



SEVILLE TO MALAGA

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ABOUT OUR COMPANY

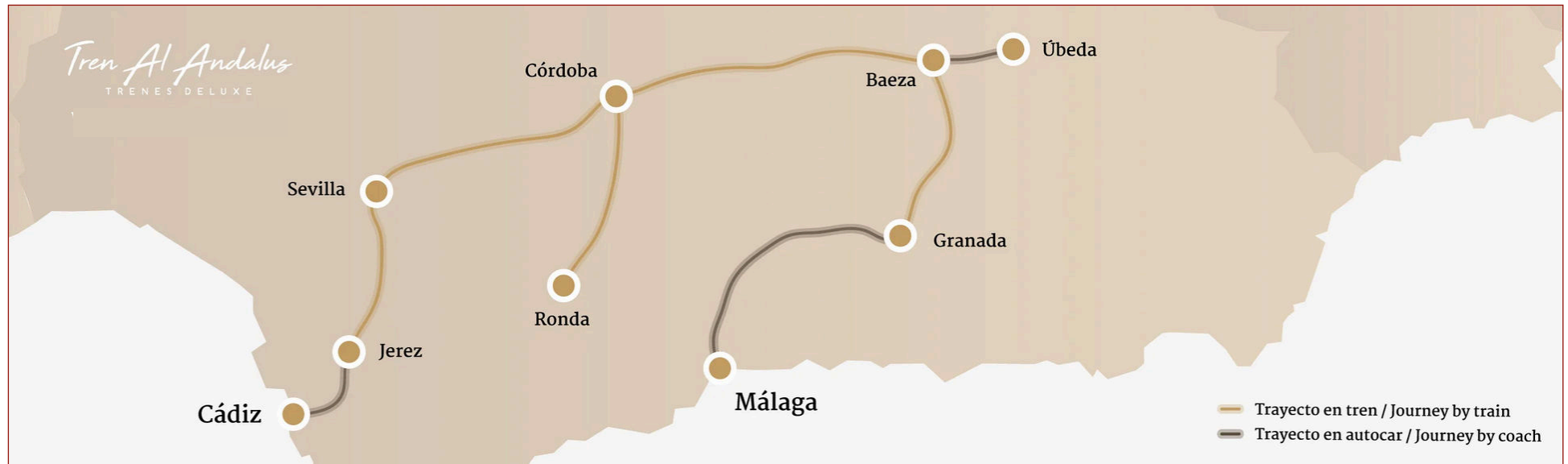
Established as one of the UK's leading, independent and family owned luxury train tour specialists, our focus is on well thought through private and personally selected rail adventures. Our emphasis is very much on the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We regard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



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

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 SEVILLE



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

ON THE TRAIN

TOUR SEVILLE BEFORE JOINING THE TRAIN & ON TO JEREZ

On the inaugural day of the Al Andalus train journey, our team will greet you at 10:00 am at the Alabardero Hotel in Seville. Once your luggage is securely stored, we'll escort you to a special area in the hotel lobby designated for our train guests. Here, you'll be treated to a selection of refreshments and light snacks, and we'll provide you with your travel documents, cabin details, and the schedule for the day.

Following an introduction to your Seville guide, we'll embark on an immersive tour of Andalusia's capital, exploring its historic heart. You'll marvel at the Cathedral and its iconic Giralda bell tower, visit the stunning Royal Alcazar with its exquisite gardens, and wander the charming lanes of the Santa Cruz Quarter, historically the Jewish district.

Lunch will be a culinary highlight at the Hotel Alfonso XIII, featuring renowned local specialties. The exploration continues with a panoramic bus tour, including a special stop at the magnificent Plaza de España.

Subsequently, we'll proceed to the station, where the opulent Andalusian train awaits. Welcomed aboard with a celebratory toast, you'll settle into your sumptuous, well-appointed cabin. As the train glides towards Jerez, savour a gourmet dinner in the train's elegant dining carriage.

Upon arrival in Jerez, the train will pause overnight at the station, ensuring a peaceful and restful evening.

 **Meals Included:** Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 2

DATE TBC

ON THE TRAIN

SIDE TRIP TO CADIZ BEFORE RETURNING TO JEREZ

On the second day of our Al Andalus 2024 Train journey, we'll start with a nourishing breakfast aboard the train, followed by a trip via luxury bus to the historic city of Cadiz, known as the oldest city in the Western world. Here, we'll delve into the heart of Cadiz, exploring its rich heritage and timeless charm. You'll have the opportunity to wander freely, soaking in the unique atmosphere of the city.

After our exploration, we'll board the bus again and return to the train, where a sumptuous lunch awaits, meticulously prepared by our onboard chef. Before dinner, there will be ample time to relax and revel in the train's opulent Belle Epoque-style accommodations. Dinner will be served at a select restaurant in Jerez, offering a taste of local culinary delights.

