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SEVILLE & BEYOND

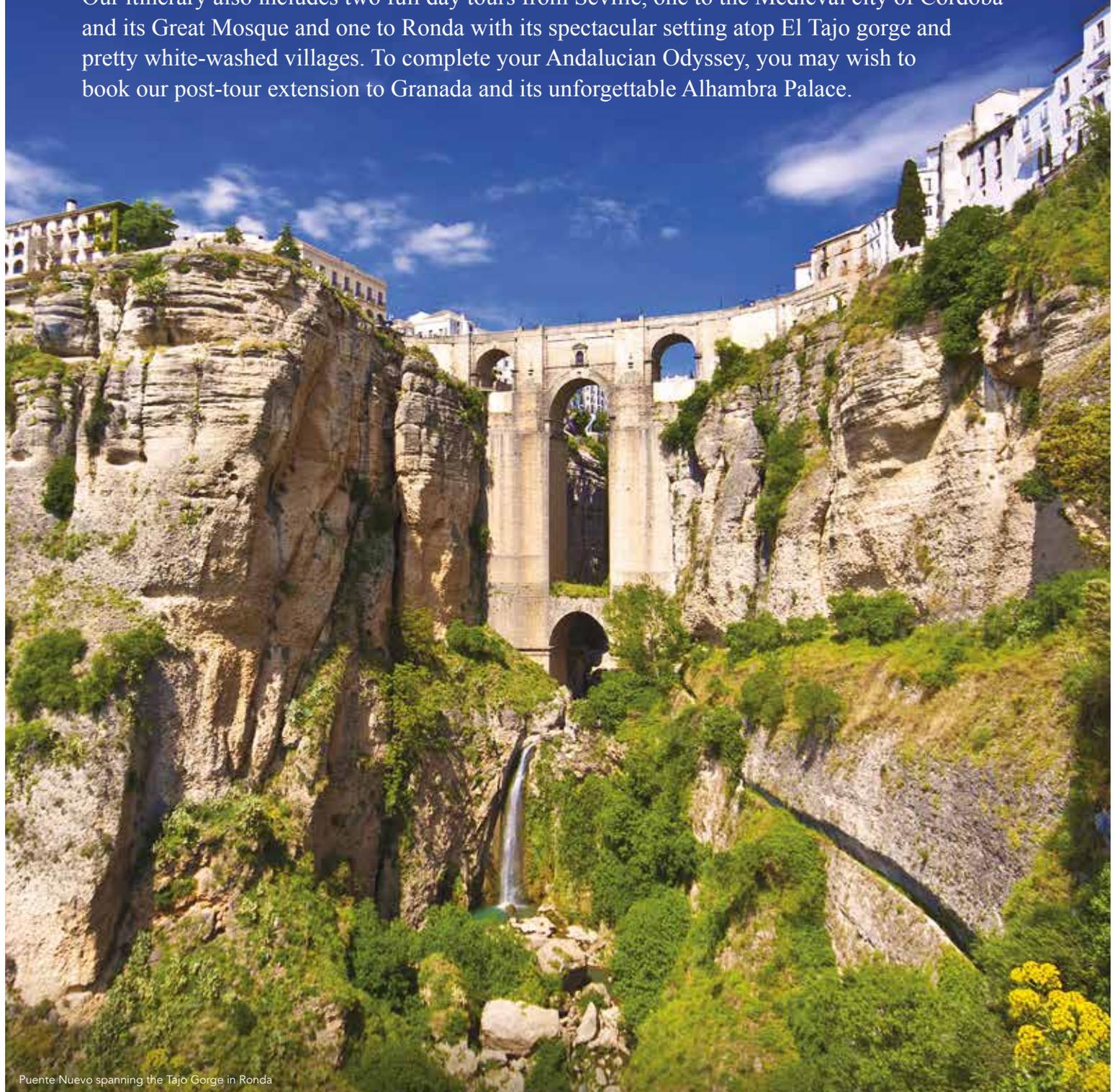
An escorted tour to Seville including a cruise
along the Guadalquivir River to Cadiz
aboard the MS Belle de Cadix

7th to 14th November 2019

Enjoy some winter sun and escape for a delightful week to southern Spain before the winter months set in. Our tour is a wonderful mix of culture, history and tradition. With the beautiful city of Seville as our base, there is ample time to explore this vibrant city and experience highlights such as the Alcazar and the Palacio de Lebrija. From Seville we will enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Guadalquivir River to Cadiz, the oldest town in Western Europe, and to El Puerto de Santa Maria where we moor overnight and visit the famous Osborne cellar, set up in 1772 by the Englishman Thomas Osborne Mann.



