



# MALAGA TO SEVILLE

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## ABOUT OUR COMPANY

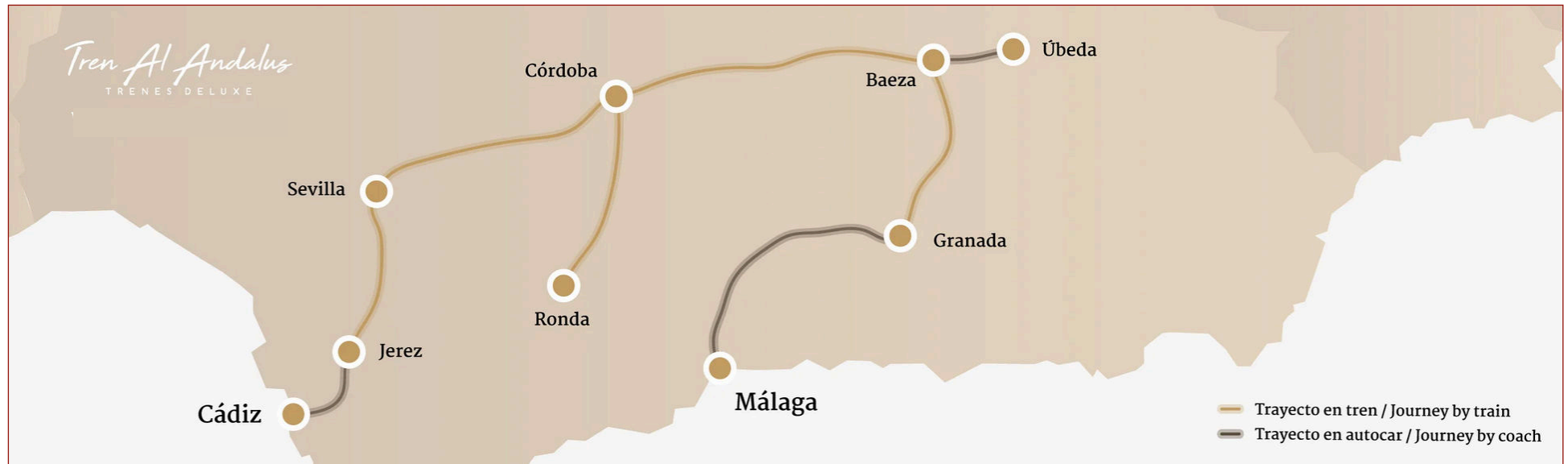
Established as one of the UK's leading, independent and family owned luxury train tour specialists, our focus is on well thought through private and personally selected rail adventures. Our emphasis is very much on the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We regard 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 LUXURY TRAIN : MALAGA TO SEVILLE



**MÁLAGA • GRANADA • ÚBEDA • BAEZA • CÓRDOBA • RONDA • JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA • CÁDIZ • SEVILLE**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

- ✓ Suites with luxury comforts, private bathrooms, and modern amenities.
- ✓ Gourmet meals with local ingredients and fine Spanish wines.
- ✓ Lounges offer panoramic views for relaxation and socialising.
- ✓ Excursions to historic sites, museums, and local cultural experiences.
- ✓ Personalised service with high staff-to-guest ratio for luxury experience.
- ✓ Travels through diverse landscapes, including coastlines and mountains.
- ✓ Immersive cultural experiences in Southern Spain's history and traditions.
- ✓ Exclusive access to sites and experiences not widely available.

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS STARTING MALAGA





# 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.

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*"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

### ON THE TRAIN

#### DEPART MALAGA FOR GRANADA TO JOIN THE TRAIN

On your first day aboard the Tren Al Andalus, our team will welcome you at 10:00 am at the AC Hotel by Marriott Málaga Palacio. Once your luggage is securely stored, we invite you to the hotel lobby, reserved for our train guests, to enjoy an assortment of canapés and beverages. You'll also receive your travel documents, room assignment, and today's schedule.

Following an introduction to your guide in Malaga, we'll set off to explore the city, including its storied Alcazaba, a majestic fortress from the Moorish period. We'll return to the AC Hotel by Marriott Málaga Palacio for a lunch featuring renowned local cuisine. Later, our coach transports you to Granada, where the Tren Al Andalus awaits. The crew will welcome you aboard with a celebratory toast, after which you'll settle into your sumptuous, comfortable accommodations.

The evening concludes with dinner onboard, and we'll overnight in Granada to ensure a restful night's sleep.

