

# ***MOROCCO, PORTUGAL & SPAIN TOUR***



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Morocco, Portugal & Spain Tours with Flights

Duration: 22 days

Departs: 2024

Stay: 20 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: EMPSG22M

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# 22 Days Morocco, Portugal & Spain Escorted Tours

## About the holiday

Discover the thrilling highlights of Morocco, Portugal and Spain on tours that seamlessly connect these three spectacular countries!

Begin in one of the most diverse countries in Africa, with the colourful Moroccan culture as your backdrop. Imagine bustling bazaars, World Heritage-listed sites and marvellous Kasbahs. Travel in comfort on this premium escorted group tour from the fascinating city of Rabat to the imperial city of Fez. Spend time in the mesmerising city of Marrakesh and tour the famous city of Casablanca.

Fly to Portugal, where the next adventure takes place. Discover Lisbon's historic monuments, with the option to join a tour of Sintra. Cross into Spain to walk the streets of Seville and see the cathedral where Christopher Columbus is buried. Travel to the dramatic cliffside city of Ronda and take a beach break on the Costa del Sol. Journey to the famous Rock of Gibraltar and Moorish Granada. Experience the palaces and grand architecture of Madrid and unique beauty of Barcelona.

Delight in the wonders of these exciting countries. Take time to wander at your own pace, while enjoying the convenience of fully escorted tours with English-speaking guides who'll accompany you on amazing sightseeing experiences.

## Travel dates:

**2024** - Saturdays from May to October

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price varies depending on your travel date. High season flight surcharge applies from 20 June to 10 July and 20 September to 10 October 2024. Please contact us for travel at other times.*

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## Escorted Tour Includes:

### International flights

- Return economy class airfare from Australia to Casablanca & from Barcelona
- One-way economy airfares from Casablanca to Lisbon
- Includes checked bagged, all airline fees & taxes

### Morocco tour

- 6 nights First Class accommodations in Morocco
  - 1 night Rabat
  - 2 nights Fez
  - 2 nights Marrakesh
  - 1 night Casablanca
- 7 meals: 6 breakfasts, 1 dinner with wine
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary

### Portugal & Spain tour

- 14 nights First Class accommodations in Spain and Portugal
  - 3 nights Lisbon
  - 2 nights Seville
  - 3 nights Costa del Sol
  - 1 night Granada
  - 2 nights Madrid
  - 3 nights Barcelona
- AVE high-speed train Madrid-Barcelona
- 19 meals: 13 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners with wine
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

## Package excludes:

Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

*Package is subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.  
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

## Special features:

- Enjoy a city tour of Rabat; view the Royal Palace, Oudaya Kasbah and Hassan Tower
- Visit the ancient Roman ruins of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Take a short bus tour of the imperial city of Fez
- View Hassan II Mosque, built to commemorate the former king's 60th birthday
- In Lisbon, visit Jeronimos Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Tour the city of Seville with its many historical sites
- Travel to cliffside Ronda, home to the Plaza de Toros, Spain's oldest bullring
- Visit the 13th century Alhambra in Granada
- Enter the Church of Santo Tomé with its El Greco masterpiece in Toledo
- Visit the Prado Museum in Madrid and view an astonishing collection of Spanish masterpieces
- View the exterior of Gaudi's masterpiece, La Sagrada Familia, the iconic symbol of Barcelona

## Itinerary:

### **DAY 1, Saturday - Fly to Morocco**

Depart Australia for flights to for Morocco

### **DAY 2, Sunday - Arrive in Casablanca & Travel to Rabat**

Arrive in Casablanca and make your way to the hotel in Rabat where you have the rest of the day at leisure (ask us if you want to pre-book a transfer). Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 6 PM followed by a light dinner. We recommend flights which arrive no later than 3 PM

Overnight: Rabat

Meals: Dinner

### **DAY 3, Monday - Rabat Sightseeing, Travel to Fez**

This morning, take a city tour of Rabat. View the Royal Palace the Oudaya Kasbah, and the Hassan Tower. Visit the Oudaya National Museum of Ornaments. En route to Fez, stop and visit the ancient ruins of the Roman city of Volubilis where you will get a chance to see the well-preserved original mosaics, Roman Road, and city layout. Take a short bus tour of the imperial city of Fez conducted by your Tour Manager on the way to the hotel

Overnight: Fez

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 4, Tuesday - Full Day in Fez**

Spend a full day at leisure to bravely wander the old medina yourself or choose to take the guided optional tour where you will visit the many hidden treasures of the medina that only a Moroccan guide can know. Fez served as the capital of Morocco for more than 400 years and is home to the University of Al Karaouine. It is particularly famous for its tanneries and the Fes el Bali Medina. A short visit to the surrounding leather shops gives you the best view of the tanneries. View the Attarine Medersa, Moulay Idriss mausoleum, and visit the Nejjarine Fountains and Museum. Finally, view the exterior of the Royal Palace and walk through the famed Jewish quarter of the medina where you will get a chance to walk through one of the few remaining Jewish cemeteries in Morocco