For those with a love of nature there will be an opportunity to see the little known and rustic Aracena Natural Park, a striking landscape and home to the world famous Iberico pigs. Our itinerary also includes two full day tours from Seville, one to the Medieval city of Cordoba and its Great Mosque and one to Ronda with its spectacular setting atop El Tajo gorge and pretty white-washed villages. To complete your Andalucian Odyssey, you may wish to book our post-tour extension to Granada and its unforgettable Alhambra Palace.



Puente Nuevo spanning the Tajo Gorge in Ronda



The Old Cathedral, Cadiz



Patio of the orange trees at the Great Mosque, Cordoba



Interior of the Great Mosque, Cordoba

The Itinerary

Day 1 London Gatwick to Seville, Spain. Fly by scheduled flight to Seville and transfer to the MS Belle de Cadix for embarkation. This evening meet your fellow travellers for a presentation of the crew and a Welcome Cocktail. Enjoy dinner on board and moor overnight in Seville.

Day 2 Seville & Cadiz. Today we will visit Seville's grand Cathedral, reputed to be the largest Gothic style church in the world. Also see Seville's symbol, the Giralda Tower. Continue on to the exotic Royal Alcazar, with its delightful terraced garden. The Reales Alcazares consists of a series of smaller palaces built by the Kings of Seville around and on top of the ruins of King Al-Mutamid's Moorish palace. Return to the ship and spend this afternoon relaxing on board as we cruise toward Cadiz, passing through the unique Donana National Park, designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and a Biosphere Reserve. We will arrive in Cadiz this evening and after dinner there will be an escorted walk ashore to the floodlit cathedral. Moor overnight.

Day 3 Cadiz. After breakfast, disembark for a guided walking tour of Cadiz, the oldest town in Western Europe, and a city of surprising cultural and historic richness. See the Medieval Quarter, the Old Cathedral, Cathedral Square and the Central Market. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. This evening there will be a Spanish-themed dinner on board, followed by an evening of entertainment. Later we cruise to El Puerto de Santa Maria and moor overnight.

Day 4 El Puerto de Santa Maria & Isla Minima. After breakfast, disembark and visit El Puerto's fine castle, constructed over an Islamic mosque by Alfonso X of Castilla after he took the town in 1260. The old mosque inside, now converted into a church, is the highlight. Also see the Plaza de Toros, built in 1880 with room for 15,000 spectators. We continue on to the Osborne cellar, the best known of El Puerto's sherry wineries. This winery was set up by an Englishman, Thomas Osborne Mann, in 1772 and remains one of Spain's oldest companies. Renowned for its famous bull logo, we will take a tour here, ending with a tasting of their fine fortified wines. Return to the ship and sail this evening to Isla Minima. On arrival we make a visit to an Andalusian hacienda, followed by an equestrian show. Sail this evening to Seville and moor overnight.

Day 5 Seville: Aracena Natural Park or Ronda. After breakfast today there will be a choice of full day tours. Take a tour to the peaceful and little known regions of Sierra de Aracena and Picos de Aroche. Firstly we visit the breathtaking Cave of Wonders Natural Park, land of the world-famous

Iberico ham. Here, on a private visit to a family-run Iberico farm, we will meet with the artisan farmer to learn how this extraordinary ham is produced. Spot the fine pigs roaming free in their natural habitat, the Dehesa landscape, a magnificent evergreen oak forest and enjoy a delicious lunch in the farmhouse. Alternatively spend the day on a visit to see Ronda and "Los Pueblos Blancos". These brilliantly whitewashed villages of inland Andalusia dot the steep slopes of the mountains as we drive to Ronda, a picturesque town of Celtic origin. With its magnificent Tajo Gorge, Old Quarter and Bull Ring (oldest in Spain), Ronda is both romantic and fascinating. Return to the ship for dinner on board and moor overnight in Seville.

