PURDUE ALUMNI



Duration
8 days

Activity Level
Moderate

Journey Type
Land

Eclipse in Spain ~ Andalucia

July 26 – August 3, 2027

Starting from $6,745/pp





Day-by-Day Itinerary

Eclipse in Spain | Andalucía

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

Land Program: 8 days/ 7 nights

Breakfasts: 7 | Lunches: 4 | Receptions: 2 | Dinners: 4

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

This itinerary is subject to change due to operational conditions.

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. Excursions on this program require: walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces; and getting on/off motor coaches.

- 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 | Monday, July 26 | 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 | Tuesday, July 27 | Málaga, Spain | Ronda

Parador de Ronda

R | D
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 designated meeting spot, where an AHI Travel representative will meet you. The meeting location will be provided with your final documents.

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

This evening, meet and get acquainted with the other members of your group at the Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Wednesday, July 28 | Ronda

Parador de Ronda

B | L
Each day of your explorations begins with a delicious breakfast buffet.

Ronda. 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 walk, delve into the iconic Spanish tradition of bullfighting at the Plaza de Toros, the country's oldest ring, inaugurated in 1785. Stand in the famed sandstone arena and visit the museum on site. Then, take in wonderful views over the El Tajo Gorge from the terrace and gardens of Casa de San

Juan Bosco. Later, step inside the Iglesia de Santa María la Mayor, built on the site of a mosque. Commissioned by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella in 1485, the church is a blend of Gothic, Renaissance, baroque and Islamic elements. (Moderate)

Bodega Lunch & Tasting. Sample fine local wines and savor lunch at a bodega in the countryside outside Ronda. (Moderate)

Enrichment: Al-Andalus — Islam on the Iberian Peninsula, 711-1492. Much of Spain was a flourishing Muslim kingdom for nearly eight centuries. Learn from a local expert about this very influential period in Spain's history and the lasting legacy of the kingdom of Al-Andalus, which gave its name to the Spanish region of Andalucía.

Free Time: Make dinner plans of your own tonight. Throughout your travels, your Travel Director will be happy to offer dining suggestions and assist with reservations.

Day 4 | Thursday, July 29 | Granada | Ronda

Parador de Ronda

B | L | D

The Palace City of Alhambra. Take a scenic drive to Granada to visit the Alhambra, one of the world's finest examples of Islamic architecture, a majestic fortress and palace complex framed by the Sierra Nevada mountains. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, it was built in the 13th and 14th centuries by the emirs of the Nasrid dynasty who sought to create their own paradise on earth, adorning the interior with arch-lined walkways, colorful mosaics, fountains and ornate mocárabes, arches and domes decorated with honeycomb and stalactite patterns. As you walk through the manicured courtyards and ornamented rooms, 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. Head next to the Alcazaba, the castle that guarded the palace, and stroll through the landscaped gardens of Generalife, the summer palace. (Moderate)

After your guided tour, relax over lunch at the restaurant of the Parador de Granada, formerly the 15th-century Convento de San Francisco, inside the Alhambra walls.

In Ronda tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for dinner at the parador.

Day 5 | Friday, July 30 | Antequera

Parador de Ronda

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Ancient Antequera. Travel to Antequera for a guided tour, starting with a visit to 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, take a walking tour in Antequera that reveals its roots as a cultural crossroads. Begin at the Alcazaba, the 14th-century Moorish fortress that once guarded the city. Admire 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)

Free Time: Select a nice spot for lunch at leisure in Antequera.

Rejoin your group and return to Ronda.

Day 6 | Saturday, July 31 | Málaga | Sotogrande

Hotel Encinar de Sotogrande

B | L | D

After breakfast this morning, check out of the hotel and depart by motor coach for Málaga.

Málaga. Over the last two decades, the vibrant port city of Málaga has experienced a rejuvenation and boasts a thriving art scene befitting the birthplace of Pablo Picasso. On a walking tour, appreciate its many highlights including the stately, baroque Málaga Cathedral, known

locally as La Manquita, and the remains of the Roman theater from the first century A.D. Then, make your way up to the 11th-century Alcazaba fortress for spectacular views over the city and waterfront. (Moderate)

Take a break for lunch at a nearby restaurant with your group.

