes above Casa de la Mina before joining a mule track that takes us towards Puerto Blanquillo, via the ancient silk route that once ran through these limestone landscapes to Granada. The arrival of the Moors in the 8th century brought silk manufacture to the Iberian Peninsula and these ancient trails are littered with the historical reminders of those once lucrative journeys across Arabia and into the Islamic heartlands of southern Europe. Stopping for a picnic lunch at a ruined inn, we then continue through the afternoon, back towards Canillas. After a day of walking you may wish to try a special optional activity - a cooking class! You'll learn how to make paella for your dinner. Enjoy views of the country side while you prepare this traditional dish with the guidance of a Spanish cook. Back home you will be able to impress your friends and family with the recipe and the Spanish expressions you've picked up during class! Total walking approx 16km, 6 hours, 400m ascent.

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 Walk to Moorish village of Salares

Descending out of Canillas on an old Roman path, we pass a Roman bridge and we continue along the banks of the Cajula stream, passing a landscape of avocado and citrus groves. Continuing uphill passing a few ruined farm houses we then follow a mule track up to the summit of Fogarate a hilltop lookout that lies in the shadow of the lofty peak of La Maroma. After taking in the fabulous views we continue along an easy dirt track that skirts the valley and takes us up towards a ruined inn, before we follow the valley along an irrigation canal to the old Moorish village of Salares. By 720AD the Moors controlled much of the Iberian Peninsula and their faith, art and architecture spread through much of southern Spain. This new part of the Islamic empire became known as al-Andalus and was at first ruled by the caliphate of Damascus, the powerful Umayyad caliphs. Over time these lands split into smaller Muslim enclaves, making them more vulnerable to the emerging Christian kingdoms to the north, which eventually culminated in the Christian re-conquest of the south in the 10th and 11th centuries. Much of this region has retained its Moorish character though and many of the villages still display the distinctive styling of Mudejar architecture, a form developed specifically by the Muslims in these Christian areas and often presenting a rich fusion of Islamic and Gothic styles. The church of Santa Ana in Salares is a perfect example of this hybrid of styles, built on the site of an old mosque, but retaining the minaret as a church tower. After a wander through the steep, winding streets of this picturesque village and and the option of lunch in Theo's simple but special bar we will return to Canillas by taxi. Anyone wishing to make the return journey by foot may do so (this will add an extra couple of hours and another 6km to your day ascent 350m). Total walking approx 8km, 4.5 hours. 420m ascent. (+2hrs and +6km if you walk back)

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5 Free day; optional trips to Granada, Antequera or coast

Today has been designated as a rest day. There is the possibility of taking an optional trip to Granada today, or spend your time exploring Antequera or the coast. Granada is one of the most famous cities in the region, a superb mix of Moorish elegance and Renaissance grandeur that includes the Albaicin, the old Moorish quarter whose white walls and narrow streets give the city it's distinctive Arabic feel. A major highlight is the sumptuous Alhambra palace, built by Muhammad al-Ahmar, the founder of the Nasrid dynasty, in the 13th century and considered the finest example of Moorish architecture outside the Arab world. Its exquisite interiors and stucco exteriors evokes the elegance of a civilisation at the peak of its artistic and cultural epoch and the ceilings of its glorious throne room represent the seven heavens of the Muslim cosmos, creating a little piece of Arabic heaven here on earth. Another highlight worthy of mention is the Generalife, one of the most beautiful landscaped gardens in the world, which surrounds the summer residences of the Caliphs. Wandering up to the highest points of the city presents some stunning views out across these glorious testaments to Muslim craftsmanship. Another alternative today is the vibrant market town of Antequera, once a border fortress protecting Granada and today boasting a delightful collection of Baroque churches, a 13th century castle and a massive series of burial chambers (dolmens) on the outskirts of the town that are believed to date back to around 2500BC. For those who would prefer something a little more scenic, the Mediterranean coast is not far away, presenting an ideal destination for a gentle exploration of Spain's beautiful southern coastline.