Day 6 Romantic Seville. On today's morning excursion we will discover "Romantic Seville", and our first visit will be to Casa Pilatos. The construction of this palace house, which serves as the permanent residence of the Dukes of Medinaceli, began between the end of the 15th and the beginning of the 16th century. It is considered the prototype of the Andalusian palace and, after the Royal Alcazar, is the most splendid palace that you can visit in Seville. Next we will walk to the Palace of the Countess of Lebrija, also known as Palacio de la Condesa de Lebrija, which is considered the "best paved house-palace in Europe" owing to its collection of Roman mosaics, which pave practically the whole of the ground floor. There will be a private guided tour of the upper floor, which, until a few years ago, was the



Gardens of the Reales Alcazares



Donana National Park and the mouth of the Guadalquivir River



Plaza de Toros, El Puerto de Santa Maria



Roman mosaic floor from the Palace of the Countess of Lebrija, Seville

residence of the Countess and her descendants. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is at leisure. After dinner this evening there will be a Flamenco presentation on board.

Day 7 Seville & Cordoba. After breakfast today there will be a choice of two tours. You may wish to take a full day trip to world-renowned Cordoba, emblematic city of the Spanish caliphs, and considered to be the most beautiful Medieval city in Spain. On our guided walking tour we visit the old town through narrow winding streets, glorious patios and hidden tiny squares. The highlight will be the Great Mosque of Cordoba, the oldest and most impressive mosque in Europe. Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant. Alternatively, join a morning guided visit to Seville's historic bullring, and the Hospital de la Caridad with its extraordinary paintings from famous Sevillian artists (Murillo, Valdes Leal, Pedro Roldan). The tour ends with a stroll around the picturesque Triana Quarter and a visit to the vibrant Mercado de Triana before returning to the vessel for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Tonight join your fellow travellers for the Farewell Drink & Gala Dinner.

Day 8 Seville to London Gatwick. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for the return scheduled flight to London Gatwick, or on to Granada for those taking the post cruise extension.



Seville Cathedral and the Giralda Tower from the Alcazar

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

SPECIAL OFFER - LIMITED NUMBER OF CABINS AVAILABLE WITH NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

CAT	DECK/DESCRIPTION	
C	Main Deck Twin	£1895
B	Middle Deck Twin	£1995
A	Upper Deck Twin	£2095

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Seven nights aboard the MS Belle de Cadiz on full board basis • All-inclusive drinks from 10am to 11pm (exclusions apply) • Excursions as described • Cruise Director • Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers • Port and airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



Cave of Wonders, Aracena Natural Park

POST-CRUISE GRANADA EXTENSION

14th to 17th November 2019



The Alhambra, Granada

For those wishing to explore Granada including a full day excursion to the Alhambra and Generalife, we are offering an optional three night stay at the four-star Hotel AC Palacio Santa Paula, ideally located in the old town area. The hotel is a result of the careful refurbishment of the Santa Paula Convent, and you can enjoy the combination of comfort with the charm of one of the key buildings in this historic city. The hotel's dining options include a coffee shop, restaurant "El Claustro" for fine dining, and the "Terrace" for international fare. Rooms are fully en-suite with air conditioning, TV/radio, safe deposit box and mini-bar. Other facilities include free Wi-Fi in public areas and rooms and a fitness suite, including a Turkish bath.

Packed with history, the majestic city of Granada was first settled by native tribes in the prehistoric period, and was known as Illyr. When the Romans colonised southern Spain, they built their own city here and called it Illibris. The Arabs, invading the peninsula in the 8th century, gave it its current name. Granada was the last Muslim city to fall to the Christians in 1492 at the hands of Queen Isabel of Castile and her husband Ferdinand of Aragon. One of the most brilliant jewels of universal architecture is the Alhambra, a series of palaces and gardens built under the Nazari Dynasty in the 14th century. This mighty compound of buildings – including the summer palace called Generalife, with its fountains and gardens – stands at the foot of Spain's highest mountain range, the Sierra Nevada, and overlooks the city below and its fertile plains. The hill facing the Alhambra is the old Moorish casbah or "medina", called the Albaicin, a fascinating labyrinth of narrow streets and whitewashed houses with secluded inner gardens.

