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Discover Andalusia like a local

Best of Andalusia in 10 days



SO... You're planning to **visit Andalucia in 10 days**? Great idea!
In order to help you plan your trip, **I have prepared for a you a 10 days itinerary in Andalucia**. During your stay, you will discover the best places to visit of this beautiful Spain region such as **Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Malaga and Ronda**.

In addition to the must-see attractions, I will also give you **all my best tips** as well as a **list of the best accommodations** depending on your budget.

So, what are the best things to do in 9, 10 or 11 days in Andalucia?

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0) Getting here and around

GETTING HERE

In most of the cases, the easiest way to reach Andalusia is to **take a flight to Seville**, the Andalusian capital, or to **Malaga International airport**. Both cities offer connections from the airport to the city centre every 10-20 minutes.

In this case we will assume your starting point is Sevilla, but if you are starting from Málaga, with just a little adjustment you can follow the proposed itinerary.

GETTING AROUND

- **From one city to the next:** bus, train, rental car or shared car!

You can buy your bus tickets on www.alsa.com, ticket trains are available at www.renfe.com and for shared car options visit www.blablacar.com. I personally prefer buses and shared car options as they cover more destinations.

If you are more comfortable having your own **rental car** then you have 2 choices:

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1. Get a rental car right away when you will arrive in Seville or Malaga Airports.

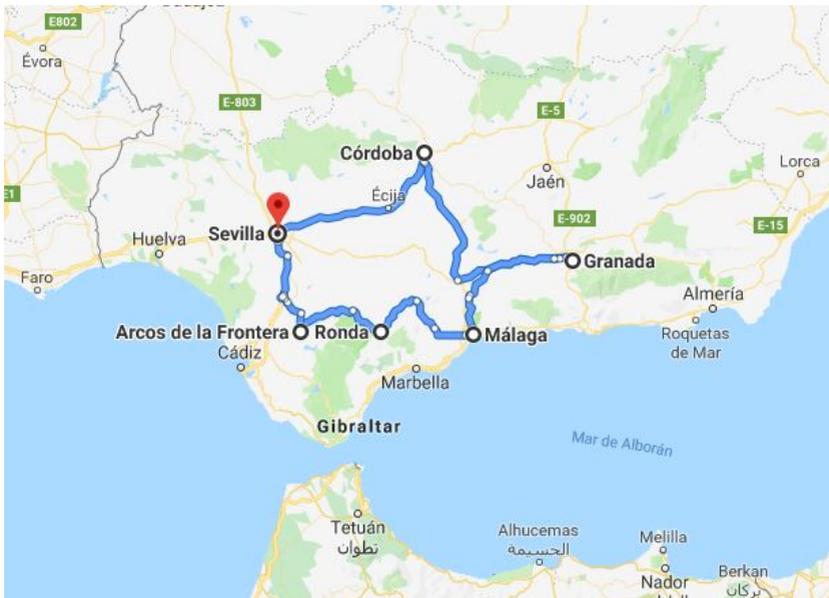
2. Get the car only in the morning of the next part of your trip.

The truth is that normally is more convinient to rent the car directly at the airport as there is more availability and prices are usually better.

- Getting around in the city: forget about the car!

Most of the cities you'll visit have restricted car access, mostly in the Old Town area, it's not easy to park and besides you can get a fine. So use public transport or just walk.

Now let's start with the itinerary!



1) Seville (2 days)



The magnificent Plaza de España, in Seville

Day 1

First, reach your hotel by car or by bus. **The airport bus leaves every 30 min and the trip lasts about 40 min to the city center (one way costs 4€).**

For this first day in Seville, you should start with the visit of the city's most emblematic monument: Seville Cathedral. To avoid waiting in line (sometimes for a few hours!), I strongly advice you to buy skip the line tickets in advance online. There are several kinds of visits available:

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- A standard skip the line ticket to visit the cathedral and the Giralda.
- A 90 min guided tour of the monument + Giralda.

Another option that doesn't require any early booking is to go first to the "Iglesia Colegial San Salvador" ("Church of the Divine Saviour" in English). It's located 10min walking from the cathedral and opens at 11:00.



Seville Cathedral

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There, you can **buy a combined ticket** that includes the cathedral. You'll be able to skip the whole line and enjoy your visit of the Seville cathedral without waiting!