 **Meals Included:** Lunch & Dinner.

#### BOOKING PRE-TOUR SERVICES

This trip starts at the Hotel AC by Marriott Málaga Palacio but please note we can book hotel nights in this hotel as well as flights and transfers prior to this tour. Please just let us know your requirements.

## OVERNIGHT



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 2

DATE TBC

### ON THE TRAIN

#### EXPLORE GRANADA BEFORE MOVING ON TO BAEZA

Today promises to be extraordinary as we explore Spain's most frequented attraction: the Alhambra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Following our initial breakfast, we'll delve into the exquisite palaces and gardens of this Nasrid stronghold, once a residence for sultans and monarchs.

Seize the chance to capture the beauty of the Nasrid Palaces, including the renowned Patio de los Leones. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of the Generalife's stunning gardens and fountains. Post-lunch, enjoy some leisure time to wander through Granada's city center at your pace.

Later, we'll board the train again, heading towards Linares-Baeza station, savoring a splendid dinner en route.

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

## OVERNIGHT





## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

RONDA



GRANADA



BAEZA





## YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 3

DATE TBC

#### ON THE TRAIN

##### VISIT ÚBEDA & BAEZA & TRAVEL ON TO CÓRDOBA

Post-breakfast, we're set to explore Úbeda and Baeza, both recognized as World Heritage Cities, showcasing their rich history and architectural splendor. Once we return to the train, a delightful lunch will be served as we journey towards Córdoba, a city that flourished as the capital of the Al Ándalus Caliphate in medieval times.

A fascinating guided tour will unveil the historical treasures of Córdoba.

As evening falls, we'll enjoy dinner before spending the night in this historic city.

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

### OVERNIGHT





## YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 4

DATE TBC

#### ON THE TRAIN

##### TOUR CÓRDOBA & HEAD INTO THE HILLS TO RONDA

On the fourth day, following breakfast, we'll immerse ourselves in one of Cordoba's most magnificent World Heritage Sites: the stunning Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba.

Then, we'll re-board the opulent Al Andalus Train, relishing a gourmet meal en route to Ronda, nestled along the picturesque route of the White Towns. In the afternoon, our exploration of Ronda begins, led by our guide through highlights like the Alameda del Tajo, the breathtaking Puente Nuevo, and the historic Puente Viejo. You'll also discover Spain's oldest bullring and the Mondragón Palace, among other significant sites, with some leisure time to wander through Ronda and soak in the spectacular views of the Serranía.

Our day concludes with a dinner at a local eatery, sampling the finest selections of Ronda's culinary offerings.

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

### OVERNIGHT



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

CADIZ



JEREZ



CÓRDOBA





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 5

DATE TBC

### ON THE TRAIN

#### LEARN ALL ABOUT SHERRY IN JEREZ

As we enjoy our breakfast, the train will journey to Jerez, famous for its wine cellars. At one such cellar, we'll uncover the artistry behind crafting the celebrated Designation of Origin wines, followed by a tasting of the cellar's finest offerings. Our visit in Jerez culminates with a mesmerising performance of "How Andalusian Horses Dance," showcasing the elegance of these magnificent animals.

Dinner will be served aboard our train, rounding off the day's experiences.

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

## OVERNIGHT



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 6

DATE TBC

### ON THE TRAIN

#### SIDE TRIP TO THE COASTAL CITY OF CADIZ

On the sixth day of our Al Andalus Train 2024 journey, fortified by a delightful breakfast onboard, we'll head to Cádiz in a luxury bus.

Exploring the historic heart of Cádiz, the Western world's most ancient city, awaits us. After absorbing its storied landmarks, you'll have leisure time to wander the city independently, basking in its unique allure and enjoying a splendid meal.

Later in the afternoon, we'll return to the train for dinner, followed by an overnight stay at the station.

