

Platinum Gold International Folk Dance Tours



SPAIN!

Andalusia Festival Tour!

Folk Dancing, Folk Music, Art, History, Culture, Adventure !



September 12-25, 2024

**Malaga, Ronda, Cadiz,
Seville, Cordoba, Granada**



Led by Lee Otterholt

Prepare your Don Quixote heart for a windmill-tilting, delighting, ultimate Olé tour beyond your wildest flamencan dreams. We'll meet local folk music and dance groups, learn fandango, jota, bolero, and sevillana. The hotels are lovely, the food delicious, the spirit exuberant! From Malaga, home of Picasso, to Cordoba, former capital of the medieval Umayyad dynasty with its mosque, old quarters—the Juderia and San Lorenzo areas— to the Andalusian capital, Seville, with its landmark Giralda Tower, to Granada at the foot of the Sierra Nevada, surrounded by fertile plains, filled with Moorish culture and the breathtaking Alhambra Palace, through the



picturesque countryside to the exciting and lesser known provinces of Jaen and Cadiz, you will be part of an unforgettable Spanish adventure! Come spend 13 days of Spanish cultural and Andalusian folklore discovery. Iberians, Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Berbers, Arabs have left a mark on this most sunny region of Spain. Non-dancers welcome! For dancers, non-dancers, and anyone with a love of travel and culture!



Our price includes round trip jet from New York, transfers, hotels, two meals daily, and our own bus and guide.

OUR ITINERARY:

Day 1: Thursday, September 12

Depart on airline of your choice.

Day 2: Friday, September 13: Malaga

Transfer from Malaga airport to Ms Maestranza hotel. Welcome dinner.

Day 3. Saturday, September 14: MEDIEVAL RONDA

Depart for Ronda. We'll be welcomed by our friends at Torero Tejada ranch, where bulls

are cared for outdoors. We'll learn about Toreo traditions. Free for lunch. Walking tour through this medieval city with its narrow streets and impressive Tajo de Ronda. Late afternoon our guitar specialist will offer us a Flamenco Clapping class, one of the most important techniques to learn in our immersion in the Andalusian folk. Dinner in the hotel. Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria 4*

Day 4. Sunday, September 15: GRAZALEMA AND PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA

Drive through Grazalema highlands and its traditional white villages. Enjoy free time for lunch and rest. Afternoon meeting with Peña Flamenca who will perform for us, then teach us some traditional Sevillas dance steps. Dinner with local products. Hotel Monasterio de San Miguel 4*.

Day 5. Monday, September 16: CADIZ

Visit Cadiz. its neo-classic Cathedral and historic center. Free for lunch and shopping before return to Puerto de Santa Maria. International folk dancing with Lee. Buffet dinner in hotel. Hotel Monasterio de San Miguel 4*



Day 6. Tuesday, September 17: JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA AND SEVILLE

Visit the Equestrian Museum and the Engagement Museum, then enjoy the totally unique theatrical performance "Como Bailan los Caballos Andaluces" (How Andalusian Horses Dance.). After the show, we'll leave drive to Seville and dinner in our Hotel Catalonia Giralda 4*.

Day 7. Wednesday, September 18: SEVILLE

Morning cultural tour of Seville. Then after lunch, an exciting visit to the renown Seville Flamenco Museum. After learning more about this vibrant art form, we'll have a dance class in Sevillanas. Dinner in our Hotel Catalonia Giralda 4*.

Day 8. Thursday, September 19: CORDOBA

After breakfast, drive to the multicultural city of Cordoba whose different cultures have coexisted for centuries. Then free time to explore the ancient quarter of this colorful Andalusian city. Dinner in our Hotel Maciá Alfaro 4*.

Day 9. Friday, September 20 CORDOBA

Morning tours the most visited monument in Europe, the Cordoban Cathedral-Mosque, Learn about its Muslim legacy, we will walk through the Jewish quarter, also we will visit the Christian Alcazar. We will have lunch in a typical Cordoban courtyard with the Spanish folk guitar. Return to the hotel before going to our flamenco experience. We will go to the state of Flamenco artists' family who are human heritage in Cordoba and we will have a special private class there, followed by a flamenco show. Dinner in the hotel. Hotel Maciá Alfaro 4* or similar. Roman Bridge and Mosque-Cathedral, Cordoba

Day 10. Saturday, September 21: ANDUJAR

After having breakfast we head for Andujar, a little known but jewel of a destinations. Its Natural Park is one of the most unique places inhabited by the Iberian lynx and a spectacular biodiversity. We'll visit the historic center, then have lunch. In the afternoon, we'll take part of the weekly Spanish dance class with our friends of "Traspié" association. Dinner in the Hotel del Val 3 in Andújar.

Day 11. Sunday, September 22: GRANADA

Breakfast in the hotel before heading to Granada with a stop in our way to visit an Oil Mill producer of authentic extra virgin olive oil, we will taste their best oil selection and will have an Andalusian lunch in the pressroom, with typical olive dishes. Continue towards Granada. Free time to stroll its historic center. Dinner in our Hotel Barceló Carmen 4*. Alhambra & Generalife with the highlands in the background



Day 12: Monday, September 23: Granada

Walking tour of historic center. Then free time to walk and explore this exciting city. Attend a flamencan dance class, and enjoy a tapas tour. Return to our hotel.

Day 13, Tuesday, September 24: Granada

In the morning, we will tour and explore the Muslim legacy in Alhambra and Generalife. Beautiful gardens, complex Palaces and an amazing environment make it a must in any visit to Andalusia. Free for lunch before heading to Malaga. Farewell dinner in our Ms Maestranza hotel.

Day 14, Wednesday, September 25: Granada and Malaga Airport

Depart for Malaga Airport and international flights.

Land Only: \$4995

REGISTRATION FORM: I can't wait to go! Enclosed is my registration deposit of \$200 per person. Single supplement: \$995. Additional charges: \$185 hotel taxes and service. Gratuities and drinks during meals not included. Program subject to change without notice. Cancellations 90 days prior to departure: Total refund: Less than 90 days: No refund. Travel insurance always recommended.

Total balance due June 1, 2024

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