



The Rich Art & Architectural Heritage of Andalusia, Spain: Malaga, Granada, Cordoba, Seville & Cadiz

Sunday, October 12 through Monday, October 20, 2025



IMAGE OF THE HISTORIC CENTER OF MALAGA

*Exclusive private tour with Classical Excursions Founder Lani Summerville
and Dr. Johan Cederlund*

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 covered 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, Classical Excursions founder Lani Summerville 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, California and New York.

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.

Itinerary as of November 2024 and subject to updating by Classical Excursions



Overview of our days:

October 12, Sunday and October 13, Monday – Malaga:

Arrival to Malaga and two-nights at the **Hotel Vincci Seleccion Posada del Patio**.

October 14, Tuesday and October 15, Wednesday - Granada:

Granada and two-night stay at **Alhambra Palace Hotel**.

October 16, Thursday to October 19, Monday - Seville:

Four-night stay at **Hotel Alfonso XIII**.

October 20, Monday:

Day for departures or continue with independent touring.

Joining us on this trip:

DR. JOHAN CEDERLUND has collaborated with Classical Excursions on many trips over the last 20+ years. We are pleased he will again join us in leading a lively discussion of architecture and design. He has lead ten previous tours to Spain including Madrid and Andalusia, as well as having curating exhibitions at Spanish museums such as the Prado and Carmen Thyssen in Malaga.

Dr. Cederlund (born 1963) received his Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Lund Sweden, and studied at the Centre Ledoux, Université de Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris. Formerly Chief Curator of the Uppsala University Art Collections, he is since 2006 Director of the Zorn Museum in Mora, Sweden. Between 2011 and 2020, he was Adjunct Professor at Uppsala University. He has written several books about eighteenth-century Swedish architecture, including *Classical Swedish Architecture 1650-1840** (2007), as well about Sweden's master painter, Anders Zorn. Dr. Cederlund has also served as a Royal Chamberlain to the King of Sweden since 2016, where he serves HM The King's Household and HM The Queens Household.



*Founder and Director **Lani Summerville** of Classical Excursions is a university colleague of Johan's and provided the English translation for *Classical Swedish Architecture 1650-1840*.

The Rich Art & Architectural Heritage of Andalusia, Spain: Malaga, Granada, Cordoba, Seville & Cadiz

TOUR ITINERARY

Breakfast at the hotels each morning | Lunch and Dinners as mentioned below.

October 12 – SUNDAY – ARRIVALS TO MALAGA:

Independent arrivals and transfers to Hotel **VINCCI SELECCION POSADA DEL PATIO** in Malaga where we will stay for two-nights.

Join us in the hotel for a welcome drink at 5pm prior to departing for our evening. We start with for a special visit to the **Carmen Thyssen Museum**, which highlights a fine collection of 19th century Spanish paintings. The museum was founded in 2011 as a sister museum to the Thyssen-Bornemisza in Madrid. Welcome dinner at **Olivio**.



October 13– MONDAY – MALAGA:

This morning we have a guided walking tour of the historic center of Malaga including Plaza de la Constitucion, the cathedral, Picasso's childhood home and the Roman theater. Visit to the **Picasso Museum** – image above left. Lunch at **Parador de Málaga Gilralfaro**. Afternoon visit to the **Alcazaba of Malaga**, a fortification complex that was begun in the 11th century and was modified or rebuilt multiple times up to the 14th century – image above right. *Dinner on your own in Malaga.*



