

GANDIA TOURS BROCHURE COSTS AND U3A TRIPS

Most of our longer trips are arranged through Gandia Tours and they often have a similar trip advertised in their brochure and online. In line with our policy of transparency, here are the reasons why their advertised trips are often cheaper than those arranged by the Travel Group, and why we prefer to book a private trip for our members.

Our trips are specifically tailored to suit our group. This means we can determine the length of the trip, the hotel we stay in, our pick up times and the places we visit during the trip. This will naturally cost more than a standard 'brochure' trip.

The price of the trip is dependent upon the number of travelers. We are never able to fill a coach with 55 passengers, which is why we quote a group discount price for 30-39 and 40-49.

Their coach will be full with 55 passengers. This reduces costs a great deal per head. The passengers will be made up of a number of different nationalities and everything the guide says in English will be repeated in Spanish, German and French.

The only stops we make are for comfort breaks and lunch so we reach our destination in the shortest possible time.

Their coach can stop at up to 10 different resorts down the coast to pick up passengers and their luggage, as their catchment area covers the whole of the Costa Blanca. They drop off at other resorts along the south coast before reaching the final destination, which will add considerably to the journey time - both outbound and inbound.

We have the coach, the driver and our chosen Guide for the duration of the trip.

Gandia Tours use Granada as a depot. Sometimes passengers have to remove their cases from one coach and put them in another, then proceed to their destination with a different driver and guide.

Additionally, as our trip is a private one, we have the option to change around trips and timings to suit our group, and add in visits to places of interest. On our annual Christmas trip, we also have our own designated tables for Christmas Lunch, so our members won't be seated with strangers.

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