HOSTED COSTA DEL SOL
LONGSTAYS VACATION WITH TWO NIGHT STAY AT PARADOR HOTEL

This stay-put vacation is in the Costa del Sol area at the charming Ecuador Park Apartments, centrally located 300 metres from the charming harbour of Benalmadena and a short walk to the beach and restaurants! Explore the local area with your tour host and join eight cultural excursions including: two dinners to Mijas with dinner and a Flamenco show!

For a unique experience, not to be missed, you will travel to Ronda and stay two nights at a luxury Parador Hotel.

INCLUDES:

• 28 nights at the Ecuador Park Apartments including two nights luxury stay at Parador Hotel in Ronda with welcome dinner
• one bedroom, kitchen, private balcony, housekeeping three times per week, wifi and laundry onsite
• walk to the charming harbour of Benalmadena, the beach, bars and restaurants
• five full-day excursions to Granada, Cordoba, Gilbraltar, Nerja and Ronda with lunch
• two half-day excursions to Malaga w/tapas dinner, Flamenco show w/dinner
• city tour in Ronda plus full-day tour of the white villages with lunch
• all transfers and gratuities
• Merit Tour Host

28 nights
Departs Toronto
March 1, 2017

*Prices are in CDN$ per person, double occupancy based on one bedroom standard apartment at Ecuador Park. Single supplement: $1,800. Additional: Tax $695. Upgrade to superior one bedroom apartment $600 per person, double occupancy. Add-ons available from various Canadian Gateways, please enquire.
## ITINERARY

### Day 1 | March 01, 2017 | DEPART FROM TORONTO – MALAGA, SPAIN (VIA FRANKFURT)

Air Canada Flight 872 departs Toronto at 5 p.m. arrives Frankfurt the following day Mar 2 at 6:30 a.m. connecting with Lufthansa Flight 1148 departs Frankfurt at 9:20 a.m.. arrives Malaga at 12:15 p.m.

### Day 2 | March 02, 2017 | ARRIVAL IN MALAGA

Upon arrival in Malaga, meet your local representative and transfer to your hotel.

Accommodations: Ecuador Park Apartments. Hotel address: Avda. de España, 14, Torremolinos, 29620 Tel: +349 5237-3362.

| Day 2-29 | March 02-29, 2017 | COSTA DEL SOL
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| Day 15 | March 15, 2017 | RONDA CITY TOUR & WINERY VISIT (D)

Today pack your overnight bag and transfer by coach to Ronda via the coastline for a spectacular two nights stay at the Parador Hotel. Upon arrival in Ronda, drop off your luggage at the hotel then start your city tour of this monumental town. The sites visited will include the Don Bosco House, Santa Maria la Mayor church, and you will also find through your walk in the city many 15th and 16th century Palaces. Finally enjoy a visit to Bodegas La Sangre, a local winery with a wine tasting.

Return to the Parador Hotel for check in. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner with your group at the hotel restaurant.

Accommodations: Parador Ronda. Hotel address: Plaza de Espana, s/n/ 29400 Ronda Malaga Tel: +349 5287-7500.

| Day 16 | March 16, 2017 | RONDA (B, L, D)

WHITE VILLAGES EXCURSION - After breakfast, depart at 9:30 a.m. for a full day excursion of the Andalusian White Villages. Located along the hills known as Sierra de Cadiz are a series of towns known as pueblos blancos (white towns). Stops will be made in such towns as Arcos de la Frontera, Grazalema and Olvera for visits to Moorish castles, churches and ruins of this region. Enjoy a delightful lunch in a local restaurant then continue on the tour before the transfer back to the hotel. Dinner is included at the hotel restaurant.

| Day 17 | March 17, 2017 | RONDA — COSTA DEL SOL (B, L)

After breakfast, check out and your luggage will be stored in a private room at the hotel. At 9:30 a.m., the morning tour of Ronda will start by heading downhill to visit the ruins of the Arab baths then crossing the Old Bridge and finally a visit to a bullring. You will enjoy lunch at Don Miguel restaurant which offers great views of the gorge.

After lunch, return back to the Parador hotel to collect luggage then proceed for the drive through the “orange valley” back to Costa Del Sol.

