



Photography Vacations in Andalucia, Spain!

"An excellent teacher and superb human being. He is exactly the right person to run the photography portion of your business."

Deborah, April 2010

***Photograph the beauty of the Andalucia region of southern Spain.
A traditional Spanish Moorish region, where we employ the best
photographic practice in a relaxed and leisurely way and return home with
a wonderful portfolio of images that will give you
lasting pleasure and hopefully reignite your creativity.***

And you will have had a great vacation.

***The course will be based in the whitewashed Moorish village of Torrox
Pueblo just 4 km from Torrox Costa which is on the
Mediterranean coastline.***

***Accommodation is provided in beautiful, fully restored Spanish houses in
Torrox Pueblo, a short walk from the charming village plaza.***

The best weather in Europe.



Package includes:

- Accommodation
- All main meals
- Breakfast starter pack
- 5 full days of photography tuition and one free day
- Tutor phones guests before departure

Note : We provide all transport during your vacation on a courtesy basis

Why not extend your stay from only £35 per room per night?

Sample Itinerary

Please note that this itinerary is a sample only and is subject to change. You have the option to stay in the village and continue your photography if you choose not to join the trips on any day. Flexibility will also be given for the photographers in the group to be able to make the best use of the lighting, for example at sunrise and sunset.

Day 1: Torrox Pueblo: Arrive

You are collected from Malaga airport and taken to the charming village of **Torrox Pueblo**.

After lunch on the terrace, settle in with a stroll around the village to get an initial feel for your location.

Evening - brief introductory session with the photographers, with discussion of objectives, materials, and format for the week followed by dinner at local Restaurant



Torrox Street

Day 2.



After breakfast, we get together at *Finca la Paz* (your hosts home) with your tutor and discuss what you wish to achieve from the week's tuition. This session will allow people to discuss their existing skills, experience and style and to request any particular help and direction and there will be an opportunity here to start photographing the local area. For people with limited photographic experience additional tuition and guidance will be provided.

Lunch at *Finca la Paz*

At around 6.30 pm there will be an Introductory photography session in the village of Torrox followed by dinner at local Restaurant

Day 3.

We continue today with photography in our lovely village.

On Monday mornings there is a colorful local street market in Torrox with an opportunity to capture the stalls, people, and the general atmosphere.



Torrox Market

After a picnic lunch we suggest a short siesta.

In the late afternoon, we will drive to Maria's **Cortijo** where you will be able to laze around the swimming pool whilst Maria and her friends prepare a traditional Andalucía meal consisting of homemade cuisine.

The Cortijo is located in the hills above Torrox, with stunning views of the **sierras**, **Frigiliana**, **Nerja** and the coast.



Al fresco eating at Maria's Cortijo

Day 4.

We take an early morning drive to lake Vinuela to capture the early morning reflections on the lake.



From here we stop at the the West's largest Buddhist Stupa at **Velez Malaga** for an unexpected photo opportunity.



Unexpected Stupa:
The Benalmádena Enlightenment Stupa rises 108 feet high and stretches 82 feet across at the base - the largest in the West

For lunch we go to **La Caleta de Velez** - a pretty town with superb beaches and an impressive **marina** and a working fishing fleet with repair yard where the fishermen mend their nets etc. Caleta has a village atmosphere with an attractive promenade, lined with palm trees and nesting green parrots.

The vibrant fish market and harbor are attractive and will provide lots of opportunities for your artistic skills.



The promenade at Caleta de Velez

Evening - Vegetarian Banquet prepared by Corinne at **Finca la Paz**.

Day 5

This is a free day but your hosts will be glad to give you ideas on how to make the most of it.

Day 6

Morning trip to **Acebuchal** a pretty mountain village nestled in a charming valley where you will have an opportunity to record the mountainous location, hidden corners and delightfully restored village houses.



Lunch – at Bar Restaurant **Acebuchal**, renowned for it's home-cooked often locally procured meat and game dishes

Return to Village around 4.30

Evening meal at **Finca la Paz**

Day 7.

