Andalusia, Spain is known as "the bridge between two continents," Africa and Europe, as well as "the gateway to Europe". The Andalusian region has been coveted by many cultures since the earliest period of mankind, and it is one of the areas of settlement of our prehistoric ancestors. The diversity of the landscapes, which form the Andalusia region, provide an entire regional spectrum. It is this variety of environments that create a superb mix of visual and cultural experiences within a unique range of monumental cities to traditional towns. Andalusia has been a continual source of inspiration for architects, artists, composers and writers.

With that in mind, the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art is inviting you to join art and architectural historian Dr. Johan Cederlund, director of the Anders Zorn Museum, on an exclusive tour of the finest areas and sites that behold this extraordinary region of southern Spain. Dr. Cederlund is a veteran tour leader and lecturer, as well as an author of books on art and architecture and curator of international art exhibitions viewed in Spain, Sweden, New York and California.
Dr. Cederlund will start his tour in Malaga, located on the glamorous Costa del Sol and home to centuries of civilizations: Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Moors and Iberians. Modern Malaga is a cultural center offering a wide array of first-rate art museums and superb cuisine. Among other sites featured on the itinerary are guided visits to two art museums. **Museo Picasso**, which is housed in a 16\(^{th}\)-century palazzo called **El Palacio de Buenovista**. The second, **Museum Carmen Thyssen**, a splendid private collection affiliated with the aristocratic Thyssen-Bornemisza family of Madrid and focusing on 19\(^{th}\) century Spanish paintings.

In Malaga, we will visit the historic town center including the **Plaza de la Constitucion**, **the cathedral, Picasso’s childhood home** and the **Roman theater**. We will also see the intriguing 11\(^{th}\) century Moorish fortification **Alcazaba**.

For anyone visiting Andalusia, a stop at **Granada** is a must. **The Alhambra palace** is considered one of the finest examples of Islamic architecture in Spain. It attracts more visitors than any other historic monument in Europe. Our tour includes a private visit to this exceptional and singularly unique building in the world.

Another highlight in Granada is a private visit to the **Carmen Los Cipreses**, one of the more important buildings in the historic Albayzin Moorish quarter of Granada facing Alhambra and the privately owned **Nasrid house**.
During the tour, participants will also visit Cordoba and its famed Moorish mosque La Mezquita de Cordoba, which was completed in the year 900 and became an important prototype for future Moorish architecture. Cordoba became a world-class metropolitan city with a population of more than 100,000. While in Cordoba, we will also stop at the Royal Palace Alcazar de los Reyes Cristianos for an exclusive tour of the palace and the gardens.

We continue on to Andalusia’s capital city of Seville, known architecturally as a transitional city between Moorish and Spanish Spain. Here we will visit the art museum, Museo de Bellas Artes de Sevilla, housed in a 16th century fort, originally a cloister. The museum features paintings from the golden age of Spanish art, works by such world-renowned artists Murillo and Zurbaran.

While in Seville we also visit the royal palace Real Alcazar, originally built by Moorish Muslim kings and known to be the most beautiful palace in Spain. It is considered one of the best examples of mudejar architecture found on the Iberian Peninsula. The upper levels of the palace are still used as the Seville official residence of the royal family and is a Unesco World Heritage site.

In Seville participants also have a private tour of the Casa de las Dueñas which is the official residence of the Dukes of Alba in the city, and was the favored residence of Cayetana, 18th Duchess of Alba.

Another palace that we will visit on the tour is the Countess of Lebrija’s home in Seville,
**Palacio Lebrija.** The Palacio Lebrija is known to be the best-paved house in the world with over 500 square meters of Roman Mosaic flooring. The countess was an archaeology enthusiast and therefore incorporated many original Roman finds into the house.

**Casa De Salinas** is a fine example of a classical XVI century Andalusian courtyard house inspired by Greek and Roman architecture with Moorish details interspersed throughout. The owners of this privately owned palace will greet us with a welcome drink to make our visit extra special.

A visit and lunch at the XV century **Bailen Palace** with the owners in the heart of historic Seville.

Dinner at the private home of the **Consul General** of Italy in Seville **Palacio Casa Fabiola**.

A special farewell dinner on the roof top terrace of **Santo Tomas**, a private home in Seville with spectacular views of the most significant monuments in the city.

Lunch with the **Marquis of Domecq** at his home **Palacio Domecq of Jerez**

Our accommodations include a four-night stay at the renowned five-star **Hotel Alfonso XIII** in the heart of historic Seville. Other overnight accommodations will include elegant four and five-star hotels in Malaga and Granada. The tour price is $4500.00 per person, based on double occupancy, a single supplement of $1000 per person applies. A
$500 tax-deductible donation to The Institute of Classical Architecture & Art is required to participate