



## Portugal and Spain with Garden Time

Lisbon ♦ Cape Sagres ♦ Sevilla ♦ Granada ♦ Madrid

October 6 - 19, 2020

*Andalucía*...the name alone invokes images of flaming red Flamenco dresses, dark eyes peeking over a lacy fan, bullfighters in pink satin trousers, graceful Moorish architecture and white-washed villages. And it is also a destination that hosts a stunning array of gardens, thanks to the influence of Persia, the Romans and the Moorish influence of the El Andalus era. Beautifully incorporating fountains and pools, along with pergolas and arcades to create shade, the gardens here provide a fabulous sensory experience of refreshing coolness, humidity, sounds, greenery, and fragrance.

Join Garden Time hosts Judy Alleruzzo and Ryan Seely as we journey to the endlessly fascinating country of Spain...and we're throwing in a little Lisbon for fun! This colorful and cultural experience will not only take us to the beautiful gardens in Portugal and Spain, it will also include tastings of local culinary specialties and wine, spectacular architectural and historical tours, a Flamenco performance, the famous prancing horses of Jerez and Fado singing. The journey concludes in Madrid, where you can easily continue your travels or fly straight home. Don't miss out! Space is limited.



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## JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

3 Nights Lisbon (Oct 6-8)  
2 Nights Cape Sagres (Oct 9 & 10)  
3 Nights Sevilla (Oct 11-13)  
2 Nights Granada (Oct 14 & 15)  
3 Nights Madrid (Oct 16-18) Tour ends Oct 19



## JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Walking tours and gardens of Lisbon, Sevilla, Cordoba and Granada ◆ Palacio dos Marquesas, Lisbon ◆ Quinta da Regaleira, Sintra ◆ Alcazar and Cathedral, Sevilla ◆ Barrio Santa Cruz, Sevilla ◆ Flamenco performance ◆ Alhambra complex and Generalife Gardens, Granada ◆ Cathedral and Royal Chapel, Granada ◆ Patio tour of Cordoba

## IT'S INCLUDED!

- Travel with Judy Alleruzzo Ryan Seely and Jeff and Therese Gustin of *Garden Time*
- Fully guided by Thibault Martin
- Classical music concert, Fado evening, guitar concert, flamenco performance
- All entrance fees to museums, palaces, concerts, and all activities listed in itinerary
- Wine, sherry and olive oil tastings
- Historic walks of Lisbon, Cordoba, Sevilla and Granada with local guides
- A visit to an Andalusian horse farm in Jerez
- 13 nights of accommodation in superior 3 or 4 star hotels
- Transportation from Lisbon to Madrid via private coach
- All breakfasts plus 13 additional meals
- All gratuities for drivers, guides and all those assisting group activities and meals

## TRIP FACTS

14 Days/ 13 Nights

\$4995 per person double occupancy (land only) based on a minimum of 14 guests

\$1195 single Supplement (*waived if willing to share a room and a roommate is found*)

Trip officially begins in Lisbon on Oct 6, 2020 (Guests must depart the USA on Oct 5 in order to arrive on Oct 6). Trip ends in the morning in Madrid on Oct 19, 2020.

Optional Group flight TBA



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**NOT INCLUDED:** International airline tickets, airline luggage fees, beverages with meals (other than coffee, tea and water), any meals not mentioned, room/mini-bar service, gratuities for hotel staff, travel insurance, items of a personal nature and anything not listed in the “It’s Included” section above.

## WAYS TO SAVE

Earthbound and Garden Time travel alumni save \$100 pp ◇ Reserve before January 3 and save \$100 pp ◇ Pay final balance by check and save \$100

## RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS

A \$500 per person deposit is due at time of sign up. Deposits are refundable for 60 days from the processing date or 90 days prior to departure, whichever comes first. Deposits made 90 days prior to a trip departing are not refundable. A \$75 per person processing fee applies to all cancellations. Final payment is due 60 days before departure.

## YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS...

### DAY 0: Oct 5 - Depart home country for lively Lisbon!

Remember you will need to depart no later than Oct 5 to arrive in Portugal by Oct 6.

### DAY 1: Oct 6 - Welcome to Portugal!

*Bem vindo a Portugal (Welcome to Portugal)!* Plan to meet your Garden Time hosts, Judy Alleruzzo, Ryan Seely, Jeff and Therese Gustin, your Earthbound guide, and fellow travelers this evening for a welcome orientation and dinner. *Sleep in Lisbon (D)*

### DAY 2: Oct 7- Discover Vibrant Lisbon and Palacio dos Marquesas da Fronteira

After breakfast we set out to discover Lisbon. Our journey begins in the Belém district with an in-depth tour of the Jerónimos Monastery. This is one of the most prominent examples of Portuguese late Gothic Manueline style of architecture. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will also see the Tower of Belém which is dedicated to the great Portuguese explorers. Then we’ll head to the district of Benfica which houses the spectacular formal gardens of the 17<sup>th</sup> century Palacio dos Marquesas, which is also home to some of Portugal’s finest tiles. *Sleep in Lisbon (B, L)*

### DAY 3: Oct 8 - Excursion to Sintra

Today we embark on a short journey to a village of fantasy castles nestled in lush green valleys and surrounded by exotic tropical plants. Portugal's kings and other wealthy aristocrats of the kingdom came to Sintra to build magnificent summer homes and



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stunning gardens to while away their time gazing at the shimmering Atlantic in the distance. During this visually stunning day, we'll see the National Palace of Pena and the lovely Quinta de Monserrate. Dinner together this evening will include a Portuguese traditional form of singing called *Fado*. *Sleep in Lisbon (B, D)*

#### **DAY 4: Oct 9- Évora Outing and Cork Farm Visit**

We depart after breakfast for whitewashed Évora, famous for the Roman Temple of Évora, also called the Temple of Diana and the massive Gothic 12<sup>th</sup> century cathedral Igreja de de São Francisco, which sports baroque architecture and the skeleton-adorned Chapel of Bones. In the afternoon, seeing as Évora is nestled among vast fields of cork and olive trees, we'll also visit a cork farm and have a chance to taste some olive oil! We'll then make our way to the "end of the world;" the very south western tip of Portugal. *Sleep in Cape Sagres (B, L)*

#### **DAY 5: Oct 10- Cape Sagres**

Spend the day relaxing on a windswept beach stretching for miles, or hike a nearby trail. There will be an optional excursion to the lighthouse at Cape St Vincent and we'll plan to meet up for an included dinner this evening. *Sleep in Cape Sagres (B, D)*

#### **DAY 6: Oct 11- From the Algarve to Sevilla and the Parque Maria Luisa**

Today we make the journey from Portugal to Spain, so we exchange "*bom dia*" for "*buenos dias*." After a lunch stop en route, we arrive in Sevilla, the capital of Andalusia and the fourth largest city in Spain. Founded as a Roman city, it fell under Muslim control in the 8<sup>th</sup> century. Ferdinand Magellan famously departed from Sevilla on his first circumnavigation of the Earth and the 17<sup>th</sup> century in Sevilla saw a resulting brilliant flowering of the city's culture. You'll enjoy many examples of that extraordinary era during



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### DID YOU KNOW...

"Al" is the Arabic article meaning "the;" thus "Al Andalus" means "The Vandals." The name "Andalusia" is derived from the Germanic tribe called the Vandals, which overran Roman Spain in the 5<sup>th</sup> century.

the three night stay here. Time-permitting this afternoon, we'll stroll through the Parque de Maria Luisa, a park in the "Moorish paradisaical" style with tiled fountains, pavilions, walls, ponds and benches. Lush with plantings of palms, orange trees, Mediterranean pines and stylized flower beds, this park serves as a botanical garden. Enjoy a group dinner this evening. *Sleep in Sevilla (B, D)*

