



MEJDI TOURS

A Multi-Narrative Journey in the Iberian Peninsula

(Scheduled Group Departure)

Dates & Pricing:

July 17 - 27, 2026 (\$5,995 per person, + \$1,320 single room supplement)

Extension Tour: July 27 - 30, 2026 (\$2,385 (2 pax) // \$1,650 (4 pax) per person, +\$375 single sup.)

July 16 - 26, 2027 (\$6,415 per person, + \$1,415 single room supplement)

Extension Tour: July 26 - 29, 2027 (\$2,550 (2 pax) // \$1,765 (4 pax) per person, +\$400 single sup.)

Included:

10 nights' accommodation at premium hotels per itinerary

1 MEJDI-Trained Tour Leader throughout the tour

Local city tour guides and speakers

9 Days of private ground transportation

Meals listed in itinerary: 10 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners

Bottled water during all touring and light drinks at meals

All site entrance fees and activities as per itinerary

Dedicated pre-trip traveler services and 24/7 on-ground support

Not included:

International airfare

Travel and Medical insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

Single Supplement costs

Customary tips for guides, drivers, porters

Meals not mentioned in the itinerary

Airport transfers upon arrival and departure

Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section



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Overview

This immersive journey through Spain explores the country's richly layered history and culture—from Islamic palaces and Jewish quarters to revolutionary street art and modern resistance. Walk through ancient cities reborn through architecture, dance, food, and protest. Meet historians, artists, and community leaders, learning how Spain's empires and political movements continue to shape its contemporary landscape and its people. More than a trip through the past, this is an experience of living memory, contested narratives, and cultural reinvention.

MEJDI Socially Conscious Experiences

Our itineraries immerse travelers in each destination and their cultures so that you don't just visit new places, you become part of them. These unique elements of each experience set MEJDI apart.

- Explore faith, identity and pluralism in modern Spain in conversation with Muslim and Jewish community members
- Tour the revolutionary “superblocks” with local planners to learn how Barcelona is promoting sustainability and equity by reclaiming space from cars
- Meet a Roma actress and activist in Granada for an evening of dialogue on resilience and the cultural power of flamenco
- Engage in Valencia's fiery tradition of social critique through art—learn how political commentary is carved into public monuments.
- Browse the murals of Malaga's Soho District, exploring the themes of feminism, climate justice, and immigration
- Meet a local historian in Seville to unpack the legacy of Franco and collective memory of the Spanish Civil War



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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Barcelona (Guide, No Transportation)

Arrive to Barcelona and self-transfer to your hotel. After checking in, meet your group for an orientation followed by a welcome dinner featuring Catalan cuisine. In the evening, hear about Spain's political landscape from a local expert.

Overnight: Hotel Regina Barcelona (Dinner included)

Day 2: Urban Planning & Gaudí's Vision (Guide, Private Transportation)

Begin the day exploring Barcelona through the lens of urban regeneration and social impact. Visit the **Sagrada Família**, delving into Gaudí's anti-elitist philosophy and how his architectural choices reflected a deeply rooted social agenda. Continue to **Park Güell** to uncover Gaudí's early experiments in communal urbanism and embark on a urban planning-focused walking tour including visits to the **Superblocks**, the city's innovative *superilles*—an ambitious rethinking of city space that places pedestrians, sustainability, and social life at the center. Discuss how Barcelona has addressed over-tourism and prospects for the future. Enjoy an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Regina Barcelona (Breakfast included)

Day 3: Architecture and Flavor (Guide, Private Transportation)

Depart Barcelona for **Tarragona**, a former Roman capital rich in ancient architecture and regional pride. Begin with a **guided walking tour of the Roman ruins**, including the seaside **amphitheatre**, **Roman circus**, and remnants of the ancient forum. **Meet a local historian** to discuss how the city has balanced cultural preservation against the pressures of modern tourism and climate adaptation. Continue to Valencia for an arts and architecture tour covering Gothic, modernist, and futuristic influences, including the central market, silk exchange building, town hall and the Cathedral. Dive into the heart of Valencian culinary culture with a **hands-on paella cooking class** in the evening.

