

## Enhance Your Stay in Seville with Additional Privately Guided Sightseeing

**Flamenco Private Lesson:** Deeply rooted in the various historic cultures of southern Spain, Flamenco is a highly technical art form that encompasses intricate dance steps, percussive hand clapping, singing and guitar. Focusing on the dance elements, this Flamenco class is for all genders, regardless of prior dance experience. Designed to be equal parts fun, educational and culturally enriching, this class will introduce you to the passion and energy of Flamenco. Your appreciation for the live Flamenco show that follows your lesson will be all the deeper after your own dance lesson. *Duration: 1 Hour*

**E-Bike Tour to Italica Roman Ruins: A Game of Thrones Setting:** Enjoy a pleasant walk through the historic streets of Seville as your private guide shares information and insights about the city and the sites you'll explore today. Arriving at the Cathedral, select your e-bike and safety helmet and ride with your guide to Italica Seville, the remains of an ancient Roman city that was featured in the 7<sup>th</sup> season of the hit series "Game of Thrones." Founded in 206 BC, this is one of the earliest Roman settlements in Spain and regarded as the birthplace for several emperors including Trajan and Hadrian. Riding through the ancient city at an easy pace astride your e-bike is a terrific way to see its remarkable ruins including the Temple of Emperor Trajan and beautifully preserved mosaics. It is approximately 6.5 miles from Seville's city center to Italica Seville. *Tour Duration: 3 to 3.5 Hours*

**Seville Tapas Tour:** Join one of our finest guides to experience Seville through her eyes. Born and raised in Seville, Luisa attended a British boarding school and the American University of Paris. With her global perspective and native-born knowledge about Andalusia, she's the perfect host for this privately guided experience that is equal parts culinary tour and cultural immersion. Enjoy her lively company and stimulating conversation as you visit a couple of her favorite tapas bars and restaurants. Through her eyes, experience and perspective, you'll gain a whole new understanding of life in Spain—as you enjoy some of its traditional culinary delights. *Tour Duration: 3 Hours*

**Kayak Experience on the Guadalquivir River with Our Expert Guide:**

History-minded adventure buffs will love this privately guided kayaking adventure on the gently flowing Guadalquivir River. Meet your guide at Club Deportivo Triana, on the riverfront in the heart of the city, to pick up your kayak. Combining guided walks along the river and plenty of time kayaking on the water, you'll see a number of historic sites as your guide shares information and insights. Among today's architectural highlights are the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Triana Bridge and the Torre del Oro, a tower built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century during the Almohad Caliphate. We also include tickets for you to tour Nao Victoria, a faithful full-scale replica of the first ship to circumnavigate the globe as part of Magellan's 1519-1522 voyage. Some prior kayaking experience is recommended for this activity. *Tour Duration: 3 Hours*

**Heritage of Bullfighting: La Maestranza and Toro Bravo Finca Visit:** With a private car and driver at your disposal, this culturally immersive experience begins on the riverfront in the heart of town. Built in the mid 1700's, the Plaza de Torros de Seville is the largest and most important bullfighting arena in all of Spain. Venturing inside its handsome Baroque façade, you'll tour the facility officially known as La Plaza de Toros de la Real Maestranza de Caballería de Sevilla as your guide shares cultural insights into bullfighting, regarded as both a sport and an art. Then travel outside of the city to spend time on a private agricultural estate renowned for raising the finest fighting bulls. Spending time in the stables, corrals and even in the owner's personal trophy room promises an authentic, behind-the-scenes look into the life of those who raise and care for these creatures. If you wish, you will be permitted to handle some of the bullfighter's equipment, including his sword and cape. Enjoy an aperitif and appetizers on the estate before heading to a charming countryside restaurant for a traditional Andalusian lunch. *Tour Duration: 6 Hours*

**Half-Day Tour of Córdoba by Train:** Enjoy the 50-minute high-speed rail journey from Seville to Córdoba, where our engaging resident guide will be at the station to meet you. With fascinating facts and insights from your guide, your walking tour will focus on Córdoba's historic city center 🕌. Founded by Romans in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC, the city rose to prominence in the 8<sup>th</sup> century after the Moorish conquest. The medieval quarter resonates with the city's long-ago glory, and its winding cobblestone streets are still alive with thriving businesses, from inviting tapas bars to restaurants and artisan shops. Highlighting your tour will be a visit to the Grand Mosque. Founded in the 8<sup>th</sup> century, it is hailed by UNESCO as a unique artistic achievement due to its size and sheer boldness. Indeed, its grand hypostyle prayer hall is a stunning feat of design and engineering. With some free time for lunch, your guide will be happy to offer recommendations for tapas restaurants in the heart of town. Bid farewell to your guide at the rail station and return to Seville by high-speed rail. Note: With rail tickets included for your independent rail trip, the guided portion of this excursion begins and ends at the train station in Córdoba. *Tour Duration: 8 hours including roundtrip rail travel and free time in Córdoba*

**Full-Day Trip to the White Villages: Ronda + Setenil de las Bodegas:** Enjoy the scenic, chauffeured drive southward into Málaga to visit the remarkable town of Ronda. Meet your resident guide on arrival and explore this historic town, dramatically perched on opposite sides of a deep river gorge with several picturesque bridges spanning the canyon to connect the older and newer districts. Enhanced by insights from your personal guided, you'll discover Ronda's notable highlights including the Church of Santa Maria that traces its roots to a 14<sup>th</sup>-century mosque and the Plaza de Toros, one of Spain's oldest and most beautiful bullrings. Just a 25-minute drive away, Setenil de las Bodegas is one of southern Spain's famous white villages, characterized by their distinctive whitewashed homes. Unlike most of the other white villages that are built on hilltops, many of the homes here in Setenil de las Bodegas are built into the cliffs of a river canyon carved by the Trejo River. Enjoy free time for lunch here in this spectacular setting before the chauffeured drive back to Seville, a journey of about 1 hour and 45 minutes. *Tour Duration: 10 Hours*

**Hiking Experience in Sierra de Aracena:** Sit back and enjoy the scenic drive north into the wooded mountain landscapes of the Sierra de Aracena, the westernmost range of the mighty Sierra Morena mountains. Arriving just outside of the town of Aracena, you'll begin your guided hike through a gentle terrain of small family farms, generations-old orchards, and lovely meadows. Ascending into more hilly terrain, you'll walk through peaceful woods of cork and holly oak to see a small waterfall. Continue to the timeless village of Corteconcepción, where you might take a break for a cold beer or coffee. A different path takes you back down to Aracena where you'll sit down to a hearty lunch before returning to Seville. Note: If you prefer less time hiking, our car and driver can meet you in Corteconcepción and take you back to Aracena for lunch before the return trip to Seville. *Tour Duration: 8 Hours*

**Full-Day Trip to Jerez with Sherry Tasting:** The Jerez region of Andalusia is the home of sherry, a fortified white wine. Only that which is bottled here using local grapes can bear the coveted appellation "D.O. Jerez y Sanlúcar de Barrameda." Beyond its most famous export, the town of Jerez is filled with lively markets, evocative cobblestone streets and lovely squares graced by palaces and residences whose faded facades belie their former grandeur. Accompanied by your own private guide, your walking tour through town is highlighted by a visit to a family-owned bodega that produces sherries of very fine quality. One of their experienced staff will conduct a tour, offering insights into their production and introducing you to the finer points of pairing sherries with different foods. After lunch in a local restaurant, your private car and driver will take you back to Seville. *Tour Duration: 8 Hours*