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SEVILLE AND THE BEST OF ANDALUSIA

A leisurely two-week exploration of sunny southern Spain! You will stay in four-star hotels, first in glorious Seville and then in the great Atlantic seaport of Cadiz, said to be Europe's oldest city. Enjoy not only exciting local sightseeing but also an overnight stay in Cordoba with its fabulous mosque. The rest of the tour will include visits to historic sites such as Palos and Sanlucar de Barrameda, the world-famous wine town of Jerez ("Sherry"), and some of Andalusia's "white villages", as well as along the famous Costa de la Luz. The tour host, historian Jacques R. Pauwels, PhD, author of Beneath the Dust of Time: A History of the Names of Peoples and Places, will contribute lectures on the fascinating history and culture of Andalusia and Spain in general.

16 days, from Friday, November 22, to Saturday, December 7, 2024

Tour price, based on double occupancy, from Toronto: \$5,495
Land Only to/from Seville Airport November 23 – December 7: \$4,175
Single Room Supplement: \$1,000

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Friday, November 22: Evening departure from Toronto for Paris with Air France.

Day 2 - Saturday, November 23: Morning arrival at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, and connecting flight to Seville. Arrival in Seville and short transfer to the great city of [Cordoba](#), already an important city in Antiquity, as testified by an impressive Roman bridge, but its golden age was around the year 1,000 AD, when, as capital of a mighty Muslim caliphate, it was one of the biggest and most beautiful cities in Europe where Moors, Christians, and Jews lived together in peace and produced one of the most brilliant civilizations of the Middle Ages. Dinner and overnight in the first-class [Soho Boutique Hotel](#) or similar.

Day 3 - Sunday, November 24: After breakfast, leisurely walking tour of Cordoba's very picturesque old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with the ancient city walls, the Roman bridge, the Jewish Quarter, and as absolute highlight our visit to the 1,000-year-old Mosque, a marvel of Islamic architecture. supported by no less than 850 columns, featuring a Baroque cathedral in the middle of the building! Afterwards there will be free time to enjoy lunch, explore the town on your own, visit museums, and/or shop for local specialties such as leather goods! Late afternoon departure from Cordoba and short drive to Seville, the magnificent metropolis of Andalusia, Spain's sunny southern region. Check into the traditionally-Spanish first-class [Hotel Doña María](#), superbly situated in the heart of Seville's old town, the picturesque "Santa Cruz" district, formerly the Jewish Ghetto or "Juderia", virtually next door to the Cathedral, the Alcazar, and many of the city's other major attractions. Welcome drink of Sangria, followed by dinner in a typical restaurant.



^Inside the Mosque/Cathedral of Cordoba

Day 4 - Monday, November 25: Morning visit to [Seville Cathedral](#), one of the biggest and most beautiful churches in the world; its 98 meter-high belltower, the "Giralda," a former minaret, is the most famous landmark of the city, and inside one can admire countless treasures as well as the mausoleum of Christopher Columbus. On for a leisurely walk to the university, formerly a tobacco factory where "Carmen," heroine of Bizet's eponymous opera, is said to have worked. Entering [Maria Luisa Park](#), we admire and photograph colourful Plaza de Espana, a world-famous icon of the city. On to the Arenal district, stretched along the scenic banks of the Guadalquivir River, Seville's lifeline to the Atlantic Ocean, where we admire monuments such as the Golden Tower, the Plaza de Toros (bullring), and the Maestranza Theatre. This evening, in lieu of dinner, you may want to join your guide and go "grazing," i.e., move from bar to bar to munch on "tapas", cold and warm snacks such as stuffed olives, wedges of Spanish omelet, calamar, mussels, cheese of La Mancha, spicy Chorizo sausage, and of course the wonderful Spanish ham known as "jamon iberico"...*Buen Provecho!*



Seville's amazing Plaza de Espana >

Day 5 - Tuesday, November 26: We start today's program with a visit to the [Alcazar](#), a richly decorated medieval palace built in the Moorish style, where Columbus is said to have met with the King and Queen of Spain prior to his historical transatlantic voyage; the interior is fabulous, but the Alcazar's lush gardens also deserve a thorough exploration. Across from the entrance of the Alcazar is the historic building known as the India Archives, ranked as a UNESCO World Heritage Site together with the Alcazar and the Cathedral. In the afternoon we explore the [Santa Cruz/Juderia district](#), with sights such as the picturesque Plaza de Santa Cruz, the Monument to Don Juan, the Murillo Gardens, the Monument to Columbus, and the Church of Santa Maria La Blanca, a former synagogue. Dinner in a typical restaurant.

Day 6 - Wednesday, November 27: After breakfast, visit to the [Hospital of Charity](#), built by a local nobleman whose life inspired the story of Mozart's "Don Giovanni" opera; its baroque church is richly decorated with statues and paintings. Then we visit the city's [Museum of Fine Arts](#), located in a former monastery, reputedly Spain's most important art gallery after the Prado Museum in Madrid, featuring works of art from the Middle Ages, Renaissance, and Baroque era up to the 20th century, mainly by Spanish artists such as Murillo, El Greco, Velázquez, Zurbarán, but also foreign painters such as Brueghel. This evening, we attend a traditional Flamenco show!