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 Ascend Cerro Verde (1346m); enjoy the panoramic views

Another taxi this morning takes us to La Fabrica la Luz, from where we begin our walk up the valley via the chestnut and cork woods of El Chaparral Farm. These remote and beautiful landscapes contain a rich wealth of fauna and flora, many of which are endemic to the sierras, particularly its raptors and mountain birds. Amongst these landscapes of boxwood and olive groves, yew and Mediterranean woodland, with luck we can get occasional glimpses of golden and Bonnelli's eagles, peregrine falcons and golden orioles. These landscapes are also renowned for large numbers of indigenous mountain goats that only a century ago were on the verge of extinction. Climbing up through these idyllic rural settings we head towards the summit of Cerro Verde (1,346m), a peak similar in height to Ben Nevis, where we enjoy a picnic lunch on the summit, overlooking the panoramas and enjoying the fresh Andalucian air as we look out across the limestone landscapes. After lunch we move south towards Cerro Atalaya, a dramatically craggy peak that is a popular nesting site for birds and where, if we are lucky, we may spot some Bonelli eagles. Descending from the coll via a wide firebreak we are treated to views of the coast and, on a clear day, as far as Gibraltar. Our descent this afternoon brings us full circle back to La Fabrica, where we rendezvous with taxis once more for the return journey back to Canillas (if you wish to walk back to Canillas this is 3km extra). Total walking approx 12km, 5-6 hours, 726m ascent.

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7 Rest day; optional walks

Today has been left free. You may choose to relax around the village, visit Granada or the coast, or enjoy a self guided walk in the area. For those looking for something a little more arduous, you may consider an ascent of El Lucero (1769m) - the perfect way to round off this comprehensive exploration of this captivating region and its characteristic grey and white palates. A fairly strenuous ascent of some 10 hours and 19km, takes you up approx 1000m to the summit. Another option would be a walk to the village of Sayalonga. This is a 4 hour walk along a wide ridge overlooking the three white washed villages of Canillas, Cómpeta and Archez, then down trough a valley of nispero trees before heading up to the main plaza in Sayalonga for a tapas lunch and return to the hotel by taxi.

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 Tour ends Malaga Airport

Our tour ends today at Malaga Airport. Passengers on our main flight to London will be transferred back to the airport in time for their return flight. A separate transfer for other flights and land only clients will arrive to Malaga Airport for 09.00. Please note that this transfer may be unescorted. (See Joining Instructions for details).

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation and Meals

Accommodation Rating

Posada La Plaza in Canillas de Albaida is a family run hotel, located in the centre of a small community that provides a wonderful opportunity to experience village life. The building itself dates back to the 16th Century. It was used as a convent and a family home before being converted into a small hotel in 2004. The rooms are a blend of Moorish architecture, local craftsmanship and traditional decoration, which gives each room a very unique, individual and authentic Spanish character. All rooms are fully air conditioned. Please note that the bedrooms vary in size. The hotel has a small indoor salon with tea and coffee making facilities, and also a roof terrace with sun loungers. The hotel owner, Gustavo Romero, his family and staff also suggest you come and try their restaurant, which is renowned locally for its quality food and service, with Mediterranean and regional food with Arabic influences. There is now a small Spa available to guests at an additional charge. Please note any bills at the hotel can be run on a tab and paid by credit or debit card.

Food & Drink

Included meals: 7 breakfasts, 0 lunches,0 dinners included in the price of this tour. Please be prepared to pay for non-included meals. Please note that costs for drinks and meals can vary depending on location.

Budgeting for your Tour

You will need some extra money to cover meals and drinks not included in the tour price, any optional sightseeing, souvenirs and items of a personal nature such as laundry.

Food

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide.Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Spain

Lunch £: 6.00 - 10.00

Dinner £: 12.00 - 16.00

Drink

The prices for drinks can vary greatly depending upon location and the prices detailed below are an average guide. In general you would expect that drinks purchased in a supermarket or local bar to be less expensive, whilst drinks in an upmarket bar or restaurant may be more expensive.

Spain

Bottle of Beer £: 2.50

Water £: 1.40

Other Sightseeing & Activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations.

Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Optional Excursions

Alhambra Palace Visit - Only 2000 tickets are made available for sale on the day, however this will likely involve long queues. Tickets can be purchased in advance either via the internet, www.alhambra-tickets.es or by telephone (+34 934923750). Tickets go on sale 3 months prior to the visit. It takes approx 2hrs to drive to Granada. At the time of booking your ticket to the Alhambra, a time will be allocated for entry to Nasrid Palace. By using the telephone booking line, you are able to indicate a preferred time.
In addition, entry to Nasrid Palace is strictly monitored and you will not be able to enter outside the allocated time. We therefore recommend booking tickets for entry after 11.00 to allow time to get to Granada. Your tour leader will assist with organising taxis.
For further details please visit www.alhambra.org/eng
Competa - Wine tasting €7
Canillas - Taxi to Granada €160 return; Antequera €140; Nerja and caves €80 (all prices are per taxi for up to 4 people one way); Cooking Class €18

Tipping - Tour Leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Tour Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

Tipping - Local Crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognised part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, the Tour Leaders may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

Foreign Exchange

Spain

ATM Availability: In cities and most major towns.

Credit Card Acceptance: Visa and Mastercard are generally accepted in larger restaurants and some shops.

Travellers Cheques: Not recommended.

Local Currency: Euros

Recommended Currency for Exchange: We recommend you take the majority of your spending money in Euros cash.

Where to Exchange: We recommend that you change any currency into Euros prior to arrival. Bureau de Change are generally only found in major cities and large airports.

Joining your Tour

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a ‘flight inclusive’ package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the ‘Land Only’ arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific ‘Joining Instructions’ prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found on our website at www.explore.co.uk, in the tour specific dates and prices section.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer. For more information please refer to https://www.explore.co.uk/transfers.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the ‘Land Only’ arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer please refer to https://www.explore.co.uk/transfers.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Important Information

Travel Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

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Travel Insurance is essential. If you have not already arranged cover, please contact our recommended Travel Insurance providers www.campbellirvinedirect.com/Explore who offer Travel Insurance specifically designed to cover travel with Explore or call **Campbell Irvine Direct** on Tel: 020 7938 1734

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Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Visa Information

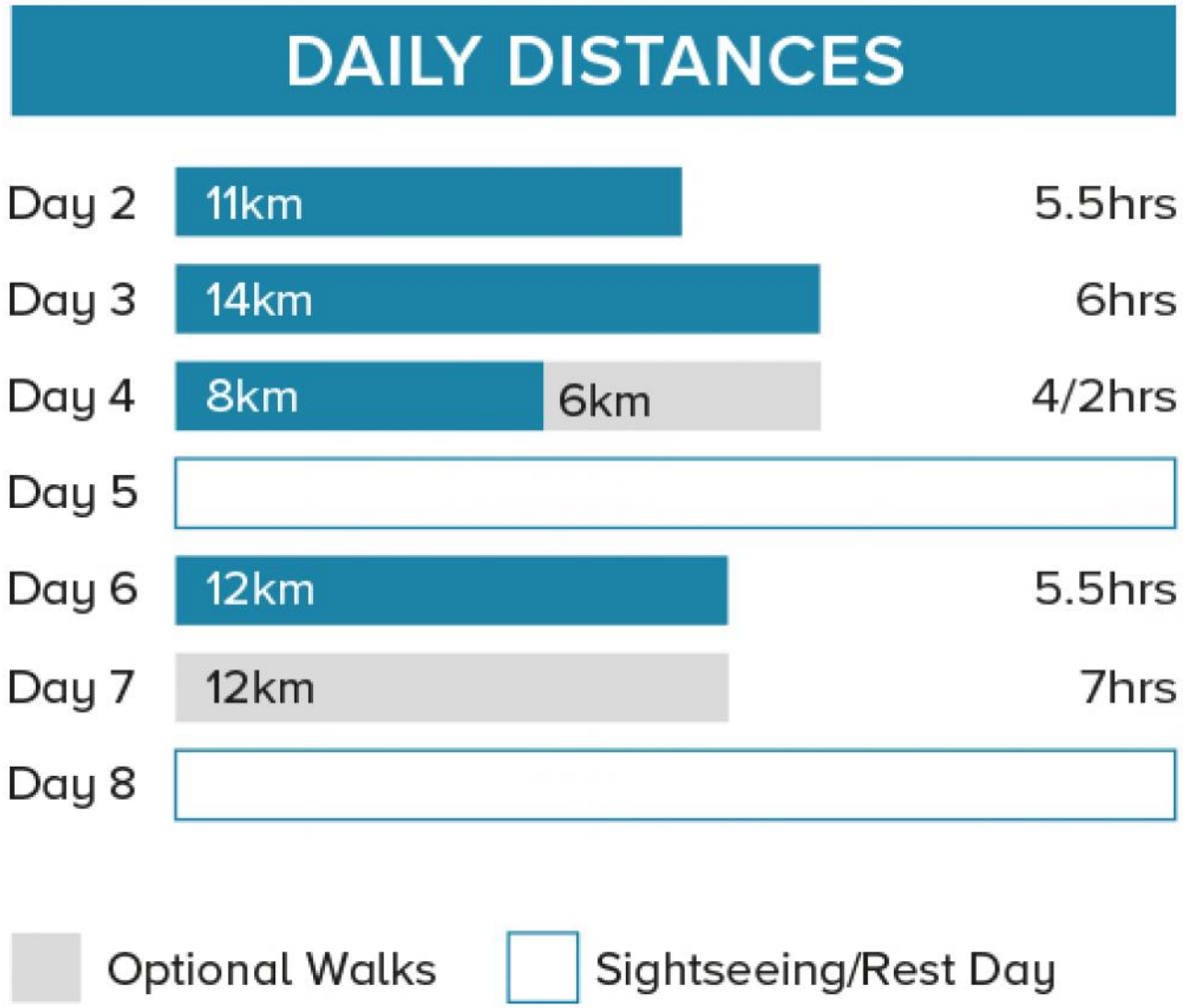
Spain: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

