



Itinerary For a Five Day Art & Design Study Tour to Andalucia. Prepared For The Art Department.

Dates: To Be Confirmed.



The itinerary is designed to balance visits of the greatest interest with recreative activities. It aims to make the maximum use of time without exhausting participants. The itinerary we have proposed is flexible and is only finalised after discussion with the Party Leader(s). Flexibility is also built into the tour itself as changes can be made at very short notice according to weather conditions etc. The tour can be guided throughout. All excursions are well-prepared and are backed by notes and a commentary. You can be fully accompanied by an expert tour guide. The guide is able to run the holiday according to Party Leader wishes. In this way Party Leaders will be free to concentrate on the care of their pupils rather than the organisation of the tour. The whole stay is underpinned by excellent accommodation, catering, transport and security.

ACCOMODATION



The Hotel Ibis**

29007 - Malaga.

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Our hotel is located in central Malaga. Accommodation is in twin rooms, all with en-suite bathroom facilities, televisions, desks & reading lamps. There is a bar & lounge area in the reception area & we have B&B accommodation at this hotel.

The hotel staff are particularly friendly & helpful & we have found the Hotel Ibis to be very popular with our groups & party leaders.

DAY ONE

07.45	Join coach at School.
08.15	Depart School. Transfer to Local Airport.
09.15	Check in at Local Airport.
12.15	Depart Local Airport on Easyjet Flight 8607.
16.10 <small>(Note: Continental time is 1 hour in advance of UK time)</small>	E.T.A. Malaga Airport.
17.00	Coach transfer to Hotel Ibis.
17.45	E.T.A. Hotel Ibis. Check-in & allocate room keys. Students will have time to unpack, shower & relax in rooms after the transfer from the U.K.
19.00	Walk to Clandestino Restaurant.
Our walk to the restaurant will lead us along the grand pedestrianised streets of the Old Quarter & past the ancient Roman amphitheatre.	
19.30	<u>Dinner at Clandestino Restaurant.</u>
21.00	Return walk to Hotel Ibis.
21.30	E.T.A. Hotel Ibis.

DAY TWO

08.30 Breakfast.

09.30 Walk to Picasso Museum, Malaga.

10.00 **Visit to The Picasso Museum, Malaga.**

Located in the heart of the old City, the Picasso Museum is housed within a classic example of 16th century Andalusian architecture, with a combination of Renaissance & Islamic elements.

The Picasso Museum in Malaga was created by the artist's grandson & daughter-in-law in response to his desire for his work to be displayed in the city of his birth. Containing 233 permanent works & 43 temporary works, the museum displays eight decades of the artist's work. The wide range of styles, materials & techniques that Picasso used are well represented from his earliest academic studies through to his interpretation of the classics, Cubism, experiments in ceramics & his later paintings in the 1970's.

12.00 **Visit to The Museum of Picasso's Birthplace.**

Picasso's father rented the first floor of this house from 1880 to 1883 & it was here that the young Pablo Picasso was born & raised, playing outside in the Placa Merced with children from local houses.

In 1998 the historic building was taken over by the Picasso Foundation and officially re-opened by the King and Queen of Spain. Since then it has become an important research centre, as well as a monument to the life and work of Picasso and the headquarters for the Picasso Foundation.

On the ground floor is the temporary exhibition hall where you can see interesting artifacts from Picasso's family. The first floor has works on show by the artist and his father, Jose Ruiz Blasco, as well as personal mementos

13.00 Lunch in the Old Town.

14.15 Walk to The Contemporary Art Museum.

14.45

Visit to The Centre of Contemporary Art, Malaga.

The 'CAC Malaga' showcases a permanent exhibition as well as a varied program of temporary exhibitions loaned from around the world.

Containing works from the 20th Century, particular focus is paid to the final decades which illustrate the varied & eclectic range of contemporary art today. The permanent collection includes works by Louise Bourgeois, Olafur Eliasson, Thomas Hirschhorn, Damian Hirst, Julian Opie, Thomas Ruff and Thomas Struth.

The international artists that are represented are joined by local artists from the Andalusian region.

Detailed information about the temporary exhibitions that will be showing during the dates of your tour are available upon request.

16.15

Walk to Hotel Ibis Budget.

16.45

Rest & relaxation in hotel before dinner.

