

# Best of Southern Spain Hiking

## Wonders of Andalucia from Granada to Cordoba

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## **Unrivaled Expertise**

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

## **Unique Trip Design**

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

## **Small Groups**

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.







## Leading the Way

### World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





# Why take this trip with us?

## REASON 1

MT Sobek has been leading treks in Spain for over 40 years, working with top-notch teams of expert local guides.

## REASON 2

This is one of the few Andalusian adventures that blends immersive cultural touring with active adventure in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

## REASON 3

We hand-pick the best regional accommodations and dining options, so all you need to do is go.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

Moderate to challenging hikes through spectacular landscapes, including a summit bid, blended with immersive cultural tours.



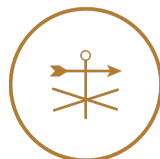
### LODGING

A luxurious historic hotel in Granada, rustic and romantic mountain retreats, and a modern hotel in Cordoba.



### CLIMATE

Expect a warm Mediterranean climate with hot and dry summer days, cooler nights, and a chance of rain in spring.



### KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

*“What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence.” - Alex M.*





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Marvel at Granada's exquisite Alhambra palace and stroll medieval streets of the Albayzin before traveling to the snow-capped Sierra Nevada on this spectacular adventure in southern Spain! Follow mountain trails from white stone villages and summit Mulhacen, the highest peak on the Iberian Peninsula! Explore Cordoba's enchanting Mezquita and learn about ancient Al-Andalus. See a vibrant flamenco performance, and enjoy warm hospitality at luxury historic hotels and tranquil mountain hideaways. This trip promises a unique blend of traditional culture, dazzling historical monuments, and active days in breathtakingly scenic national parks.

### 8 Days

**Start:** Granada, Spain

**End:** Cordoba, Spain

**Departing:** May, June, September, October

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking, Cultural Discovery

**Lodging:** Comfortable Hotels

**Group Size:** 4-16 Guests

#### ACTIVITY:



Check [mtsobek.com](https://mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

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*“I have taken 12 trips with MT Sobek. Each has left a positive imprint on me—widening my view of the world and its peoples.”*

- Jane B.



# The Itinerary

DAY  
01

## Arrive in Granada

Welcome to Spain! Arrive in Granada and meet your guides at the train station or airport. Transfer to your hotel, and enjoy some down time before meeting the group for an orientation and welcome dinner.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Alhambra Palace, Granada

**MEALS:** Dinner

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DAY  
02

## Visit the Enchanting Alhambra

Rise for an unforgettable half-day tour of the magnificent UNESCO-listed Alhambra palace complex, towering over Granada. Originally constructed as a fortress in 889 AD and converted into a palace in 1333 by Yusuf I, Sultan of Granada, the Alhambra ("red or crimson castle") exhibits Spain's most remarkable Islamic architecture. Explore the beautiful Generalife gardens and take in the stunning panoramic views before a sumptuous lunch at a traditional restaurant nearby.

Later, take an early evening stroll around the splendid medieval streets of Granada's Albayzin to the Sacromonte, where we enjoy dinner and end the day with a vibrant flamenco performance.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Alhambra Palace, Granada

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 3.5 hours walking tours

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DAY  
03

## Head to Las Alpujarras & Hike in the Sierra Mecina

Depart from Granada this morning and transfer to the picturesque region of Las Alpujarras, located in the Sierra Nevada — Spain's highest mountain chain and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Check into your hotel in the charming white stone mountain town of Capileira and then set out for an afternoon hike. Follow scenic trails in the area's lush valleys, passing delightful villages along the way, and warm up those legs for tomorrow's summit challenge.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Rural Finca Los Llanos, Capileira, Granada

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 5 hours/4.5 miles hiking with 2,450'-820' elevation gain and loss

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## Hike the Sierra Nevada & Summit Mulhacen

It's summit bid day and your chance to hike to the top of Mulhacen (11,420') — the highest peak on the Iberian Peninsula! Follow rugged trails on a steady uphill hike that is well worth the effort. The reward? Epic views of the Sierra Nevada massif, Granada to the north, and the Mediterranean and Africa's coast to the south.

