



Plaza Espana in Seville

Rivers of Gold and the New World

17 – 21 March 2021

With Doñana and Jerez Extension

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Jon Baines
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Huelva

The beautiful city of Seville has a history that sent waves across the globe. 1492 was the year of the Alhambra Decree, which banished Jews from Spain, of the final expulsion of the Moors from Spain, and of Columbus's journey to the Americas. Over five centuries ago, this pocket of Spain launched the small ships that changed the world; it has remained a key player in maritime history ever since.

In 1492 Spain was at the tail end of a centuries-long struggle that had drained their coffers. The promise of riches and of religious conversions led the Catholic Kings, Queen Isabella of Aragon and King Ferdinand of Castile, to

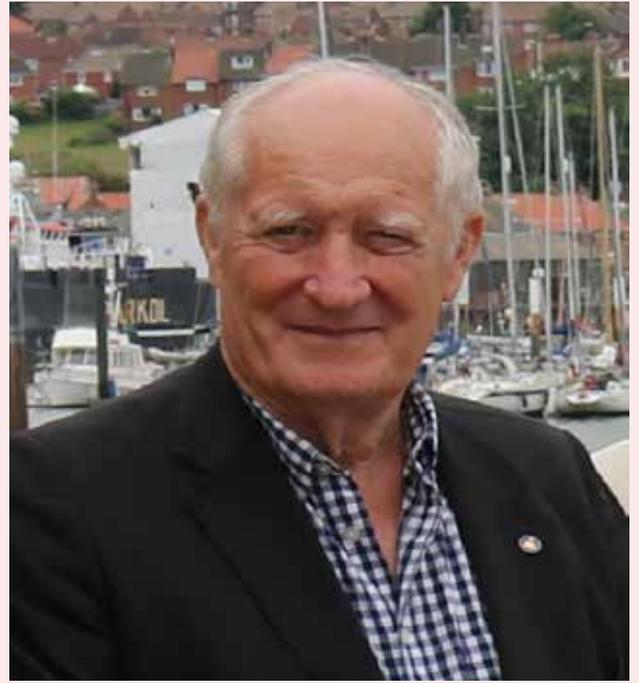
support Columbus's plans for his expedition westwards across the seas, and his arrival in the Americas. One of the most significant events in maritime history, Columbus's journey left a far-reaching legacy, as well as delivering almost unimaginable wealth to Spain.

This tour explores the legacies bestowed by Andalucía's extraordinary maritime history, which stretches back to the Phoenicians, continues to the story of small ships on a world-changing journey, and beyond. You will also experience the vibrant local culture of Andalucía, with ample opportunity to enjoy superb food and wine, as well as a lovely extension to Jerez and Doñana National Park.

Tour Leader and Speaker

Captain Peter Hore served worldwide during a full career in the Royal Navy, spent nine years in the film and TV industry, and is now a fulltime author, editor and journalist. A freelance obituarist at the London Daily Telegraph since 2002, he has written over a thousand obituaries on the men and women of the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines and others. He has written several books on naval history and biography, & is a busy public speaker, writes reviews and articles for several newspapers and journals, and is the editor of the Trafalgar Chronicle.

He is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society and the Society for Nautical Research, a chartered member of the Institute of Linguists, and a corresponding member of the Royal Swedish Society for Nautical Sciences. Peter was speaker on a Maritime History Cruise visiting Seville in 2018.



Peter will be accompanied by a specialist English-speaking Spanish guide on days 2, 3 and 4. Geraldine Corbett, our local guide, will lead the extension.

Cadiz





Seville

Day 1: Seville (Wed 17 March)

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1492 from the Orient to the Occident

Pm: Check into the Hotel Inglaterra.

Eve: Dinner at the Hotel Inglaterra and hear a tour overview.

Day 2: Seville / Huelva / Seville (Thurs 18 March)

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To the ends of the earth – sailing to the Indies

Am: Drive to visit Palos de la Frontera, where Columbus watered his ships, and the La Rábida Monastery, where he waited for permission to sail from the Catholic Kings. Continue to the Wharf of the Caravels at Huelva and visit the replicas of Santa Maria, La Pina and Nina. Learn how they built the ships and how they sailed great distances in these small vessels.

Pm: Local lunch. Return via the grave of ‘the man who never was’ and hear his

fascinating story.

Eve: Option to visit a flamenco show or take a tapas tour.

Day 3: Seville (Fri 19 March)

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Rivers of Gold - the legacies of the New World

Am: Visit the Alcazar Palace, Seville Cathedral and the tomb of Columbus.

Pm: Visit the Archive of the Indies and learn of the legacy of the voyages to the Americas. Continue to the Tower of Gold, including the Maritime Museum. Cross the Guadalquivir River via the Triana Bridge and walk along Calle Betis (Sailors’ Street) and have a drink in a local café. The street and local area was home to many of the sailors on Columbus’s voyages.

Eve: Option to visit a flamenco show or take a tapas tour.

Day 4: Seville / Cadiz / Seville

(Sat 20 March)

B D

Empires and Conflict – from the Americas to Trafalgar

Am: Drive to see the Pantheon of Naval Heroes and visit the grave of Admiral Gravina (commander of the Spanish fleet at Trafalgar) and the Royal Observatory. Continue to Cadiz.

