

Southern Spain

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the Golden Age of Andalusia

April 23–May 4, 2024



Illuminated Journeys
invites you to the beauty
and mystery of Andalusia
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This pilgrimage explores the “Golden Age of Spain”. From 711–1236, Andalusia, known in those days as “The Ornament of the World,” was renowned as a cultural and intellectual center where Jews, Muslims and Christians lived and worked side by side.

April 22, 2024 or before: Fly to Sevilla (Monday)

April 23: Arrival Day / Cordoba (Tuesday)

Arrive in Sevilla before 2 pm, gather our luggage, go through customs, and meet our bus and driver. After we gather, we’ll drive toward the hotel in Cordoba. In Cordoba, you are free to take a nap or stroll near the hotel. A group gathering before dinner will provide time to cross the pilgrimage threshold into this Golden journey.

Stay: Cordoba B, D

April 24: Cordoba (Wednesday)

Following breakfast, we will meet our guide and visit the Mezquita, one of the most remarkable, beautiful, and unique buildings in all of Spain. La Mezquita (the Mosque) of Córdoba has a Christian cathedral built into a mosque (784) on the foundations of a Visigoth church, which is on the foundation of a Roman temple. La Mezquita is regarded as perhaps the most accomplished monument of the Umayyad dynasty of Córdoba. Following the Mezquita, we will take a walking tour of the Old Jewish Quarter of Cordoba, ending with a tour of the synagogue. After lunch, we’ll visit Madnat al-Zahr, meaning “brilliant town”, “beautiful town”, or “the town of Zahra.” Medina has the ruins of a vast, fortified Arab Muslim medieval palace-city built by Abd-ar-Rahman III al-Nasir, (912–961) Umayyad Caliph of Córdoba, and located on the western outskirts of Córdoba. An evening group gathering gives us time to reflect on the day.

Stay: Cordoba B, D

April 25: Granada (Thursday)

Today we journey to Granada, stopping in the city of Linares to visit the Andres Segovia museum. More than any other 20th century Spanish guitarist, Segovia popularized the guitar by bringing it to the concert stage. He is considered by many as the “father of the modern classical guitar.” We’ll stop for lunch along the way, arriving in Granada in time to visit the Alhambra Palace, one of the most remarkable sites in the world. Designated a UNESCO world heritage site in 1984, the Alhambra is a palace and fortress complex of the

Muslim rulers of Granada placed high on a hill above the city of Granada. The residence of the Muslim rulers of Granada and their court from the 13th to the 15th centuries, the Alhambra is now one of Spain’s major visitor attractions exhibiting the country’s most famous Islamic architecture together with 16th century Christian and later additions in buildings and gardens that created its image as seen today.

Stay: Granada B

April 26: Granada (Friday)

Today we visit the Granada Cathedral built in the 16th Century by Queen Isabella immediately after the conquest of Granada on the site of the Mosque. This cathedral is a masterpiece of Spanish Renaissance style. This enormous Cathedral has impressive facades and a stunning interior with a grand altar and several chapels. It is the 4th largest Cathedral in the world. Free time for lunch on your own, shopping, journaling, exploring, or resting followed by an evening gathering and dinner.

Stay: Granada B, D

April 27: Granada (Saturday)

Following breakfast, we will meet our guide in the Albayzin, the old Muslim quarter of Granada and visit the Great Mosque of Granada followed by a bus ride to Fuente Vaqueros to the House/Museum of Federico Garcia Lorca. Considered one of the greatest poets and of Spain, García Lorca achieved international recognition as an emblematic member of Spain’s avant-garde. He was killed on the eve of the Spanish Civil War. You’ll have a chance to find lunch and enjoy free time before dinner at the hotel.

Stay: Granada B, D

April 28: Granada / Coast / Atapuerca (Sunday)

Today we say goodbye to Granada and enjoy a scenic drive along the Costa Tropical with a stop at the “Balcony of Europe” in the beautiful coastal town of Nerja. Then we journey along the exquisite Costa del Sol to Malaga where we drive into the mountains to visit the ancient Neolithic sites near Acapeurta.

Stay: Near Antequera B, D

April 29 Atapuerca / Ronda (Monday)

We begin the day exploring the Tibetan Stupa in Malaga. Our journey continues, taking us across the mountains on our way to the dramatic beauty of the white hill town of Ronda. We’ll find lunch along the way and arrive in Ronda mid-afternoon in time to explore this unique city. In the evening, you are free to enjoy Rhonda-style tapas on your own.

Stay: Ronda B

April 30: Ronda (Tuesday)

Today we make an excursion to the Pileta Cave which features the oldest cave paintings in all of Europe. Just outside Ronda, we’ll sample regional food for lunch touring a local boutique winery. A late afternoon return to Ronda will allow you to rest or explore followed by a free evening and dinner on your own in this beautiful village.