Overnight: Melia Plaza Valencia (Breakfast and Dinner included)



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Day 4: Valencia Traditions (Guide, Private Transportation)

In the morning, learn about the traditions of **Fallas** - Valencia's yearly festival. Create your own miniature sculpture in a **Fallas workshop**, learning how **satire, identity, and politics** are carved into these ephemeral monuments, and how the festival has become a fiery mirror of Valencian society. In the afternoon, shift from fire to water, leaving the city and crossing the **Turia Riverbed**, once a flood channel, now transformed into a greenbelt of climate-conscious urban design. Arrive at the **Albufera Wetlands** for a **guided boat ride** exploring how **agriculture, tourism, and conservation** intersect in this delicate ecosystem. Enjoy dinner in **El Palmar**, a quiet lakeside village known as the **birthplace of paella**.

Overnight: Melia Plaza Valencia (Breakfast and Lunch included)

Day 5: Road to Andalusia (Guide, Private Transportation)

Fly to **Granada**, a city layered with cultural crossroads and contested histories. Take a **walking tour of the Albaicín**, the city's oldest quarter and a former Muslim stronghold, tracing the story of **religious expulsion** and forced conversions after 1492 that reshaped the identity of Spain. After lunch, head into the caves of **Sacromonte** to meet a **Roma actress and activist** for a personal conversation on the history of Roma repression, marginalization, and resistance in Spain. End the night with a live **Flamenco performance**, inspired by centuries of pain and pride—a defiant expression of identity through rhythm, voice, and movement.

Overnight: Hotel Granada Center (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 6: Local Symbols and Flavors (Guide, Private Transportation)

Start the day with a guided tour of the **Alhambra**, one of the most iconic monuments in Spain. Walk through its intricate palaces and quiet courtyards, exploring the **political symbolism** of the site—how it once embodied Islamic rule and intellectual flourishing, and later was reimagined through the lens of the **Christian Reconquista**. Head next to **Bodega Señorío de Nevada**, a scenic winery at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Tour the vineyards and cellars, learning the region's unique winemaking traditions and **tasting of local wines** paired with



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Andalusian cheeses, olive oil, and cured meats. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure back in Granada.

Overnight: Hotel Granada Center (Breakfast and Wine Tasting included)

Day 7: Cordoba Quarters & Cathedrals (Guide, Private Transportation)

Journey westward to **Córdoba**, a city that once stood at the heart of Al-Andalus and remains a symbol of cultural and religious convergence. Upon arrival, enjoy **a tour of the Mezquita-Catedral**, one of the most extraordinary religious sites in the world, then stroll through the **Jewish Quarter**. Continue your journey to **Seville**, home to golden light, flamenco rhythms, and Moorish palaces. In the evening, gather for **dinner and discussion with a local historian** specializing in the **Spanish Civil War**, unpacking Seville's role as a stronghold of Franco's uprising, the city's ideological divides, and the lingering shadows of authoritarianism.

Overnight: Catalonia Giralda, Seville (Breakfast included)

Day 8: Cultures of Seville (Guide, Private Transportation)

Dive into the **layered past and evolving present of Seville**, a city where every stone tells a story of empire, religion, and resistance. Wander through the **Alcázar of Seville**, a royal palace built by Muslim artisans under Christian rule, where Islamic aesthetics and Christian power intertwine. Continue to the **Seville Cathedral and the Giralda Tower** and walk the narrow alleys of **Barrio Santa Cruz**, exploring the neighborhood's complex cultural legacy. Meet with a member of the Progressive Jewish community over lunch then walk the elevated pathways of the **Metropol Parasol**—a dramatic wooden structure that redefined the city's public space and sparked debate about heritage and innovation. Visit **Caixaforum**, a striking **cultural center built inside an old ceramics factory** and end the tour outside the **Pellitower**, Seville's tallest building, discussing how modern Spain negotiates tradition, development, and global identity. Enjoy an evening **food tour** focused on the culinary tradition of **Tapas**.