Pm: Walking tour along the Walk of the Indies and see the merchants' houses, the fortress and learn of this famous port. At leisure and option to visit the excellent Cadiz Museum. Option to climb the Tavira Tower with its camera obscura of Cadiz.

Eve: Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 5: Seville (Sun 21 March)

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Am: Depart Seville or take the optional extension for two nights.

NB: All itineraries are subject to change according to local conditions.

Optional activities in Seville

Andalucía is the birthplace of flamenco, which is deep within the soul of Seville. The detailed origins of flamenco are lost to history, but it is certain that it originated in Andalucía when Spain was under Arab domination - their music and musical instruments were modified and adapted by Christians and Jews, and later by Roma people. Despite the origins of flamenco being hotly contested between Jerez, Seville and sometimes Granada, Seville is the perfect place to to enjoy an evening of this exhilarating music and dance. Tapas is a traditional, tasty and lively way to enjoy a wide range of delicious food and wine, ranging from simple local cheeses, olives and mouth-watering Iberian ham, to the local favorite *espinacas con garbanzos* stew, as well as little sandwiches and fried foods, especially fried fish, and much more.





Doñana National Park

Extension to Doñana National Park and Jerez

Day 5: Seville / Doñana National Park / Seville (Sun 21 March) B L

Am: Drive to the Doñana National Park, with biodiversity that is unique in Europe, for a guided tour. The park features a great variety of ecosystems and is home to wildlife that includes thousands of European and African migratory birds, fallow deer, Spanish red deer, wild boars, European badgers, Egyptian mongooses and endangered species such as the Spanish imperial eagle and the Iberian

lynx. Take a cruise through the park.
Pm: Visit Santiago Castle and walk past the Medina Sidonia Palace (Medina Sidonia led the Spanish Armada against England in 1588). Take a late lunch and explore the the old quarter of Sanlucar de Barrameda. Travel back to Seville.

Day 6: Seville / Jerez / Seville (Mon 22 March) B L

Am: Take the train to Jerez. Visit the Bodega Tradicional, which combines sherry and art. The tour of the bodega includes a talk of its history, an explanation of the sherry creation and ageing process and tasting of VORS and VOS Tradición and Fino Tradición wines. Visit the gallery, which contains the finest private collections of paintings in Andalucía , with works by Spanish painters from the fourteenth to the nineteenth centuries, including masters such as Goya, Zurbarán, Velázquez, Murillo and El Greco, among others.

Pm: Take lunch at a local restaurant. Explore this elegant small city on a walking tour city, including the city market. Return to Seville by train.

Day 7: Seville (Tues 23 March) B

Am: Depart Seville.



Jerez



The roof terrace

Hotel Inglaterra

An elegant 4-star hotel dating back to 1857, Hotel Inglaterra retains its traditional style augmented with modern amenities. It has an excellent central location in the heart of old Seville and a terrace with wonderful views of the city and the nearby cathedral. The hotel provides comfortable, well sized rooms that are classically decorated with wooden floors and antiques, and warm and efficient service.

Room Upgrades

Costs based per room for four nights

Deluxe Double

As above but larger rooms - 30 to 40 m² rooms consisting of a large bedroom with living area and sofa bed. Additional cost: **USD \$140**

Deluxe Double with Terrace

As above but with a terrace. Additional cost: **USD \$308**

Premium

Spacious rooms of 59 to 74 m², consisting of a large bedroom and a large separate lounge with a sofa bed. Additional cost: **USD \$504**

Tour cost is USD \$1,652 per person sharing

The cost includes:

- Four nights' accommodation in twin-bedded rooms at the 4-star Hotel Inglaterra based on a Classic Double or Twin Room

Single supplement is USD \$336 (a classic double for single use)

- Tour leader and speaker Captain Peter Hore
- Local English-speaking guide on days 2, 3, 4
- Comprehensive briefing notes
- All breakfasts
- Dinners on days 1 and 4 with wine and lunch on day 2
- All internal transport
- A full programme of cultural visits, all admission fees & all earphones for guiding
- Tips

Additional cost per room per night USD \$210 subject to availability

The cost excludes:

- International flights and airport transfers
- All personal extras such as portage, laundry, inoculation fees, and drinks
- All optional excursions, tours and visits
- Travel insurance
- Visas, if applicable

The extension costs USD \$644 per person sharing and includes:

- Two nights' accommodation in twin-bedded rooms at the 4-star Hotel Inglaterra based on a Classic Double or Twin Room

Single supplement is USD \$168 (a classic double for single use)

- Tour leader and guide, Geraldine Corbett
- All breakfasts and lunches
- All visits, admission fees transport and tips

Sherry barrels in a bodega (extension)



About Us

To travel with us is to dig below the surface, revealing the deeper destination. Of course, you will visit the great historical sites; marvel at the wonders of architecture and engineering; be moved by the riches of culture and art; and experience the most spectacular landscapes in the world. What we also do is make sure that you see the country as it is today, giving you privileged access that independent travel and other tour companies rarely get close to. We give you a variety of experiences, from the sublime to the humble, in the company of intelligent, curious, like-minded people. And while we can be worthy, we also make sure that you have a lot of fun.

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A bridge in central Seville (top); The Admiral's house in Cadiz;
A flamenco dancer on the streets of Seville (above)



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