Stay: Ronda B, L

May 1: Sevilla (Wednesday)

After breakfast, we’ll enjoy a beautiful drive across the mountains. On our way, we’ll meet a local guide who will take us on a day tour to the olive oil region around Sevilla visiting an olive mill in Zahara de la Sierra and then lunch in Arcos de la Frontera. A late afternoon arrival in Sevilla will allow time to rest or experience the mystery of “duende” while we enjoy a Flamenco show followed by dinner on your own.

Stay: Sevilla B, L

May 2: Sevilla (Thursday)

A short walk through the heart of the old city takes us to the Alcazar, one of the jewels of Sevilla. Then, we will head North of the cathedral, up Calle Sierpes and into Santa Cruz, the former Jewish Quarter where you’ll find lunch on your own. A free afternoon will allow you to enjoy resting, shopping, or exploring Sevilla. In the evening, we’ll be led through Sevilla on a “tapas tour,” discovering the history and tastes of this unique Spanish tradition.

Stay: Sevilla B, D

May 3: Sevilla (Friday)

Following breakfast, we’ll tour the “Bellas Artes” Art Museum after which you are free to find lunch and enjoy Sevilla on your own. A farewell gathering and dinner will provide a joyful ending to this life-changing journey.

Stay: Sevilla B, D

May 4: Early transfer to the Sevilla airport (Saturday)

Meal Key:

B = Breakfast

L = Lunch

D = Dinner

Questions?

Call Brad Berglund: 720.489.8073

Email: brad@illuminatedjourneys.com

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Tour Price:

\$4495 US per person sharing (Cost does not include transportation to and from the pilgrimage.)

Single Occupancy Supplement:
Add \$1195 US to basic price

Payment schedule:

- \$495 non-refundable deposit due with completed registration form. Send your deposit as soon as possible to ensure your place.
- October 1, 2023 - \$1800 due
- January 15, 2024 - Balance due

All payments due to:

Illuminated Journeys and mailed to:
8273 E. Davies Ave.
Centennial, CO 80112

A pre-pilgrimage travel kit will be shipped to you approximately 25 days prior to departure provided final payment has been received.

Cancellation Schedule:

- Deposit of \$495 is non-refundable.
- After Oct. 1, 2023 - 50% of payment one is refundable
- After January 15, 2024 - no refund

In addition, charges incurred to cancel arrangements will be added to above cancellation penalties. We strongly recommend that all our participants take out comprehensive travel insurance to avoid dispute in case of cancellation.

Refund for unused arrangements:

Unused arrangements, services or features of any tour are not refundable or exchangeable unless agreed upon prior to departure.

Tour price includes:

- Unique and extraordinary 4★ and 5★ accommodations
- Excellent regional food
- Deluxe motor coach
- All scheduled sightseeing, entrance fees, and guides
- Meals as follows: Day 1 - D; Day 2 - B,D; Day 3 -B,L; Day 4 - B,D; Day 5 - B,D; Day 6 - B; Day 7 -B,L; Day 8 - B,L ; Day 9 - B,D; Day 10 - B,D; Day 11 - B

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = Dinner)

Tour price does not include:

- Your transportation to and from this pilgrimage.
- Travel/medical insurance (strongly recommended)
- Tips for items of a personal nature (such as room service, beverages, meals, telephone and valet charges, etc.) are not included in the tour cost and are left to your own discretion.
- Group Tip for bus driver - 30 Euros per person. (suggested)
- Your transportation cost to meet the group if you arrive later than 2 pm on the stated arrival day for this tour, and miss the group departure from the airport.
- Fees for passports and visas; laundry; telephone calls; wine, liquor, mineral water; sightseeing and services other than those specifically mentioned; personal items; excess baggage; foreign airport taxes
- Some meals: Day 1 - B, L; Day 2 - L; Day 3 - D; Day 4 - L; Day 5 - L; Day 6 - L, D; Day 7 - D; Day 8 - D, Day 9 - L; Day 10 - L; Day 11 - L, D

(B= breakfast, L= lunch, D= dinner)

Welcome!

You are invited to join us not as a tourist, but as a pilgrim. Along the way you will be encouraged to approach each experience with contemplative awareness and each sacred site with care. Time will be given for learning, integration, meditation and interaction. As we journey together, we will focus on major themes from Spanish history and spirituality, especially the “Golden Age of Al-andalus.” Time will be spent exploring how those themes can be integrated into our lives.

Optional meditative sessions will include the music of the Taizé community, poetry, journaling, small group interaction, discussions with our leaders, Spanish music and prayer.