All visa information is subject to change. You should confirm all visa related questions with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

Vaccinations & Protection

Spain

Nothing compulsory but Tetanus is usually recommended as a precaution. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/ and from your local healthcare provider. Vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure.



Trekking Details

This is a 4-day trek with an average of 4 to 6 hours walking each day. Further trekking is possible on both free days. We have graded this trek as moderate. The optional ascent of El Lucero (1769m) is classed as strenuous.

Climate

Spain

Overall, spring, early summer and autumn are ideal times for a Spanish trip - though the weather varies enormously from region to region. The high central plains suffer from fierce extremes, stiflingly hot in summer, bitterly cold and swept by freezing winds in winter. The Atlantic coast, in contrast, has a tendency to damp and mist, and a relatively brief, humid summer. The Mediterranean south is warm virtually all year round. Spain's Islands the Canaries and Balaerics experience very mild winters and warm summers making them ideal year round destinations.

Clothing

Lightweight cotton clothing is best in June and September.Full rainwear may be needed at any time of year, but especially after the start of September, and a warm fleece/light jacket is recommended for cooler evenings and nights at the beginning and end of the season. Don't forget a swimming costume.

Equipment

High factor suncream (at least factor 15), good quality sunglasses, sun hat, a torch and a water bottle. You may find walking poles useful if you have them.

Footwear

Walking or trail boots with good ankle support are essential, plus comfortable trainers/shoes for relaxing.

Luggage: On Tour

One main piece and a daypack. Remember, you are expected to carry your own luggage – so don't overload yourself.

Luggage allowance on tour: 20kg

General Information

Country details

Spain

Population: 46,030,109

Size of Country: 504,782 sq km

Major Language: Castilian Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque

Religion: Roman Catholic

Time Difference to GMT: +1

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Why Choose Explore

We've been creating award-winning pioneering adventure holidays for over 30 years, earning the trust of thousands of delighted customers, who feel safe in our hands. Our tour leaders have expert local knowledge and our tours are designed to take you off the beaten track to see the most exotic, inspiring and dramatic places in the world.

- With over 30 years' experience, we are passionate about what we do.
- Pioneering small group adventures, self-guided, private journeys & tailormade holidays.
- Award winning tour leaders who you can trust.
- Responsible travel is and always has been one the driving principles of Explore.

