Mijas & Gibraltar

8 days from £709 November 2020, February & March 2021

There is quite a contrast in Spain’s deep south between the bodegas and bullrings in the villages and towns of Andalucia, and the more familiar high-street scene of M&S and Morisons in the British corner – Gibraltar. From your base in white-painted Mijas in the hills above the Costa del Sol you will see some of Andalucia’s typical landscapes, visit Picasso’s home city of Malaga, and have a full-day visit to the Rock of Gibraltar. All these remarkable sights are bathed in the year-round warmth of the Andalucian sunshine!

- 7 nights hb in Mijas • Excursion to Gibraltar* • Circular Andalucian tour • Visit to Malaga with orientation drive and walking tour through the historic centre

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE: Direct flight to Malaga, transfer (approx. 30 minutes) to your hotel in Mijas for seven nights half-board accommodation. Although only a few kilometres from the hustle and bustle of the seaside towns of the Costa del Sol, Mijas Pueblo has managed to retain a good deal of its Andalucian character. From the slopes of its Sierra, pretty white-painted Mijas looks down imperiously over the resorts of Fuengirola and Benalmadena and, up in the hills, on a clear day you can see as far as Gibraltar and Africa! The old village plazas are difficult to resist – whether it’s a drink with some tapas, browsing artists’ studios and craft shops or visiting one of the museums. The Local History Museum is well worth a visit, as is the Contemporary Arts Centre which has works by Picasso, Dali and Miro.

DAYS TWO TO SEVEN: In Mijas with a short, guided orientation walk and three included excursions.

Gibraltar*: Travel by coach to Gibraltar (68 miles), where on arrival you will have a tour of the rock by local mini-coach. You travel first to Europa point, and also the tour of the rock by local mini-coach. You then have free time for lunch, and to take in the attractions of your choice before you return to Mijas. 50 miles today.

Circular Andalucian Tour: Your third included excursion is a circular trip through the landscapes of the Andalucian countryside. You start by heading south, passing close to Marbella before stopping in Ojen which is famed for its aniseed liqueur. Its church is built on a mosque and the belfry used to be a minaret. From Ojen you continue to Monda. There was a Roman settlement here, and the locals claim that in 45BC Caesar won a final battle nearby. The town fell to the Christians in 1485, and the old hilltop fortress was destroyed in an Arab uprising in the 16th century. The third stop is the white village of Alhaurin el Grande. 50 miles today.

DAY EIGHT: Transfer to the airport for your return flight.

YOUR HOTEL

HOTEL TRH ••••• Mijas (seven nights)

The hotel enjoys an excellent location close to town (an uphill 5-minute walk away), but set amid palms and pines in the rolling landscapes of the Sierra as well. Built in Andalucian style, the hotel has a bar, buffet restaurant, outdoor pool (not heated) and spacious gardens and terraces. Rooms have bath/shower, wc, satellite TV, direct dial phone, safety deposit box (charge applies), internet connection and hairdryer. Superior rooms are available at a supplement. (www.trhoteles.com)

A WALKING HOLIDAY is also available from this hotel. Please ask for a copy of our Walking Holidays brochure or visit preferredts.com.