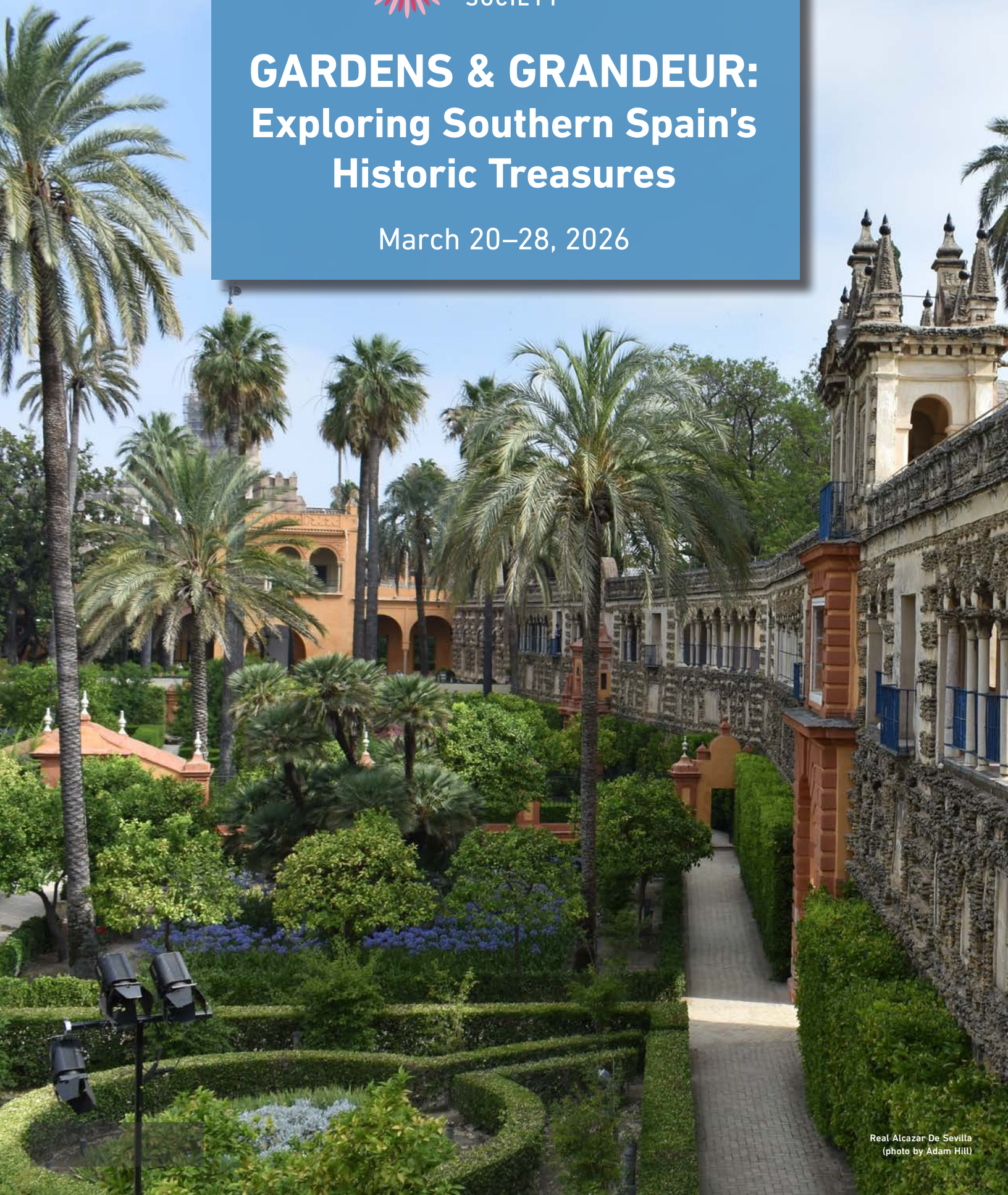


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GARDENS & GRANDEUR: Exploring Southern Spain's Historic Treasures

March 20–28, 2026



Real Alcázar De Sevilla
(photo by Adam Hill)



Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to extend a warm invitation to join the AHS on a breathtaking journey through Andalusia, one of the most enchanting regions of Spain. From March 20-28, 2026, we will explore the stunning gardens and palaces of Granada, Cordoba, and Seville, each city brimming with history, magnificent architecture, and awe-inspiring landscapes.

This unique AHS itinerary has been designed to immerse you in the beautiful gardens and rich culture of Andalusia. Discover some of Southern Spain's most iconic sites, including the Alhambra, the Generalife Gardens, and the Seville Cathedral, while enjoying rare access to private gardens and hidden gems. Our visits will delve into the region's remarkable heritage, from its Moorish roots to its Renaissance splendor, framed by the lush greenery of Andalusia's most exquisite gardens.