We get together for more tuition with the option of a still life session. You will also have the opportunity to finish some work, ask questions and get any additional tips or feedback you require.

We have lunch together at **Finca la Paz**, and in the afternoon there is the opportunity to finish work, perhaps on the computer.

Later in the afternoon we will hold discussions on the week's activities, to find out whether individual's objectives have been met.

We have our final evening meal together at village restaurant.

Day 8.

Return transfers to Malaga Airport, Bus Station etc.

¡Adios from Travels Together!

What makes our vacations special?

We know how important your vacation time is and that quality matters most. As part of our commitment to providing you with the best vacation experience, we listen carefully to all your comments and suggestions. At the end of every vacation we ask that you complete a customer satisfaction survey, letting us know your feelings and thoughts about the vacation program. Each survey is read carefully and is extremely valuable for improving and planning future programs.

From last year's customer satisfaction surveys 99% of you told us that you enjoyed your vacation and 100% highly rated the helpfulness and friendliness of our guides.

We are always keen to hear how you enjoyed our vacation and heavily rely on word of mouth and guest recommendations, so your feedback is very important to us.

What's Included?

When you come on a Travels Together photo vacation in Spain we offer:

- Full week program of activity
- Transfers to and from Airport at specified times *
- Comfortable accommodation in beautifully restored village houses
- All lunches and evening Meals (excluding rest day)
- Breakfast starter pack in all the houses
- The opportunity to meet new friends in a friendly and inclusive social setting
- Small groups (no more than approx 10 people)
- Experienced teachers to help you enjoy your vacation

**Our vacations do not include flights, allowing guests to travel from their most convenient local airport. The starting point for our vacations is Malaga Airport. Airport transfers are provided for our vacations at specified times. Transfers from Malaga normally leave the airport at 11:00 and 12:30 in the morning and return at 08:00 or 10:00 in the morning. Transfers by private taxis (for a nominal fee) can be arranged at other times - please ask for details.*

Your hosts have lived and worked in this area of Spain for 7 years, speak the language, and work with local people wherever possible to ensure that you can enjoy a truly authentic experience.

What to Bring for Photographic Vacation

We recommend the following useful items to be taken on the vacation with you.

- 1 DSLR camera (digital single lens reflex)
no compacts or camera phones acceptable
- 2 preferred lenses and other accessories you may deem necessary

- 3 owner's manual including any supplied software on cd
- 4 any associated cables eg camera to computer
- 5 spare memory cards and card reader
- 6 battery charger
- 7 spare battery
- 8 maximum of 6 images taken recently that you are pleased with (prints preferred).

Want to bring a partner who doesn't photograph?

There is a 50% reduction for non-photographic partner*.

****Price for non-photographic partner includes airport transfers, accommodation, breakfast pack and evening meals. It does not include transport for non-photography partner to locations or lunches.***

Note: We will provide bus timetables and advice about local events and activities during the day.

TRANSPORT

All necessary transport during the trip is included free of charge.

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ENTRANCE FEES

Included whenever it is part of the itinerary.

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare is not included.

Please Note that the rough and hilly terrain in the region may make it difficult for those with mobility issues.

ACCOMMODATION

Guests stay in traditional village houses, which have been both sympathetically restored and furnished with all modern conveniences and most have their own shower/wc, satellite TV, washing machine, fridge freezer. All linen is provided and **all the houses have beautiful terraces with views over the village, the surrounding countryside or the sea.** Houses are allocated on a shared basis. You will have your own bedroom. All our bedrooms have their own bathroom. We do have a limited number of one-bed roomed houses if you prefer not to share.



Las Cantares - village restaurant

FOOD

A breakfast welcome pack is placed in all the houses (breakfast to be taken on a self-catering basis). Otherwise lunches are provided on walk days and evening meals are provided at a selection of hand picked restaurants, including wine and soft drinks (except on rest day).