Museo Picasso Málaga. Study captivating works by Picasso that were donated by his daughter-in-law and grandson. The selections on display are ones that Picasso kept for himself or created for family members, which adds a special intimacy to the collection. See how his artistic abilities and sensibilities developed and evolved as you view pieces organized chronologically by period. (Moderate)

Following your visit, continue to Sotogrande and check in to the Hotel Encinar de Sotogrande, where you will enjoy dinner tonight.

An Evening of Stargazing. Survey the expansive, starry night sky over Andalucía as a local expert shares insights. (Moderate)

Day 7 | Sunday, August 1 | Gibraltar | Sotogrande

Hotel Encinar de Sotogrande

B | D

Gibraltar. Take a short trip out of the country today and visit the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar, the spiny promontory along Spain's southern Mediterranean coast. Known as "the Rock" because of the 1,398-foot limestone crag that dominates the headland, Gibraltar has been a territory of the United Kingdom since 1713. Though Gibraltar is mostly thought of as the British military base protecting the strategic strait that connects the Mediterranean Sea with the Atlantic Ocean, in recent years it has become a popular tourist destination.

Begin at Europa Point, the Rock's southernmost tip, where you can take in wonderful views across the strait to Morocco and the North African coastline. Next, go inside the Rock and walk through the caverns of St. Michael's Cave, filled with awe-inspiring stalagmites and stalactites formed by rainwater slowly seeping in and dissolving the limestone rock. Afterward, stop in the Upper Rock Nature Reserve to see the Barbary macaques, the only wild monkeys on the European mainland. Finally, descend into the famous defensive tunnels painstakingly carved by hand during the Great Siege (1779 -1783), when Spanish and French forces attempted to recapture Gibraltar from the British. Following your tour, spend some time at leisure for lunch on your own and more exploring. (Moderate)

Return to Sotogrande, and join your group for dinner in the hotel this evening.

Day 8 | Monday, August 2 | Solar Eclipse Event | Sotogrande

Hotel Encinar de Sotogrande

B | L | R

Solar Eclipse Event. This morning, travel to the lovely Hotel La Almoraima, housed inside a former 17th-century convent, for your private solar eclipse viewing event. Feel the stirring impact of this remarkable phenomenon firsthand, and watch as the moon gradually passes between the sun and Earth until the astounding period of totality, when it completely blocks the sun's rays. Enjoy a continental breakfast during the event, followed by lunch at the hotel. (Moderate)

Free Time: Spend your final day in the south of Spain at leisure, with the remainder of the afternoon free to relax and explore at your own pace. Dinner is on your own this evening. Indulge in your favorite flavors of the week or venture out to discover a new restaurant in Sotogrande.

At the hotel tonight, join your group for a Farewell Reception to conclude your marvelous week in southern Spain.

Day 9 | Tuesday, August 3 | 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

- 4 nights in Ronda, Spain, at the first-class Parador de Ronda.
- 3 nights in Sotogrande at the first-class Hotel Encinar de Sotogrande.
- 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, 4 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

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program with baggage handling.
- Enrichment by expert speakers enhances your insight into the region.
- Engaging excursions showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- 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 Ronda

Marvel at spectacular scenery from this charming parador at the edge of El Tajo Gorge in Ronda. Its exceptional location right next to the Puente Nuevo bridge affords beautiful views from the parador's terrace and puts you in the very heart of this walkable city. Enjoy attentive service from the welcoming staff, who consistently receive high marks for their friendly hospitality. Each tastefully decorated, spacious guest room provides a cozy, comfortable retreat with all the conveniences for a relaxing stay, including complimentary Wi-Fi.



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Hotel Encinar de Sotogrande

Delight in a relaxing and pleasant sojourn at the lovely Hotel Encinar de Sotogrande. Designed as a parador by an acclaimed Spanish architect in the early 1960s, the current hotel retains the original character while sporting a reimagined, sophisticated and modern interior. Relish the warm ambience and tranquility of the inviting, roomy guest rooms that feature convenient amenities like complimentary Wi-Fi. The hotel's Acebuche Restaurant and La Bellota Snack Bar by the pool offer tasty Andalucían dishes and treats.



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Pricing

$500 Full Payment Discount expires February 26, 2027
$250 Special Savings expires December 14, 2026

Category/Deck	Base Price	Special Savings*	Full Payment Discount*	Special Price
SS-Superior Room (WAIT LIST)	$7,045	**-$250**	**-$500**	$6,295
SR-Standard Room	$6,745	**-$250**	**-$500**	$5,995

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