

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA TO SEVILLE

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ABOUT OUR COMPANY

Established as one of the UK's leading, independent and family owned luxury train tour specialists, our focus is on well thought through private and personally selected rail adventures. Our emphasis is very much on the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We regard the rail journeys we offer as a trip of a lifetime and use our experience and knowledge to make it that for you.

ALL TOURS ARE FINANCIALLY PROTECTED

We are members of **ABTA** (Y1699) and our tours are **ATOL** protected (license 10287) giving you full peace of mind when booking with us both for monies paid to us as well as the code of conduct and high standards we are both delighted to and required to uphold.



AL ÁNDALUS TRAIN : SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA TO SEVILLE

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find full details of this itinerary in this dossier. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

The Luxury Train Travel Company.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS AL ANDALUS TOUR

- ✓ Unique route on 1,250 kilometers of rail through Spain from North to South.
- ✓ 4 Spanish regions in just one trip: Andalusia, Castile-La Mancha, Castile-León, and Galicia.
- ✓ 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Aranjuez, Ávila, Córdoba, Toledo, Santiago de Compostela, and Seville.
- ✓ Culinary specialties and fine wines.
- ✓ Wine tasting in a bodega in the wine region Ribeira Sacra.
- ✓ Boat ride through the Spanish fjord coast in national park Islas Atlánticas and in the Sil Canyon.
- ✓ Flamenco museum in Seville.

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS STARTING SANTIAGO



DETAILED ITINERARY

The following pages detail your itinerary day by day. All our trips are tried and tested and, between us, we have visited most destinations and accommodation. We like to offer our clients the greatest flexibility possible with their trip so if there are any pre or post tour experiences you'd like to add please do not hesitate to contact us.

"I can't tell you how much we appreciate all the pre planning you helped us with.

It was a trip of a lifetime experienced by few. Personally I feel privileged to have experienced this part of the world.

Thanks again for all you did for us."

Gail & Cathy Schuneman



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1

DATE TBC

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

ARRIVAL IN SANTIAGO WITH TIME TO RELAX

Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Spend the day at your leisure and enjoy two overnights in the Parador Santiago de Compostela, which is said to be the world's oldest hotel.

 **Meals Included:** Dinner.

OVERNIGHT

PARADOR SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA



With an ornate, carved facade, this hotel occupies a former pilgrims' hospital built in 1499. It faces the plaza of Santiago de Compostela Cathedral.



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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 2

DATE TBC

RÍAS BAIXAS

DAY TRIP TO RÍAS BAIXAS ON THE COAST

Rías Baixas is the name of the region where estuaries of the Atlantic Ocean reach deep inland. Beautiful beaches, wild nature and a diverse culinary scene await.

This part of Galicia is not only characterized by its unique natural beauty with its fjord-like coast and numerous offshore islands but also by its deep-rooted traditions. During a boat trip to the mussel beds where the world's best blue mussels and scallops are cultivated, you get the chance to taste freshly prepared seafood directly from the ocean.

Weather permitting, you also go on an excursion to the Cíes Islands, the gem of the Islas Atlánticas National Park. Afterward, you visit the historical fishing village of Combarro, whose center is a characteristic example of Galicia's traditional architecture.

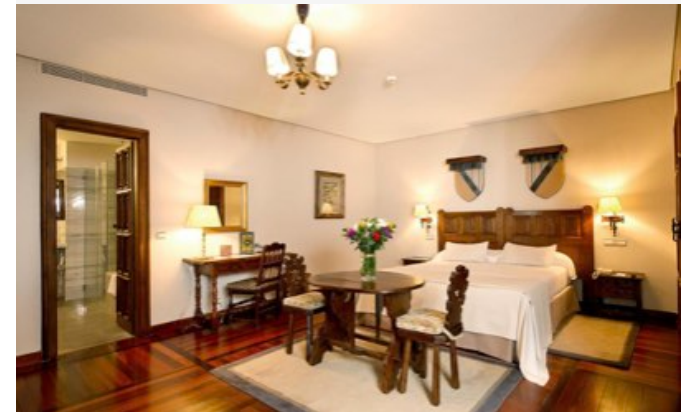
 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

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RÍAS BAIXAS



SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA



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DAY 3

DATE TBC

ON THE TRAIN

TOUR SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Santiago de Compostela is the final stop for 10,000 pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago, where they visit the shrine of the apostle St. James the Great. Here you enjoy a tour through the city's historic centre.