Students will have time to rest, shower & change outfits before heading back into the Old Quarter for the evening.

18.00

Walk into Old Quarter.

18.20

Free Time in Malaga's Old Town.

Students will enjoy exploring the narrow streets & shops of the old town before dinner.

19.30

Dinner at El Jardin Restaurant ('The Garden Restaurant')
www.eljardinmalaga.com

Located in a traditional house built in 1887, El Jardin Restaurant is located directly behind the city's cathedral. Famous for its Cordoban food selection, the restaurant has a pleasant terrace for enjoying a cool drink on the street, an interior café & an interior dining saloon with traditional paintings, bronze statues, traditional Andalusian furnishings & seating for 90 guests. The restaurant hosts frequent flamenco dancing evenings when local dancers provide entertainment & traditional Andalusian dance amongst the dining tables.

20.45

Walk to Hotel Ibis Budget.

21.15

E.T.A. Hotel Ibis Budget.

DAY THREE

07.30 Breakfast.

08.30 Transfer to Cordoba.

10.30 **Day's visit to Cordoba.**

Cordoba was the largest city of Roman Spain & for 300 years formed the heart of the western Islamic Empire. We will spend the day exploring the highlights of this charming city.

11.00 **Visit to The Mezquita - 'The Great Mosque'.**

Regarded as one of the most accomplished monuments of Moorish architecture, this great building has alternated between Christian & Moorish owners, symbolising the region's atmosphere as the frontier between Christian Europe & Islamic Africa.

The vast project to build a temple to rival the magnificence of those in Baghdad, Jerusalem & Damascus employed thousands of artisans & labourers. Hard stone & marble were quarried from surrounding areas & a whole industry grew in the town to build the splendid mosque. Marvellous mosaics were designed, panels of scented wood were attached using nails of pure gold. The red marble columns were said to have been the work of God himself.

We will explore the interior of this magnificent building with its 856 columns of jasper, onyx, marble & granite.

12.30 Lunch.

13.45 **Visit to The Alcazar, Cordoba.**

This fort/palace was built in the 13th century & was where the Royals met Christopher Columbus on his return from discovering new faraway lands. We will view two remarkable Roman mosaics that were only discovered in the 1950's. We will then escape the afternoon heat in the cool terraced gardens with their flowing water, fishponds, orange trees & flowers.

14.45 **Visit to The Royal Moorish Bathhouse.**

This impressive 10th Century Moorish bathhouse will give participants a glimpse into the opulence & sophistication of the ancient Moorish saunas, with their cool, warm & hot rooms powered by under-floor hypercaust system. In the hot room the tour guide will tell the tale of the Moorish sultan who was murdered by two slaves in the spot where the group is standing.

15.30

Visit to The Cordoba Synagogue.

This tiny private synagogue was constructed in 1315 & is decorated with extravagant stuccowork, Hebrew inscriptions & intricate Muslim star & plant patterns.

16.00

Visit to The Jewish Quarter, Cordoba.

After visiting the Mezquita we will have time exploring the fascinating network of lanes in the Jewish Quarter.

17.00

Coach transfer to Malaga.

19.00

Dinner at Taberna del Tapeo Restaurant.

www.tabernadeltapeo.es

20.30

Walk to Hotel Ibis Budget.

21.00

E.T.A. Hotel Ibis Budget.

DAY FOUR

- 07.15 Breakfast.
- 08.30 Transfer to Granada.
- 10.15 E.T.A. Granada. Walk to Guerrero Centre.
- 10.45 **Visit to Jose Guerrero Centre.**

During the afternoon we will walk from the Alhambra to the Jose Guerrero Centre. We will focus on the works of this local artist, famous for abstract expressionist paintings & big, vibrantly coloured works which suggest landscape, primitive architecture & atmospheric events.

The artist travelled extensively around Europe before settling in New York, where he acquainted with prominent members of the American avant-garde movement.

- 12.00 **Lunch & exploration time in central Granada.**

Built on the slopes of three hills, Granada is the most beautiful of all Spanish cities & basks in the glory of Europe's most exciting, sensual & romantic monument The Alhambra. This was the palace & fortress of the Nasrid Sultans - rulers of the last Spanish Moorish kingdom.

- 13.00 Walk to The Alhambra.