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

## OVERNIGHT





## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

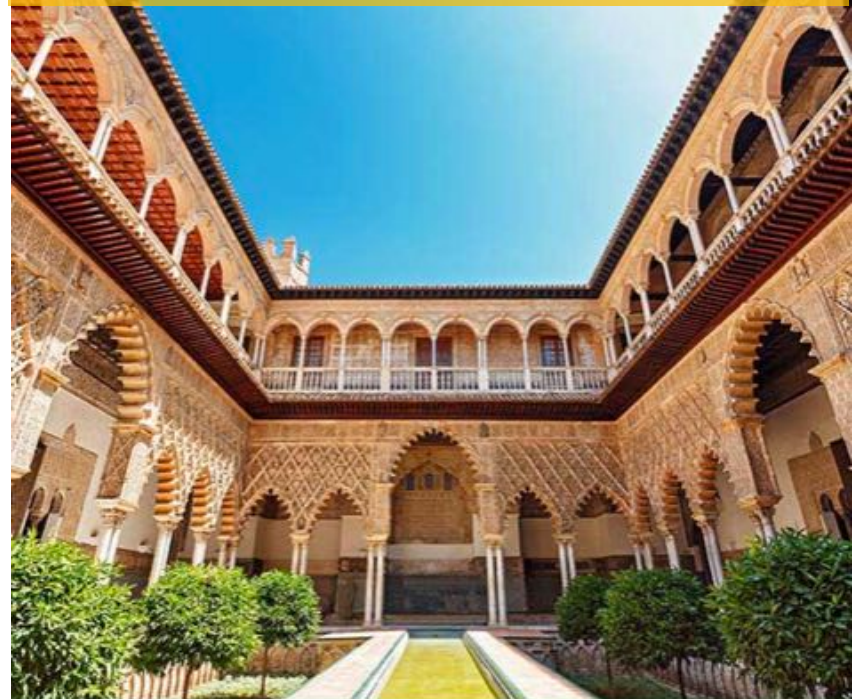
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## DAY 7

DATE TBC

### END OF TOUR

#### TOUR SEVILLE WHERE THIS TRIP ENDS

Following our final onboard breakfast and farewells to the crew, we'll explore the historic heart of Andalusia's capital. This comprehensive city tour showcases architectural treasures, including the Cathedral with its Giralda bell tower, an iconic emblem of Seville. Experience the charm of the Santa Cruz quarter, historically home to the Jewish community.

Our journey includes a splendid lunch at Sevilla's Alabardero Hotel. The trip through southern Spain concludes around 5:00 p.m.

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 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Lunch.

#### BOOKING POST-TOUR SERVICES

This trip finishes at Seville's Alabardero Hotel. Please note we can book hotel nights in this hotel as well as flights and transfers prior to this tour. Please just let us know your requirements.



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."*



# 2024

## AL ÁNDALUS - MALAGA TO SEVILLE - DATES & PRICES PER PERSON IN EUROS

Starts in Malaga on the 7th April 2024 & finishes in Seville on the 13th April 2024

Starts in Malaga on the 21st April 2024 & finishes in Seville on the 27th April 2024

Starts in Malaga on the 5th May 2024 & finishes in Seville on the 11th May 2024

Starts in Malaga on the 19th May 2024 & finishes in Seville on the 25th May 2024

Starts in Malaga on the 2nd June 2024 & finishes in Seville on the 8th June 2024

Starts in Malaga on the 23rd June 2024 & finishes in Seville on the 29th June 2024

Starts in Malaga on the 8th September 2024 & finishes in Seville on the 14th September 2024

Starts in Malaga on the 22nd September 2024 & finishes in Seville on the 28th September 2024

Starts in Malaga on the 6th October 2024 & finishes in Seville on the 12th October 2024

Starts in Malaga on the 20th October 2024 & finishes in Seville on the 26th October 2024

Starts in Malaga on the 3rd November 2024 & finishes in Seville on the 9th November 2024

CABIN	GRAN CLASE	DELUXE
TWIN	Euro 5,600 per person	Euro 6,700 per person
SINGLE	Euro 9,500	Euro 11,700

\* The published prices for this tour are in Euros. However, we can quote and accept payment in GB Pounds, USD, Singaporean Dollars, Australian Dollars, Canadian Dollars and more. [Contact us](#) for a confirmed quote in your preferred currency.

# AL ÁNDALUS TOUR INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Grand Class 6,5 m<sup>2</sup> with 2 Twin bed 80 x 185 cm **or** Deluxe Suite 8,5 m<sup>2</sup> Queen bed 150 x 200 cm as booked.
- ✓ Breakfast.
- ✓ Dinner and lunch (including wine, water, soft drinks and coffee).
- ✓ Welcome drink and appetiser.
- ✓ Toiletry bag with toiletries and slippers.
- ✓ Activities on board: music and live performances, parties in the pub car, dancing.
- ✓ Excursions and scheduled visits.
- ✓ Tickets to museums, monuments and shows.
- ✓ Luxury coach that accompanies the train throughout the route.
- ✓ Fees and services.
- ✓ Daily press and magazines.
- ✓ Security service.
- ✓ Multilingual accompanying guide throughout the tour.
- ✓ Option to enjoy two dinners or lunches in your private compartment (deluxe suite only).
- ✓ Non-alcoholic beverages are available in the suite's minibar (deluxe suite only).
- ✓ Possibility for the crew to collect and order their luggage, placing their contents in the closet of the suite, both upon arrival and at the end of the trip upon request of the client (deluxe suite only).

## NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of trip - we can book these on request.
- ✗ Visas (if required)
- ✗ Travel insurance to cover any medical treatment - we recommend [Citybond Suretravel](#).
- ✗ Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.
- ✗ Laundry & Ironing services on board.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- There is a minimum number of participants required for a trip to run. It is 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 35 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:

- More than 30 days before the trip: 15% penalty.
- Between 30 and 15 days before the trip: 25% penalty. The remaining 75% will be refunded.
- Between 14 and 5 days before the trip: 50% penalty. The remaining 50% will be refunded.
- Between 4 and 1 day before the trip: 80% penalty. The remaining 20% will be refunded.
- Less than 24 hours or no-show on the day of the start of the trip: 100% penalty. No amount will be refunded.



# 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.

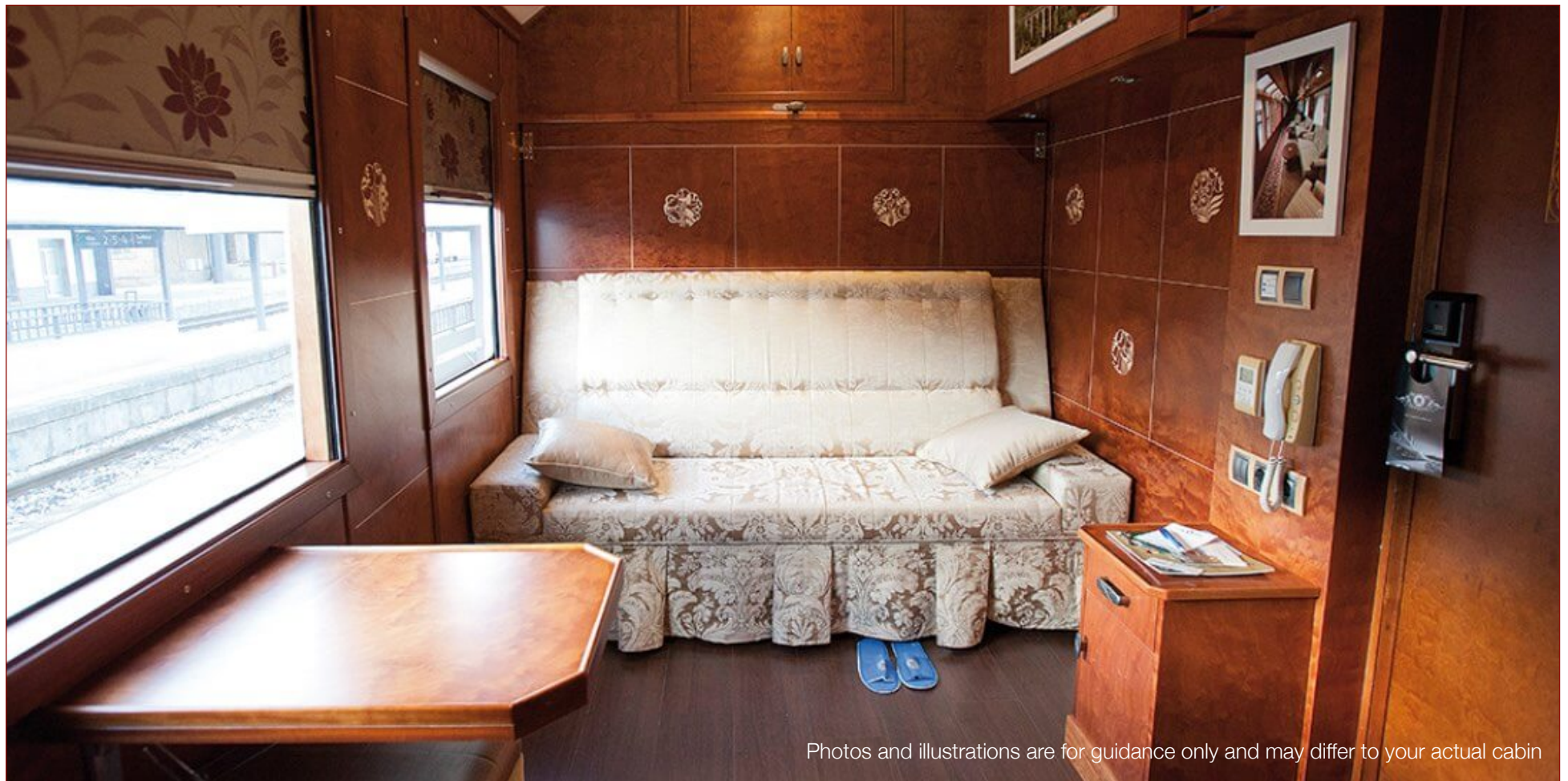




# DELUXE

Deluxe cabin size is (8,5 m<sup>2</sup>) with a Queen bed (150 x 200 cm)

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

Gran Clase cabin size is  
(6,5 m<sup>2</sup>) with 2 Twin bed  
(80 x 185 cm)

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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## GRAN CLASE

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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.