Before you board the Al Ándalus you can enjoy some leisure time for private activities or join an optional excursion and get to know the “green side” of Santiago de Compostela together with your guide. During a walk through the popular Alameda park, you see botanical curiosities and gorgeous sculptures as well as the beautiful patio of the Colegio Fonseca which is part of the University of Santiago, one of Europe's oldest universities (external viewing).

In the late afternoon, you board the Al Ándalus private train and settle into your compartment. While rolling south, you enjoy a typical Galician dinner in the restaurant car.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 4

DATE TBC

ON THE TRAIN

GALICIA - FINE WINES & UNSPOILED NATURE

The morning is yours to explore Ourense on the Rio Miño. Back on board, you enjoy lunch as the Al Ándalus continues southward. You reach Ribeira Sacra, a Spanish wine region close to the Portuguese border. Here you enjoy a river cruise in the spectacular Sil Canyon, with gorges as deep as 500 meters.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

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SIL CANYON



LEON



DAY 5

DATE TBC

ON THE TRAIN

LEÓN AND ÁVILA - UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

Your first stop today is León, one of the most important stops for Jacobean pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela. Here you visit the León Cathedral, a 13th-century Gothic church.

Later your train continues toward Ávila, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ávila's immense city walls date back to the 11th century and belong to one of the most well-preserved and most complete medieval fortifications in the world.

At a height of 1,128 meters, you get a spectacular view of everything that makes Castile beautiful: gothic manors; narrow, winding streets; great Romanic churches and of course, the 88 towers of the 2.5-kilometer-long city wall.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



DAY 6

DATE TBC

ON THE TRAIN

TOUR TOLEDO A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Toledo is known as the “City of Three Cultures,” since Christians, Moors and Jews have all left their marks here. Toledo is a living museum that features churches, palaces, oriental-style houses, narrow streets and a romantic atmosphere.

You see the San Juan de los Reyes monastery; the Santa María la Blanca and El Tránsito synagogues, and the famous painting “The Burial of the Count of Orgaz” by El Greco in the Iglesia de San Tomé.

In the afternoon, you enjoy some free time before boarding your train once again. In the evening, the Al Ándalus continues toward Aranjuez, one of the summer residences of the royal family since the 16th century. If you like, you can enjoy an evening walk through the city.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

ÁVILA



TOLEDO



CÓRDOBA



DAY 7

DATE TBC

ON THE TRAIN

TOUR CÓRDOBA - AN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Today you visit the city of Córdoba, where Moorish Spain had its intellectual, cultural and economic zenith. During the caliphate of Córdoba in the 10th century, about half a million people lived here.

Christians, Jews and Muslims lived here peacefully side by side. A guided tour through the old town brings you closer to the most important architectural complex of the city —the Great Mosque of Córdoba—with its Muslim prayer halls and Christian chapels.

You stroll through the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter before getting back on your train.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 8

DATE TBC

SEVILLE

TODAY YOUR TOUR ONE OF SPAIN'S FINEST CITIES

A city tour in Seville brings you close to figures like Don Juan, the Barber of Seville, and Count Almaviva from the Marriage of Figaro and Carmen. You also see the Seville Cathedral—the largest gothic cathedral in the world; the Giralda bell tower—once a minaret of the Great Mosque of Seville—and the Alcázar of Seville, both wonderful examples of Andalusian Mudéjar architecture.

This evening, you enjoy an Andalusian dinner in a beautiful restaurant housed in an old palace.