Day 7 - Thursday, November 28: After breakfast, visit to [Casa de Pilatos](#), built in the 16th century and arguably the most beautiful palace in Seville after the Alcazar. On to the "[Mushrooms of Seville](#)", the world's largest wooden construction, opened in 2011, a complex featuring a traditional market, restaurants, a rooftop terrace with panoramic views of the city, and an archaeological museum focused on the ruins of Roman and Arab buildings.



Casa de Pilatos



The Mushrooms of Seville

Day 8 - Friday, November 29: This morning we motor via the grounds of Expo 1992, organized in that year on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the New World, to the Atlantic coast in the vicinity of the Portuguese border in order to visit some fascinating sites associated with Columbus and his great voyage of discovery in 1492: the Franciscan Monastery of [La Rabida](#), where Columbus lived and worked for a while; the neighbouring little seaport of [Palos de la Frontera](#), from where he sailed on his first transatlantic crossing in August 1492; and the huge Monument of the "[Faith of the Discoverers](#)" overlooking the estuary of the Rio Tinto; these sites are collectively classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/6080>). Before returning to Seville, we also check out the village of [Rocio](#), seemingly an outpost in America's Old Wild West, with wide, sandy streets lined with houses complete with broad verandas and wooden rails for tying up horses; its annual pilgrimage draws masses of pilgrims, arriving either on foot, on horseback, or riding in decorated carts. Today, a group lunch is included.

Day 9 – Saturday, November 30: Your last full day in Seville is entirely at leisure. If there is sufficient interest, a full-day *optional* excursion will be offered to Granada, including a visit to the magnificent Alhambra Palace of the Moorish Kings and the Cathedral with the Royal Chapel. *The all-inclusive cost of this excursion is \$150, and this trip must be booked prior to departure from Canada, as admission to the Alhambra is strictly regulated and must be booked well in advance! If interested, please notify our office as soon as possible.*

Day 10 - Sunday, December 1: Departure from Seville after breakfast. We motor south to the mouth of Seville's lifeline to the Atlantic, the Guadalquivir River, to explore the quaint town of [Sanlúcar de Barrameda](#), nestled on the banks of the river very close to its mouth. This place is associated with Columbus and Manzanilla, a type of Sherry wine, and features sandy beaches, pine forests, and salt flats in addition to a medieval castle as well as churches and monasteries; visible just across the river is La Doñana, a vast national park and bird sanctuary. How about a walk along the waterfront, followed by a seafood lunch in one of the many local eateries? In the afternoon we continue to the pretty beach resort of [Chipiona](#), whose lighthouse, the largest in all of Spain marks the spot where the Guadalquivir meets the Ocean. On to historically important [Puerto de Santa Maria](#), situated in a region characterized by marshland, pine groves, and the first fine sandy beaches of the [Costa de la Luz](#), which stretches from here via the Bay of Cadiz all the way to the Strait of Gibraltar. Late afternoon arrival in the great seaport of Cadiz, said to be Europe's oldest city, founded around 1,000 BC by the Phoenicians, who appreciated its location at the tip of a peninsula overlooking a wide bay that provided a perfect natural harbour. Dinner and overnight in the centrally located first-class/four-star [Senator Cadiz Spa Hotel](#).



The lighthouse of Chipiona >

Day 11 - Monday, December 2: Morning sightseeing in Old [Cadiz](#), whose subsisting massive walls and forts recall a 1596 attack of the city by the British; remains of a theatre and other Roman ruins; the impressive Cathedral; the Oratorio de San Felipe Nerim Church, where the first Spanish Constitution was signed; the Central Market, whose fish section features an abundance of seafood from the Mediterranean as well as the Atlantic; Caleta Beach, reputedly the best place in Spain to watch the sunset; the botanical garden known as the Genoese Park; and the [Torre Tavira](#), an ancient watchtower featuring a “camera obscura” allowing visitors to experience superb views city and its surroundings through the lens of a camera that's mounted on top of the building! Afternoon at leisure, and dinner in a typical restaurant.



Cadiz, located on the tip of a peninsula between the Atlantic and a wide bay, in the 16th century.

Day 12 - Tuesday, December 3: After breakfast, visit to the [Museum of Fine Arts and Archaeology](#), highlighting the city's Phoenician and Roman history (with e.g. two Phoenician stone sarcophagi) and paintings by Spanish and Flemish masters such as Zurbarán, Murillo, Miró, and Rubens. The rest of the day is at leisure. If the weather cooperates, you might enjoy a leisurely stroll along the waterfront, first facing the Bay of Cadiz and then Atlantic

Ocean, to the Genoese Park, the Paseo Santa Barbara, and the 17th-century fortress Castillo de Santa Catalina. No group dinner this evening. "Grazing" in the [tapas bars](#) is an attractive option!



