

## Oil route - GIT - 9 nights

Sevilla · Málaga · Granada · Córdoba · Toledo · Madrid



### Day 1:

Arrival - Sevilla transfer from airport to the hotel **overnight at hotel in Sevilla.**

### Day 2: Sevilla

Breakfast at the hotel. Half day Sevilla sightseeing.

Sevilla is the artistic, cultural, and financial capital of Andalusia, southern Spain. The city is a historical masterpiece full of Islamic monuments, gardens and flamenco festivals. The legend says Sevilla was founded by Hercules. Visitors will see the splendid Torre del Oro (gold tower) built by the Almoravid dynasty as a watchtower and defensive barrier on the river. Other sights to be visited are the Puente de San Telmo, the Universidad de Sevilla, the Plaza de España, the Basilica de la Macarena and many more!

**Overnight at hotel in Sevilla.**

### Day 3: Sevilla – Molino “El Vínculo” –Malaga

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we will visit the olive oil mill Molino “El Vínculo” and have an olive oil tasting. Molino “El Vínculo” is a historic olive oil mill, which up to the present time produces extra virgin olive oil in the traditional way. The oil mill was built in 1755 by Pedro de Peñalver y Castroverde, a nobleman from Zahara and member of the Real Maestranza de Caballería de Ronda. It was his predecessor, Pedro de Peñalver y Balcárcel who, in 1640, first milled olives here and who started to plant the area with olive trees as a substitute for the existing grape vines. Even today, odd vine can be found between the olive trees and some olive groves still bear names such as “Las Viñas Viejas” (the old vineyards) and “El Puerto de las Viñas” (the vine port).

Afterwards we continue to Malaga, where we visit the most representative spots of the city. Half day Malaga sightseeing.

Known as the capital of Costa del Sol, Malaga is the major coastal city of Andalusia. It was founded by the Phoenicians more than 3000 years ago and later conquered by Carthaginians, Romans, Visigoths and Moors. Malaga has a colourful history which is well preserved in its monuments and remains around town. Today Malaga is a cosmopolitan city, which apart from the tourist industry, has Spain’s second largest port and third largest international airport. Amongst others, the sights are: the cathedral: this gothic cathedral was built in 1528 and was never finished; Gibralfaro Castle: overlooking the city this 11th century Moorish castle houses one of Malaga’s Paradores and the Picasso Foundation on the Plaza de la Merced, where the most universal of all painters was born on October 25th 1881. Check-in and **overnight at hotel in Malaga.**

#### Day 4: Malaga - Granada

Breakfast at the hotel. On our way to Granada we stop at the Museo Almazara de las Laerillas. The olive pressing installation of Las Laerillas is the oldest olive mill in Spain. Initially owned by Francisco Zayas Delgado, it came under the possession of the San Fernando Rey de España y San Francisco de Asis de la Casa Zayas Osorio-Calvache Foundation in 1979. Both, the building that houses the museum and the olive mill date to the 14th century. From the 14th to the 19th century, the village of Niguelas was famous for its olives, as well as for the production of olive oil. Exhibited in this museum are a water-powered olive mill, as well as all the objects that were used in the production and storage of olive oil, such as jugs, jars, oil lamps, weighing scales, etc. The stable where the animals that operated the olive press were housed can also be seen. Upon arrival in Granada we will have a half day sightseeing tour. Granada is situated at the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It was once the capital of the Moorish kingdom, a reign which lasted almost 800 years. This has left Granada with the most important Moorish legacy in Spain: the Alhambra. The monument is one of the most brilliant jewels of universal architecture. Visit the impressive Alhambra with its beautiful Nazari palaces and the Generalife gardens. Afterwards, the half day tour continues to the cathedral, with its magnificent circular Capilla Mayor. Take a walk through the beautiful and lively Albayzin quarter, where the churches of San Cristóbal and San Bartolome along with their underground reservoirs can be admired check in and **Overnight at hotel in Granada.**

#### Day 5: Granada – Oro Bailen – Jaén -Córdoba

Breakfast at the hotel. We will start this day visiting a typical Andalusian oil mill. Oro Bailen has a stunning landscape, located in the foothills of the Sierra Morena between Bailén and Andújar, at an altitude of 400 metres. It's unique positioning provides optimal climate, soil, and situation for olive trees to thrive. "Discover the world of olive growing and biotechnology through a unique experience, and let yourself be carried away by the passion of one of the most internationally recognized prestigious oils". You will get to understand the production process, from the harvesting to the packaging, as well as try out their award-winning world-class products. After this visit we will continue to Jaén to visit the olive oil visitor centre. The center offers a tour to introduce visitors to every aspect of olive oil production. The itinerary takes in everything, from the olive groves through to the actual production process of the olive oil, and explores its history, its relation with local gastronomy and its numerous health benefits. The extremely fine quality of extra virgin olive oil produced in Jaén results from practices passed down through generations of olive farmers working the same soil and millers refining the art of virgin oil extraction. In the afternoon, we will visit a further olive oil mill in the same region of Jaén. The Melgarejo olive oil mill is located in Pegalajar, a province town of Jaén. Their "remarkably well balanced oils" are described as "fruity, with a high intensity of green olives, and a slight touch of ripened fruits, hints of green apple, fresh grass, green almond shell and aromatic herbs". The company was established in 1995 by the sons of Francisco Melgarejo and Juana Cordero. Along with Marino Uceda, retired olive oil professor and researcher, "they have taken an average product to new heights. Their oils are also an inspiration to other producers, because Marino is very well known in the industry and has been working for many years to help others make the best possible oils", said olive oil expert Paul Vossen. In the evening we drive to Córdoba. Check in and **overnight at hotel in Córdoba.**