As the day concludes, the train will stay stationed in Jerez, ensuring a peaceful night's rest onboard.

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

BOOKING PRE-TOUR SERVICES

This trip starts 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.

OVERNIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

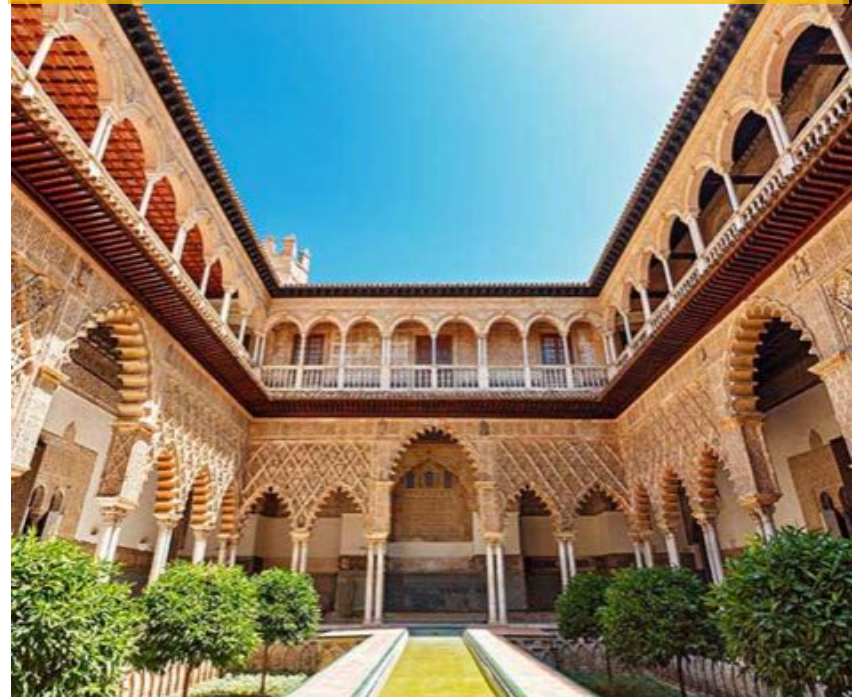
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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 3

DATE TBC

ON THE TRAIN

LEARN ABOUT SHERRY BEFORE CONTINUING TO RONDA

Following our morning meal, we'll catch the bus to a renowned Sherry winery, where we'll uncover the intricacies of crafting this distinguished Denomination of Origin beverage. The visit includes a tasting session, showcasing the winery's finest creations. Our time in Jerez will culminate with the mesmerizing "How the Andalusian Horses Dance" equestrian performance.

Afterward, we'll rejoin the Al Andalus Train, setting off towards the enchanting White Village of Ronda. En route, we'll indulge in a sumptuous lunch served in the train's elegant dining cars.

The afternoon will be enhanced with entertaining performances and shows in the train's plush lounge cars, setting the stage for a delightful journey. In the evening, a bus will transport us to a local restaurant in Ronda for dinner.

Concluding the day, the train will remain stationed in Ronda, where we'll spend the night amidst the town's serene beauty.

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 4

DATE TBC

ON THE TRAIN

TOUR RONDA BEFORE DESCENDING TO CÓRDOBA

Following our morning meal, we'll embark on a journey through Ronda's historic heart, a gem along the picturesque White Villages route. Our guide will lead us through captivating landmarks including Alameda del Tajo, the New Bridge, and the Old Bridge, showcasing Ronda's rich history. Highlights include Spain's oldest bullring and the Palacio Mondragón, among other significant sites. Afterwards, enjoy some leisure time to wander through Ronda at your own pace, taking in the stunning vistas of the Serranía.

Once we return to the comfort of the Al Andalus Train, we'll proceed to Córdoba, enjoying a meticulously prepared meal during our journey.

The evening will be spent in Córdoba, where we'll stay overnight, allowing for a deeper exploration of this ancient city's wonders.

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

OVERNIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

CADIZ



JEREZ



CÓRDOBA



DAY 5

DATE TBC

ON THE TRAIN

EXPLORE CÓRDOBA BEFORE JOURNEYING TO ÚBEDA, BAEZA & GRANADA

As is our custom, following breakfast, we'll proceed with the Al Andalus Train itinerary, today focusing on the historically rich city of Córdoba, once the opulent capital of the Al Ándalus Caliphate. We'll explore a significant highlight, the UNESCO-listed Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba, renowned for its architectural grandeur.