After you exit the cathedral, I recommend **planning your day as follow:**

- **Pass by the General Archive of the Indies**, located right next to the cathedral. Entrance is free and the inside of the building is worth a look.
- **Take a walk in Santa Cruz neighborhood, the historical district** where the cathedral is located. Don't hesitate to go to the "plaza patio de Banderas", you will get a great view over the cathedral.
- **Lunch break** in that same area. You'll find plenty of bars and restaurants.
- **Discover the stunning Plaza de España**. You will be blown away by its size and architecture! It was one of my favorite place during my 10 days road trip in Andalucia.
- **Go for a stroll in Maria Luisa park**, located next to the square. It's a great spot to get some fresh air and calm. If you still have time, head to the Plaza America, at the southern edge of the park. There are 2 museums there: the Archaeological Museum and the Museum of popular Arts and Traditions.
- **And to end your day in style, enjoy some tapas and sangria!**

Day 2



Alcázar of Seville – One of the patios

Here are the best things to do in Seville on your second day:

- **Visit the Alcazar of Seville.** It's the second must see attraction of the city and it's located right next to the cathedral. There is usually a long waiting line there as well, so you should book your skip the line tickets in advance. It's simple **just click here!** Allow a full morning to visit the palace and its gardens.
- **Lunch break**
- **Go visit the Casa de Pilatos,** in the Santa Cruz neighborhood. This is a lovely villa with a large patio and beautiful (small) gardens.

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- **Take a stroll in Seville**, around the Guadalquivir river, the Torre de Oro and Triana district for example. Another option is to take a refreshing break at your hotel pool (if you are lucky enough to have one!).
- At the end of the day, head to the **Metropol Parasol** to enjoy one of the best scenic view over Seville and look at the sunset. Spend one last night in Seville.

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Don't forget to **go to a flamenco show** one evening. It's a typical Andalusian activity to do during your 10 days trip. **In Seville**, the best one in town is performed at the Museum of Flamenco Dance

WHERE TO STAY IN SEVILLE:

- **Black Swan Hostel:** Youth hostel located within 10 minutes walking distance from the Cathedral and the Alcazar. Very stylish and contemporary dormitory bed from 17€ per night, breakfast included! Strong points: the relaxed atmosphere, the friendly staff, the free dinners cooked by volunteers. **This is the best choice if you are looking for a youth hostel.**



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- **Hotel Don Paco:** Located in the centre of Seville, at 10 minutes on foot from the Cathedral. Spacious room and comfortable bedding from 60€ per night, breakfast at 10€. Strong points: excellent breakfast, the peaceful atmosphere and the swimming pool on the roof. **My favorite in Seville for its great value for money!**
- **Hotel Fernando III:** Located in the historic district of Santa Cruz and therefore close to the Cathedral and the Alcazar. Modern and spacious room from 106€ per night, breakfast included. Strong points: the excellent location, the pool on the roof, the very helpful staff.
- **EME Cathedral Hotel:** Located right next to the Cathedral and the Giralda. Very modern double room from 180€ per night, breakfast at 20€. Strong points: The best location in town, the hotel design, the swimming pool with the view on the Cathedral, the amazing breakfast, the very helpful staff. **Don't hesitate, it's the best luxury hotel in town!**

2) Cordoba (1 day)



Great Mosque of Cordoba

For the second part of this 9-10 days tour in Andalucia, let's take your car and go to Cordoba (1h40 drive from Seville).

Once you will arrive, head to the city's emblematic monument: the mosque-cathedral of Cordoba. This church is famous for its singular mix of architectural styles. The numerous red and white columns and arches contribute to the unique atmosphere. It's a real paradise for photographers!

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To avoid waiting in line, you can **get your tickets directly at the automatic machines** at the entrance or booking a guided tour. If you want to go up the minaret, you will need to pay an extra 2€.

By the time you'll be done with the visit, it will probably be time for lunch. I recommend going to one of the **2 biggest squares in the city: la plaza de las Tendillas and la Plaza Corredera**. There, you can find many restaurants, coffee shops and ice-cream shops. To enjoy both squares, you can eat at one for lunch and at the other one for dinner. You'll see, they're completely different !

In the afternoon, go for a **stroll along the Guadalquivir river**. You will see the **Puerta del Puente** and the **Roman bridge**, as well as the **Calahorra tower**, located on the opposite bank. From this side, **the scenic view over the mosque and the Alcazar** is really worth it. And for an even better view, you can go to the top of the tower.

Last but not least, **end your day** with the visit of the **Alcazar de los Reyes Cristianos**. It has **stunning shaded gardens**, flowered alleys, splendid flower beds and fountains. I personally found them way more beautiful and better maintained than the Alcazar of Seville gardens.

Spend the night in Cordoba.

