Spain
Andalucía | In a Parador

Inspiring Moments

► Ponder the influence of the Moors as you explore the enchanting Alhambra.
► Clap to the rhythm of a soulful flamenco performance.
► Immerse yourself in the charm of Antequera, nestled in Andalucía’s picturesque heartland.
► Marvel at the breathtaking view of El Tajo Gorge in Ronda.
► Delight in the majestic architecture of the cathedral and Alcázar in Sevilla.
► Sip a glass of wine at a countryside bodega as you savor your adventure in Andalucía.
► Experience four UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Embrace the romantic spirit of southern Spain on this enriching, seven-night journey in Andalucía! Settle in for the week at a modern parador in lovely Antequera and then set off on engaging excursions throughout the region. Learn how Andalucía’s heritage has been shaped by a fascinating mix of cultures and religions as you encounter its spectacular treasures. Take in magnificent palaces, imposing fortresses, remarkable prehistoric tombs and an awe-inspiring mosque-cathedral. Other memorable moments await! Gaze over the impressive El Tajo Gorge, taste flavorful Spanish wines and relish an impassioned flamenco!

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Málaga, Spain.

Day 2 | Málaga, Spain | Antequera
Transfer to the Parador de Antequera. At the parador tonight, get acquainted with your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Antequera
Ancient Antequera. The prehistoric Menga and Viera dolmens were built by farmers in the valley between 3500 and 3000 B.C. On a guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage site, imagine the labor and skill involved in constructing these immense stone burial chambers. Then, embark on a guided walk in Antequera. Start at the Alcazaba, the 14th-century Moorish fortress that once guarded the city, where you’ll enjoy sweeping views. Continue into the old town to admire its historic landmarks and stop for lunch after your walk.

Free Time: Set your own agenda this afternoon.

Enrichment: Andalucía and the Moorish Influence.

Day 4 | Granada
The Palace City of Alhambra. Travel today to the Alhambra, a UNESCO World Heritage site, in Granada. This exquisite Moorish palace complex and fortress was built in the 13th and 14th centuries by the kings of the Nasrid dynasty who sought to create their own paradise on earth. Admire intricately filigreed courtyards and halls in the Palacios Nazaries, walk through the fortress and stroll in the gardens of Generalife. Relax later over lunch at the Parador de Granada within the Alhambra.

Day 5 | Sevilla
Sevilla. Journey to the cultural heart of southern Spain. On a scenic/walking tour, see the centuries-old bullring and the Moorish watchtower near the river. Next, tour the grand Real Alcázar, a medieval Moorish palace still in use today as a royal residence, and see the stunning
Day 6 | **Ronda**

Spectacularly set above El Tajo Gorge over the open countryside, Ronda is a showstopper and the largest of Andalucia’s *pueblos blancos*, or white towns. Begin your guided walk at the bullring, Plaza de Toros, established in 1785. Stand in the arena and delve into the dramatic world of bullfighting at its museum. Later, soak up marvelous views of Ronda from the terrace of Casa de San Juan Bosco. Cap off your Ronda visit with a tour of the beautiful Iglesia de Santa María la Mayor. Soak up marvelous views of Ronda from the terrace of Casa de San Juan Bosco. Cap off your Ronda visit with a tour of the beautiful Iglesia de Santa María la Mayor.

**AHI Connects: Bodega Lunch & Tasting.** Sample fine wines and enjoy lunch at a winery near Ronda.

Day 7 | **Córdoba**

A UNESCO World Heritage site, Córdoba’s mosque-cathedral, La Mezquita, contains the finest examples of Moorish architecture in Spain. While the mosque was built in the eighth century, the cathedral was erected in the 16th century after Spanish forces recaptured Córdoba in 1236. Its combination of Islamic and Christian decorative elements dazzles the eye, including the prayer hall of striped arches, the golden mihrab, the altar screen and the mahogany choir stalls. Afterward, see the Roman bridge over the Guadalquivir River, and walk along the Jewish quarter’s winding lanes lined with whitewashed houses.

**Free Time:** Select a nice spot for lunch in Córdoba. This evening, join your group for a delectable dinner at a restaurant in Antequera. After your meal, appreciate the emotion and precision of flamenco, Spain’s famous art form, during a special performance.

Day 8 | **Antequera**

**Enrichment: Contemporary Spain.**

**Free Time:** Spend your last day at leisure in Antequera. Another option is to take the complimentary, round-trip shuttle to vibrant Málaga and make your own plans. You can also choose to join today’s Elective Activity.

**Elective | El Torcal & Olive Oil Experience.** Marvel at the otherworldly, limestone formations of El Torcal de Antequera Nature Park on a drive. Take a coffee break there and, if you’d like, walk to see the rocks up close. Head next to a family-owned olive oil mill for a tour and a delicious brunch featuring their freshly pressed oils. Celebrate your time in the south of Spain tonight at a Farewell Reception and Dinner in the parador.

Day 9 | **In Transit**

Transfer to the airport in Málaga for the return flight to your gateway city.

**Accommodations** [with baggage handling]

- 7 nights in Antequera, Spain, at the first-class Parador de Antequera.

**Extensive Meal Program**

- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

**Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.

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**Note:** Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

**Flights** and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants. **Electives** available at an additional cost.