Because registration is limited, group size will encourage personal interaction in style and content. When we are joined by local specialists, artisans and guides, there will be opportunities for interaction. We are confident that your journey will be a fulfilling one. We have gone before you, having traveled to Spain many times to meet with those who will join us as we go. We have visited the sites on our schedule, and have personally chosen the accommodations, guides, and meals. You are assured of a complete and well-planned journey.

This Illuminated Journeys pilgrimage provides the perfect introduction to Southern Spain, its people, history, culture and spirituality.



Illuminated Journeys Staff

Brad Berglund is an author, pastoral musician and spiritual director. He is an experienced tour guide and has special skill in the spirituality of pilgrimage. Brad's love for Spanish culture and spirituality began during college when he studied classical guitar in Madrid. He has returned to Spain many times. Brad will accompany this pilgrimage. To enhance your experience, other informative guides, musicians and artisans will join us along the way.

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Reservation Confirmation Form

Please print this page and mail completed form with your deposit made payable to:

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8273 E. Davies Ave.
Centennial, CO 80112

If you have questions about the tour itinerary, contact **Brad Berglund**:

Phone: 720-489-8073
E-mail: brad@illuminatedjourneys.com

Please reserve _____ space(s) for *Southern Spain* Pilgrimage.

A check for a non-refundable deposit of \$495 per person is enclosed.

I understand payment #1 of \$1800 is due October 1, 2023

(Cancellation policy is outlined on “cost” page.)

Participant 1 _____
(Name as it appears on your passport)

Participant 2 _____
(Name as it appears on your passport)

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone () _____

Evening Phone () _____

Email _____

Tour cost:

- ___ Tour Price PP: \$4495 US (sharing twin/double room)
___ Single Occupancy Supplement: \$1195 US to basic price

*Note: Maximum 20, minimum 18 participants.
Transportation to and from Spain is not included in this pilgrimage.*

Please check one of the following:

- ___ Sharing (___ I have a roommate ___ I need a roommate)
If you need a roommate, and one is not available,
single occupancy supplement applies

___ Single

Declaration: I/We have read, understand and accept the Fine Print section. I further understand and accept that Brad and/or Rita Berglund, and Illuminated Journeys are not responsible for the specific incidents mentioned in this *Fine Print* section.

Signature _____

Signature _____

Date _____

The Fine Print - Southern Spain 2024

Group size: Because this pilgrimage is limited to 20 participants, we recommend sending your deposit early to ensure a place. Payment #1 of \$1800 is due October 1, 2023.

Responsibility: Illuminated Journeys, Inc., 8273 East Davies Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112-1889 is not responsible for any personal injury, property damage or other loss you may suffer or incur on this tour arising from acts or failure to act on the part of any Air Carrier, Public Transport Company, Hotel, Car Rental Company, sub-contractor or other person or organization, whether or not such air carrier, public transport company, hotel, car rental company, subcontractor or other person or organization is rendering any of the services or accommodations offered or supplied on the tour. All tickets, coupons and orders are furnished and issued subject, in all respects to the foregoing and to any and all terms and conditions under which the transportation

and other services and accommodation provided thereby are offered and supplied. Illuminated Journeys, Inc. accepts no responsibility for losses or expenses due to delay or changes in schedules, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine or other causes. All such losses or expenses will be borne by the passengers. Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour unless insured. Small articles, (coats, wraps, umbrellas, etc.) are entirely in the care of the passengers. The right is reserved to decline or accept or return any person as a member of any tour or to cancel or alter the tour.

Accommodation: Land arrangements will be provided as described in this brochure. The right is reserved to substitute hotels and sightseeing features listed herein for accommodations and/or sites in similar categories.

Baggage: Airline baggage allowance and fee structure is unique to each airline. You are responsible for those fees. We encourage you to fit everything into one bag and one carry on.

Children: Children (under 10 years of age cannot be accommodated on escorted tours) are charged the full adult fare and must be accompanied by an adult.

No Smoking: Smoking is not allowed on the escorted tours while on board the motorcoach. Frequent sightseeing and rest stops will be made at which time there will be an opportunity to smoke.

Currency Exchange: All prices in this program are shown in U.S. Dollars and are based on currency exchange rates existing on May 15, 2023. Prices are per person based on two people sharing a room. Any devaluation or revaluation of currencies may affect the printed prices. Illuminated Journeys, Inc. reserves the right to alter prices at any time prior to your departure and without prior notice if, in this opinion, circumstances so warrant.

Insurance: (highly recommended) Information regarding travel insurance will be made available to all participants. Travel insurance covers losses in the event of cancellation of the tour, loss or damage to baggage, and medical expenses in the event of accident, injury or illness. Its most valuable feature is coverage for “medical evacuation” in the event that you need special travel arrangements or assistance to return home.