WHERE TO STAY IN CORDOBA:

- **Option Be:** Hostel located in the district of Judería. Bed in dormitory from 22€, breakfast included. The positive aspects of this brand new hostel: perfect staff welcome, comfortable bed, very clean, outdoor pool and great location.
- **Ayre Hotel Cordoba:** Located within a 10 minute drive from the center of Cordoba, at the center of a beautiful and quiet garden. Room with classic decoration but very spacious from 61€, breakfast 10€. The best: quiet location, large outdoor pool and free parking. We love to be far from the crowds and the city.
- **Hotel Boutique Caireles:** Located in front of the Mosque of Cordoba, right in the historic district. Modern and bright room from 67€ breakfast included. The best: the view of the Mezquita from the rooms, the kindness of the staff who also speaks French. **My favorite for its great value for money!**
- **Eurostars palace:** Located on the paseo de la victoria. Huge room and very good design from 110€ per night, breakfast at 14€. The best: good geographical location, swimming pool on the roof. **The best choice in Cordoba for an affordable luxury stay!**

3) Granada (2-3 days)



The Albaicin Neighbourhood: Unesco World Heritage

As going to Granada will take you about 2h20, it's best to leave quite early in the day.

Day 1

Here is my recommended itinerary for your first day in town:

- Visit the Basilica of San Juan de Dios and its impressive golden interior.

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- Then go explore **the cathedral and the royal chapel**, 2 must-see attractions in Granada
- Have lunch on **Plaza Bib Rambla**
- Go to **Alcaiceria market** and in the surrounding commercial streets for shopping.
- Stop by “**El Bañuelo**”, the ancient Arab baths. The ones in Granada are the best preserved of Andalusia.
- Go up the **mirador de San Cristobal** or the **mirador de San Miguel Alto** to watch the sunset.

Spend the night in Granada.

Day 2



Alhambra Palace: The most visited monument in Spain

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For your 2nd day in town, it's time to go visit Granada's must see attraction: the Alhambra! As it's a very large site, it's best to go there as early as possible. Plan the whole morning for the visit.

The Alhambra is **the most visited tourist site in Spain** and there is a limited amount of tickets sold per day. It's essential to book your tickets weeks or even months before.

When booking, make sure that your ticket includes these 3 sites (buy the general ticket): Nasrid palaces, the Generalife and the Alcazaba.

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Here you go, all the different ways to get your **Alhambra tickets**, ordered from the cheapest to the most expensive way.

1. Directly on the official web: <https://tickets.alhambra-patronato.es/>
2. Buying the "Dobla de Oro", which includes also other interesting monuments in the city: <https://tickets.alhambra-patronato.es/entradas-dobla-de-oro-general/>
3. Getting a "Granada Card", that includes other monuments and public transport: <http://www.granadatur.com/granada-card>
4. With an external agency or private tour

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I strongly recommend to see the Alhambra with a guide or, at least, to use the audioguide, to fully understand this amazing complex.

When you exit the Alhambra, you can have your lunch break before heading to Sacromonte district. In this gipsy neighborhood, you will find several troglodyte homes also called “cuevas“. Nowadays, most of them host flamenco dance shows. You can learn more about the history of this neighborhood and the cuevas at the Cuevas del Sacromonte museum.

After the Sacromonte, continue your day in the other historic neighborhood of Granada, the Albaicin district. But if you plan to stay for another day in Granada, leave it for the next day, as you will be a bit tired after a day like this.

Day 3

The Albaicin is a former Arab neighborhood, a Unesco World Heritage Site just in front of the Alhambra.

There are also many monuments to check out in the area:

- San Nicolas Church
- Dar-al-Horra Palace
- The Corral del Carbon



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- The plaza Nueva
- The Santa Ana Church
- The puertas de la Murallas

Today, you should go **watch the sunset** from **San Nicolas mirador**. It's the most famous sunset spot in the city with its **great view over the Alhambra**.

In the evening, if you couldn't go to a flamenco show in Sevilla, then you should visit **La Cueva Los Tarantos** or **los Jardines de Zoraya**, which are among the most famous shows in Granada.

Another good option to say goodbye to Granada is to relax in the **Hamмам**, the amazing restored arab baths where you can even have a massage to recover from all the walking done in the last days.

Spend one last night in Granada.

WHERE TO STAY IN GRANADA:

- **Granada Inn Backpackers:** Hostel located 10min away from the Cathedral and 20min from the Alhambra. One bed in a dorm starting from 16€ per night, breakfast included. Best features: the beautiful patio, the location, the very friendly staff.



