

Spain: Andalusia, Córdoba & Granada

Pre-Trip-Extension - Seville Pre-Trip Extension

2 Nights from \$295.00 per person, double occupancy

- 2 nights at the Las Casas de la Judería
- Daily breakfast
- City Information
- Airport transfers
- Visit the iconic La Giralda bell tower, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Feast on traditional Spanish cuisine including the bite-sized delicacies on a tapas menu
- Explore the maze of cobblestone streets in the old part of town

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

DAY 1: Depart home / Fly overnight to Seville

Depart home for Spain. The particulars of your arrival overseas are detailed with your flight itinerary.

Day 2

Arrive in Seville / Begin your Trip Extension

Upon arrival at the Sao Pablo Airport in Seville, meet your driver who will be holding a VBT sign outside the customs area in your arrival terminal. You will transfer by private car or van (about 20 minutes) to your Seville hotel.

The rest of the day is free for you to settle in, explore the city, and begin your Spanish adventure. Choose a local restaurant for dinner on your own.

Please note: Due to Iberia Airline's limited flight service to Seville on Saturdays, some guests may fly from Madrid to the town of Jerez and then transfer by vehicle to our Seville hotel. This will avoid long layovers in Madrid's airport and allow you more time in Seville. Air travel from Madrid on all other days of the week will be direct to Seville. Please refer to your air itinerary to determine which location will be your final destination.

For guests flying into Jerez: Upon arrival at the Jerez Airport, meet your driver holding a VBT sign outside the customs area in your arrival terminal. Then, transfer by private car or van (about 60 minutes) to your

Seville hotel.

Accommodation: Las Casas de la Judería, Barrio Santa Cruz, Seville

DAY 3: Independent exploration of Seville

You will never run out of things to do in Seville. After enjoying a buffet breakfast at the hotel, spend the rest of the day on your own, exploring the capital of Andalusia. You will see a unique blend of Roman, Arab, and Christian art and culture as you tour the city. The very heart of the old town—the Barrio de Santa Cruz, with its cobblestone streets and small squares surrounded by white houses—exudes a distinctly Moorish flair. This delightful maze is dominated by the massive Cathedral of Seville, famed for its iconic La Giralda bell tower, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Another of the barrio's attractions is the Alcazar of Seville, the city's old Moorish Palace, which was developed over the centuries into a unique building with vaulted rooms, patios, and a beautiful garden decorated with fountains and high palms. Other sights not to be missed during your stay include the beautiful Plaza de España, the Torre del Oro, and La Maestranza, one of Spain's biggest *plazas de toros*, bull-fighting rings, an enduring though controversial symbol of Spanish tradition. At night, be sure to indulge in tapas, a meal of bite-sized local delicacies.

Your splendid Seville hotel, Las Casas de la Judería, is located a few steps from the walls of the Alcazar. It consists of beautifully restored, private homes from the 17th and 18th centuries with charming patios, gardens, and fountains. It's a perfect place from which to launch your exploration of this beautiful and lively city.

VBT provides you with City Information that includes recommendations on what to see and do in Seville during your stay.

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Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4: Independent exploration of Seville / Afternoon transfer to Palma del Rio

Continue your independent exploration of Seville. This afternoon, your local guide will meet you at the Casas de la Judería and assist with your transfer to Palma del Rio. The transfer departure time will be given to you upon your arrival in Seville. Enjoy the remainder of the day and evening at leisure, exploring the small town of Palma del Rio.

Your hotel in Palma del Rio is Monasterio de San Francisco. This former Franciscan monastery was built

in 1492 on the orders of VII Señor de Palma. About 20 years ago, it was turned into a charming hotel that preserves the simplicity and tranquility of a monastery. The arrival of Europeans in America is part of the building's history, since the Franciscan monks based here founded American missions, took their language and customs to the New World, planted the famous orange groves in California, and opened the Mission de Palma del Rio in San Diego. Columbus spent time here before setting out for his journey, as the monastery was a strategic and powerful center of learning and culture. The cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego owe their names to this region's monasteries and holy places. Today, guests can drink orange juice (in season) from the garden's 65 orange trees, some of which are five centuries old.

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VBT Air Package guests arrive throughout the day.

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Included Meals: Breakfast