I'm delighted that joining you as hosts are AHS Board member Doug Barker and Sam Kilpatrick, passionate gardeners and seasoned travelers who bring a love for sensory gardens, native plants, container gardening, and global garden exploration. With backgrounds in nonprofit leadership, they look forward to sharing their enthusiasm for cultural and horticultural discovery with fellow AHS travelers.

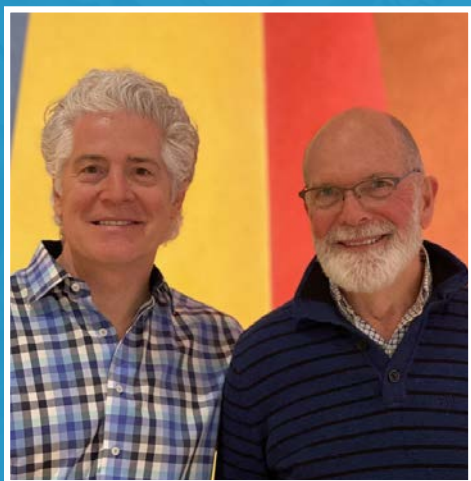
You will also be joined by knowledgeable local guides who will bring each site to life and enjoy the companionship of fellow AHS members while savoring the rich sights, sounds, and flavors of the region. Whether exploring grand palaces, strolling through peaceful courtyards, or experiencing the lively ambiance of life in Andalusia, every day promises new discoveries.

We hope you'll join us for this exceptional opportunity to explore Andalusia's spectacular gardens and culture. Space is limited, so I encourage you to reserve your spot early. For your convenience, a reservation form is included in the brochure.

Warmest Regards,

Suzanne B. Laporte
President & CEO

AHS Hosts Doug Barker and Sam Kilpatrick



Doug, a member of the American Horticultural Society board, is a passionate plantsman. He especially loves container gardening as well as growing native plants, fruits and vegetables. He has a keen interest in gardens which engage all of our senses. Prior to his current role leading a management consulting firm providing strategic and operational services to leading non-profit organizations, he was Chief Information Officer for The Nature Conservancy. Sam retired as Comptroller for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He loves spending time outdoors and tending the gardens around his and Doug's home in a leafy neighborhood in Washington DC. Sam and Doug have had the opportunity to travel extensively, and their adventures have taken them across continents. They look forward to sharing their love of travel and garden exploration with AHS travelers.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Arrival in Granada

Arrive in Granada and transfer independently to the centrally located NH Collection Victoria, a refined four-star hotel ideally situated in the heart of the city. In the late afternoon, we'll join our local guide for an introductory walking tour through Granada's historic center, where centuries of Moorish and Spanish heritage meet in lively streets and sun-dappled squares. This evening, gather for a delicious welcome dinner featuring regional Andalusian flavors.

NH Collection Victoria, Granada (Dinner)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

The Alhambra and Generalife Gardens

Today is dedicated to botanical-themed visits of Granada's most iconic sites. We begin with a guided visit to the Alhambra, a breathtaking Moorish palace complex famed for its elegant courtyards and intricate stucco work. We'll then explore the idyllic Generalife gardens, the Nasrid kings' summer retreat, where tiered patios, water channels, and lush greenery create one of the most refined examples of medieval Islamic garden design. Following a leisurely lunch, discover the beauty of Carmen de los Mártires, a romantic 19th-century garden blending Moorish and European styles. The evening is at leisure.

NH Collection Victoria, Granada (Breakfast, Lunch)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Discovering Old Town Granada

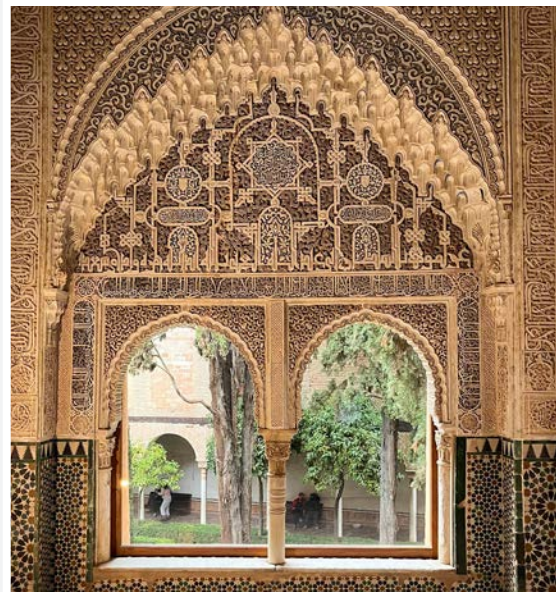
Our morning begins with a visit to the Granada Cathedral and the adjacent Capilla Real, the final resting place of the Catholic Monarchs, Ferdinand and Isabella, who united Spain in the late 15th century. We then visit the Archaeological Museum, home to an impressive collection of artifacts that span Granada's diverse history, from its ancient Roman roots to its time under Muslim rule, offering a fascinating glimpse into the city's rich cultural heritage. After lunch, the remainder of the day is free for individual exploration of Granada's vibrant old town, where narrow streets, charming plazas, and hidden gems await.