Post-visit, we'll return to the comfort of our "hotel on wheels" for a rejuvenating lunch as we journey towards the Linares station in Baeza, with the enchanting Andalusian countryside unfolding outside our windows. This is the perfect moment to unwind, perhaps enjoying a beverage while soaking in the serene landscape from the comfort of your suite or the communal train cars.

The afternoon's adventure introduces us to Úbeda and Baeza, both esteemed as World Heritage Cities, where their rich history and architectural marvels await our discovery.

Afterward, we'll re-board the Al Andalus Train, setting off towards Granada, famed for its iconic Alhambra. The evening will be spent enjoying a sumptuous dinner on board, followed by the train's nightly entertainment offerings.

Our day concludes with an overnight stay at the Granada station, resting in anticipation of the adventures that await.

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 6

DATE TBC

ON THE TRAIN

SPEND THE DAY TOURING STUNNING GRANADA

Today promises to be unforgettable as we explore Spain's most frequented monument: the Alhambra, recognised globally as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll immerse ourselves in the history and beauty of this majestic fortress, once the residence of sultans and royalty. Embrace the chance to capture the essence of the Nasrid Palaces and the iconic Court of the Lions. Wander leisurely through the enchanting Generalife Palace, renowned for its exquisite gardens and tranquil fountains.

The afternoon offers personal time to discover Granada's city center at your leisure. Our evening will culminate with a delightful dinner at a local eatery, where you'll taste the finest flavours of Granadian gastronomy.

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

OVERNIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

RONDA



GRANADA



BAEZA



DAY 7

DATE TBC

END OF TOUR

DEPART THE TRAIN & VISIT MALAGA WHERE THE TRIP ENDS

On our final day journeying with the Al Andalus Train, we'll start with a delightful breakfast onboard. Afterward, we bid farewell to the train and its dedicated crew and board a coach bound for Malaga. There, we'll explore the Alcazaba, a majestic Moorish palatial fortress, reflecting the city's rich Islamic heritage.

You'll have some free time to enjoy at your leisure, followed by lunch at the AC Hotel by Marriott Málaga Palacio, where our memorable journey concludes around 5:00 p.m.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Lunch.

BOOKING POST-TOUR SERVICES

This trip finishes at Hotel AC by Marriott Málaga Palacio. 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 - SEVILLE TO MALAGA - DATES & PRICES PER PERSON IN EUROS

Starts in Seville on the 31st March 2024 & finishes in Malaga on the 6th April 2024

Starts in Seville on the 14th April 2024 & finishes in Malaga on the 20th April 2024

Starts in Seville on the 28th April 2024 & finishes in Malaga on the 4th May 2024

Starts in Seville on the 12th May 2024 & finishes in Malaga on the 18th May 2024

Starts in Seville on the 26th May 2024 & finishes in Malaga on the 1st June 2024

Starts in Seville on the 16th June 2024 & finishes in Malaga on the 22nd June 2024

Starts in Seville on the 1st September 2024 & finishes in Malaga on the 7th September 2024

Starts in Seville on the 15th September 2024 & finishes in Malaga on the 21st September 2024

Starts in Seville on the 29th September 2024 & finishes in Malaga on the 5th October 2024

Starts in Seville on the 13th October 2024 & finishes in Malaga on the 19th October 2024

Starts in Seville on the 27th October 2024 & finishes in Malaga on the 2nd 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 m² with 2 Twin bed 80 x 185 cm **or** Deluxe Suite 8,5 m² 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 m²) 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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GRAN CLASE

Gran Clase cabin size is
(6,5 m²) 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.

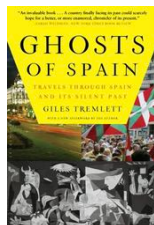
CAN I TRAVEL WITH A BABY ?

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.



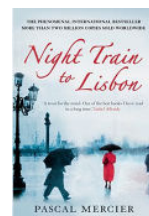
GHOSTS OF SPAIN GILES TREMLETT

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.



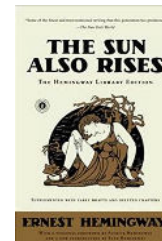
HOMAGE TO CATALONIA GEORGE ORWELL

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.



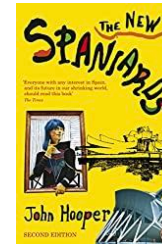
THE NIGHT TRAIN TO LISBON PASCAL MERCIER

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.



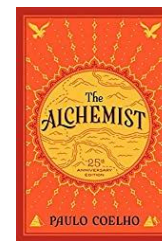
THE SUN ALSO RISES ERNEST HEMINGWAY

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.



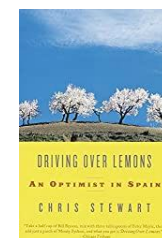
THE NEW SPANIARDS JOHN HOOPER

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.