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- **Hotel Universal:** Located 400m from the Cathedral and 700m from the Albaicin neighborhood. Clean and comfortable double room starting from 65€ per night, breakfast included. What I loved: the friendly staff, the central location close to stores and restaurants. **It's my favorite hotel in Granada for its amazing value for money!**
- **Granada Five Senses Rooms & Suites:** Located on Gran Via avenue, 200m away from the Cathedral. Design and modern room starting from 100€ per night, breakfast included. Strong points: the rooftop pool, the rooms decoration, the generous breakfast.
- **Parador de Granada:** This luxury hotel is located within the Alhambra itself! The rooms are a mix of modern design with touches of antiques elements, starting from 420€ per night, with an additional breakfast for 21€. What I loved: The exceptional location, the overall atmosphere, very helpful staff, the restaurant with a view over the Generalife. **This is the best hotel for a luxury stay in Granada!**

4) Malaga (2 days)



Malaga's Bay from the Viewpoint of Gibralfaro

Day 1

New day, new city! Let's head to **Malaga**, the Costa del Sol capital.

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If you want to fully enjoy the city and live Málaga like a local, check our **Oh My Good Guide Experiences**:

-Malaga Private Tour: <https://ohmygoodguide.com/malaga-private-tour/>

- Traditional Málaga Tapas and Wine Tour:
<https://ohmygoodguide.com/malaga-tapas-tour/>

-Málaga Sunset and Nightlights' Tour:
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-Drawing Malaga Tour: <https://ohmygoodguide.com/malaga-drawing-tour/>

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The city is located at **only 1h30 drive from Granada.**

Start your day at the **castle of Gibralfaro.** You'll have the opportunity to get a first taste of Malaga with one of the **most beautiful scenic view over the city,** the sea and sometimes even the Strait of Gilbratar.

Then, go down **to the Alcazaba,** the second main tourist attraction in Malaga. Take a stroll in the **stunning gardens** of this **fortified palace** and enjoy the **patios and fountains.** The view over the sea and the port is breathtaking.

After you exit the Alcazaba, you'll come across **the Roman theater** located right next to it. **Entrance is free** so why not check it out?

After this busy morning, you deserve a lunch break.

Malaga, with more than **30 museums,** is known to be **the cultural center of Andalusia.** So let's visit one of them in the afternoon!

You have plenty of choices:

- **Picasso Birthplace Museum:** The legendary artist was born there in 1881. You'll learn more about his life and will see some of his personal belongings on display.



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- **Picasso Museum** with more than 200 artworks from the artist
- **Carmen Thyssen Museum** with its extensive collection of Spanish and Andalusian paintings
- **Centre Pompidou Malaga**, is a branch of the famous Centre Pompidou in Paris
- **Russian Art Museum** offers a collection of Russian art pieces in an old tobacco factory
- **Museo de Malaga**
- **Flamenco Art Museum**
- **Automobile Museum Malaga** and its 85 perfectly renovated vintage cars.

Before or after your visit to the museum (depending on the location of the one you chose), you should stop by **Malaga Cathedral** to see its interior. You can also go to the top of the 87 meter high tower and enjoy a 360° scenic view.

And to end the day in style, go **take a dip at La Malagueta beach**, the closest to Malaga's city center. It will be one of the only few occasions you'll have to enjoy the beach during this 10-11 days trip to Andalucia!

Day 2

For your last day in Malaga, I recommend you a few **different options**:

1. First, You can **stay in Malaga**. In that case, here are a few suggestions of things to do in the city:

- **Visit another museum**
- Go to the **Atarazanas market** to buy local delicacies: cheese, cold cuts and more !
- **Have lunch in one of the market's tapas bar**
- **Take a walk in the Soho neighborhood** to discover the street art on the walls and facades
- At the end of the afternoon, head to the **Botanical Garden**, one of the largest tropical and subtropical garden in Spain and even Europe. As it's quite far from the city center, you will need take the bus #2 until the end of the line, and then walk for 15min to reach the entrance.

2. Your 2nd option is to **go on a day trip** and enjoy the Andalusian nature. Here are my 2 favorite places to visit around the city:

- **The Montes de Malaga Natural park**, 25km north of the city. It's very simple to go there with your rental car. There, you can go on several easy short hikes or have fun on one of the 2 mountain bike trails available.

- **The Caminito del Rey Path:** the perfect choice if you're feeling more adventurous! This hiking trail is on the mountainside, 100m above the ground. And don't even think about walking back halfway, it's a one-way path. **Book your tickets in advance!!** Here you get the official link: <https://reservas.caminitodelrey.info/>



Caminito del Rey Path

3. The last option is to **enjoy the beach a bit more** during these 9 or 10 days in Andalucia. Take your car and drive to **Marbella**, 1 hour driving away. This **trendy coastal resort** on the Costa del Sol offers **20km of beaches** to relax and enjoy the sun.