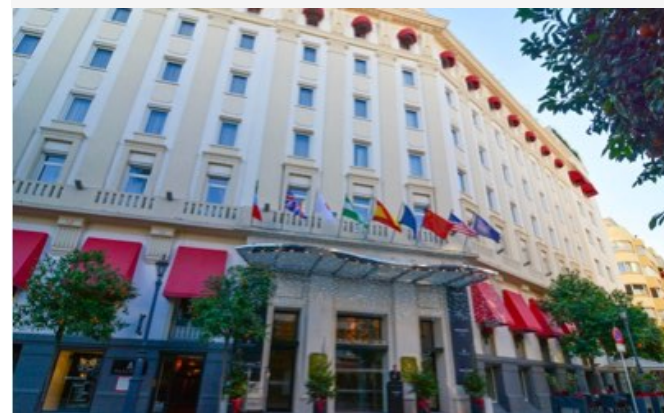
 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT

HOTEL COLON GRAN MELIA



a luxurious, landmark hotel offering elegant rooms, sophisticated dining, a spa, and is ideally located near Seville's historic attractions



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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 9

DATE TBC

SEVILLE

TODAY YOUR TOUR ONE OF SPAIN'S FINEST CITIES

During your visit to a traditional Andalusian hacienda, you will gain exciting insights into the breeding and keeping of Spanish horses, the Pura Raza Española. A tour through the stables, the tack room and carriage collection will give you an insight look into the keeping of the Pura Raza Española.

A member of the famous Andalusian family Rafael Carrión will also guide you through the private area of the hacienda, work of the renowned architect Aníbal González, who also designed Plaza de España, one of Spain's most beautiful landmarks. Afterwards, the olive will be the focus of your visit.

During the tour of the production facilities, you will not only learn about the production of olive oil, but of course also taste the locally produced delicacy. Enjoy a traditional lunch before returning to Seville. Free time before dinner.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT

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DAY 10

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END OF TOUR

¡ADIÓS, ESPAÑA! & ON TO YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!

Transfer to the airport for return flight.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.



Josie Dawson & Friends

"We had the best time, with plenty of laughs, trying to learn the local languages, we loved the Train ride, so many amazing sights, sounds and people.

You were always so helpful and prompt in sending us your replies."

2025

AL ANDALUS DATES & PRICES PER PERSON IN GBP / USD

Starts in Santiago on the 30th August 2025 & finishes in Seville on the 8th September 2025

Starts in Santiago on the 22nd October 2025 & finishes in Seville on the 31st October 2025

CABIN	GRAN CLASE		DELUXE	
TWIN	£ 8,690	\$ 11,830	£ 9,240	\$ 12,580
SINGLE	£ 11,540	\$ 15,710	£ 12,410	\$ 16,890

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The minimum number of participants required for a trip to run is 50. It is incredibly rare this number is not reached.
- Due to the intricate logistics of this tour, itinerary changes are sometimes unavoidable.
- On booking a non-refundable deposit of 15% of the total tour price plus any international flights we are booking for you. Full payment is required 60 days before the trip start date.
- International flights, tips, beverages, visa fees and any services not mentioned are not included in the price.
- **Cancellation conditions:**
 - 92 or more days prior to departure: 15% of total price
 - 91 to 42 days prior to departure: 45% of total price
 - 41 to 11 days prior to departure: 80% of total price
 - 10 and less days prior to departure: 90% of total price
 - Any part of the program that is missed because of late arrival is non-refundable.

SANTIAGO TO SEVILLE TOUR INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

TOUR DESCRIPTION

Venture deep into the heart of Spain. Lose yourself in its romance, passion and history. Travel in style on one of Europe's most luxurious trains, the Al Ándalus. Spain—one of the world's most fascinating European countries—a melting pot of oriental and occidental cultures, where the influences of Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs, and many other peoples have created a unique cultural landscape. This outstanding and delightful train journey takes you to some of the most beautiful cities in Spain: Santiago de Compostela, León, Ávila, Toledo, Córdoba and Seville.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Train journey from Santiago de Compostela to Seville with 5 overnights on board the train in the category booked.
- ✓ 4 overnights in hotels.
- ✓ All meals as per itinerary, including two specialty meals.
- ✓ City tours and excursions as per itinerary.
- ✓ Multilingual group guide for maximum 60 passengers.
- ✓ English-speaking local guides at all stops.
- ✓ Airport transfers.

NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of your trip - we can book these flights on request.
- ✗ Visas (if required) - we can advise and partner with [VisaCentral](#).
- ✗ Travel insurance to cover any medical treatment - we recommend [Citybond Suretravel](#).
- ✗ Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.

ABOUT THE AL ÁNDALUS TRAIN

The Al Ándalus luxury train is probably the most spacious and exclusive tourist train in the world. Its four saloons, real railroad jewels built between 1928 and 1930, are the perfect scenario in which the breakfast à la carte and selected dinners and three course meals are served. Traveling in Al Ándalus is also travelling around the rich Spanish cuisine, with its countless dishes that are rooted in the culinary traditions of the people that have shaped its history.

Bar service allows the traveler to enjoy at any time of an espresso, a sherry or a Tom Collins, relax in the elegant saloons, while the landscape is running through the large windows, or in the privacy of your comfortable room. At the end of the day it is time to enjoy the parties, music, cultural and gastronomic activities or live performances that are offered on board.



DELUXE CLASS

Spacious and elegant suite laid out over a bedroom and private bathroom which combines the comforts of the 21st century with the original appearance of this historic train. Perfectly suited for rest, privacy as well as daytime and evening relaxation. It features a two-meter-long double bed which can be turned into a sofa during the day. Possibility of adding an extra small bed for kids. A safe, minibar, closet, luggage rack and climate control. Comfortable and spacious private bathroom with a shower, hairdryer and varied set of welcome and bath items with unique fragrance and toilet bag. All suites are air-conditioned with independent adjustment. During the day the room is a comfortable living room with a sofa, while at night the beds are folded to become an impeccable bedroom.



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DELUXE

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GRAN CLASE CLASS

A cozy room with a private bathroom which preserves the size and the charm of the original compartments. It features two single beds which can be turned into arm chairs during the day. Minibar, safe, wardrobe, luggage rack and climate control. A functional private bathroom with maximum use of its space, equipped with shower, hairdryer and a varied set of welcome and bath items with unique fragrance and toilet bag. All suites are air-conditioned with independent adjustment. During the day the room is a comfortable living room with a sofa, while at night the beds are folded to become an impeccable bedroom.



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USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK ?

This train tour is an exclusive trip with very limited departures through the year. Consequently we strongly advise our clients to book as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment. This particularly applies to the higher level cabins which there is strong demand for.

CAN YOU OBTAIN & ADVISE ON THE VISAS FOR US ?

Visas (if required) can be quite complex so we recommend using a specialist visa agent and have an arrangement with [CIBT Visa Central](#) who offer a reliable service for all the visas you will need for your trip. Of course, we provide all the necessary documentation which must accompany your application.

ARE YOUR TOURS FINANCIALLY PROTECTED ?

Yes! All our trips come with financial protection either through our ATOL if the trip includes a flight or insurances which comply with the UK package travel regulations for any trip that does not include a flight. In addition our ABTA membership means we must adhere to their strict code of conduct.

CAN YOU BOOK INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FOR US ?

Absolutely! Our ATOL license means that we can book international or indeed internal flights. We get particularly good access to the best deals on British Airways as we are an appointed operator. Just let us know which airports you want to fly from or to and we will be more than happy to give a quote.

CAN YOU BOOK FURTHER TRAVEL FOR US ?

Yes! We can offer extensions to further explore Africa at either end of the trip. Just ask us for details.

IS THIS REGION SAFE TO TRAVEL IN ?

Many years back it had something of reputation but those times are long gone and the trip is now safe and trouble free for the vast majority of people. Your train is a private train so access is tightly controlled and our guides have your safety foremost in their minds throughout your trip with us.

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LUGGAGE & CLOTHING TO BRING

We strongly recommend travel bags rather than hard shelled suitcases for this trip as the latter are hard to handle and stow away on the train. The dress code is casual throughout the trip. We recommend sturdy shoes for excursions and you can expect chilly nights even in summer.