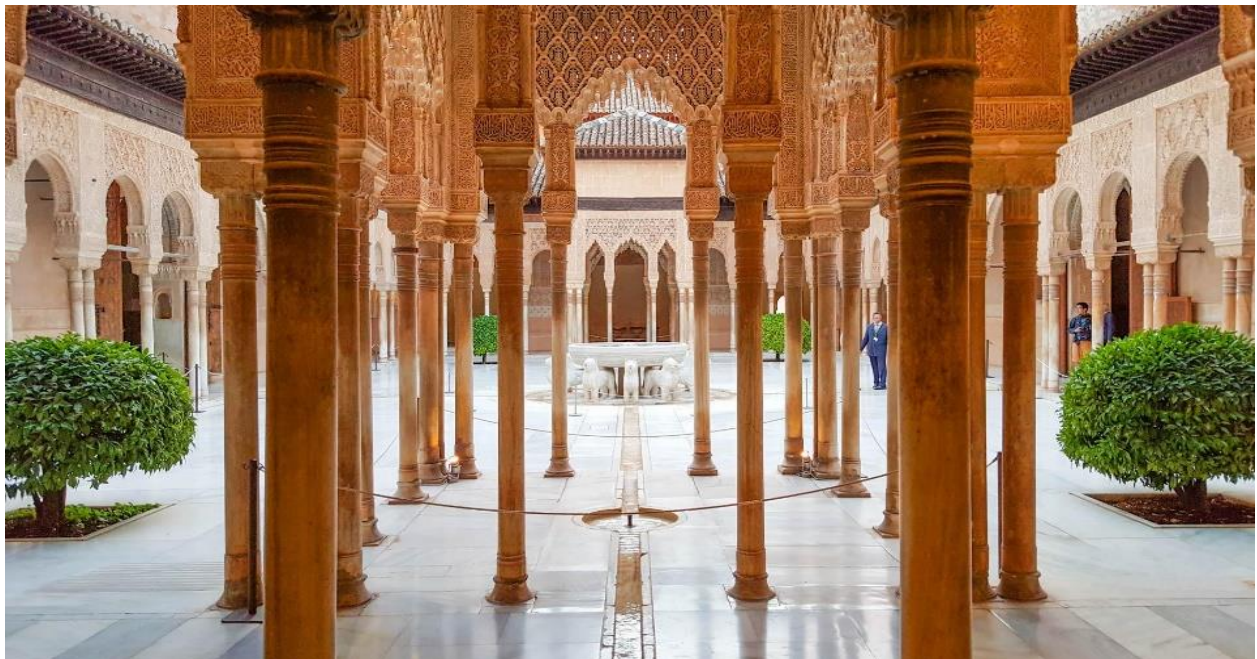
OCTOBER 14 – TUESDAY – MALAGA to RONDA to GRANADA:

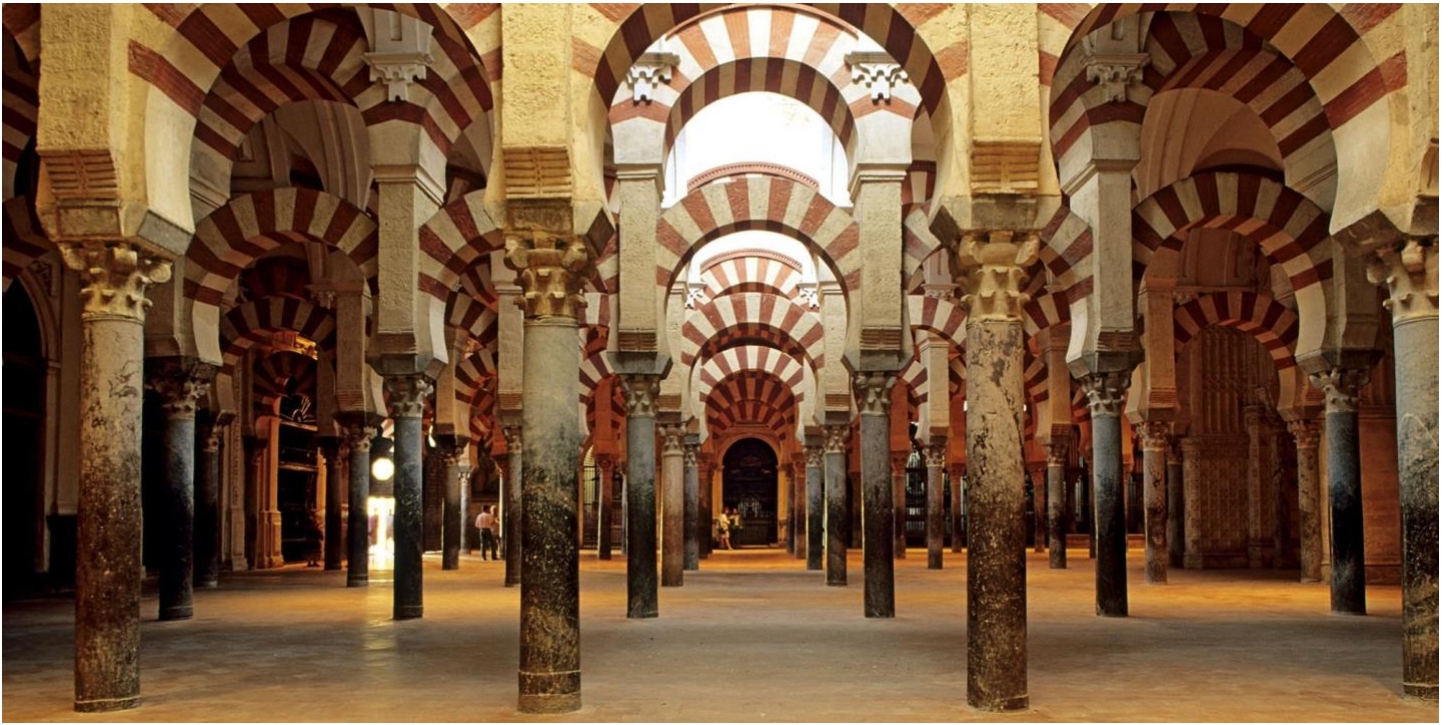
Please check-out and ready for a 9am departure. Today we explore **Ronda**, one of Spain's most beautiful towns with Roman baths, historic bridges and a historic Town center. Lunch in town. That afternoon we drive to Granada and check in at the **ALHAMBRA PALACE HOTEL** in Granada. *Dinner on your own tonight in Granada.*

