HIGHLIGHTS

+ See the courtyards, pavilions and palaces of the Alhambra, one of the world’s most influential gardens
+ Come inside Cordoba’s private courtyards for the annual Festival of the Patios
+ Marvel at the visual imagination of Antoni Gaudi, Spain’s master of modernism
+ See Spain’s famous dancing Andalucian horses in training
+ View the masterpieces at Madrid’s Prado museum
+ Travel in safety and comfort – and relax, we’ll take care of everything!

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Spain is a thrilling destination – from the buzz of cities like Barcelona and Madrid, to the elegance of Seville and charm of Cordoba. You’ll catch all the highlights on this trip, including the iconic courtyards of the Alhambra and Generalife in Granada, and the much more intimate and domestic patios on show in Cordoba’s annual spring festival. You’ll find it all inspiring!

TOUR LEADER
SANDRA ROSS

Sandra Ross is a horticulturist, garden writer and popular tour leader for Ross Garden Tours. She gardens in Sydney and admits to being inspired by Spain’s wonderful courtyard gardens.

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Experience the passion and sophistication of Spanish culture in spring amid the sweet smell of orange blossom. Enjoy the exciting cities of Barcelona, Madrid and Seville. See the brilliant pocket-patios of Cordoba and make a garden-lover’s pilgrimage to the grand courtyards of the Alhambra in Granada.
Itinerary

Day 1 Wed 30 April
Sydney to Barcelona
Sandra Ross, your Ross Garden Tours leader, will meet you at Sydney Airport.

Day 2 Thu 1 May
Barcelona
Settle in to Hotel Catalonia Ramblas in Barcelona’s Gothic Quarter, then enjoy a welcome dinner in Barcelona’s famous Els 4 Gats.

Day 3 Fri 2 May
Barcelona
Antoni Gaudi’s masterpiece, the Sagrada Familia, this morning, with the afternoon free to relax, shop or explore more of modernist Barcelona.

Day 4 Sat 3 May
Barcelona
We’ll visit three of Gaudi’s best-loved creations today: Casa Batllo, with its decorated façade; the monumental Casa Mila La Pedrera; and the eccentric and charming Parque Guell.

Day 5 Sun 4 May
Barcelona to Madrid
The AVE fast train will speed us from Barcelona to Madrid, where our base for the next three nights is the Tryp Ambassador, built within the 19th century palace of the Dukes of Granada.

Day 6 Mon 5 May
Madrid
We’ll take in the masterpieces at the Prado, one of Europe’s finest museums, then visit the Madrid Botanic Gardens next door. The afternoon is free and there’s an option tonight to enjoy a performance at the Madrid Opera.

Day 7 Tue 6 May
Aranjuez
A day trip to Aranjuez takes in a tour of the Royal Palace and gardens on the River Tagus. The region is famous for its produce, and we’ll sample its delights at lunch in one of the town’s best restaurants.

Day 8 Wed 7 May
Madrid to Cordoba
We’re off to Cordoba today. A walking tour of the city will take us to the wonderful Alcazar Gardens, which have been rebuilt in the style of their Moorish origins and are among the most beautiful in Andalucia.

Day 9 Thu 8 May
Cordoba
It’s Patio Contest day. Once a year the doors of Cordoba’s whitewashed houses are thrown open and visitors are welcomed into the courtyard gardens. You’ll come away with some great ideas and a new love of geraniums!

Day 10 Fri 9 May
Ecija
The dancing Andalusian horses are trained at the Stud Farm Cardenas. We’ll catch a training session when we take a trip to pretty Ecija where we’ll lunch in the 18th century Palacio de Santaella.

Day 11 Sat 10 May
Cordoba to Granada
Granada today, via lunch in Priego de Cordoba, a town renowned for its Spanish baroque architecture, and right now festooned with spring flowers.

Day 12 Sun 11 May
Granada
At the Alhambra Palace, one of the greatest examples of Islamic art and architecture, you’ll see why these courtyards, gardens and pavilions have been so influential in the history of garden design.

Day 13 Mon 12 May
Granada
An inspiring modernist garden this morning, then lunch overlooking the Alhambra.

Day 14 Tue 13 May
Granada to Seville
We travel from Granada to Seville via some of Andalucia’s prettiest towns, including whitewashed Antequera.

Day 15 Wed 14 May
Seville
The excitement of Seville today; first stop the Alcazar, then a walk through Santa Cruz, Seville’s medieval heart.

Day 16 Thu 15 May
Seville
Casa de Pilatos, a late 17th century Sevillian mansion is built around a patio whose walls and logia are smothered in bougainvillea. You’ll love it.

Day 17 Fri 16 May
Seville to Madrid
Back to Madrid with free time to sightsee or shop. Our farewell dinner tonight is in one of Madrid’s great restaurants.

Day 18 Sat 17 May
Madrid to Home Port
Day 19 Sun 18 May
In Flight
Day 20 Mon 19 May
Arrive Home

+ Our Tour Includes
- Return airfare Sydney – Barcelona – Madrid – Sydney via London
- Deluxe accommodation for 16 nights
- Continental breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 4 dinners
- Air-conditioned motorcoach throughout tour
- Guided tours of Barcelona, Madrid, Cordoba, Seville, Granada
- Entrance fees to all gardens and sightseeing including Sagrada Familia, Casa Mila, Casa Batllo, Parque Guell, Sabatini Gardens, Prado Museum, Aranjuez Palace, Jardin del Principe, Alcazar del los Reyes Cristianos, Cardenas Stud Farm, Alhambra Palace, Generalife Gardens, Seville Alcaza
- Gratuities for porters and drivers
- Ross Garden Tours travel bag and wallet

+ Our Tour Costs
Twin share, per person, including air $10995
Twin share, per person, land only $8595
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+ Discounts
Early Bird Discount $350 (pay in full by 29 November, 2013)
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