



Food & Wine: Andalucía & Costa del Sol

8 Days/7 nights

(7) Torremolinos



INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 7 nights in Torremolinos
- 14 meals including:
 - 7 buffet breakfasts
 - 5 lunches with drinks
 - 2 dinners with drinks (Welcome Dinner & Farewell Dinner)
- Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- Assistance of an English speaking guide for the entire length of the tour
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Full day tour to Málaga including tapas lunch and wine tasting
- Full day tour to Ronda including wine tasting and cooking class
- Full day tour to Alfarnatejo including olive oil tasting & home hosted lunch
- Full day tour to Countryside including wine tasting & cooking class
- Full day tour to Granada
- Flamenco Show including 1 alcoholic beverage
- Complimentary bottles of wine at each of the wineries
- Keepsake Spanish Cook-Book & Agenda

DAY 1 | MALAGA | TORREMOLINOS Arrival to Malaga Airport. Meet & greet with our English speaking guide and transfer to the hotel in Torremolinos. This evening, gather at the hotel lobby with your guide for a short walk to the nearby quarter of 'La Carihuela', a fisherman village in Torremolinos for a Welcome Seafood Dinner. After dinner, transfer by bus to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel. (D)

DAY 2 | TORREMOLINOS | MALAGA | TORREMOLINOS After breakfast, depart by bus to Málaga, the capital of the Costa del Sol. Upon arrival we will enjoy a typical breakfast in 'Casa Aranda' with coffee or hot chocolate and churros. Then, proceed to the Central Market 'Atarazanas' for a walk. Tour will end at the tapas bar/bodega 'El Pimpi' for a delicious tapas lunch. After lunch, we will pay a visit to the Picasso Museum, one of the 3 official Picasso Museums in Europe. After the visit, board the bus for a transfer back to your hotel in Torremolinos. En-route we will stop at 'Bodegas Quitapenas' the most famous Malaga Winery and enjoy a wine tasting of the different types of Malaga Wines (Red, White, Sweet, Dry-Sweet...). After the wine tasting, continue to your hotel. Dinner on own. Overnight at your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 3 | TORREMOLINOS RONDA | TORREMOLINOS After breakfast, depart by bus towards Ronda, a monumental town located 100 km from Malaga over a plain on top of the mountains. Drive by the coast line until Marbella/San Pedro de Alcántara and then take the mountain road up to Ronda, through the 'Serrania de Ronda'. Upon arrival into the city, visit the old quarter by crossing the Puerto de Almocávar. Walking thru the old city, you will find many 15th & 16th Century Palaces, such as Palacio de Mondragon – an old Arab Palace formerly used by the Catholic Kings, La Casa del Rey Moro, Arco del Príncipe Felipe II, the ruins of the Roman baths and the Old Bridge, which makes a large arc with horseshoe shape. We will visit the Cathedral, a beautiful building in Renacentist and Mudejar style with Arab remaining in the tower. Then proceed up to the New Bridge from the 17th Century and cross the sheer cliff called 'Tajo', carved in the rock by the river Guadalevín which split the town in two parts, the Old and New. In the new part, visit the Bullring, a Barrocan style building and considered as the oldest bullring in Spain. After finishing the tour, we will board the bus for a short transfer to a Winery in the outskirts of Ronda. Upon arrival we will enjoy a Wine Tasting of different local Organic wines. Guests will be provided with cooking costumes (apron & hat) and the proper recipes & tools for a Countryside Cooking workshop: 'Spanish Tortilla & Migas'. During the preparation,

tapas will be served along with drinks. The chef will taste all meals and will announce the winning team. After cooking, you will get to eat the dishes you have prepared. After the meal, board the bus to return to your hotel. Dinner on own and overnight. (B,L)