### **DAY 7: Oct 12- Alcazar Gardens of Sevilla and Barrio Santa Cruz**

Take a walk through the Barrio Santa Cruz, the most beloved of Sevilla's neighborhoods: filled with wrought-iron cancelas (gates), courtyards with Andalusian tiled fountains, art galleries, restaurants, cafes, flowerpots of geraniums, and winding narrow alleyways. Named after a Christian saint, Santa Cruz is the former ghetto of Sevilla's Jews and is the single most colorful part of the city. Enjoy an included group lunch today followed by a walk through the palace gardens of the magnificent Alcazar. This evening will be free for independent dinner and exploration. *Sleep in Sevilla (B, L)*

### **DAY 8: Oct 13- Outing to Jerez and the Spanish Horses**

Embark on a day excursion to Jerez de la Frontera where we'll tour an Andalusian horse farm to see these majestic creatures and learn about their deep connection to the local culture. We'll also make a visit to a bodega for a taste of the famous sherry (the name of which is an Anglicization of the word Jerez). Enjoy an independent lunch and we'll head back to Sevilla in time for a Flamenco performance: that sultry, flamboyant and passionate form of expressive dance that makes the pulse race! *Sleep in Sevilla (B, D)*

### **DAY 9: Oct 14- Cathedral of Sevilla and Cordoba Patio Tour**

Before we leave this morning, we'll take in Sevilla's cathedral, the world's largest Gothic church, with Christopher Columbus' tomb and treasury. Then we'll head out in our coach to Cordoba. Once a regional capital, first during Roman times and then for the Moors, Cordoba boasts the best Islamic sight next to Granada's Alhambra: the Mesquita, an extremely well-preserved 8<sup>th</sup> century mosque.

Another highlight: the Patio Tour! Designed by the Romans to offer shade from the Andalusian sun, the patios are a visual feast of historic and colorful courtyards abundant with the classic scents of Cordoba: orange blossom and jasmine. We'll have time for an independent lunch in this delightful town, then continue our journey to Granada. Time-



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permitting, we'll see the Royal Chapel upon arrival, where we'll view the tombs of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand, then check in to our hotel *Sleep in Granada (B, D)*

#### **DAY 10: Oct 15- Explore Granada and Guitar concert**

The spectacular Alhambra palace and its surrounding gardens and splashing fountains is a sight people have dreamt of for centuries. It's very easy to imagine yourself here, reclining on a fluffy divan with a servant feeding you grapes... We'll tour the complex and the gardens with a local expert and leave time for well-earned siesta this afternoon. Tonight we'll enjoy a guitar concert and dinner in the Albaizin (old Moorish quarter) and be sure to find a view point to see the Alhambra lit up at night. *Sleep in Granada (B, D)*

#### **DAY 11: Oct 16- Granada to Madrid via Toledo**

We head out early to Madrid today via Toledo: an ancient hill town in the plains of Castilla-La Mancha. Known for its medieval Arab, Jewish and Christian monuments, it was also the former home of the famous painter El Greco. We'll have lunch, enjoy a walking tour of the city and visit the botanical gardens, then jump back on the coach for about an hour drive to Madrid. *Sleep in Madrid (B, L)*

#### **DAY 12: Oct 17 -Reina Sofia and Sabatini Gardens**

We'll divide the next two days into one part garden, one part museum. First we visit the lovely Reina Sofia Museum, Spain's national museum of 20th century art, then we'll stroll in the Sabatini gardens in the afternoon. The Sabatini gardens are an extension of the Royal Palace and considered a magnificent example of the legacy of the Hapsburgs. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon, followed by a group dinner. *Sleep in Madrid (B,D)*



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### **DAY 13: Oct 18 – Prado Museum and Botanical Gardens of Madrid**

The National Museum of the Prado is widely considered to house one of the world's finest collections of European art spanning from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Its Spanish painting collection is extraordinary and includes works by Goya, Velasquez, El Greco and many more. We'll view the highlights with a local guide, have time for lunch, then tour the Botanical Gardens of Madrid. Originally founded by King Ferdinand VI in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the gardens were later moved to their current location by King Charles III. You'll have some free time this afternoon for independent exploration, then we'll gather tonight for our Farewell Dinner. *Sleep in Madrid (B,D)*