### WHAT CURRENCY TO TAKE ?

The legal currency in Spain is Euro.

### CAN I SMOKE ON BOARD?

Smoking is not possible on board the train, current legislation prohibits it. However, journeys do not exceed 3-4 hours of duration.

### DOES THE TRAIN TRAVEL AT NIGHT ?

No, to provide optimal rest, the train will stand at the station and resume the journey in the morning.

### LUGGAGE & CLOTHING TO BRING

No mandatory dress code is required, you can dress as you wish. Guided walking tours are included to get to know the cities, so we recommend wearing comfortable clothes and shoes during the day. Depending on the time of year, bring a raincoat and warm clothes. For evenings an elegant or casual dress would be the best option.

### HOW MANY PASSENGERS ARE THERE ?

The train supports up to 64 passengers.

### IS THERE WIFI

Yes, there is Wi-Fi on board and there is also a computer in the lounges from which you can access the Internet.



# USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

## TIPPING

There is no obligation to tip staff. If you wish, you are free to do so.

## MEDICAL & HEALTH

The train has a first-aid kit and the crew is trained to know how to use it in an emergency. However, if you need medical attention, we can refer you to one of the health centres located along the route. Spanish citizens will benefit from health care according to Spanish Social Security rules. Citizens of the European Union should consult the agreements with each country (there is usually reciprocity). For citizens of other nationalities, we recommend taking out medical insurance to cover possible health emergencies.

## LAUNDRY

Small towels and sheeting is provided. Laundry and ironing services are on board at an additional charge payable locally.

## DINING CAR & DRINKS

Breakfast is served on board and consists of both a table service and a varied buffet, all prepared with high quality products. The breakfast menu includes a wide variety of items that are freshly prepared to serve. Lunch and dinner are a combination of meals on board and meals in first-class restaurants. In any case, there is a selection of high quality cuisine on offer, with typical dishes from the areas where train travels.

## DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

If you are allergic to certain foods, or require vegetarian or other meals, just give written notice at the time of booking. We will ensure that meals are tailored to your preferences and needs.

## WHAT SOCKETS ARE THERE ?

The power supply in Spain is 230 V 50 Hz, with two cylindrical plugs F-type sockets.

## IS THERE SECURITY ?

Trains have a safety deposit box . The stations where the train is parked there are surveillance systems.

## WHAT ID DO I NEED ?

For foreigners, the documentation required to travel by train is the same as that required to enter Spain from the country of origin. Spanish citizens can identify themselves with their national identity card or passport.

## HOW ACCESSIBLE IS THE TRAIN ?

The Transcantabrico is a historic train, and although it is restored to offer maximum comfort, the inside is not adapted for a wheelchair or walker to move around. However, travel would be possible for a person with reduced mobility who is reasonably self-sufficient or travelling with another passenger, who only requires the support of a wheelchair, once out of the train. However, it is important that these people do not travel without help, and that their travel companion is available to help with boarding, pushing the wheelchair, etc, as there are no dedicated staff available for this purpose.

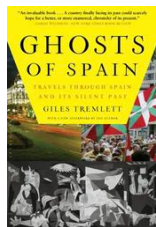
## CAN I TRAVEL WITH A BABY ?

In this case, you must booking a triple Deluxe Suite Room, adding the supplement for the baby.



## 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.



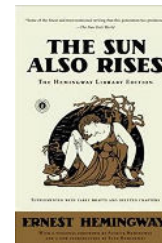
## HOMAGE TO CATALONIA GEORGE ORWELL

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.



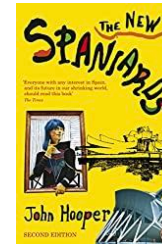
## THE NIGHT TRAIN TO LISBON PASCAL MERCIER

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.



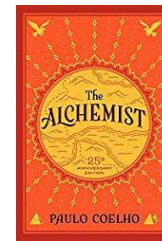
## THE SUN ALSO RISES ERNEST HEMINGWAY

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.



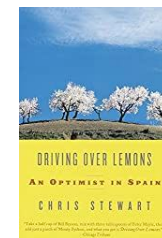
## THE NEW SPANIARDS JOHN HOOPER

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.