Join ETV Endowment of South Carolina and Alasdair Clayre of The Grand Tour this fall on an extraordinary journey through the land of Moors and Romans, invaders and explorers, as we experience the charms of Andalucía.

The Moors took hold of the Iberian Peninsula and occupied it for 800 years, creating one of Europe’s most diverse, rich and fascinating societies. Explore the confluence of three distinct cultures and religions—Islam, Judaism and Christianity in the “Golden Triangle” of Granada, Córdoba and Sevilla, with our expert guides. The pride and passion of the region are woven into the storied histories, stunning architecture and diversity of culture in the cinematic landscape of, what the Arabs named, Al-Andalus. From ancient, fairytale Mudejar palaces, soaring cathedrals, whitewashed villages and UNESCO World Heritage sites, to sun-drenched courtyards tucked between colorful markets and buzzy tapas bars, the vibrancy of Andalucía is a feast for the senses.

Our tour begins in Granada, a breathtaking conglomeration of cultural legacy crowned by the jewel of The Alhambra and embraced by the surrounding Sierra Nevada. From Granada, we’ll travel to Córdoba, home to the famous Great Mosque or ‘La Mezquita’, one of the world’s greatest works of Muslim architecture. Everywhere Córdoba reflects its Roman past and the coexistence of its Islamic, Jewish and Christian cultures throughout its history. Finally, we travel to the heady city of Sevilla where flamenco reigns and the orange and jasmine scented streets are always awash with color and energy. From the ancient maze of the Barrio Santa Cruz to the monumental Cathedral, Alcazar and Plaza de España, Seville’s lively, teeming streets, majestic monuments and wide-open spaces will beguile us. Join the ETV Endowment and Alasdair this fall as we experience the magic of Andalucía!

October 24*– November 3, 2024
*Tour begins October 25 in Granada
to visit the surrounding Torcal National Park and the colossal scale of the famous Megalithic Dolmens. A traditional Andalucian lunch is prepared for us by a local host in one of the Antequeran XVII century houses. Arrival to Córdoba in the late afternoon and check-in to Las Casas de la Juderia—five noble houses repurposed into an architecturally unique hotel tucked away in the “Judería” (old Jewish quarter).

**Tuesday, October 29**

**Córdoba**

Córdoba is a living expression of the different cultures that have existed there. Today our private guide takes us through the seminal Mezquita Mosque-Cathedral with its signature stone and red brick double arches. A walking tour of more of Córdoba’s cobbled, narrow streets leads us to the flower-filled patios of local craftsman. Lunch today is in a typical Córdoban house, and you’ll have the rest of the day free to explore the sites and shops of the town.

**Wednesday, October 30**

**Sevilla**

After breakfast we travel by private motorcoach to Sevilla with a stop at a fine olive oil tasting in Jaén—the so-called world capital of olive oil. We arrive in Sevilla after lunch and check-in to the illustrious and perfectly situated Hotel Alfonso XIII. This afternoon...
we will have a privately-guided, introductory walk of the city, the largest in Andalucía and a late afternoon visit to the Royal Alcázar of Sevilla.

**Thursday, October 31**

**Sevilla**

Today we will travel to Jerez de la Frontera in the Cádiz region, famous for sherry wines. We’ll visit with an important family at their estate and sample the region’s fine wine in a paired luncheon before a late afternoon return to Sevilla.

**Friday, November 1**

**Sevilla**

Our excursion today takes us to Ronda, a remarkable town dating to Islamic times. Its Roman arched bridge is an imposing landmark spanning a deep gorge and provides an atmospheric lunch stop for the day. We’ll visit The Maestranza de Ronda, originally founded in the 16th century as the Brotherhood of Knights, later the first bull-fighting and equestrian exhibition ring in Spain, and now a national heritage monument riding school and repository of historic collections.

**Saturday, November 2**

**Sevilla**

Sevilla welcomes you back with a free day in the high-spirited city to experience the lively neighborhoods of your choice and at your own pace. We’ll gather in the hotel lobby in the early evening for a walk to the Barrio de Triana, the working-class neighborhood that sits on the other side of the Guadalquivar River and home to artisans and flamenco. We’ll enjoy an authentic performance of flamenco at a local teatro. Afterwards, our Farewell Dinner is in a private room looking back over the river at beautiful Sevilla as we bid adiós to enchanting Andalucía.

**Sunday, November 3**

Tour ends after breakfast and hotel check-out. Transfer to Sevilla-San Pablo (SVQ) for flights home.

*Itinerary subject to change.*

*Meals in bold included in the price of the tour.*

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**TOUR REGISTRATION**

Tour Cost: $8,899 per person, ground only, double occupancy.

Single supplement: $1,755.

Deposit: $1,000 per person first come, first served

Balance Deadline: Friday, August 16, 2024.

After that date, call for availability.

Limited to 25 participants

To reserve your place, send registration form with check or credit card information for the deposit amount to: ETV Endowment Spain Tour, 401 E. Kennedy Street, Suite B-1, Spartanburg, SC 29302.

**Please note:** There is moderate to active walking on the tour, sometimes over varied, uneven or slippery terrain and up and down ancient steps. You should feel comfortable participating in full days of activities.

**Questions?** Contact Amy Raffo at ETV Endowment at 864-591-0046 or araffo@etvendowment.org. The Spain tour is an exclusive presentation by ETV Endowment of South Carolina and is organized by The Grand Tour Travel Company, Peterborough, New Hampshire.