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Cultural Tour in Andalusia: The Caliphate Route

From 400€

- Visit of Cordoba and Granada, two cities classified as World Heritage by UNESCO
- Stays in charming hotels that contribute to the immersion of a journey through time
- A Historian guide specialist in the Caliphate Route.

The trip in summary

This route is a whole adventure of the spirit because from Cordoba to Granada two reversals of history took place, two centuries of gold. Between these two cities arises with strength the fabulous cultural, religious, political and social heritage born from the stay of Muslims in the Iberian Peninsula. Cordoba testifies to the apogee of this civilization whose brightness made the other cities of the West fade, while Granada offers the refined mannerism of a whole civilization defeated and doomed to decline. Between them stand the castles and cities which were first of all relays or milestones of a more or less hectic exchange and then became the base camp from which Granada would be besieged.

This route is not only a history lesson, it is also an aesthetic pleasure, a pleasure for the senses. It satisfies the view but also the most demanding palate which discovers products and flavors evoking ancient echoes. Lost echoes which, however, seem to survive in the many festivals and traditions of this road which leads you, by a historic path dotted with cities and white villages of indescribable beauty, from the capital of the Caliphs to the famous twilight, tinged with refinement, from the Nasrid court.

Trip Summary

Day 1

Day 1 - Cordoba

Day 2

Day 2 - Explore Cordoba

Day 3

Day 3 (from 200 km) - Cordobese countryside - Granada

Day 4

Day 4 - Granada

Day 5

Day 5 - The end

Day 1



Day 1 - Cordoba

Welcome between 5pm and 7 pm.

Two nights at the Balcon de Cordoba hotel, typical Andalusian house located on the edge of the mosque-cathedral or Similar 4***

Day 2



Day 2 - Explore Cordoba

Day dedicated to the visit of the glorious Cordoba, already large with Rome, but universal with the Caliphate established in 912 by Abd al-Rahman. Cordoba then becomes the most splendid city in the civilized world: it has more than a thousand mosques, some eight hundred baths, an advanced system of urbanization, a varied and flourishing trade. It creates the most beautiful mosque in the world at the time and the largest library in Europe that ever existed in the Middle Ages. Capital of the Moorish kingdom of Spain for 250 years, it shines as much by the quality of its crafts as by its intellectual influence.

As you stroll through the old town, seize the charm of Cordoba and discover its Juderia, its Alcazar but also and above all its mezquita, a marvel of balance and spatial harmony that sums up the heyday of the architecture of the Caliphate .



Day 3



Day 3 (from 200 km) - Cordobese countryside - Granada

From Cordoba to Granada, Baena and its old medina, Alcala la Real and its fortress, Priego de Cordoba and its walls... a historic path dotted with white towns and villages of great beauty that lie in natural sites of interest exceptional. The continuous presence of fortified cities and castles, located on strategic heights, is undoubtedly the most remarkable feature of this route with a marked historical and romantic character. And for good reason: the Christian advance and the conquests of Cordoba and Jaen place the border between Catholic Monarchs and Nasrid in the heart of this road.

Upon arrival in Granada, Two nights at Casa Morisca, hotel located at the foot of the Alhambra or Similar



Day 4



Day 4 - Granada

When Cordoba fell to Ferdinand III of Castile in 1236, Granada inherited the title of capital of the Moorish kingdom. The Nasrid court then recreates for two centuries the fabulous world of the Arabian Nights which will radiate an unparalleled cultural brilliance. The capture of Granada by the Catholic Monarchs in 1492 marks the culmination of the Reconquista and by the same token the term of Andalusian splendor.

Priority to the Alhambra Palace and the picturesque Albaizin district for this day of wonder in the city that is then called the Damascus of Al-Andalus, the food of the eyes, the elevation of souls.



Day 5



Day 5 - The end