NH Collection Victoria, Granada (Breakfast, Lunch)

MONDAY, MARCH 23

From Granada to Sevilla via Cordoba

We depart Granada by private coach and head towards Seville, stopping in enchanting medieval Córdoba. Once the capital of Islamic Spain, Córdoba is a city steeped in history and renowned for its architectural treasures and lush gardens. Our walking tour begins with the awe-inspiring Mezquita,



a stunning mosque-cathedral that exemplifies the blend of Islamic and Christian architectural styles. We then explore the impressive Alcazaba Gardens, located beside the historic fortress. After a shared lunch of traditional Andalusian favorites, stroll through several of the old city's delightful flower-filled patios, then visit the Palacio de Viana, home to a stunning series of courtyard gardens, each with its own unique design and charm. We then continue our journey to Seville, where we check in at the charming Hotel Bécquer and gather for a relaxed dinner together at a restaurant in the old city.

Hotel Bécquer, Seville (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Seville's Historic Center & Cathedral

This morning, we embark on a walking tour through Seville's vibrant city center, immersing ourselves in the rich history and stunning architecture of the area. We will uncover the secrets of the atmospheric Santa Cruz neighborhood with our expert guide before visiting the Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic-style cathedral in the world. Explore its awe-inspiring interior, including the tomb of Christopher Columbus and the breathtaking Giralda Tower. After the visit, enjoy the remainder of the day free to explore Seville's charming streets, plazas, and vibrant atmosphere at your own pace. Reconvene this evening for dinner at an excellent restaurant.

Hotel Bécquer, Seville (Breakfast, Dinner)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Private Visit to a Magical Garden Estate

Today, we embark on a full day visit to Palma del Río for an exclusive private tour of the Palacio de Portocarrero, a historic residence with origins dating back to Roman times. This stunning architectural gem, blending Moorish and later influences, underwent meticulous restoration starting in 1989, and we are fortunate to be hosted and guided by the owner who oversaw all that work and manages the spectacular citrus garden. We will explore the palace's beautiful Mudejar gardens, framed by 12th-century Almohad walls, before enjoying a delicious private lunch together inside the home. We return to Seville in the late afternoon with the remainder of the evening at leisure.

Hotel Bécquer, Seville (Breakfast, Lunch)

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

House Museums and Gardens

Today, we focus on Seville's elegant house museums and their stunning gardens. We begin with a visit to the Palacio de la Condesa de Lebrija, renowned for its stunning mosaics and its urban garden full of archaeological treasures. We then visit the incredible Palacio de las Dueñas, until recently the Seville residence of the Duchess of Alba, where the lush, peaceful gardens complement the grandeur of this historic palace. After a leisurely lunch together at a smart city restaurant, we end the day at the Casa de Pilatos, known for its dazzling blend of architectural styles and the serene gardens that surround it.

Hotel Bécquer, Seville (Breakfast, Lunch)



Photos (from top):
Orange Trees in Seville (Jarrod Zenjiro);
Garden at Palacio de Portocarrero (Flixq);
Garden Courtyard at Casa de Pilatos (KKMarais)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Grand Gardens and a Fond Farewell

Our final day begins with a visit to the iconic Plaza de España, designed for the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition, to marvel at its grandiose architecture. Afterward, we'll visit the Reales Alcázares, the main Moorish royal palace with gorgeous interiors. Our main focus will be the extraordinary and extensive gardens, which beautifully blend Moorish and Christian influences. After a guided tour, the remainder of the afternoon is free for you to explore at your leisure. In the evening, we gather for a farewell dinner to celebrate our Andalusian adventure.

Hotel Bécquer, Seville (Breakfast, Dinner)

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Departures

This morning, the program wraps up after breakfast at the hotel, and participants make their own arrangements for transfers to the airport, whether for return flights or onward travel.

(Breakfast)



Plaza de España (photo by Alp Cem)

ACCOMMODATIONS

NH Collection Victoria, Granada

Ideally located in the heart of Granada, just steps from the Cathedral and Plaza Bib-Rambla, the NH Collection Victoria is a stylish four-star hotel that blends early 20th-century charm with contemporary comfort. Housed in a handsome period building with curved stone balconies and elegant interiors, the hotel offers bright, well-appointed rooms with hardwood floors, plush bedding, and modern bathrooms. A generous breakfast buffet and attentive service make this a relaxing base for exploring Granada's rich heritage and vibrant street life.