Overnight: Catalonia Giralda, Seville (Breakfast and Dinner included)



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Day 9: Cadiz Views **(Guide, Private Transportation)**

Depart Seville for **Cádiz**, one of Europe's oldest continuously inhabited cities and a vital port of empire, trade, and revolution. Explore the **historic center**, beginning at the **Plaza de San Juan de Dios** and continuing through **narrow alleys, seaside fortresses, and lively markets**. Learn about the city's **role in the Spanish Constitution of 1812**, its legacy as a gateway for Spanish colonialism and return migration, and its **multicultural identity shaped by centuries of maritime exchange**. Grab lunch before exploring the **neighborhood of La Viña**, where local voices echo through flamenco bars and where working-class culture and resistance still live. Continue the journey east along the coast to **Málaga**, then enjoy an evening at leisure.

Overnight: ICON Malabar, Malaga (Breakfast included)

Day 10: The Malaga Scene **(Guide, Private Transportation)**

Begin with a **guided tour of the historic city center**, walking through the **Alcazaba**, a Moorish fortress overlooking the sea. Continue to the **Roman Theatre** and visit the **Cathedral of Málaga**, known as "La Manquita" for its unfinished tower. Reflect on how Málaga's shifting roles—from imperial outpost to cultural capital—mirror the broader evolution of **Spanish identity**, diving into the city's **urban edge and political voice** with a tour of the **Soho District**. Stroll through a vibrant **open-air gallery of street art**, where murals by local and international artists tackle themes such as **immigration, feminism, environmental justice, and workers' rights**. End the day with a visit to the **Centre Pompidou Málaga**, a bold cultural space housed beneath its signature multicolored cube. Take some time at leisure, then gather for a festive **farewell dinner** with the group.

Overnight: ICON Malabar, Malaga (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 11: Departure

Check out and self-transfer to the train station/airport for departing transit from Malaga.

Overnight: N/A (Breakfast included)



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Optional Extension

Madrid

Included: 2 nights' accommodation at premium hotels per itinerary
1 MEJDI-Trained Tour Leader throughout the tour
Train from Malaga to Madrid
Meals listed in itinerary: 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch
All site entrance fees and activities as per itinerary
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Itinerary

Day 1: From Málaga to Madrid – Arrival & Historical Layers (Guide, Train)

Depart Málaga by high-speed train, arriving in Madrid in time for a walking tour of **Plaza Mayor, the Royal Palace, and the Spanish Parliament**. Discuss how Madrid has been shaped by monarchy, dictatorship, democracy – and constant reinvention. In the afternoon, explore **Malasaña**, the birthplace of *La Movida Madrileña* — Spain's post-Franco punk explosion — with stops at bookstores, sites of political graffiti, and local haunts where resistance became culture.

Overnight: Petit Palace Hotel Gran Vía, Madrid (No meals included)

Day 2: Art, Memory, and Resistance in the Capital (Guide, Touring by foot)

Visit the **Reina Sofía Museum**, home to Picasso's Guernica, and explore how art has been used to challenge authoritarianism. Head to **Lavapiés** for a **walking tour focusing on immigration, resistance, and gentrification**, including a meeting with a local activist or community leader. Enjoy a **lunch featuring North African or Latin American influences**, reflecting Madrid's global flavor, then continue to **El Rastro neighborhood**, home to Europe's most famous flea market or explore **Mercado de Antón Martín**, a buzzing local spot blending food stalls, small art galleries, and immigrant-run eateries. Check out **El Retiro Park** before an evening at leisure, with optional **flamenco fusion performance** or rooftop dinner overlooking the Gran Vía (*cost not included*).

Overnight: Petit Palace Hotel Gran Vía, Madrid (Breakfast and Lunch included)

Day 3: Departure (No Guide, No Transportation)

Check out and self-transfer to **Madrid-Barajas International Airport** for departing flights or continuing travel.

Overnight: N/A (Breakfast included)