Spend one last night in Malaga.

WHERE TO STAY IN MALAGA:

- **The Lights Hostel:** This hostel located 400 meters from the cathedral. A bed in a dorm starts from 20.50€/night with a breakfast at 1.50€. Strong points: clean, nice rooftop, very friendly staff.
- **Ibis Malaga Centro Ciudad:** Located next to the cathedral and 5 min from the Picasso museum. Modern double room starting from 65€/night, breakfast for an additional 7.95€. Its best features: very central location, many breakfast options. friendly staff. **Exceptional value for money!**
- **Barceló Malaga:** located 10 min walking from the historic quarter and 600 meters from the Center for Contemporary Art. Comfortable and design room starting from 135€/night, breakfast for an additional 18€. Best features: Rooftop pool, location, comfy beds. **Great place to stay in Malaga.**
- **Gran Hotel Miramar:** This 5 stars hotel is located 10 meters away from the Malagueta beach. Very elegant and beautifully decorated room, starting from 250€/night, delicious breakfast for an additional 25€. Its best features: the decoration is truly stunning, the pool, the Spa. **The best choice for a luxury stay in Malaga!**

4) Ronda + Arcos de la Frontera (2 days)



Ronda and its “Old Bridge”

Day 1

Located 1h30 away from Malaga, you’ll find the beautiful village of Ronda. Built on the top of a promontory rock that had been carved by the Guadalquivir river over the centuries, Ronda offers numerous scenic views over the surroundings. The most famous is for sure the spectacular view on the very photogenic bridge above the river that connects the old and the new parts of the village.

After visiting the town, let's continue to explore the region by taking the Route of the White Villages of Andalucia. It connects Ronda to Arcos de la Frontera.

As the name suggests, you'll cross several villages with whitewashed houses, very often built on mountainsides. I recommend stopping by in Zahara de la Sierra, for sure one of the most beautiful villages! From Zahara, allow another hour of driving to reach Arcos de la Frontera. You'll sleep there for the next 2 nights.

Day 2



Grazalema Natural Park



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Let's go to the **Sierra de Grazalema Natural park**, only 30min away from Arcos. The park offers several **hiking paths** of different difficulty levels.

There are **multiple entrances** to the site. The closest one from Arcos is located in “**El Bosque**” **village**. Stop by **the visitor center** to check which paths are available at that time of the year. Some may be **closed to the public** because of **fire hazard**.

We chose the “**El Rio majaceite**” **hike**, a very easy **4 hours round trip hike**. The path goes through the forest and **along the river, 90% in the shade**. You can also **freshen up in the water**. It's really a very nice hike to do during hot weather.

A quick tip: **Don't forget to bring enough water!**

After the hike and if you still have energy, why not **go explore the village of Arcos a bit?**

You'll just have to follow the “**Ruta Monumental**” (“**Monuments Route**” in English) on foot to **see the main buildings** such as a few churches and a castle. There are also bars and restaurant along the way.

Spend another night in Arcos.

WHERE TO STAY IN ARCOS DE LA FRONTERA:

- **Bed and Breakfast El fogon del Duende:** An excellent choice of accommodation in Arcos. Double room from 45€. per night. The best budget choice!
- **Hôtel Los Olivos:** Located in Arcos historic center, in typically Andalusian house. Comfortable double room from 90€ per night, breakfast included. Strong points: the view from the rooftop terrace, the breakfast and the very kind staff.
- **Parador de Arcos de la Frontera:** Also located in Arcos historic center, large and quite double room from 120€ per night, breakfast at 17€. Strong points: the great view on the the Andalusian countryside, the traditional house, the best location. **Looking for a more high-end place to stay in Arcos? This is the best hotel!**

6) Back to Sevilla and back home ☹️



Here we are, this is the last part of this 10 days road trip in Andalusia. So unfortunately, it means that's the end of your holidays!

Leave Arcos and drive back to Seville, 1h30 away. Depending on your return flight time, you can enjoy the city a bit more.

Now you know everything about the best things to do in Andalusia in 10 days!

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If you **only have 9 days in Andalusia**, spend one day less in Arcos. For a **11 days itinerary in Andalusia**, after your stay in Arcos, you can go spend one day in **Cadiz**, located only 1 hour away by car

I hope you have enjoyed this e-book with the best of Andalusia in **just 10 days!** If you have further questions, want to share your experience or **book an Oh My Good Guide experience**, just contact me here: <https://ohmygoodguide.com/contact/>

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