

Andalusia is a unique place to become immerse into the culture of Southern Spain. Everywhere you look you will see remnants of the many cultures that forged it to be what it is today, a place of wonder, excitement, culture and unity. Known as one of the most visited cities in Spain, Granada will certainly captivate your heart.

## Your tour package includes

4\* hotels in the city center

All breakfasts

5 dinners

6 lunches

Sightseeing tours

Expert Tour Director & local guides

Private transportation

**Customized Itinerary** 

## **Included highlights**

Three Private winery visits

Wine and tapas tasting

Cooking experiences

The Busot Caverns

Wine maker session

Dinner at top local restaurants

Local Historical Monuments

Wellness Activities



Flights to Alicante often make a connection in Madrid.



### Trip Details:

Though this trip is scheduled to depart from John F. Kennedy in New York City, travelers interested in attending from any other city or state should contact our travel team to price out the flight from the alternative airport.

#### **Tour Dates:**

Customized dates available at a group's request.

If anyone is interested in customizing their trip, please contact your tour coordinator for alternative options at TourArchitex@gmail.com

#### SAMPLE ITINERARY

# Overnight Flight from JFK

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Alicante (connecting in Madrid).

# Alicante, Spain Day 2: Arrival

Included meals: Welcome Lunch & Dinner

Welcome to Spain! Transfer to the hotel, relax and meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers.

Once there has been time to rest and freshen up, let's explore with a local expert.

Visit the historic center and discover the breathtaking capital of eastern Spain's Costa Blanca (White Coast). As evening approaches, we will make our way to a local restaurant for our welcome dinner at La Taverna de Racó del Pla, one of the cities well known restaurants.

## Day 3: Alicante-Yecla/Murcia

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

After breakfast, a private charter bus will take us to Yecla, where we will explore the city and have an exclusive guided visit of Bodegas Barahonda. As part of the eno-gastronomic experience, we will have the privilege of having a special lunch after the tour of the winery.

After our Barahonda experience, we will head back to Alicante to relax and have some free time. Dinner recommendations will be provided.

#### Day 4: Alicante

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast, we will do some local sightseeing, which will include a visit to the ancient Busot Caverns. Discovered by the Arabs in the  $10^{th}$  century, it is believed that the caves date back to the Jurassic period over 145 million years ago.

After our visit, we will have lunch in a local restaurant and then return to the hotel for free time before our evening cooking experience and Alicantino Vermut tasting session.

#### Day 5: Alicante-Letur/Albacete

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Check out and head over to Castilla de la Mancha, the land of the mythical character of Don Quixote. On our way to Albacete, we will make a visit to Bodegas Viña Elena. With over four generations of wine making history, we are sure you will enjoy your visit to visit one of Jumilla's most amazing families.

Take an exclusive tour and meet a local wine expert who will share the special qualities present in the wines of this region. We will have time to sample various wines and discover the importance Murcia plays in the development of the wines in the rest of the country.

Once our visit is over, we will have the opportunity to have lunch in one of Jumilla's gems - De Loreto, an early 19<sup>th</sup> century home converted into a wonderful place to sample Murcia's finest cuisine. After your meal, take a stroll around Jumilla's historic center and visit the castle and understand why this region has held such importance during medieval times.

After lunch, our journey continues towards la Sierra de Segura, a chain of mountains that expand over the regions of Murcia, Albacete and Jaen. There, nestled in the Sierra de Segura Mountains, we will stay in an exclusive residence in the magical town of Letur, Albacete, Spain.

Once we have settled in, we will meet in the town center to enjoy our dinner in a local spot.

#### Day 6: Letur

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After having a local breakfast, we will take a light morning hike in Sierra de Segura. For those adventure seekers, try a Via Ferrata Course in Ayna, a town of Albacete known as the Switzerland of La Mancha. Other options will be available.

Head back to Letur to change and get ready for our evening of wine tasting and sampling at Bodegas Lazo in Férez. There you will meet Jose Alberto, wine maker and historian of Albacete.

Once dinner is over, head back to get some rest for the next day's adventure.

#### Day 7: Murcia, Spain

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast, we will head over to Murcia, where we will stay for the remainder of the trip. On our way down to Murcia, we will stop at Caravaca de la Cruz, one of Spain's holy cities. Here we will have a local tour, visit an important and rare museum, have lunch in a local restaurant and have some free time to explore the city.

Our visit to Caravaca will be brief as we will head to Murcia, Spain's 7<sup>th</sup> largest city given the nickname (The Great Unknown). As a region with so many things to offer, the tourists that truly benefit from the 300 plus days of sun, 18 golf courses, great wines, amazing coast line and top notch cuisines are Europeans from Northern Europe. Come and see what many of known for years.

Check in to your hotel, rest before an evening of cuisine exploration in one of Murcia's Michelin listed restaurants.

#### Day 8: Murcia-Cartagena/Murcia

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

After breakfast, we will head over to discover Cartagena.

Cartagena is always a fun tour. When people think of Spain, they usually cannot fathom visiting the remains of a maritime city dating back to the time of the Carthaginians. Stroll around the center of Cartagena, check out the forts that once protected the bay from invaders, enter one of the bomb shelters that protected over 5,000 people during the time of the Spanish Civil war, one

of Spain's most shameful events. Last but not least, visit a well preserved Roman theatre dating back to the  $1^{st}$  century.

While in Cartagena, you will have the opportunity to taste great seafood at Magoga, one of our four Michelin Star Restaurants.

Today is a long day. We will return to the hotel and have some free time. There will be a list of places for people to have dinner on their own, if they please. If not, the guide will have a plan to dine with those who would like to do so as a group.

## Day 8: Murcia, Murcia

After breakfast, your guide will take you through windy streets and will share with you a brief history of this ancient city. Take a tour around one of Spain's most impressive 14<sup>th</sup> century Cathedrals and discover the Moorish influence in Murcia's modern day culture. You will be pleased with what Murcia has to offer.

After your pleasant stroll around the city center, stop by Plaza de la Flores to taste some more of most watering cuisine, of course, accompanied by the best wines of the region. After lunch, enjoy some free time in the city.

In the late evening, take a stroll behind the cathedral and stumble upon La Plaza de San Juan. This is where many Murcianos come to eat and enjoy life. Your dinner experience will be in the hands of Pura Cepa's most renowned wine professionals, respected restaurant owners and the head of the regions Sommelier Society, Juan Fran Carmona. It is an experience you will always remember. Here you will sample the wine produced by our local oenologist.

Day 9: Murcia, Murcia Check out/private transport to Alicante airport.

# Trip price: Starting at \$3,200.00 p/p

Based on double occupancy/main cabin flights
Single supplement additional \$850
Upgradable airline accommodations are subject to availability

#### Payment plans available.

Limited to 15 Pax
Friend Referral Fee is an additional savings of \$200

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