### **DAY 14: Oct 19 – Tour Ends**

Our tour is over today. An airport transfer will be provided for those on the group flight. We wish you happy and safe travels! *Buen viaje!*

- Itinerary Subject to Change -



### **MEET YOUR HOSTS: JUDY ALLERUZZO**

Judy currently works for Al's Garden Centers as the perennial plant buyer and the houseplant buyer. She has been with the Garden Time show for all 14 seasons. Living in Chicago most of her life, she came to Portland a little over 20 years ago and was awed by the colorful landscape she saw. By the time the rainy season came it was too late, she was smitten.

Needing a job, she was lucky to walk into Al's Garden Center and get a job as a cashier. She has a Horticulture degree but had never really used all that knowledge until she began working at Al's. Working for what was a small company at the time, she learned many different jobs and ended up learning to plan and buy perennials for the growing facility and the retail stores. It has been a fun and rewarding career at Al's as they have grown to four retail stores and doubled their growing facility.

A few years ago, she said yes to becoming the houseplant buyer. It was a challenging job to learn a whole other palette of plants. Many years ago she had worked for a plant rental company in Chicago. Buying perennials and houseplants may seem like an odd mix, but she loves all kinds of plants and looks forward to combining these two groups of plants more and more in the years to come.



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Being involved in Garden Time allows Judy even more opportunities to meet local gardeners and get their input on their favorite plants, which makes her job at Al's even more rewarding.



**JEFF GUSTIN** is the president of Gustin Creative Group and the producer and owner of Garden Time. He has been in the broadcasting industry over 30 years as a photographer, editor, writer, producer and director. He spent most of that time at KPTV in Portland Oregon where he helped produce numerous specials including The Rose Festival Airshow, the Oregon Coast Aquarium, and the Portland Art Museum 'Oregon Trail' specials. He also worked on the 'Good Day Oregon' show, the 'In The Garden' show and started 'Good Day Lifestyles'. In 2005 he left the station and

started Gustin Creative Group. The Garden Time show is just one of the many parts of GCG. In addition to the show, GCG produces commercials, corporate videos and other projects.

**THERESE GUSTIN** is the business manager of Gustin Creative Group. She has a degree in Horticulture from Univ. of Illinois, which helps when we need some fact checking on the Garden Time TV show. She has been the guiding hand on the business side of GCG. Her previous management expertise keeps the company moving in the right direction. She is also a mean continuity director and assistant on field productions and has become a legend as a fill-in talent person and hand model. When not working in the field she is also organizing our 'Gardenpalooza' and 'Subaru Garden Dayz' events in addition to editing the Garden Time on-line magazine.



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**RYAN SEELY** is the new co-host of Garden Time and excited to join us on this trip. As a 6<sup>th</sup> generation native Oregonian, he grew up in Wilsonville, and graduated from Oregon State University (go Beavs!) with a Bachelor of Science in business. Immediately following graduation, he joined with two other partners to establish a local retail garden center in the Wilsonville and North Plains locations. After fourteen years, he transitioned to the wholesale side of the garden industry and is currently the Sales Manager at Little Prince of Oregon in Aurora.

As a child, he was always drawn to farming and gardening, choosing to work out in the three acre family garden or playing in his grandfather's onion farm in Salem. After graduating from Oregon State, he furthered his plant education by taking several horticulture classes at Clackamas Community College, and has remained active in the gardening community by attending local gardening events, conferences, and trade shows. He particularly enjoys the new and emerging trends in the gardening industry.

When he's not gardening in his own yard, he enjoys spending time in the outdoors hiking, camping, skiing, and travelling with his wife Kim, and their two children. He also volunteers with the Boys Scouts of America as an Assistant Scoutmaster and the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.



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