### **Day 6: Córdoba**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Half day Córdoba sightseeing tour. Córdoba is a city full of Andalusian charm and rich history, which you will explore on this day. Once the capital of Moorish Spain for three centuries, it is thought to have been the largest city in Europe during the time of the Islamic reign. Walking through the city of the impressive Arab mosque will provide you an insight into Córdoba's past. Besides the mosque, places like the Roman bridge and theatre, the old Jewish quarters and the alcazar of the Christian kings are impressive places to see. **Overnight at hotel in Córdoba.**

### **Day 7: Córdoba – Ciudad Real –Malpica de Tajo - Madrid**

Breakfast at the hotel. On our way to Malpica de Tajo, which is close to the cities of Toledo and Madrid, we will stop for lunch in Ciudad Real. There we will visit the cathedral and its Plaza Mayor. Situated in Campo de Calatrava, a landscape dominated by many hills, Ciudad Real offers a modern layout that has been able to maintain all the flavor of La Mancha. The city offers exceptional cuisine centered on game, cheese and wine. During the Middle Ages, four kilometers of walls and 130 towers, protected a population made up of Christians, Moors and Jews. After the unification of the peninsular kingdoms under the Catholic monarchs, Ciudad Real became the capital of the province of La Mancha in the 17th century. The cathedral of Santa María del Prod is another good example of the combination of styles and the consequence of a long construction process. Its earliest elements correspond to the 13th century, while the latest date from the 19th century. Inside, the baroque reredos and choir stalls are outstanding.

Afterwards we continue to the olive oil mill of the Marques de Griñon family located in Malpica de Tajo. The Dominio de Valdepusa estate has been in the Marqués de Griñón family's property since 1292. Throughout the generations many traditional activities and ancestral landscapes have been carefully maintained and respected. Climate conditions in the old Señorío de Valdepusa are particularly favorable for obtaining wines and oils of great finesse and aromatic and taste intensity. The extra virgin olive oil Marqués de Griñón Oleum Artis has a brilliant golden color of great purity which is coupled with an aromatic finesse. Check in and **overnight at hotel in Madrid.**

### **Day 8: Madrid – Toledo**

breakfast at the hotel. Half day Toledo excursion.

Toledo is one of the Spanish cities with the greatest wealth of monuments. It is known as the "city of the three cultures", because Christians, Arabs and Jews lived there together for centuries. Behind its walls Toledo preserves an artistic and cultural legacy in the form of churches, palaces, fortresses, mosques and synagogues. This great diversity of artistic styles makes the old quarter of La Mancha's capital a real open-air museum, which has led to being declared a World Heritage Site.

**Overnight at hotel in Madrid.**

### Day 9: Madrid

breakfast at the hotel. Half day Madrid sightseeing during the different historical periods the city has grown from the old Hapsburg and Bourbon quarters to the present city. Highlights of the tour include Gran Vía, Plaza de España, University, Moncloa, Hapsburg old quarter, Calle Mayor, Puerta del Sol and Puerta de Alcalá. **Overnight at hotel in Madrid.**

### Day 10: Madrid -

Departure breakfast at hotel. Transfer from the hotel to Madrid airport.

### End of services

### PRICES

PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON	NOV - MAR		SEPT-OCT		JUL - AUG	
	Pax	€	Pax	€	Pax	€
<b>Standard class</b>	15-19	1792	15-19	1953	15-19	1850
	20-24	1551	20-24	1718	20-24	1614
	25-29	1407	25-29	1568	25-29	1470
	30-39	1350	30-39	1511	30-39	1407
	40-49	1217	40-49	1378	40-49	1281
<b>Single suppl.</b>	550 €		625 €		861 €	
<b>Half board supplement</b>	288 €					
<b>First class</b>	15-19	1746	15-19	1896	15-19	1534
	20-24	1505	20-24	1660	20-24	1321
	25-29	1361	25-29	1516	25-29	1189
	30-39	1298	30-39	1453	30-39	1097
	40-49	1171	40-49	1327	40-49	993
<b>Single suppl.</b>	591 €		648 €		372 €	
<b>Half board supplement</b>	292 €					
<b>Superior class</b>	15-19	1907	15-19	2310	15-19	2045
	20-24	1677	20-24	2068	20-24	1798
	25-29	1539	25-29	1930	25-29	1666
	30-39	1539	30-39	1867	30-39	1603
	40-49	1361	40-49	1741	40-49	1476
<b>Single suppl.</b>	648 €		849 €		614 €	
<b>Half board supplement</b>	326 €					

\* Prices per person based on double room & bb basis. Taxes included. Valid for minimum 15 pax, maximum 49 pax traveling.

\* Prices subject to availability and possible fluctuations in any of the requested services at the time of final booking.

**Validity: until October 2025.**

## INCLUSION

CITY & NIGHTS	TRANSFERS	SIGHTSEEING	MEALS
2n Sevilla	By private coach, as per itinerary	Half day Sevilla city tour with local guide <i>Oil mill visit</i>	Breakfast Olive oil tasting
1n Malaga		Half day Malaga city tour with local guide	
1n Granada		Visit to Museo Almazara de las Laerillas Half day Granada city tour with local guide, <u>including entrance fee to Alhambra</u> <i>2 oil mill visits visit to olive oil visitor Centre in Jaén</i>	
2n Córdoba		Half day Cordoba city tour with local guide, <u>including entrance fee to mosque</u> Ciudad Real city tour with local guide <i>Oil mill visit</i>	
3n Madrid		Half day excursion to Toledo with local guide Half day Madrid city tour with local guide	

### Price does not include:

- Flight tickets.
- Regional tourist tax.
- Tips, portorage or guests' extras.
- Any other service not mentioned on the programme / itinerary described.