DAY 4 | TORREMOLINOS | ALFARNATEJO | TORREMOLINOS After breakfast, board the bus. Our first stop is a traditional Andalusian roadside inn for a glimpse into the history of the area before continuing to the Sierra village of Alfarnate to see the main square and the beautiful sixteenth century church of Saint Ann. Following the olive oil route, with a brief stop to see the large olive groves, the oldest in the Region, we will pay a visit to the "Almazara" which is the rural factory producing the oil, where we will taste a selection of different olive oils with typical farm bread. After the tasting, we will then proceed to our final destination, Alfarnatejo (population 400). After a warm welcome by the villagers and a glass of local sweet wine, our 'host families' will invite us into their homes for a traditional midday meal. This authentic Andalusian day in a rural mountainside village is a life-enriching experience and one that you will probably cherish and remember for years to come. After lunch, board the buses for a return trip by bus to your hotel. Dinner on own. Overnight at your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 5 | TORREMOLINOS | MIJAS | TORREMOLINOS After breakfast, depart by bus from the hotel for a 30 minute drive to Mijas. In this village, admire a beautiful panorama of the Costa del Sol from any of its many terraces. The most interesting sites here are the Chappel of the 'Virgen de la Roca', the miniatures museum of 'Carromato de Max', and the unique Bullring with a square shape. We will pay a visit to the Wine Museum in Mijas to enjoy a wine tasting of several samples of local wines, together with assorted Iberian Sausages & Cheese. After lunch, board the bus and drive to the nearby village of Pizarra, where we will pay a visit to the Fruit yards and you'll be able to collect some fruits straight from the trees. After this visit, proceed to the Municipal Museum of Pizarra where we will be supplied with an apron and a chef's hat. The Chef makes a sort of introduction and explains the composition of 'Paella' and how to prepare the ingredients. During the introduction, there will be some drinks & 'tapas'. After cooking, we will be seated to enjoy the paella that we have prepared. After the cooking workshop, board the bus for a transfer back to your hotel. Dinner on own and overnight at the hotel. (B,L)

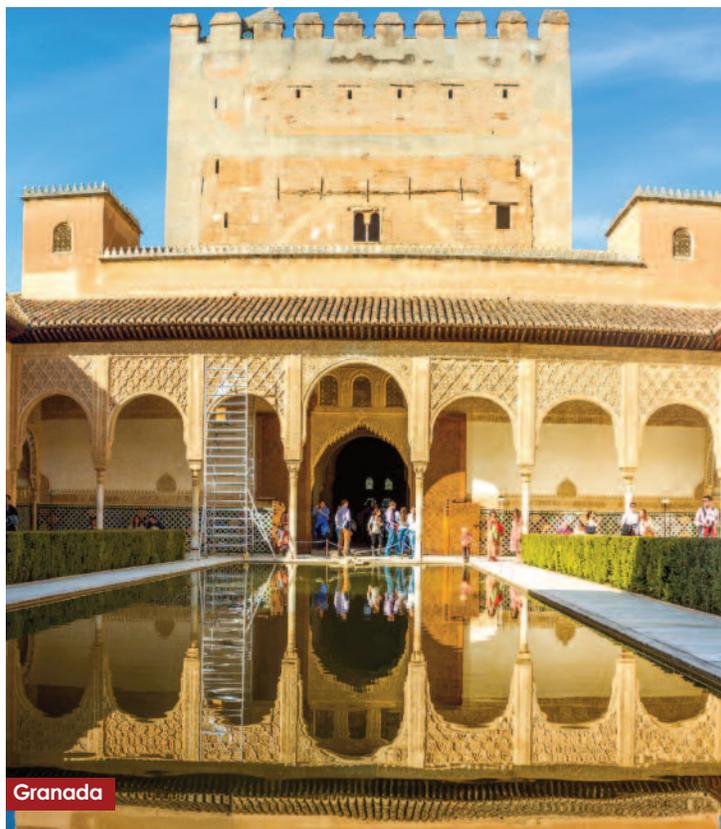
DAY 6 | TORREMOLINOS | GRANADA | TORREMOLINOS After breakfast, depart from the hotel and drive inland to Granada, the ancient capital of the Arab-Nazari Kingdom. After a short walk, we will commence a visit to the main monument of Granada, the Alhambra. Afterwards, we will have a buffet lunch at a local restaurant in the city center. Then, we will proceed for a walk into the historical center, starting with a visit to the magnificent Cathedral. Then, walk through the Alcaicería Quarter, formerly the Moorish market, Plaza Birrambla and shopping area. After the walking tour, board the bus to return to Torremolinos. Dinner on own. Overnight at your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 7 | TORREMOLINOS Day at leisure to relax or enjoy some last minute shopping. This evening, we will depart from your hotel by bus to enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant in Torremolinos. After dinner, we will attend a fantastic Pure Flamenco Show with live Guitar Player, Singer & fabulous Flamenco/Zambra dancers. After the show, board the bus for a transfer back to your hotel for overnight. (B,D)

DAY 8 | TORREMOLINOS | MALAGA TO USA After breakfast, check-out and transfer to Malaga Airport for your flight back home. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner

Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.



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