< *Vejer de la Frontera*

Day 13 - Wednesday, December 4: Full-day excursion to Andalusia's pretty "white villages", including [Arcos de la Frontera](#) and [Medina Sidonia](#) in the interior and, along the scenic Costa de la Luz, the hilltop town of [Vejer de la Frontera](#) and fishing villages such as [Barbate](#), [Zahara de los Atunes](#), associated with the tuna fisheries, and [Los Caños de Meca](#), the latter situated near [Cape Trafalgar](#), associated with the

great naval battle of 1805. Look out for flamingoes as we return to Cadiz through a landscape featuring marshes, meandering rivers, and salt flats!

Day 14 - Thursday, December 5: Full-day excursion to the nearby town of [Jerez de la Frontera](#), or "Sherry," as it is known in English. Jerez is the home of the world-famous Andalusian breed of horses, and this morning we attend the weekly performance of the so-called "dancing horses" of the [Royal Riding School](#), a show which is just as impressive as the one of their Lipizaner cousins of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. The town is also the hub of a famous wine region, and our visit here would not be complete without a visit to the "bodega" (winery) of the [House of Sandeman](#), where we will learn how this famous wine is made and have an opportunity to enjoy some dry "fino" and some medium "amontillado". Return to Cadiz in the afternoon, and free time until this evening's final group dinner in a typical restaurant.

Day 15 - Friday, December 6: Morning free to pack, shop, or just relax. Afternoon transfer to the airport and flight to Paris CDG Airport, departing around 5 and arriving around 7:30. Overnight in an airport hotel.

Day 16 - Saturday, December 7: After a leisurely breakfast, short transfer to the airport in time for the 2:30 PM departure of our return flight to Toronto, arriving around 4 PM.

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Included in the tour price are:

- Return flight (with one suitcase of baggage allowance) from Toronto to Seville
- Overland transportation by private coach
- Accommodation in first-class/four-star hotels, based on double occupancy – the single room supplement is \$1,000, but only a limited number of single rooms are available.
- Breakfast daily and a total of 7 dinners (or full lunches)
- All visits and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, including admission to museums and monuments mentioned.

Not included are:

- All items of a personal nature
- Wine, beer, mineral water, and similar beverages with dinners
- A gratuity for the coach driver(s) of 30 Euros
- Travel Insurance, available on request.
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REGISTRATION FORM

Please book _____ seat(s) on the “SEVILLE AND THE BEST OF ANDALUSIA” tour from November 22 – December 7, 2024

I wish to book on **group flights** _____ or **land only** _____.

If booking land only, please send the office a copy of your flight details.

Please be prepared to pay a deposit of **\$1000 per person and any applicable insurance premium** at time of registration. Balance is invoiced no later than 60 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID FOR 6 MONTHS AFTER THE TOUR ENDS TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

NAMES AND INFORMATION: Please provide names *as they appear on your passport*.

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

Date of Birth (ddmmmyyyy): _____

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

Date of Birth (ddmmmyyyy): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

If traveling alone, please indicate if a **single room** is required: Yes _____ No _____

If sharing, please indicate your bed preference: Twin (2 beds) _____ Double (1 bed) _____

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Please list any dietary requests, allergies, physical needs, or frequent flyer numbers etc., below. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

INSURANCE: Review plans & rates by clicking [here](#) or calling the office. Record your quoted premium below:

All-Inclusive: _____ Emergency Medical: _____ Non-Medical/Trip Cancellation: _____

Decline Insurance: _____

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel, e-transfer to tours@pauwelstravel.com or call the office to provide credit card information (Visa, Mastercard, American Express) to Sandra or Jessica.

Amount To Pay: _____

CONSENT: “I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests, and included payment.”

Date _____ Signature _____

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. No reservations will be accepted without a deposit and signed registration form. Deposit amounts vary by tour and are listed in the registration form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service, or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. at least 91 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$250.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation penalties apply for tour costs:

- 90 days to 61 days before departure: 35% of tour cost
- 60 to 31 days before departure: 65% of tour cost
- 30 – 0 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

Penalties for cancelling insurance or individual airfare may differ than the policy above. Clients are advised to review the cancellation terms for any additional services they may have purchased for the tour.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit, submitting my registration, and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotels, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I know that tour programs include walking and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potentially hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released

Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.

4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.

5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during pre-tour/post-tour option periods if the pre-tour/post-tour period does not include the services of a Tour Director.

6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.

7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to). I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved; I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.

8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.

9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

A WORD ABOUT GROUP AIRFARES:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you, our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases, it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel, or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference. Additionally, most airlines do not allow advanced seat-selection on group airfares. It is the airline's policy, not ours, that prevents us from assigning specific seats. If a request is made, it is passed on to the airline by our staff when they submit the names to the airline 60 days prior to departure but no requests are guaranteed. Our staff will not be able to aid in advanced seat selection if the airline does not allow it on the group airfare. If a certain type of seat is indispensable to you, we suggest that you book our tour on a "land only" basis and make individual flight arrangements, in which case you may be able to get the seat of your choice; Pauwels Travel would be happy to assist you with that reservation. We will offer you the best fare available, but please note that this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure because individual airfare conditions are stricter than the conditions of the group airfare rate. We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above!