

Join Us

on the Carriage Association of America's Trip to the

Seville Feria 2009



photos of the 2008 Feria courtesy of Richard James

Across southern Spain, the spring festival (*feria*) is a colorful celebration of Andalusian horses, carriages, flamenco dresses, music, food, and drink. And Seville's *feria* is widely known as the grandest of them all.

Join us this April as we travel to Seville to experience the *feria*, to witness Seville's famous parade in the bull ring—featuring hundreds of carriages and teams of Andalusians festooned with pom-pom bridles—that welcomes *feria* season, and to visit the Royal Andalusian Driving Club's collection at the Seville Carriage Museum. In addition, over the course of three days, we will visit six private farms and carriage collections. These impressive collections contain many rare and (to our North American eyes) unusual carriages by such makers as Binder, Brewster, Ferrari, and Muhlbacher. You will see, among other types, a number of shooting and hunting breaks.

Many of the details for this trip have been arranged for us by Raimundo Coral Rubiales, whose father owns one of the carriage collections. Accompanying us on the trip will be David Freedman of Freedman's Harness in Toronto, who knows most of these carriage collectors personally and who has been to this part of Spain many times.

You won't want to miss this fabulous trip!

Our Itinerary:

Wednesday, April 22: Arrive in Madrid and make your way to our hotel there. Welcome reception in the evening.

Thursday, April 23: Travel with the CAA group to Seville in the first-class compartment on one of Spain's famous high-speed trains. Transfer from the Seville train station to our hotel. Welcome dinner in the hotel.

Friday, April 24: Travel to Huelva to visit a private carriage collection at Hacienda Maria. We'll also visit Huelva's port, which is home to replicas of Christopher Columbus's three ships, the *Niña*, the *Pinta*, and the *Santa Maria*.

Saturday, April 25: Visit two more private carriage collections near Seville: Yeguada Los Quemadales and Yeguada Raimundo Coral.

Sunday, April 26: In the morning, view the fabulous Maistranza Carriage Parade in the Seville bull ring. In the afternoon, visit the Royal Andalusian Carriage Club's Museum and have lunch there.

Monday, April 27: Visit two more private carriage collections, housed at farms that breed Andalusian horses: Yeguada Olivera and Yeguada Gregorio Aranda.

Tuesday, April 28: The *feria* begins! Visit the fairgrounds and witness the spectacle of 700 carriage horses in the streets. We'll have lunch in one of the private *casetas* (festival tents) at the *feria*.

Wednesday, April 29: Take the high-speed train back to Madrid; overnight at our hotel there.

Thursday, April 30: Departure day.

Costs:

The **prices listed below are per-person rates for CAA members for the entire trip package (please add \$100 per person for non-members)**. Airfare to Madrid is NOT included. Double and twin rates are based on two people sharing a room. Package prices are based on a minimum of 25 participants. Prices are subject to change due to fluctuating rates of exchange.

	price per person
Double-occupancy rate (2 people sharing a room, with either 1 double bed or 2 twin-size beds):	\$1,845
Single-occupancy rate (1 person in a room):	\$2,245

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This trip includes:

- Eight nights' accommodations (two nights in Madrid and six nights in Seville)
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome reception in the Madrid hotel
- First-class (round-trip) tickets on the high-speed train from Madrid to Seville
- Welcome dinner in the Seville hotel
- Lunch or dinner, each day from Friday through Tuesday, provided by our Spanish hosts
- Over the course of three days, visits to six private farms and carriage collections, to see magnificent Andalusian horses and beautiful collections of rare and unusual vehicles by such makers as Binder, Brewster, Ferrari, and Muhlbacher
- Visit to the Royal Andalusian Carriage Club's Museum
- Seats in the bull ring to watch the Maistranza Carriage Parade
- Admittance to the *feria* and lunch in a private *caseta*
- The services of a guide / translator (where necessary / appropriate), a CAA representative, and David Freedman

Our Hotels:

Hotel Villa de Reina in Madrid (<http://www.hotelsearch.com/H10/hotelvilladelareinamadrid/>)

This hotel is situated on Madrid's most famous and important street. All of the city's museums, art galleries, palaces, and historical buildings are a short walk from the hotel.

The original, early 20th-century architecture of the hotel's building has been sympathetically restored while the interior has been thoroughly renovated. All of the rooms are completely furnished to satisfy guests' needs and in a modern style. Each bedroom has a full *en-suite* bathroom with bath. Rooms also feature free wireless Internet connections.

The hotel's restaurant offers a wide variety of Mediterranean dishes. It is open every day from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Hotel Don Paco in Seville (www.hoteldonpaco.com)

This hotel's superb location in the heart of Seville allows you to fully experience your stay here. Everything you will want to see and more is less than a ten-minute leisurely walk away.

Each bedroom is equipped with satellite TV, telephone, hairdryer, air conditioning, and a safe. The hotel also offers a buffet restaurant, a bar, an Internet lounge, a pool with panoramic views, and a magnificent solarium.



Reservation Form

The Carriage Association of America's Trip to the 2009 Seville Feria

I/we want to sign up for the CAA trip to the **Seville Feria**, April 22–30.

Name: _____ CAA Member? Yes No

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax Number/E-mail Address: _____

Travel Companion: _____ CAA Member? Yes No

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

I/we would like a Double room (2 people; 1 bed) Twin room (2 people; 2 beds) Single room (1 person).

I/we would like to book extra night(s) in Madrid on _____ *please provide date(s)*.

Deposit of \$250 per person is due when the reservation is made. Full payment due March 15, 2009.

I enclose \$250 per person as a deposit.

I've enclosed a check (made payable to the CAA) in the amount of \$ _____

Please charge \$ _____ to my: Visa Mastercard American Express Discover

Account # _____ Expiration date: _____

Security code (3 extra digits on the back of most cards, or 4 extra on the front of AmEx cards): _____

Signature of cardholder: _____

Cancellation Policy: 50–31 days before departure: \$25 per person cancellation fee; 30–11 days before departure: \$100 per person cancellation fee; 10–0 days before departure: \$250 per person cancellation fee, plus any other costs incurred.

Note: When we receive your Reservation Form and deposit, we will send you additional information about the trip. All trip participants must be in possession of a valid passport. **Prices subject to change due to fluctuating rates of exchange.**

Questions? Call us at (859) 231-0971 or send an e-mail to info@caaonline.com.