Hotel Bécquer, Seville

Set in Seville's historic quarter, a short walk from the Cathedral and Alcázar, the four-star Hotel Bécquer offers a warm, boutique-style atmosphere with modern amenities. The property has been thoughtfully updated, blending historical charm with contemporary comfort. It features comfortable guest rooms, a cozy bar and lounge, and a rooftop terrace with panoramic views of the old town. Its central location makes it an ideal base for discovering Seville's architecture, gardens, and lively tapas bars.



When you travel with the AHS, you make a difference.

Designed for garden enthusiasts who love to explore horticultural wonders around the world, AHS Travel offers exceptional programs that include many exclusive experiences and unique insights. Your participation in an AHS Travel program supports the AHS's nonprofit work to increase knowledge among gardeners, inspire passion for plants and the natural world, and encourage responsible stewardship of the earth.



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Trip Information

AHS TRAVEL

This custom AHS Travel program has been created uniquely for AHS members and is offered in collaboration with International Seminar Design, Inc.

TOUR COST:

Land Package..... \$6,695
Single Supplement..... \$1,095

Land Package is per person, based on double occupancy and a minimum of 12 paying participants.

AHS TRAVEL ACTIVITY LEVEL DESCRIPTION: AHS Travel programs are designed to offer immersive experiences and often involve long days filled with exploration and extensive walking on uneven terrain. To participate in a program, it is recommended to be in good physical condition and prepared to walk for a minimum of two miles each day.

HEALTH: At AHS Travel, ensuring the health and safety of our guests is our top priority.

All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by ISDI Travel, local staff, and host country laws. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of \$1,000 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour, of which \$500 is nonrefundable for ISDI's registration and planning fee unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. This deposit may be paid by check or by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Final balance will be invoiced and is due on December 10, 2025, and must be paid by check or wire/ACH transfer to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations are accepted after this date on a space-available basis.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before December 10, 2025: full refund minus the \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between December 11, 2025 and February 3, 2026: full refund minus \$3,350 per person cancellation fee (includes the registration and planning fee). Written cancellation received by ISDI on or after February 4, 2026: no refund. Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour. If the tour is cancelled by ISDI or the American Horticultural Society due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

FLIGHTS: Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for their own air arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel Insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be provided upon receipt of your registration. One travel insurance provider to consider is USI Affinity Travel Insurance Services. For more information on the plan for AHS travelers, visit www.ahsgardening.org/travel. Information is also available at this link regarding optional flight and travel arrangement services.

TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS:

3 nights at NH Collection Victoria, Granada; 5 nights at Hotel Bécquer, Seville; breakfast daily at the hotels, 5 lunches, 4 dinners (water, soft drinks, coffee, tea included with all meals; 2 glasses of wine or beer included with dinners); ground transportation by private motor coach; entrance fees to sites per itinerary; services of an ISDI Tour Manager; expert local guides; personal listening devices for duration of the tour; handling of 2 pieces of luggage per person at hotels; gratuities for guides, drivers, and restaurant staff at included group meals; bottled water on motor coach; service charges and taxes.

TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS: Airline tickets, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; airport portage; airport transfers; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; personal items such as telephone calls, room service, valet service, à-la-carte orders, specialty wines and liquors, laundry charges, travel extensions, or tour deviations; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AHS TRAVEL PROGRAMS:

Please contact travel@ahsgardening.org or 703-768-8801. Information is also available at www.ahsgardening.org/travel.



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Registration Form

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Name - Participant 1

Name - Participant 2

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

E-mail Address - Participant 1

E-mail Address - Participant 2

ROOMING OPTIONS: (please select)

- ☐ Double Occupancy; I will share a room with _____
☐ We prefer separate beds
- ☐ Single Occupancy (\$1,095 single supplement)
☐ I would like a roommate but will pay the single supplement if one cannot be found

TOUR DOCUMENTS:

ISDI will send all documents pertaining to the tour by email to the email address listed above.

- ☐ If you wish to receive hardcopy versions of the tour documents by post as well, please check this circle. Paper documents will not be sent to your home address unless this circle is checked.

DEPOSIT (\$1,000 per person):

_____ # of persons _____ Amount Enclosed

- ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Check (make check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.)

Card Number

Exp. (mm/yy)

Name as it appears on card

CVV Security Code

By registering and paying the deposit for this tour, registrant acknowledges that he/she has carefully read and understands all information contained in the tour brochure, recognizes and accepts any risks therein, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions outlined above.

COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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Washington, DC 20015
or by email at info@isditravel.com

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