FULL DAY GRANADA TOUR (L) - Please be ready in the hotel lobby for an 8 a.m. departure. Discover the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Alhambra on this fascinating tour. You’ll explore beyond the beautiful Moorish architecture to learn the history of one of the most visited attractions in the world. Your visit begins in the Alhambra, whose construction began in the 11th century on the red hill known as Assabika which overlooks Granada.

The Alcazaba fortress was the first structure to be built, followed by the Royal Palace and Residence of members of the court. You will visit the most important halls and courtyards of the Alhambra, including the Alcazaba fortress, the Serrallo, the Patio of los Arrayanes (Myrtle Courtyard), the Hall of la Barca, the Salon of the Embajadores (Ambassadors Hall), the Patio de los Leones (Lions Courtyard), the Hall of the Abencerrajes, the Royal Baths. Your tour then continues to the Palace of Charles V and the Generalife Gardens. Found next to the Alhambra, these gardens were a place of leisure and recreation for the Moorish kings of Granada and from here you can enjoy wonderful
and stalagmites. The grottoes, a remarkable example of natural architecture. The cave above sea level, this is one of Europe's most dramatic natural

ST. MICHAEL'S CAVE. You will see the most spectacular sights on the Rock. 

FULL DAY GILBRALTAR TOUR (L) - Please be ready in the hotel lobby for an 8:30 a.m. departure. On this tour you will visit one of the most emblematic buildings of Islamic Art, the Aljama Mosque. It is a fascinating building which offers surprising light and colour effects as well as beautiful doors and nearly a thousand columns. The Cathedral of Gothic, Baroque and Plateresque elements was built inside in the 16th Century. The panoramic tour shows the Roman Bridge displaying the restoration work performed by the Muslims. The “Juderia” (Jewish Quarter), with its Synagogue, situated near “La Aljama” district. After lunch at restaurant Bandolero, you will have free time for shopping the local handicrafts, before returning to Costa del Sol.

FULL DAY EXCURSION TO CORDOBA (L) - Please be ready in the hotel lobby for a 9 a.m. departure. On this tour you will visit one of the most emblematic buildings of Islamic Art, the Aljama Mosque. It is a fascinating building which offers surprising light and colour effects as well as beautiful doors and nearly a thousand columns. The Cathedral of Gothic, Baroque and Plateresque elements was built inside in the 16th Century. The panoramic tour shows the Roman Bridge displaying the restoration work performed by the Muslims. The “Juderia” (Jewish Quarter), with its Synagogue, situated near “La Aljama” district. After lunch at restaurant Bandolero, you will have free time for shopping the local handicrafts, before returning to Costa del Sol.

FULL DAY EXCURSION TO NERJA & FRIGILIANA (L) - Please be ready in the hotel lobby for a 9 a.m. departure. In the Eastern Coast of Malaga Province, Frigiliana shines with mosaic paved streets and immaculate white houses. This beautiful village maintains a Morisco-Mudejar centre which has received numerous awards for its excellent state of conservation. Taste the local sweet wine and enjoy free time for strolling around.

A few kilometres from Frigiliana, you will find Nerja, a village that still retains much of the character of its Moorish past. The historic centre was constructed around 1487 of which the Balcon de Europa (Balcony of Europe) is part. Formerly a XI Century Castle, it is now a viewing point above the sea. To the side of the Balcon is the XVII Century El Salvador Church constructed in Barroque-Mudejar style. You will also visit the magnificent prehistoric Caves known as the “Underground Cathedral” a unique example of natural architecture, with stalactites and stalagmites that were formed over millions of years. A delicious lunch will be served at Restaurant Servillano.

Day 30 | March 30, 2017 | MALAGA — TORONTO (VIA FRANKFURT) (B)

Please check out and have your luggage ready in the lobby for your transfer to the airport for your flight home. Lufthansa Flight 1149 departs Malaga at 12:45 p.m. arrives Frankfurt at 3:40 p.m. connecting with Air Canada Flight 877 departs Frankfurt at 5:15 p.m. arrives Toronto at 7:30 p.m.

