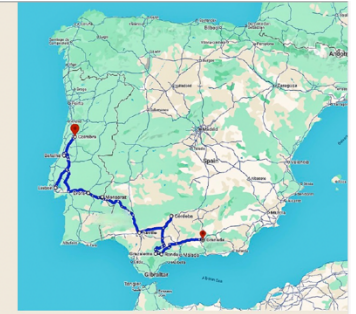
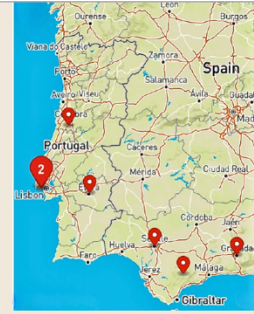


# Spain

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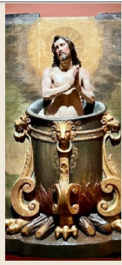


## Seville

We started the second part of our two-country trip in Seville with our first taste of salmorejo, a cold sauce or soup made from bread, tomatoes, garlic and olive oil. The tapas with drinks could make a whole meal. And we enjoyed churros with chocolate, a Spanish breakfast treat!!

The Arab influence was apparent everywhere in the architecture, food, words starting with "al", mosaics, and a leisurely peaceful quality to the small mountain towns. We went to Cordoba and then through some of the White Villages of Andalusia before reaching Ronda with its incredible gorge. Our last stop and high point of the trip was Granada to see the Alhambra palace and fortress begun in 1238 AD and one of the best-preserved palaces of the historic Islamic world.





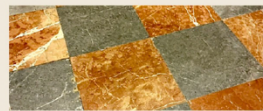
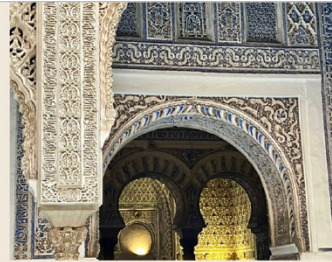
Fine Arts Museum



Cathedral

Views from the bell tower & tomb of Columbus's ashes





Royal Palace





### Plaza de España

Rooftop drinks with lighted Cathedral & sunset boat ride on Rio Guadalquivir





**Cordoba**  
Mosque-Cathedral



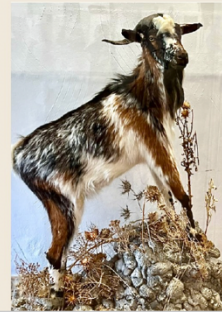
**Arcos de la  
Frontera**  
Andalusian  
horse



**The White  
Villages of  
Andalusia**



**El Bosque**  
famous for cheese  
from the payoya  
goat





### Zahara de la Sierra & Grazalema

Ruled by the Arabs until 1407. Captured by the Christian conquest of Ferdinand and Isabella in 1483. Protected **Pinsapo** fir trees have both male and female cones.





The 300' canyon cuts through the town of Ronda. Three bridges were built over the Guadalevin River; the Arabic Bridge, the Old Bridge and the New Bridge completed in 1793. Ernest Hemingway and Orson Welles spent many summers here drawn to their famous bullring.



Arab Baths







Fertile valley behind Ronda with daytime rainbow and nighttime full moon





**Alfarnatejo** olive oil factory



This lovely local lady made us lunch in her home.



jamón



Granada



Granada from the Alhambra & Alhambra at night



Isabella giving Columbus money for his journey to find a sea route to Asia