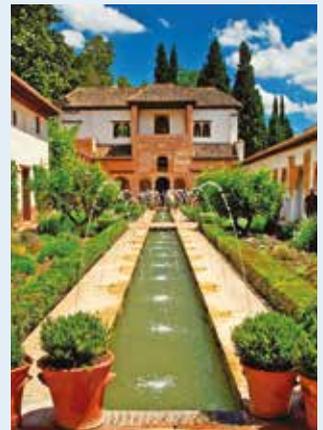


Hotel AC Palacio Santa Paula - courtyard

The Itinerary

Day 1 Seville to Granada.

Disembark the MS Belle de Cadix after breakfast and transfer by coach to Granada. Check in to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to explore the old town and surroundings. This evening is at leisure, perhaps sample some of the excellent tapas, raciones and pintxos on offer in the many local bars. Granada is famous for serving many cuisines from traditional, fusion, to exotic Moroccan specialities



Fountains and gardens of the Generalife

Day 2 Alhambra & Generalife. After breakfast at the hotel, depart for a full day visit to the Alhambra & Generalife gardens, including lunch in a local restaurant. Evening at leisure in Granada.

Day 3 Granada or Las Alpujarras. Today is free to explore and sightsee independently in Granada. Alternatively you may wish to join our full day optional tour to the beautiful Las Alpujarras region in the Sierra Nevada mountain range. The scenery promises to be spectacular as you travel by coach to Lanjaron, a picturesque town famed for its medicinal spring waters. Pass through verdant valleys and rustic villages and hamlets, including Spain's highest village, Trevelez, and enjoy a traditional Alpujarreno lunch in a local restaurant. Evening at leisure in Granada.

Day 3 Granada to London Gatwick. After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Malaga Airport (approx. 2 hours) for the return scheduled flight to London Gatwick.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £575 Single: £795

PRICE INCLUDES: Three nights accommodation at Hotel AC Palacio Santa Paula (or similar) on bed & breakfast basis, full day guided tour to the Alhambra including lunch, coach transfers from the vessel to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport.

Not Included: Travel insurance, gratuities, meals other than those stated, full day optional tour to Las Alpujarras (£99 per person).

MS BELLE DE CADIX

The three-star MS Belle de Cadix is a spacious vessel accommodating up to 178 passengers in well appointed cabins. All cabins measure 11.4 square metres and have en-suite facilities. There is a large window, individually controlled air conditioning, satellite TV, radio, safety deposit box and a hairdryer. Spread over three decks, the onboard facilities include a delightful restaurant which accommodates all guests in one sitting. Breakfast and lunch are served buffet style and dinner is a set menu served to your table; the excellent cuisine is a selection of regional specialties and international dishes. Additionally, drinks are all-inclusive; alcoholic (with some exclusions), soft drinks and tea/coffee are available from 10am to 11pm. The lounge is a pleasant space for relaxation with large panoramic windows, a large TV and bar area. In addition there is a lift and gift shop. On the large, spacious Sun Deck you will find comfortable deck furniture.



Restaurant



Middle Deck Cabin



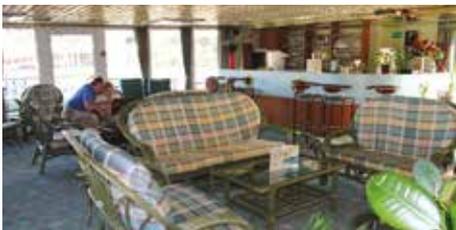
Lounge



Sun Deck



Cabin

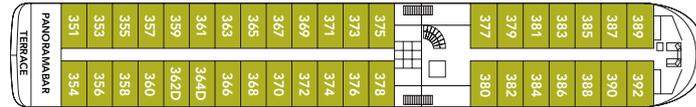


Aft Lounge

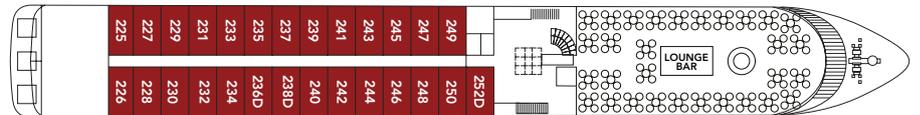
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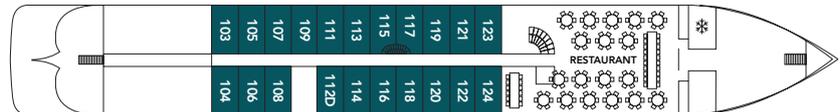
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Cover image: Giralda tower seen from Seville's Cathedral garden.