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Duration
8 days

Activity Level
Moderate

Journey Type
Land
Solo-Friendly

Spain ~ Andalucia in a Parador

October 29 – November 6, 2026

Starting from $3,745/pp

Embrace the romantic spirit of southern Spain on a seven-night adventure based in a modern parador in the scenic heartland. Take in the beautiful courtyards and fountains of the Alhambra , La Mezquita's iconic arches in Córdoba and the imposing Alcázar in Sevilla , Spain's cultural heart. In the hilltop town of Ronda , savor breathtaking views high over El Tajo Gorge. From a countryside wine tasting to a soulful flamenco performance , this engaging journey offers a wonderful line-up of unforgettable moments!

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Spain ~ Andalucía in a Parador

Air Program: 9 days/8 nights (includes 1 air night)

Land Program: 8 days/7 nights

Breakfasts: 7 | Lunches: 3 | Dinners: 4

B | L | D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

- This itinerary is subject to change due to operational conditions.
- A special note about air: If you have purchased only the Land Program, please book flights that arrive on Day 2, the first day of the Land Program. The date is listed at the top of your Reservation Confirmation.
- Activity Level ratings indicate each excursion's physical expectations. To make the best personal choice, please evaluate each excursion's rating and your ability to meet the tour's physical demands. Please note, excursions on this program require: walking on cobblestones, stairs, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces; and getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains.

Mild: Walk under 1 mile on mainly flat terrain; navigate under 50 stairs; stand under 1 hour

Moderate: Walk 1-3 miles on flat/uneven terrain; navigate 50-100 stairs; stand 1-2 hours

Active: Walk 2+ miles on flat/uneven terrain, including up and down inclines; navigate 100+ stairs; stand 3+ hours

- Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

Day 1 | Depart gateway city

AHI FlexAir passengers depart for Málaga, Spain. Please check your luggage from your gateway city to your arrival city. Your claim checks should have the following airport code: AGP.

Day 2 | Málaga, Spain | Antequera

Parador de Antequera

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Arrive at Málaga-Costa del Sol Airport. Proceed through immigration to the baggage claim area and retrieve your luggage. After completing customs, AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for the group arrival transfer and Land Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer should exit the baggage claim area and proceed to the Arrivals Hall, where an AHI Travel representative will meet you.

Transfer to Parador de Antequera. Please note, if you arrive before check-in time, your room may not be immediately available.

Tonight, at the parador, get acquainted with your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception, and then gather for a Welcome Dinner.

Day 3 | Antequera

Parador de Antequera

B | L

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at your parador each morning.

Ancient Antequera. Just outside the city, witness striking prehistoric architecture, the Menga and Viera dolmens. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, these megalithic monuments are thought to have been built between 3500 and 3000 B.C. by farmers in the valley. Once inside, ponder the incredible labor and engineering skill required to construct these burial chambers, where large, upright stones support roofs of enormous rock slabs.

Then, return to Antequera for a walking tour that reveals its roots as a cultural crossroads. Begin at the Alcazaba, the 14th-century Moorish fortress that once guarded the city. Admire the expansive vistas of Antequera's red-tiled roofs and bell towers, surrounded by fertile farmlands with La Peña de los Enamorados, or Lovers' Rock, in the distance. Head into the old town, where the city's heritage is reflected in architectural elements from the Roman, Moorish, Gothic, Renaissance and baroque eras. (Moderate)

Enjoy a lunch of traditional Andalucian dishes at a nearby restaurant.

Free Time: Continue to explore in the city or return to the parador.

Enrichment: Andalucía & the Moorish Influence. For eight centuries, the Moors dominated most of the Iberian Peninsula. In fact, the region's name derives from its old Arabic name, Al-Andalus. Delve into the Moorish influence on Spanish language and culture with a local expert.

Day 4 | Granada

Parador de Antequera

B | L

The Palace City of Alhambra. Take a scenic drive to Granada to visit the Alhambra, the stunning Moorish fortress and palace complex designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Majestically perched over the city and framed by the Sierra Nevada mountains, the Alhambra was built in the 13th and 14th centuries by the kings of the Nasrid dynasty who sought to create their own paradise on earth. As you walk amid the courtyards, fountains and arch-lined walkways, marvel at the beautifully filigreed and patterned carvings, inscribed with poems and quotations from the Koran. In the breathtaking Palacios Nazaríes, see the Court of the Myrtles, the Court of the Lions, the Hall of the Ambassadors and other chambers. Visit Alcazaba, the castle that guarded the palace, and stroll through the landscaped gardens of Generalife, the summer palace. (Moderate)

Within the walls of the Alhambra, relax over lunch at the restaurant of the Parador de Granada, formerly the 15th-century Convento de San Francisco.

Day 5 | Sevilla

Parador de Antequera

B | D

Sevilla. Journey to Sevilla, southern Spain's cultural heart, immortalized by Mozart, Bizet and Rossini. Get a broader perspective of this vibrant city along the Guadalquivir River on a panoramic/walking tour. Visit the beautiful Murillo Gardens for a guided tour and admire its fountains and benches decorated in ceramic tiles and pathways lined with palm trees, orange trees and flowering plants. Continue with a walk through the charming Barrio de Santa Cruz, where bougainvillea spill over the balconies and narrow lanes lead to shady squares, fountains and more. In El Arenal, see the centuries-old bullring, the Plaza de Toros de la Maenstranza, and the 13th-century Moorish Torre del Oro, a defensive watchtower over the river. Then visit the grand Real Alca zar, originally a 10th-century Moorish palace, which became a Spanish royal residence in the 14th century and is still in use today. Afterward, visit the astounding Cathedral of Sevilla, the world's largest Gothic building and a UNESCO World Heritage site. (Moderate)

Free Time: Find a nice spot for lunch on your own.