END OF SERVICES.
RESPONSIBILITY

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(a) Fault or negligence or omissions on the part of the said travel service suppliers;
(b) Illness, theft, strikes, mechanical problems, quarantine, governmental intervention, weather conditions, acts of hostility or violence, and any other grounds beyond our control;
(c) Your failure to obtain passport, visas, other travel documents or inoculations;
(d) Your failure to advise us the name of the traveller exactly as it appears on the passport;
(e) Your failure to report on time at an airport or ground transfer facility;
(f) Material damages, theft or other mysterious disappearances of your goods;
(g) Personal injuries or death;
(h) Force Majeure - an event(s) beyond our, or our supplier(s), reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of God, strikes, lockout or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts of restraints imposed by governmental authorities.

PRICING

All prices are per person in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. GST, HST and provincial taxes are applicable on tours as noted.

INCREASE IN TOUR COSTS

Merit reserves the right to increase tour prices in the event of an increase in government and airport authority imposed taxes and fees, fuel and currency surcharges, supplier price increases, or any other cost increase. If the increase is greater than 7% of the tour cost, the client may cancel the booking within seven days of notification and obtain a full refund.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A deposit of $750 per person is required at the time of booking. Full and final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Deposit requirements for some tours may vary. You will be advised of such cases at time of booking.

LIABILITY

Merit cannot assume responsibility for any costs incurred for any travel arrangements purchased separately from the Merit tour. Merit’s responsibility shall extend only to the provisions of advice as to industry-standard or supplier recommended connections and check-in times.

Provided Merit supplies such advice, they shall not be responsible for missed connections or departures, regardless of the cause.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (INSURANCE)

Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, medical and hospital insurance, baggage insurance, and various additional insurances are available and HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

If you choose not to purchase insurance, you are required to sign an Insurance Waiver Form. Note that if you choose not to purchase insurance, you are fully liable for any and all penalties imposed as stated under Cancellation Policy on this page. Please speak to your representative at the time of making reservations about insurance.

REFUNDS

The nature of travel involves risks and unpredictable weather and thus Merit cannot assure any departure or arrival times at any point of an itinerary. Your right to receive a refund is limited.

There will be no discounts or monies refunded for any missed or unused services.

Merit reserves the right to cancel the tour for any reason. Should this occur, a full refund will be made to the traveller.

CANCELLATION POLICY

While Merit will do its utmost to minimize any penalties charged, there are irrecoverable costs associated with your tour. The following penalties will be considered the costs incurred with cancellation:

(A) 90 days or more prior to departure: Loss of total deposit.
(B) 89 – 60 days prior to departure: Loss of 50% of total tour cost.
(C) 59 days or less prior to departure: Loss of 100% of total tour cost.

Cancellation penalties for some tours will vary and there may be additional penalties associated with the airline. If so, these policies will be noted separately at time of booking and will prevail.

TOUR CHANGES

We reserve the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines or vessels due to conditions beyond our control. In such cases we will do everything possible to ensure the locations visited, the excursions taken and the hotels offered are similar to the ones originally planned. Any change to itineraries will not result in eligibility for a refund.

REVISION FEE

Changes to your tour reservation might not be possible. Should you request a change and we are able to accommodate it, you will be subject to any charges imposed by the airline or tour suppliers. In addition, we reserve the right to charge a $50 revision fee for any change made after the deposit is paid. A change in name or departure date may constitute a cancellation, and the corresponding penalties may apply.

PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION

All passengers travelling internationally must travel with a passport. Many countries require the passport to be valid for 6 months beyond the traveller’s return date. Visas may be required for some destinations. It is the passenger’s responsibility to obtain at the passenger’s expense, all documentation required by all relevant authorities. In the event that the passenger does not possess the correct documentation, the air carrier has the right to refuse passage.

DESCRIPTION

Every effort has been made to describe and produce the travel services and photographs as accurately as possible in the printed tour description. However we reserve the right to correct errors and we will make all reasonable efforts to inform you should any significant changes occur.

Please note that the living standards and local conditions during your tour may be different from what you are accustomed to at home.

CONSENT

Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute your consent to the above terms.

If you encounter any concerns during your tour, please inform your local travel service provider. If the matter cannot be resolved, please inform Merit Travel in writing upon your return.

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