Our adventure holidays are full of exciting things to see and do, exploring in small groups travelling by bus, boat, plane, rickshaw, camel, or any number of unusual forms of transport . Often you will stay in family run hotels and village houses and enjoy authentic local cuisine. In this way, it's easy to discover the true heart of the people and the place you travel to – and make some new friends along the way. Each tour is uniquely different, so please feel free to browse through our tours to see what may whet your appetite.

Our commitment to the environment

We are passionate about sustainable travel and work hard to create tours where your holiday delivers real benefits to the local communities. We minimise our impact by travelling in small groups, respecting local cultures, reducing waste and offsetting 100% of the CO2 from our flights.

When you travel with Explore, you are directly contributing to local economies and helping empower the people you meet. We currently support a range of charities and good causes, including: Toilet Twinning (helping to flush away poverty), Lone Buffalo Foundation (a community project based in Laos providing creative skills for young people), Dekamer (a turtle rescue centre in Turkey) and Kids Saving the Rainforest (a wildlife rescue centre in Costa Rica supported through the LATA foundation). We also care passionately about the world's wildlife. We are patrons of the Born Free Organisation and Friends of Conservation.

Cool Earth

Explore are proud to support Cool Earth in their effort to reduce global carbon dioxide levels through the prevention of deforestation in the South America rainforest. Cool Earth focus on areas in immediate danger of deforestation, supporting local communities to be forest guardians. To date 350,000 acres of rainforest has been protected. Saving rainforest also protects rare animals and plants, allows local forest communities to maintain their way of life, and protects a major source of oxygen and fresh water. When you travel on an Explore holiday we make a donation to Cool Earth that exceeds the impact of our customers flights each year.

Earth Matters

- The Travel Foundation

  Explore are active members and supporters of the Travel Foundation which has established a variety of sustainable tourism projects in destinations and works with industry to improve practice. Visit their website www.thetravelfoundation.org.uk
- Tourism Concern

  Explore support the work of Tourism Concern who campaign for fairly and ethically traded tourism, and are part of its Ethical Tour Operator Group www.tourismconcern.org.uk

- For further information on responsible travel go to www.explore.co.uk/ResponsibleTourism/

Know before you go

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice follow the link at www.explore.co.uk/travel-safety

Booking Your Holiday

Peace of mind - book with confidence

You can book your Explore holiday with confidence, as all monies paid to us for your trip are fully protected. Explore is a fully bonded tour operator licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and by ABTOT.

The air holiday packages (Tours including flights) that we advertise are ATOL protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's LicenceÂ granted by the Civil Aviation Authority.Â Our ATOL number is ATOL 2595. In addition, As a member of the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT), Explore has provided a bond to meet the requirements of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992. Please note that packages booked outside the UK are only protected when purchased directly with Explore.

Reserving your place

To reserve your place on this tour you will need to check availability on the Explore website or through our dedicated call centre based in the UK where you can. Our tours can fill up quickly so you are advised to book as early as possible. If your chosen date is ‘Available’ or ‘Guaranteed’ we will be able to provisionally hold you a space for up to 48 hours.

For Self-Guided holidays and Private Journeys simply choose your date of travel and let us know so we can confirm all ground services.

The easiest way to confirm your booking is through our website. When you are ready to book, we normally require a 10% non-refundable deposit, but for some holidays this may be more to cover such items as permit fees, internal flights or other non-refundable services. If your travel starts within 60 days of booking, full payment will be required at the time of booking

100% No Surcharge Guarantee

The price paid for our holidays is no longer subject to change. Once booked and confirmed we will guarantee the price you pay will not increase, whatever the circumstances. You will not be approached to pay fuel surcharges unlike the vast majority of other adventure tour operators. The price guarantee applies to all new bookings departing between 1st January 2016 and 31st December 2017.

Tour Itinerary Versions

Itinerary details may vary depending on departure date and alternative itineraries for this tour may exist. Please refer to the dates and prices page on our website to check which itinerary operates on each departure date.

Please ensure that you have an up-to-date copy of these tour notes immediately before you travel, as from time to time our itineraries may be amended, either for operational reasons or in response to feedback from customers. You will be informed of any major changes to your tour but small changes may just be added to these tour notes.

Please note: 2016 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing in 2016. 2017/18 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing from 1st January to 31st December 2017.

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