OCTOBER 15 – WEDNESDAY – GRANADA:



A special morning guided visit to the **Alhambra** – images left and above - followed by lunch at **Jardines Alberto**. Afternoon visit is planned and perhaps some free time for exploring. Visit **Rodriguez Acosta Foundation**, famous Spanish painter Jose Maria Rodriguez Acosta's home and garden. A traditional Carmen (house) built in the Andalusian style. This evening we have a private visit the **Carmen Los Cipreses**, one of the more important buildings in the historic Albaicin Moorish quarter of Granada facing Alhambra. *Dinner on your own tonight.*





OCTOBER 16 – THURSDAY – GRANADA to CORDOBA and SEVILLE:

Check-out and have bags in the lobby ready for 8:30 am departure. We head this morning to Cordoba which is renowned examples of Moorish architecture. Upon arrival we will visit the **La Mezquita de Cordoba** – image above and right - which was completed in the year 900 and became an important prototype for future Moorish architecture. Lunch at the **El Caballo Rojo** in Cordoba. Afternoon visit to the royal palace and gardens **El Alcazar de los Reyes Cristianos** of Cordoba. Late afternoon trip by motor coach to Seville where we check into the **HOTEL ALFONSO XIII** for four-nights. A private evening visit to the **Casa Pilatos in Seville** – image right - also known as the Palacio del Marques de Tarifa. It was built in the 15th century by Don Pedro Enriquez when he was Govenor of Andalusia. The mansion is clearly inspired by Alhambra and Mudejar palaces with Baroque and Renaissance details interspersed through-out. This is known to be one of the more important houses of Seville. *Dinner on your own tonight.*





OCTOBER 17 – FRIDAY – SEVILLE:

This morning we have a special private visit to the **Countess of Lebrija’s home, Palacio Lebrija** – image right. The palacio 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. The visit has been arranged with the owner Isabel de Leon Borrero, Marquesa de Meritos. Our visit has been specially arranged with the owners to see the **Casa De Salinas** – image below - which is a fine example of a classical XVI century Andalusian courtyard house inspired by Greek and Roman architecture with Moorish details interspersed throughout. Private tour and lunch at the fifteenth century **Bailen Palace** with the owners. This private residence is located in the heart of historic Seville. Continue on with a visit to the **Museo de Bellas Artes** which is housed in a 16th century building that was originally a cloister. Here we will see paintings from such artists as Murillo and Zurbaran both representing the Golden Age in Spanish art. *Dinner on your own tonight in Seville.*





OCTOBER 18– SATURDAY – SEVILLE:

Today is dedicated to exploring Seville, the capital of Andalusia. A transitional city with elements of the Moorish and the Spanish. Visit 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. Our next stop of the day is the **Real Alcázar** – image above - 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 mudéjar 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. *Lunch on your own in Seville*. Afternoon free for independent sightseeing. Early evening we'll see a traditional Flamenco performance, *then dinner on your own*.

OCTOBER 19- - SUNDAY - SEVILLE to CADIZ and JEREZ, return to SEVILLE:

We depart for Cadiz. Known as Europe's oldest city, it was founded by the Phoenicians more than 3000 years ago. In Cadiz, we will explore the historic city center with its charming narrow passageways and cobblestone streets. Walking tour with free time in Cadiz. We head to Jerez where we will have a private tour and a light lunch at the privately owned **Palacio Domecq** – image below -in Jerez hosted by the owner the Marquis of Domecq. Our Farewell Dinner will be in Seville.





OCTOBER 20 – MONDAY – DEPARTURES from SEVILLE:

Check-out of the hotel. Independent departures.

*Please contact the Office of Classical Excursions to register:
Office@ClassicalExcursions.com*

CLASSICAL EXCURSIONS

7 Club Circle, Pittsfield MA 01201

T. 413-446-8728

Updated as of November 2024 | Itinerary subject to change without notice.

IMAGE: The Rodriguez Acosta Foundation in Granada. Famous Spanish painter Jose Maria Rodriguez Acosta's home and garden, a traditional Carmen (house) built in the Andalusian style.

