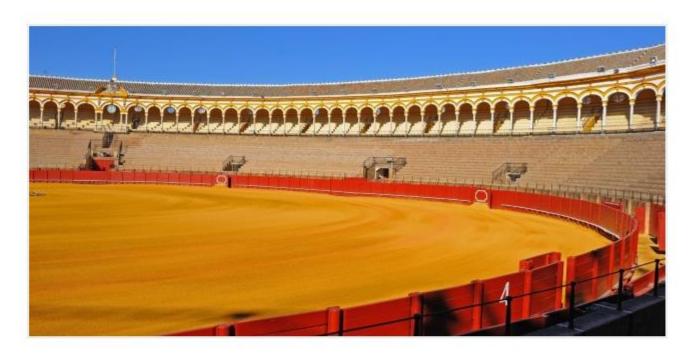


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## LUXURIOUS SPAIN TOUR INSPIRED BY GAME OF THRONES

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HBO's epic hit *Game of Thrones* is filmed in some of the world's most spectacularly scenic locations — including Croatia, Iceland, and Northern Ireland— and much of Season 5 was shot in southern Spain. Now the fans of the serie can soak up the history and culture of *GOT*'s latest locales with a new luxury tour of some of Spain's greatest cities, courtesy of online high-end travel referral service Zicasso.



The new Zicasso tour kicks off with two days sightseeing in Madrid before heading south by train to Andalusia, a region of striking contrasts and ancient cities where Moorish conquerors ruled for centuries and left their indelible imprint on its art, architecture and culture. Also central to the itinerary: The world-renowned Alcázar, formerly a Muslim fort and widely recognized as the most stunning example of  $mud\acute{e}jar$  architecture on the Iberian Peninsula.



The oldest royal palace still in service in Europe (Spain's royal family uses its upper floors as its official Seville residence), its lavish courtyards and lush gardens provide a sumptuous setting in Season 5 for the Water Palace of Sunspear, Dorne's capital city and seat of House Martell. From Seville you'll take a day trip to the town of Osuna—which boasts many fine baroque mansions and churches dating from the 16th to 18th centuries and was once colonized by Julius Caesar—and visit its 6,500-seat bullring, designed by Anibal Gonzalez, architect of Seville's sprawling Plaza de España.

After Seville you'll venture to the picturesque city of Granada, perched at the foot of the majestic Sierra Nevada mountain range, and visit the legendary Alhambra, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Spain's most treasured cultural icons.

The seven-night tour is fully customizable and guests can choose from 4- or 5-star accommodations. Those who opt for 5-star, Lannister-worthy luxury will enjoy some of Spain's top hotels, including Hotel Hospes Madrid, overlooking Madrid's Retiro Park and just steps from the Prado and Reina Sofía Museums; and Seville's Hotel Palacio de Villapanes, a bastion of modern comforts charmingly situated within a former Moorish palace.

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