Al-Andalus: Southern Spain by Luxury Rail

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Overview

The Highlights

- Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art and a chance to watch the "dancing Andalusian horses"

- All meals and excursions included

- Explore iconic UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Seville, Córdoba, Toledo, Cáceres, Mérida, and Aranjuez.

- Visit an artisanal cheese factory and winery in Alcázar de San Juan.

- Explore Mérida’s ancient ruins, founded in 25 BC

- Visit the Royal Palace of Aranjuez

- Six nights onboard the *Al-Andalus*

2026 Itinerary Change: Starting in 2026, itinerary is changing to Madrid-Sevilla (or vice versa). This is exciting for luxury train enthusiasts, as it will nearly double the distance traveled. Stops will include Aranjuez, Toledo, Alcázar de San Juan, Cáceres, Mérida, Jerez, Cádiz, and Córdoba.

The Tour

Enjoy the Spanish landscape on the *Al-Andalus* luxury train as you journey through the country's southernmost territory. The train combines attentive service, lush décor, and elegant cuisine for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Itinerary

Day 1: Seville-Córdoba

Welcome reception for passengers in the local hotel in Seville at 10 a.m. While the crew transfers your luggage to the train, enjoy a guided tour of Seville, the capital of Andalusia and one of the most historic cities in Spain. This includes lunch and a panoramic tour that includes the famous Plaza de España. Then, transfer to the *Al Andalus* train. Meet the train crew and enjoy a welcome drink before unpacking in your private cabin.

Dinner is served on board as the *Al Andalus* makes its way to Córdoba, where it will stop for the night.

Day 2: Córdoba-Cádiz-Jerez

Following breakfast on board, tour Córdoba’s magnificent Mosque-Cathedral and wander its charming streets, once the capital of the Emirate and Caliphate of Al-Andalus, what was then the most cultured city in Western Europe. Enjoy lunch on board en route to Jerez.

In the afternoon, travel to Cádiz, known as the “Silver Cup” and considered the oldest continuously inhabited city in the West.

After dinner in Cádiz, return to Jerez for an overnight onboard.

Day 3: Jerez-Zafra

Begin the day with breakfast on board, followed by a spectacular performance of *How the Andalusian Horses Dance,* a graceful equestrian ballet set to Spanish music.

Lunch is served at a local restaurant, after which you will visit a winery.

Dinner is served on board as you continue onto Zafra. Overnight in Zafra onboard.

Day 4: Zafra-Cáceres-Mérida

Enjoy breakfast as you arrive in Cáceres, a UNESCO World Heritage Site whose streets, squares, and palaces are magnificently preserved.

After exploring Cáceres, return to the train for lunch, continuing to Mérida.

Dinner and overnight in Mérida.

Day 5: Mérida-Alcázar de San Juan

This morning's journey takes you to Castilla–La Mancha, renowned for its cheeses and wines.

The train continues to Mérida, where the Roman legacy takes center stage with a visit to its main archaeological sites.

In Alcázar de San Juan, you will visit an artisanal cheese producer and a family-run winery before enjoying a regional lunch.

Later, explore the characteristic landscape of windmills of Campo de Criptana, a source of inspiration for Cervantes in his novel *Don Quixote.*

Dinner and overnight in Alcázar de San Juan.

Day 6: Alcázar de San Juan-Toledo-Aranjuez

Enjoy breakfast as you travel to Toledo, another UNESCO World Heritage city and former capital of Spain.

Witness how Christian, Muslim, and Jewish traditions intertwine in the Gothic cathedral, 10th-century mosque, and historic synagogues. Lunch is served in Toledo before you continue to Aranjuez to tour its Royal Palace and exquisite gardens.

Dinner on board. Overnight in Aranjuez.

Day 7: Aranjuez-Madrid

This morning, savor your final breakfast on board before saying farewell to the *Al Andalus* and its crew.

Your journey ends in Madrid around 4 p.m.

Reverse itinerary

Day 1: Madrid-Aranjuez

Welcome reception for passengers at a local hotel in Madrid at 10 a.m.

Join your fellow guests for a panoramic tour of Spain's vibrant capital, followed by lunch in the city.

In the afternoon, transfer to Aranjuez and settle into your cabin onboard *Al Andalus*.

After a welcome toast and introductions to the crew, enjoy your first dinner on board. Overnight in Aranjuez.

Day 2: Aranjuez-Toledo-Alcázar de San Juan

Begin with a visit to Toledo, one of Europe's most monumental cities and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Its Gothic cathedral, 10th-century mosque, and historic synagogues speak to the blend of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish heritage.

Lunch is served in Toledo, followed by free time to explore.

Rejoin the train in Aranjuez for dinner and continue to Alcázar de San Juan, where you overnight onboard.

Day 3: Alcázar de San Juan-Cáceres

This morning's journey takes you to Castilla–La Mancha, renowned for its cheeses and wines.

In Alcázar de San Juan, you will visit an artisanal cheese producer and a family-run winery before enjoying a regional lunch.

Later, explore the characteristic landscape of windmills of Campo de Criptana, a source of inspiration for Cervantes in his novel *Don Quixote.*

Dinner onboard as you travel towards Cáceres for an overnight.

Day 4: Cáceres-Mérida-Jerez

Enjoy breakfast before disembarking to tour Cáceres, a UNESCO World Heritage Site whose streets, squares, and palaces are magnificently preserved.

After exploring Cáceres, return to the train to travel towards Mérida, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, enjoy lunch and explore the remains and history of the ancient Roman Empire city.

Following, rejoin the train for dinner en route to Jerez. Overnight in Jerez.

Day 5: Jerez

Begin the day with breakfast on board, followed by a spectacular performance of *How the Andalusian Horses Dance,* a graceful equestrian ballet set to Spanish music.

Lunch is served at a local restaurant, after which you will visit a winery.

Dinner is served on board as you continue onto Jerez. Overnight in Jerez onboard.

Day 6: Jerez-Cádiz-Córdoba

Following breakfast on board, you depart for Cádiz, known as the “Silver Cup” and considered the oldest continuously inhabited city in the West.

Enjoy lunch on board en route to Córdoba, where you will tour its magnificent Mosque-Cathedral and wander its charming streets. Once the capital of the Emirate and Caliphate of Al-Andalus, Córdoba was considered the most cultured city in Western Europe.

Dinner and overnight in Córdoba onboard.

Day 7: Córdoba-Seville

This morning, savor your final breakfast on board before saying farewell to the *Al Andalus* and its crew.

Your journey ends in Seville around 4 p.m.

Dates & Prices

2027 Dates

March 29 - April 4
April 5 - April 11
April 12 - April 18
April 19 - April 25
April 26 - May 2
May 3 - May 9
May 10 - May 16
May 17 - May 23
May 24 - May 30
May 31 - June 6
June 14 - June 20
June 21 - June 27

June 28 - July 4
July 5 - July 11
September 6 - September 12
September 13 - September 19
September 20 - September 26
September 27 - October 3

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Grand Class Room	€7,700	€13,050	15%
Deluxe Suite	€9,200	€16,050	15%

Prices are per person.
Please note: We cannot hold space on this train. A 15% deposit will be required immediately to confirm your cabin.
Tour is priced in Euro. View approximate exchange rates.

More

Seville can easily be reached by high-speed regular train from Barcelona or Madrid. Contact us if you would like to utilize our concierge service to extend your journey in Spain - or elsewhere in Europe.