

# ISLAMIC SPAIN HERITAGE

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## DAY 1: ARRIVAL MADRID – HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Meet and greet at Madrid – Barajas Airport by our local representative and transfer to Madrid. We arrange for prayers in **Spanish Mosque Madrid M30**.

Proceed to enjoy the panoramic of **Bullring of Madrid Las Ventas** and **Real Madrid Stadium Santiago Bernabeu** -one of the best clubs worldwide-.

City tour enjoying the main highlights: **Plaza Oriental, Royal Palace, Plaza Mayor, Puerta Del Sol Square, Arab Wall, Old Quarters, Cibeles Fountain, Puerta de Alcalá, Plaza España, Gran Via Avenue**.

At **Preciados Fashion Street** we could get delighted with Spanish world renamed fashion brands such as *Massimo Dutti, Mango, Zara, Bershka*, as well as international branding.

**Halal dinner.** Transfer and check-in at hotel. Overnight in Madrid.



## DAY 2: MADRID – CÓRDOBA – GRANADA

Breakfast. Check out and travel to the magnificent city of the Caliphate "Córdoba". Start your Tour in Qurtuba with a stroll through the cobbled streets of this jewel city of the Middle Ages. Be spellbound by the **Mezquita\***, the exquisite mosque started by Abdul Rahman I and expanded by his successors.

The **Great Mosque -Aljama- of Córdoba** as it is also known, built during the period of Moorish occupation, is the most splendid Islamic monument in the western world. Its construction commenced in 785, when Abd Rahman established Córdoba as capital of Al-Andalus; it was extended during successive periods by Abd Rahman II, Al-Hakam II and Almanzor. **Halal lunch.**

Prayer in **Mosque of Avorroes** and meeting with head of Muslim Community of Córdoba and Imam of Masjid Avorroes **Ibn Rushd**. Crossing the **Roman bridge** till the **Calaà Hurra**, the Islamic fortified gate in the historic centre. Free time for Souvenirs and shopping. Proceed to **Granada** -the City of Faith and Justice-.

**Halal dinner.** Transfer and check-in at hotel. Overnight in Granada.

## DAY 3: GRANADA – ALHAMBRA

Breakfast. Also known as Gharnada, this magnificent kingdom produces astounding architecture and a rich tradition that still influences the lives of the people of present-day Andalusia.

Embark on a walking tour to unravel the Islamic heritage of this enchanting kingdom, its Arab baths, its guest houses, its markets.

Finally, marvel at the architecture, the **Alhambra\***, the red fortress built on top of a hill and the biggest attraction in Spain.

\* Alhambra Guided Tour Tickets pending on available access to Nazari Palaces.



It is a fairy-tale fortress created by Muslim architects, engineers, artists and craftsmen who put their heart and soul, inspired by the Quran to build an exquisite abode, where the motto is "There is no Victorious but Allah". Explore this incredible fortress with its Quranic scripts and Arabic poetry, crowning our visit by admiring the Jannat al-Arif, the garden of paradise, now called the Generalife. See how light, wind and water have been utilized to create a serene and relaxing bliss. **Halal lunch**.

After Maghreb prayers at the **New Granada Mosque**, explore the old city of **Albaicin**, where the medieval mystique atmosphere is still alive. Enjoying the Elvira Street Al-Qaisaria, founded by Yusuf I and called Yussufiya, as one of the famous Madrasa in Islamic Heritage of Al-Andalus. Free time for shopping at Serrallo Plaza. **Halal dinner** and overnight in Granada.



#### DAY 4: GRANADA – SIERRA NEVADA\* – SEVILLA

Breakfast. We will travel to fascinating **Sierra Nevada\***, the massive mountain range embracing Granada - contains the highest point of continental Spain (11.411ft.), and one of the further snow ranges of south Europe. Sierra Nevada is the place to visit and enjoy possible activities and experience the most out of snow and winter. We will spend a special journey getting around in its astounding landscapes, full of snow mountain ranges, pure fresh air and bright sunshine. **Halal lunch**.