This evening, dine with your fellow travelers at the parador.

Day 6 | Ronda

Parador de Antequera

B | L

Ronda. Spectacularly set on the edge of El Tajo Gorge high above the open countryside, Ronda is a showstopper and the largest of Andalucía's pueblos blancos , or white towns. An 18th-century bridge spanning the gorge links the two sections of the town. On a guided walking tour, delve into the intensely dramatic world of bullfighting at the Plaza de Toros, inaugurated in 1785. Stand in the famed sandstone arena and discover more about this iconic Spanish tradition at the museum on site. Then, take in an unforgettable view over El Tajo from

the terrace and gardens of Casa de San Juan Bosco. Next, visit the Iglesia de Santa María la Mayor, which features a blend of Gothic, Renaissance, baroque and Moorish elements. (Moderate)

Bodega Lunch & Tasting. At a countryside bodega, sample fine wines and savor a delicious lunch. (Mild)

Day 7 | Córdoba

Parador de Antequera

B | D

Córdoba. Explore La Mezquita, Córdoba's great mosque-cathedral, an exceptionally beautiful complex containing the finest examples of Moorish architecture in Spain. The original mosque was built in the eighth century by Abd al-Rahman, who established an emirate in Córdoba. Additions by subsequent emirs enhanced its grandeur and size, and for a time, it was one of the most prominent sacred sites in the Islamic world. After Córdoba was recaptured by the Spanish, a cathedral was built inside the complex walls in the 16th century. La Mezquita's most spellbinding feature is the superb hall with 856 columns made from marble, granite, jasper and onyx connected by two layers of red-and-white-striped arches. Afterward, see the imposing Roman bridge that stretches across the Guadalquivir River, and take a stroll through the Jewish quarter, an atmospheric neighborhood of winding streets and whitewashed houses. (Moderate)

Free Time: Make your own plans for lunch and exploration in Córdoba.

This evening, dine on traditional dishes at a restaurant in Antequera. During a special performance, delight in the passion and precision of flamenco, Spain's renowned art form.

Day 8 | Antequera

Parador de Antequera

B | D

Enrichment: Contemporary Spain. With insights from a local expert, understand the current events and issues affecting life in Spain.

Free Time: Spend your last day at leisure in Antequera or join one of today's Elective Activities. Your Travel Director can offer suggestions on sightseeing, shopping and dining in Andalucía.

- Málaga. Take a complimentary shuttle to the city of Málaga for time to explore on your own. Spend the day touring the wonderful Picasso Museum in the city of his birth or discover historic landmarks like the 16th-century Malaga Cathedral before returning by shuttle to Antequera. (Moderate) No additional charge.
- El Torcal & Olive Oil Experience. Visit El Torcal de Antequera Nature Park, part of the UNESCO World Heritage site that includes the Antequera dolmens, and marvel at this otherworldly karst landscape of limestone rock formations. Stop for a coffee break during your visit, and if you'd like, take a walk among the formations. Then, learn about the varieties of olive oils produced at La Samiaja, a family-owned olive mill. Enjoy a tasting of their olive oil varieties and sit down for a special Andalucían brunch prepared with their creations. (Active. Due to the park's location at 1,200 meters above sea level, cooler temperatures can be expected. Please wear warmer clothing and closed-toe shoes since the terrain on the walk is rocky and uneven.) Available at an additional cost.

Tonight, celebrate your time together in the south of Spain at a Farewell Reception and Dinner in the parador.

Day 9 | Depart for gateway city

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After breakfast, AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for a group transfer and Land Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer depart for Málaga-Costa del Sol Airport for your return flights home. Your Travel Director will provide the details.

What's Included

Program Overview

- Small group: Sized just right at 28 guests.
- 7 nights in Antequera, Spain, at the first-class Parador de Antequera.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Dinners to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

On-site Features

- Engaging excursions showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- Enrichment by expert speakers enhances your insight into the region.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.

FlexAir Travel Program

Need assistance booking your travel arrangements? Our experts are here to help. Our air program offers the following benefits.

Trip Transportation

- Assistance in the event of schedule changes or delays
- Arrival and departure transfers on group dates

Price Guarantee

- Price guarantee to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase

Travel and Hotel Accommodations

Parador de Antequera

Not far from Antequera's historic center, this sleek, modern parador is an urban oasis surrounded by Spain's southern plain. Venture a short distance to the 14th-century Alcazaba, the megalithic dolmens, or further afield to El Torcal Nature Reserve's limestone formations. Dine at Marmitia Restaurant, specializing in traditional Andalusian dishes made from local ingredients such as goat cheese, honey, olive oil and seafood. Soak up some sunshine at the tranquil swimming pool and patio bar. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

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Pricing

Trip Price (USD)

Base Price	**$3,745**
You Pay	**$3,745 per person**

Package rates are per person based on Double occupancy from Land Only. Prices include all service charges; port charges when applicable; U.S. government taxes and fees. The minimum deposit is $750.00 per person. To view Program Terms and conditions please click here. Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

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