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Seville in the 16th century on a painting attributed to Alonso Sánchez (public domain, c/o Wikimedia Commons)

“SEVILLE IN DEPTH”

A 10-day break in sunny southern Spain, focusing on glorious Seville, but also including visits to Cordoba, Cadiz, Jerez, Gibtaltar, and the UNESCO-classified sites associated with Columbus! Conducted by historian Jacques R. Pauwels, PhD, author of books such as 'Beneath the Dust of Time; A History of the Names of Peoples and Places,' London, 2009.

Thursday, November 9, to Saturday, November 18, 2017

Tour price, based on double occupancy: \$3,345 CAD from Toronto (including all airport taxes, security fees, and fuel surcharges) - “Land only” (from/to Malaga Airport): \$2,425 - Single room supplement: \$650.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Thursday, November 9:

Evening departure from Toronto for Paris with Air France. Dinner and a light breakfast will be served on board.

Day 2 - Friday, November 10:

Morning arrival at Paris CDG Airport, and connecting flight to Malaga. Arrival around 1PM, and transfer by private coach to Seville (200km), where we check into a traditional and very comfortable hotel, the Fernando III (<http://www.img Hoteles.com/hotelfernandoiii/en/hotel-overview.html>). This first-class/four-star hotel is situated in the heart of Seville's old town, the picturesque "Santa Cruz" district, formerly the Jewish Ghetto or "Juderia." In the early evening, a short, leisurely walk through the Santa Cruz District, with sights such as the exquisite little church of Santa Maria La Blanca, a former synagogue, will be followed by a traditional welcome drink of Sangria and dinner in the restaurant of the hotel.

Day 3 - Saturday, November 11:

Morning visits to two of the city's major attractions. First, the Cathedral, one of the biggest and most beautiful churches in the world; its 98 meter-high belltower, the "Giralda," a former minaret, is the city's most famous landmark, and inside one can admire countless treasures as well as the mausoleum of Christopher Columbus. Afterwards, we visit the Alcazar, a richly decorated medieval castle built in the Moorish style and surrounded by lush gardens, where Columbus is said to have met with the King and Queen of Spain prior to his historical transatlantic voyage. Afternoon at leisure. This evening, dinner in a typical restaurant of the old town.



Giralda de Sevilla

< *The Giralda, bell tower of Seville's Cathedral (photo by Marko Marcovich c/o Wikimedia Commons)*

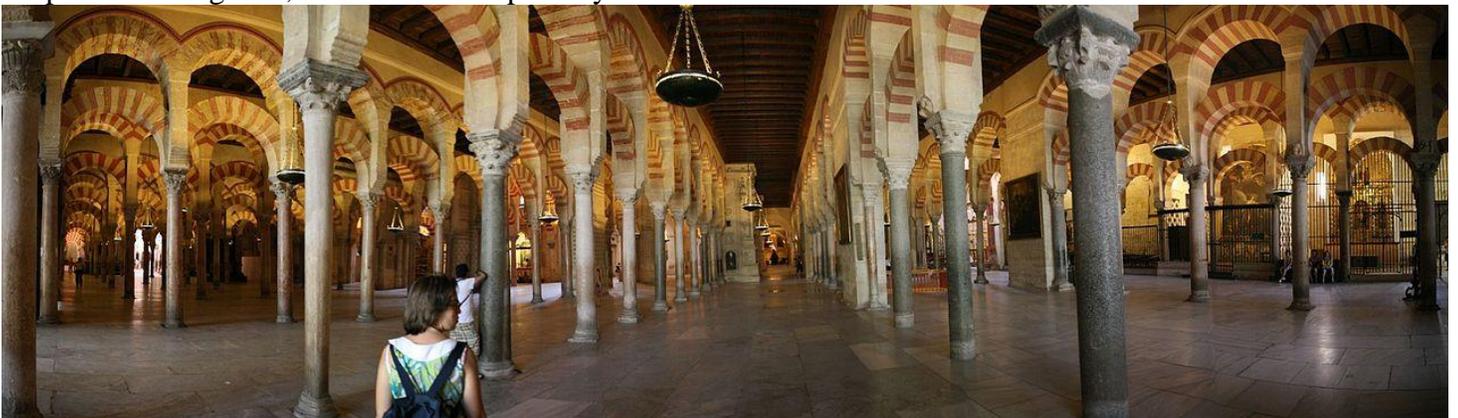
Day 4 - Sunday, November 12:

After breakfast, we put on our walking shoes for a longish stroll from our hotel to Maria Luisa Park, colourful Plaza de Espana, and the university, formerly a tobacco factory where "Carmen," heroine of Bizet's homonymous opera, is said to have worked. We also visit Seville's Archaeological Museum, an impressive treasure chest of artifacts produced by the many civilizations that flourished in Spain during the last three millennia, such as the mysterious Tartessians

(whose fabulous 'Carambolo treasure' of pure gold is the pride and joy of the museum!), Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Visigoths, and Arabs. In the afternoon we continue our walking tour, focusing on the Arenal District along the banks of the Guadalquivir river, featuring monuments such as the Golden Tower, the Plaza de Toros (bullring), and the Maestranza Theatre. Evening at leisure. There are no bullfights in this season, but it will likely be possible to enjoy a game of one of the city's two professional soccer teams, Sevilla FC and Betis, who compete with giants such as Real Madrid and FC Barcelona (optional).

Day 5 - Monday, November 13:

Morning sidetrip to the glorious city of Cordoba, once the capital of a mighty Caliphate where Moors, Christians and Jews lived together in peace and produced one of the most brilliant civilizations of the Middle Ages. We visit the world-famous former mosque with its 850 columns, the beautiful orange tree court, and a baroque cathedral planted in the middle of the building! Afterwards, free time to explore old Cordoba and to shop for leather goods, a famous local specialty! Return to Seville and afternoon at leisure. Dinner in the hotel.



The "forest" of columns in the Cordoba Mosque (Photo by Joe c/o Wikimedia Commons)

Day 6 - Tuesday, November 14:

This morning we motor to the Atlantic coast in the vicinity of the Portuguese border in order to visit the fascinating sites associated with Columbus and his great voyage of discovery in 1492, sites collectively classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/6080>): the Franciscan Monastery of La Rabida, where Columbus lived and worked for a while; the little seaport of Palos, whence he sailed in August 1492 on his first voyage across the Atlantic; and the huge Monument to the Discoverers in Huelva near the mouth of the Rio Tinto. Lunch – paella, perhaps? - in a local restaurant. In the afternoon we visit the famous sanctuary of Our Lady of El Rocio on our way back to Seville, where we briefly tour the grounds of Expo 1992, organized on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the New World. This evening, en lieu of dinner, you may want to try “grazing,” i.e., going from bar to bar to munch on “tapas,” cold and warm snacks such as stuffed olives, wedges of Spanish omelette, calamari, mussels, cheese of La Mancha, spicy chorizo (sausage), and of course the ubiquitous (and delicious) local ham, known as *jamon Iberico*!

Columbus departing from Palos on his first transatlantic voyage in 1492 (illustration c/o Wikimedia Commons) >



Day 7 - Wednesday, November 15:

Morning visit to the Museum of Fine Arts, located in a former monastery, featuring masterpieces by artists such as Murillo, Zurbaran, and Goya. The rest of the day is at leisure. You may want to visit the Moorish palace known as "Pilate's House," or perhaps the Hospital of Charity, built by a local nobleman whose life inspired the story of Mozart's "Don Giovanni" opera. This evening, we attend a performance of Flamenco music and dance, a specialty of the south of Spain!

Day 8 - Thursday, November 16:

Full-day excursion to the neighbouring town of Jerez, or "Sherry," as it is known in English. We visit the "bodega" (winery) of the House of Sandeman, where we will learn how the famous local wine is made and of course taste some varieties, some sweet and some very dry! Afterwards we attend the weekly performance of the so-called "dancing horses" of the world-famous Andalusian breed, a show which is just as impressive as that of their Lipizaner cousins of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. In the afternoon we visit Cadiz, the great



seaport situated on a peninsula on the nearby Atlantic coast; founded around 1,000BC by the Phoenicians, Cadiz claims to be the oldest city in Europe, and for many centuries it enjoyed the monopoly of trade between Spain and its possessions in the New World! Short tour of the beaches, harbor, waterfront, and old town, followed by some free time to shop and/or explore on your own. Return to Seville in the early evening for dinner at the hotel.

