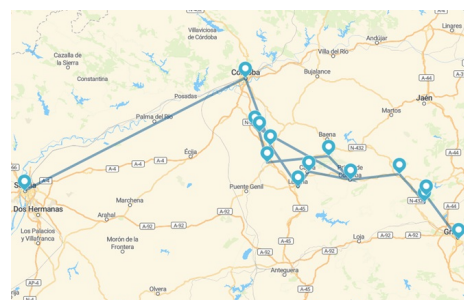




Spain, 7 Days · Tailor-made by car

## Caliphate Route

Dive into this adventure and explore the exciting "Route of the Caliphate", a unique territory dotted with history and legends, fortified towns, watchtowers, castles and magnificent monuments that guard the incredible legacy of Andalusian culture. And add to this the mountain air, beautiful scenery, the heady scent of orange blossom, amazing traditions and delicious local recipes seasoned with precious liquids such as Montilla-Moriles wines or D.O. Baena olive oils. Olé! This fascinating route stretches from Córdoba to Granada and will give you an insight into the luxury and the mysteries of the enigmatic Al-Andalus, a one-of-a-kind and unrepeatable civilisation. Its glorious past as a cultural centre of the West has left behind world-famous treasures such as the Mezquita in Córdoba, the lavish palace city of Madinat al-Zahra or the Alhambra in Granada. Feel the magic of these Andalusian lands and discover at your own pace why they were chosen by the Arabs as their homeland for over eight centuries. Have a good trip!



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**Departure date:** Departures from May 2026 till May 2027

**From:** Dublin, Shannon, Cork

## Travel details

### DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - SEVILLE

Flight from your departure city to Seville and rental car pick-up. Your adventure begins here.

The stylish Andalusian capital never fails to captivate travellers with its eternal scent of orange blossom and its bustling streets that ooze history, legends of kings and heroic deeds of knights. Seville brings together the sacred and the profane, the ancient and the modern, culture and leisure, everyday routine and a genuine joy of life... During your visit you'll discover places like the Cathedral, the Giralda or the Alcázar; truly authentic neighbourhoods such as Santa Cruz, La Macarena or Triana; mythical landmarks like La Maestranza bullring, Plaza España or the Maria Luisa Park, to name just a few... Follow its tapas route and savour the best Andalusian cuisine while overlooking the River Guadalquivir.

Overnight stay in Seville.

## ● DAY 2 · SEVILLE - CORDOBA

After basking in Seville's charisma, we'll set off for the eternal city of Cordoba.

Imbued with an overwhelming cultural and monumental legacy, the Hispanic-Muslim Cordoba surprises the world with such treasures as the Mezquita, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the picturesque Jewish Quarter, a labyrinth of narrow whitewashed streets lined with flowers of all colours, and the magnificent Alcázar royal palace. Its magnificent heritage, a fusion of Muslim, Jewish and Christian art, lives in harmony with on-trend bars and century-old taverns where you can savour the very best local cuisine alongside the ever-so-welcoming locals.

Overnight stay in Cordoba.

## ● DAY 3 · CORDOBA - MADINAT AL-ZAHRA - CORDOBA

Another day of discovery on this route dotted with legend and mystique, where culture, nature, fun and good food go hand-in-hand. After enjoying a few hours in the monument-rich Cordoba, we'll set off on a trip to the beautiful archaeological complex of Madinat al-Zahra. At the foot of Sierra Morena, we'll explore this magnificent palatial city built under orders from Caliph Abd ar-Rahman III. Just by looking at it, you can imagine why he wanted to make it the most luxurious and wealthiest city in the West. Then back to Córdoba to enjoy more of its vibrant atmosphere and taste traditional dishes such as salmorejo, flamenquines or oxtail. Overnight stay in Cordoba.

## ● DAY 4 · CORDOBA - MONTILLA - LUCENA - CABRA - PRIEGO DE CÓRDOBA

Setting out from one of Spain's most characterful cities, today we'll head towards some beautiful towns full of history that still evoke the splendour of the flourishing Al-Andalus era. Perched on hillsides and crowned by magnificent castles, they offer the traveller charming old quarters, genuine traditions handed down generation after generation, delicious cuisine and unique places such as the Moorish castle of Lucena, where the Nasrid Sultan of Granada Boabdil was held captive; the strategic castles of Condes de Cabra and Priego de Cordoba; and the numerous watchtowers that recall ancient times of conquests and reconquests. During the drive you'll see the beautiful outlines of whitewashed Andalusian villages and natural landscapes peppered with olive trees, vines and cereal crops. During this leg of the tour, there's a chance to make a stop at charming villages with an important Hispanic-Muslim past such as Fernan Nuñez, Montemayor, Aguilar de la Frontera and Zuheros. Overnight stay in Priego de Cordoba.

## ● DAY 5 · PRIEGO DE CÓRDOBA - ALCALÁ LA REAL - MOCLÍN - TÓZAR - GRANADA

After enjoying a relaxing stroll around Priego de Cordoba and tasting the traditional local breakfast, we'll get ready to continue on the Route of the Caliphate. We'll say goodbye to its magnificent castle, its cute old town and lively Villa district, its baroque churches and the beautiful landscapes of the Sierra Subbética Natural Park. After a short drive we'll reach Alcalá la Real, an important border town bursting with attractive sights and the starting point for the Catholic Monarchs' journey to receive the keys of Granada. During the day, we'll enjoy the gastronomic delights of this land and the imposing fortresses of southern Andalusia, including La Mota fort and the Castle of Moclín, which commands views over to the magnificent Alhambra in Granada from its battlements. Nearby you can visit sites such as the Cueva del Malalmuerzo, Corcuela and Tozar. Overnight stay in Granada.

## ● DAY 6 · GRANADA

And now one of the highlights of this trip: the enchanting city of Granada. Witness to several civilisations, its rich historical heritage, the beauty of its streets and monuments, and unique landscapes such as the Sierra Nevada and the Costa Tropical make it an extraordinary place. A key point in the Route of the Caliphate, the capital of the last Muslim kingdom on the Iberian Peninsula offers travellers a captivating atmosphere that should be savoured at your leisure. Stroll around and marvel at the magnificent Alhambra, or Al-Andalus neighbourhoods such as the Albaicín, or the fabulous tapestry of ancient walls, palaces and mosques... the list goes on and on. The cathedral, the Capilla Real, the Madraza, the Corral del Carbón and La Cartuja are just some of the stunning landmarks that have made Granada one of the most unique cities in the world.

Overnight stay in Granada.

## ● DAY 7 · GRANADA - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

## Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Seville.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Seville.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Cordova.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Cordova.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Priego De Cordoba.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Priego De Cordoba.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Granada.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Granada.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Amount of the supplement for collection and return of the vehicle in a different office.

### Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.

## Destinations Visited

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Seville



Cordova



Montilla



Lucena



Goat



Priego De Cordoba



FernánNúñez



Montemayor



Aguilar de la Frontera



Zuheros



Alcala La Real



Moclín



Tózar



Granada



## Important remarks

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- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.

- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.