Our walk to the Alhambra will take us down the hill of Albayzin & up the steep hill of the Alhambra Fortress.

- 13.45 **Visit to The Alhambra.**

Meaning 'the red fort', the word Alhambra derives from its Moorish roots. The spectacular Moorish fortress of the Alhambra is divided into the Royal Palace, the ornate gardens & the fortress of the Alcazaba.

We will visit the interior to discover the business & judicial rooms of the Sultans, the formal state rooms & finally the 'Harem' - the personal living quarters of the great rulers.

After visiting the interior, students will enjoy exploring the gardens & summer palaces, with views over the ancient Arab quarter of Albaicin.

17.00	Coach transfer to Malaga.
19.00	<u>Dinner at Clandestino Restaurant.</u>
20.30	Return walk to Hotel Ibis Budget.
21.00	E.T.A. Hotel Ibis Budget.

DAY FIVE

08.00 Breakfast, hotel check-out & storage of suitcases in hotel storage room.

09.30 Walk to The Carmen Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum.

10.15 **Visit to The Carmen Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, Malaga.**

Opened in 2011, this gallery contains some 230 paintings from Carmen's personal collection which have been amassed over the past thirty years. The subject matter focuses on the local Andalusian areas of Cordoba, Malaga & Seville. The most famous artists whose works feature include Zurbaran, Sorolla, Zuloaga & Romero Torres.

The museum is located inside the Palacio de Villalon - a beautiful 16th-century palace with a traditional colonnaded patio, whose refurbishment cost 20 million Euros.

11.30 Walk to Malaguetta Beach Area.

12.00 **Lunch & Exploration of Malaguetta Beach.**

13.00 **Visit to The 'Pop Up' Pompidou Centre Malaga.**

Opened in 2015, the 'Pop-Up Pompidou' is housed within a brightly coloured cuboid glass structure overlooking the harbour of Malaga with its expensive yachts & beachfront atmosphere.

The permanent exhibition is divided into seven sections: metamorphoses, the body in pieces, the political body, self-portraits, man without a face, the workshop of Brancusi, and a final section dedicated to the architecture of the first Pompidou Centre, in Paris.

Works in the centre's collection will include 20th century masterpieces such as The frame (self-portrait) by Frida Kahlo, The flowered hat by Picasso, a self-portrait by Francis Bacon, The rape by René Magritte and Women in an interior by Léger, as well as contemporary works by French-Tunisian artist Kader Attia and French conceptual artist Sophie Calle. The Pompidou Malaga will follow the example of the Georges Pompidou Centre in Paris, with works from 1905 to the present day, & is the only branch of the museum outside France.

14.15 Walk to Hotel Ibis Budget.

14.45 Collect suitcases from Hotel Ibis Budget & load onto coach.

15.15 Coach transfer to Nerja.

16.15

Visit to The Caves of Nerja.

Discovered in 1959 by a group of five local friends who explored a narrow sinkhole only to discover a series of huge caverns stretching for 5km along, the world's largest stalagmite & a cluster of ancient skeletons dating from around 25,000 BC.

The Caves of Nerja boast Neanderthal cave paintings from the Paleolithic era. When not inhabited by humans, the caves provided shelter for local hyenas. Passing one of the ancient skeletons in a presentation case at the entrance, we will visit the network of tunnels to admire the stalagmites & underground caverns formed over thousands of years by underground rivers.

17.30

Coach transfer to Nerja beach.

18.00

Dinner & Exploration of Nerja Beach.

Participants will enjoy visiting this long sandy beach with excellent cafes & restaurants overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Students can enjoy relaxing on the beach before watching the sunset, enjoying dinner on the beach & finally transferring to the airport for the return flight to the U.K.

20.00

Transfer to Malaga Airport.

21.00

E.T.A. Malaga Airport. Commence check-in.

23.50

Depart Malaga Airport on Easyjet flight 8616.

01.35

(Continental time is 1 hour in advance of U.K. time).

E.T.A. Local Airport.

02.15

Coach transfer to School.

03.15

E.T.A. School.

Please note that we make hotel & airline bookings upon receipt of the initial deposit payments. The airline timings & airports contained within this itinerary serve as a guide only & may change. The choice of hotel, airport & flight timings are confirmed upon receipt of initial deposits.