Proceed to **Sevilla**. As it is commonly known, *Ishbiliya* or Sevilla is Spain's most beautiful city. The Muslims left a rich legacy in this historical city that gave birth to a culture which was the epitome of the refinement of the Moorish-Andalusian heritage. Visit what was once the main Mosque, which was demolished and replaced by a **Gothic Cathedral**. The marvelous minaret, the **Giralda**, is still standing and is one of the most awesome sights to behold. Visit **Plaza de España** or Spain Square, built in 1928 for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929; stop by the **Golden Tower**, built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century by the Almohad dynasty in order to control access to Seville via the Guadalquivir river.

**Halal dinner**, transfer and check-in at hotel. Overnight in Sevilla.

\* Sierra Nevada Snow Station is pending on weather conditions. Itinerary is subject to be changed (proceed to Sevilla).



#### DAY 5: SEVILLA – TOLEDO – MADRID

Breakfast at hotel. After check-out, we will leave Sevilla with destination to our charming **Toledo\***. Located at 70 Km south of Madrid, it was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986 for its extensive cultural and monumental heritage and historical co-existence of Christian, Muslim and Jewish cultures (also known as the Imperial city and *City of the Three Cultures*). Visiting the **Old city** and its renamed places with their very Hispanic feelings. **Halal lunch**.

Proceed our trip to **Madrid**. We will spend one last evening in the wonderful ambience of this world-class European city, walking by its memorable streets and relaxed shopping. **Halal dinner**, transfer and check-in at hotel. Overnight in Madrid.





## DAY 6: MADRID – DEPARTURE

Breakfast. Transfer out to Madrid Barajas Airport for departure with warm memories.

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Transfers in-out
- Meet & Greet
- Program on Halal board starts with dinner and ends with breakfast.
- Entrance fees according program
- Modern transportation Madrid
- Official local guide in Al-Hambra.
- Muslim English speaking escort guide
- 1 litter of water for each 4 pax during meals
- 1 bottle of water 330 ml daily during the tour.

### PRICE EXCLUDES

- Other services or extras
- Insurance
- Beverages during meals Lunch or Dinner
- Porters at the airport or hotels
- Tipping
- Luggage services



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

### MADRID

#### SANTIAGO BERNABEU STADIUM

Home of the Real Madrid F.C. Some truly memorable football has been played within the walls of Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. It is not used only for football matches, though this will always be its main use for major concerts.

### CÓRDOBA

#### CALAHORRA

It is a fortified gate in the Historic centre of the city, of Islamic origin. It is also the inside of the building featuring a museum which is of particular interest.

### CÓRDOBA MOSQUE

Converted into the Cathedral of Córdoba, the structure is regarded as one of the most accomplished monuments of Moorish architecture.

### GRANADA

#### ALHAMBRA

It was so called because of its reddish walls (in Arabic, qal'at al Hamra'). It is located on top of the hill Al-Sabika, on the left bank of the river Darro, to the west of the city of Granada and the neighbourhood of the Albaycin.

### SEVILLA

#### GIRALDA

It is a bell tower of the Sevilla Cathedral, and was originally built as a minaret during the Muslim period. The Giralda was registered in 1987 as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The tower is 104.1 m in height and remains one of the most important symbols of the city, as it has been since medieval times.

### PLAZA DE ESPAÑA

The Plaza de España complex is a huge half-circle with buildings continually running around the edge accessible over the moat by numerous bridges, representing the four ancient kingdoms of Spain. In the centre is the Vicente Traver fountain. By the walls of the Plaza are many tiled alcoves, each representing a different province of Spain.

### TOLEDO

#### OLD CITY

It is located on a mountaintop, surrounded on three sides by a bend in the Tagus River, and contains many historical sites, including the Alcázar and the Zocodover, a central market place. Toledo was famed for religious tolerance and had large communities of Muslims, Christians and Jews.



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