< Gibraltar on an ancient painting (c/o Wikimedia Commons)

Day 9 - Friday, November 17:

Departure from Seville after breakfast. We motor south and follow the shores of the Strait of Gibraltar to Spain's southernmost town, Tarifa, enjoying spectacular views of the Strait and Morocco's Rif Mountains on the other side, in Africa. Arrival in Gibraltar, and after crossing the spectacular airport runway, we tour this British dependency, with attractions such as the Rock, St. Michael's Cave, the neighbouring Apes' Den, the Moorish Castle, and Europa Point, with superb views of the Mediterranean, the Bay and Strait of Gibraltar, and Africa in the distance. Also free time for time for a British-style pub lunch and/or some shopping. In late afternoon we continue along the Costa del Sol to the famous resort of Torremolinos, for a final group dinner and overnight in the first-class/4-star seafront Hotel Meliá Costa del Sol.

Day 10 – Saturday, November 18:

After an early breakfast, transfer to Malaga Airport and return flight to Toronto, via Paris CDG, with arrival around 5PM.

**Tour price from Toronto, based on double occupancy, and including all airport taxes and surcharges:
\$3,345 CAD - "Land only" (from/to Malaga Airport): \$2,425 - Single room supplement: \$650**

Included in the price are:

- Return flight from Toronto to Malaga on Air France;
- Transfers and excursions by private coach;
- Accommodation based on double occupancy in a centrally located first-class (4-star) hotel in Seville and a similar hotel near Malaga Airport - the single room supplement is: \$650;
- Hotel taxes and gratuities;
- Buffet breakfast daily and a total of *six* three-course dinners (or occasionally full lunch);
- Visits and sightseeing as indicated in the itinerary;
- Services and lectures of your tour host, Jacques R. Pauwels, PhD.

Not included:

- All items of a personal nature;
- Wine, beer, and coffee or tea with dinners;
- Travel insurance – available upon request.



YOUR TOUR HOST:

Historian Jacques Pauwels will be your tour host. Jacques has published books in no less than seven languages, including *Beneath the Dust of Time: A History of the Names of Peoples and Places* (Battlebridge Publications, London, 2009) and *The Great Class War 1914-1918* (James Lorimer, Toronto, 2016)

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application 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 in full if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 46 days before departure: 25% of tour cost
45 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost
Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. February necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall 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 hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s), based on an economy class group fare. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates. Pauwels Travel will research any request for date or routing changes at the time they are requested. Should any individual rate be less than the group fare plus airline and administrative fees, the lower rate will be offered to the tour participant. Individual airfares are subject to immediate ticketing and the fare plus taxes must be paid at the time the ticket is issued by the participant requesting the change. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book _____ seat(s) on the "Seville in Depth" departing November 9 - 18, 2017.
Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)
Please indicate with an X if you intend to travel on Group flight _____ or Land only _____.

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for the balance approximately 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

Name as on Passport. Indicate the appropriate title before each name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

NAME(S): _____

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postal Code: _____

PHONE: (Residence) _____ (Business) _____ (Fax/Email) _____

If traveling alone, is a single room required: YES _____ NO _____.

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: (Dietary, special physical needs, frequent flyer number, etc.) Please list here so we can do our best to assist you. Please be advised that due to airline policies, individual seat selection cannot be guaranteed.

Insurance - Please call the office for premiums then record on application form and add amount to deposit.

I/we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

All-inclusive Package _____ Non-medical Package _____ Other _____

OR _____ Decline Insurance _____. (Please sign here if you decline the insurance).

PAYMENT:

Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

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

Signature(s) _____ **Date:** _____

Please forward this completed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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