AIR CONDITIONING

The train is air-conditioned with some cabins being centrally controlled while the higher class cabins have their own independent systems. Note that the air-conditioning only works when the train is moving above 30km / hour.

CONDUCTORS

Each carriage has two dedicated conductors there 24 hours a day to look after you.

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

TIPPING

Tipping is always appreciated by our the people looking after you on the trip. Of course, any tipping is entirely up to you and should only be given for exceptionally good service. Final documents will include detailed information on who to tip as well as recommendations as to how much.

HOTEL CHECK-IN

Hotel check-in time is 2pm and check out by midday. Occasionally early check-in may be possible although this cannot be guaranteed.

MEDICAL & HEALTH

Depending on your country of origin, you may require vaccinations. Please consult your physician.

TOILETS, WASHING & LAUNDRY

Small towels and sheeting is provided. Depending on your cabin class you will either have in cabin facilities or shared, end of carriage facilities. Opportunities for laundry are offered through the hotels and payable locally to them.

DINING CAR & DRINKS

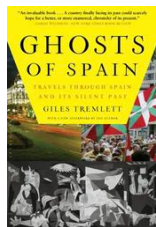
Drinks are sold in both the dining car and by the conductors in your carriage. Payment is in Euros. Your conductor can provide you with hot or cold water. Drinks bought in the dining car are done so on a tab which is settled by you at the end of your trip. You must let us know of any dietary requirements before your trip starts.





AS I WALKED OUT ONE MIDSUMMER MORNING LAURIE LEE

In the early 1930s, Laurie Lee heads for Spain, where he drifts around the country playing his violin in squares and in front of cafes. He makes his way with the small change he earns and the hospitality of Spaniards on the eve of the Spanish Civil War.



GHOSTS OF SPAIN GILES TREMLETT

The appearance, more than sixty years after the Spanish Civil War ended, of mass graves containing victims of Francisco Franco's death squads finally broke what Spaniards call "the pact of forgetting." At this charged moment, Giles Tremlett embarked on a journey around the country.



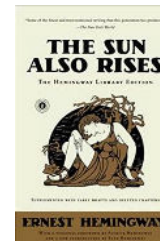
HOMAGE TO CATALONIA GEORGE ORWELL

In 1936 George Orwell travelled to Spain to report on the Civil War and instead joined the fight against the Fascists. This famous account describes the war and Orwell's own experiences.



THE NIGHT TRAIN TO LISBON PASCAL MERCIER

An international bestseller about one man's escape from a humdrum existence to pursue a life of spontaneity. Hurling through the dark, Night Train to Lisbon is a rich tale, wonderful told, propelled both by the mystery at its heart and its evocative subject.



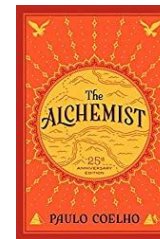
THE SUN ALSO RISES ERNEST HEMINGWAY

A poignant look at the disillusionment and angst of the post-World War I generation, the novel introduces two of Hemingway's most unforgettable characters: Jake Barnes and Lady Brett Ashley.



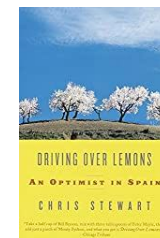
THE NEW SPANIARDS JOHN HOOPER

The New Spaniards traces the transformation in society following the end of Franco's dictatorship and how political liberty led to social, moral, and cultural liberties as well. Another must-read for those looking to understand current Spain through its past.



THE ALCHEMIST PAULO COELHO

Follows a young shepherd from the hills of Andalusia on a journey throughout the south of Spain and to the pyramids of Egypt. A quick read in the form of a fable, The Alchemist tells the tale of a spiritual quest to getting what you really want out of life.



DRIVING OVER LEMONS CHRIS STEWART

Chris Stewart, the author of Driving Over Lemons (and also the first drummer in the band Genesis), purchases a dilapidated farm in the Alpujarras mountains near Granada, complete with a live-in previous owner. Hilarity ensues as he and his wife learn to fix up the house, integrate with the neighbours, and generally make lemonade out of some pretty big lemons.