For those not wanting to hike to Mulhacen there will be an option of a somewhat less strenuous hike to the Poqueira mountain refuge (6-7 hours/9.5 miles hiking with 1,150'-5,250' elevation gain and loss.)

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Rural Finca Los Llanos, Capileira, Granada

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6-10 hours/9-13 miles hiking with 2,600'-4,300' elevation gain and loss depending on conditions

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## Drive to Cazorla & Stay in a Parador

After breakfast, travel north to the region of Jaen and Parque Natural de las Sierras de Segura y Cazorla, the largest protected area in Spain and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Enjoy a picnic lunch before setting off on an afternoon hike in the little-visited eastern part of the park where wildlife abounds. Keep an eye out for ibex, fallow and red deer, wild boar, mouflon (wild sheep), and raptors soaring overhead in the 6,000-foot peaks.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Parador de Cazorla, Cazorla, Jaen

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 4-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 4.5 hours/5 miles hiking with 1,800'-650' elevation gain and loss

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## Spectacular Rio Borosa Hike

Today you'll enjoy a classic hike in the Sierra de Cazorla's hauntingly beautiful karst mountain landscape. The trail follows the Rio Borosa upstream through exquisite valley and mountain scenery, via a narrow gorge, and past two deep-blue mountain lakes. Eventually you'll reach the source of the Borosa River, welling out from under a rock! Be awed by Cazorla's dramatic scenery and limestone pinnacles.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Parador de Cazorla, Cazorla, Jaén

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6 hours/8 miles hiking with 400'-2,300' elevation gain and loss

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## Journey to Cordoba

Leave Cazorla in the morning and travel west towards Cordoba, once the largest city in Roman Spain and the heart of the Western Islamic Empire for three centuries. Cordoba offers a wealth of fine buildings, churches and monuments, but the highlight of your walk through the city is La Mezquita. Founded in 785, this Great Mosque is the grandest and most beautiful mosque ever constructed by the Moors in Spain. After a walk through the Old Quarter and the Jewish Quarter, have some free time before a festive farewell dinner tonight. After dinner, perhaps take a stroll along the Cordoba Roman Bridge.

**ACCOMMODATION:** NH Collection Amistad Cordoba, Cordoba

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2 private van transfer

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## Depart from Cordoba

Bid farewell to Spain. After breakfast, transfer to Cordoba's train station for your onward journey.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**TRANSPORTATION:** 10-minutes private van transfer





## Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

### Hotel Alhambra Palace

Inspired by the beautiful Alhambra itself, the five-star Hotel Alhambra Palace exudes century-old historic charm and elegance. Its rooms are comfortable and stylish, and come with an array of modern amenities. Unwind with a refreshing drink on the terrace and enjoy the hotel's spectacular location and warm ambience.

### Hotel Rural Finca Los Llanos

This pretty whitewashed hotel in the heart of Capileira offers a tranquil mountain escape with plenty of warm Andalusian hospitality. Its comfortable rooms have a rustic charm, in keeping with the hotel's rural setting, and come with modern amenities. After a day of hiking, unwind on the patio or take a dip in the pool.

### Parador de Cazorla

The romantic Parador de Cazorla is a classic Andalusian country house set in an oasis of natural beauty. Its comfortable rooms have a classic feel and are equipped with modern amenities. Chat by the fireplace, relax by the hotel pool, and take in the panoramic views from this beautiful mountain retreat.



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## **NH Collection Amistad Cordoba**

This elegant hotel built in an 18th-century Moorish mansion is a 5-minute walk from the Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba, and 2 miles from the Cordoba train station. Modern rooms provide free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and pull-out sofas, as well as minibars and coffeemakers. Amenities include a bar, a Mediterranean restaurant, and a cafe with a covered terrace and courtyards, along with a plunge pool and a fitness center.



# Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: May, June, September, October

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**  
Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

June 2-9, 2024

September 1-8, 2024

September 29-October 6, 2024

May 4-11, 2025

June 1-8, 2025

August 31-September 7, 2025

September 28-October 5, 2025

# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners from dinner on night-1 to breakfast on day-8
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts where necessary
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted in the Trip Planner)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses





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