Optional: Full Day Fez with lunch (AM)

Overnight: Fez

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 5, Wednesday - Travel to Marrakesh**

Depart the hotel early morning and drive to Marrakesh via highway. This will be the longest coach ride of the tour. Included will be sufficient rest stops for your comfort and a break for lunch on your own. Late afternoon arrival at your hotel in Marrakesh. The balance of the day is at leisure

Overnight: Marrakesh

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 6, Thursday - Full Day in Marrakesh**

Arise before dawn to participate in today's optional Hot Air Balloon Ride.\* Take off in a hot air balloon as you watch the sunrise over Marrakesh. Drift above the beautiful landscape, before returning back to earth to enjoy a traditional Moroccan breakfast. Explore the city on your own today or perhaps join the optional morning tour of Marrakesh.\* Begin at the 16th century Saadian Tombs, where Saadian royalty found their final resting place. Continue to the Koutoubia Minaret and the beautiful Bahia Palace. You will also have the opportunity to shop for authentic Moroccan argan oil, reputedly rich in nutrients and antioxidants beneficial to skin and hair, before strolling through the bustling Medina to Djemaa el Fna Square, the lively centre of the city.

Then, perhaps join the optional camel ride. Experience the tranquility of the Palmeraie, a palm oasis outside of Marrakesh, as you ride in Berber style through the valley of lush palm groves on a dromedary, a member of the camel family  
*\*The Marrakesh Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Ride with Breakfast and Marrakesh City Tour operate simultaneously. Passengers may opt to participate in only one of these tours*  
Optional: Marrakesh Sunrise Balloon Ride & Breakfast (AM)  
Optional: Half Day Marrakesh City Tour (AM)  
Optional: Camel Ride (PM)  
Overnight: Marrakesh  
Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 7, Friday - Travel to Casablanca & City Tour**

After breakfast, travel to Casablanca. Your half day sightseeing tour includes the exterior of the Hassan II Mosque\* and the beautiful Corniche seaside. Continue on a short drive through the residential areas of Casablanca to the city centre to visit the Mohamed V Square, the Habous quarter and the Notre Dame de Lourdes Cathedral. Tonight, bid farewell to Morocco and your Tour Manager at a reception at the hotel  
*\*Hassan II Mosque is subject to unexpected closures for local religious observances. Details will be provided locally by your Tour Manager.*

Overnight: Casablanca

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 8, Saturday - Depart Morocco, Arrive Portugal**

Make your way to the airport by taxi for your departure flight to Portugal. On arrival in Lisbon, catch a taxi to the hotel for a night pre-tour.

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 9, Sunday - Lisbon**

Today is a day of leisure to explore Lisbon. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7 PM, followed by a light dinner.

Overnight: Lisbon

Meals: Dinner

### **DAY 10, Monday - Lisbon City Tour**

In Lisbon, the tour begins with a stop at the top of Edward VII's Park to enjoy a magnificent view over the hills of Lisbon and the River Tagus. Next, view the treasured 16th century Belem Tower and visit Jeronimos Monastery\*, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The monastery is a masterpiece of Portuguese Manueline architecture. Afterwards, enjoy the elegant Liberdade Avenue.

Afternoon is at leisure or, join the optional tour to quaint Sintra, the "Glorious Eden" of Lord Byron, and ancient summer retreat of the royal court, highlighted by lavish romantic castles and stunning monuments. Visit the Sintra Royal Palace, a 15th-century royal residence, containing one of the largest tile collections in Portugal.

Then enjoy some free time in the Village Historical Centre before returning to Lisbon  
*\*Jeronimos Monastery is closed on Mondays, therefore it will be replaced with the Maritime Museum.*

Optional: Half Day Sintra Tour (PM)

Overnight: Lisbon

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 11, Tuesday - Travel to Seville**

Depart Lisbon this morning heading south. Cross the region of Alentejo, with its rolling hills, vineyards and cork oak trees. Reach the Spanish border and enter the region of Andalucia. Continue your drive through picturesque Andalucia to Seville. After dinner, opportunity to attend an optional Flamenco Show in Seville, known as the birthplace of Flamenco

Optional: Evening Flamenco Show (PM)

Overnight: Seville

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 12, Wednesday - Seville City Tour**

Begin the day at the beautiful Plaza de España and the fragrant gardens of Maria Luisa Park before taking a walking tour in the quaint Barrio Santa Cruz, the former Jewish Quarter of the city with its winding cobblestone streets. Continue with a visit to the Cathedral of Seville, legendary burial site of Christopher Columbus. The rest of the day is at leisure or, join the optional tour to Cordoba, founded by the Romans. Visit the Mezquita de Cordoba, one of the largest mosques in the world, transformed into a soaring cathedral in the 16th century. A walking tour of the city reveals the ancient Jewish Quarter with its labyrinth of winding narrow streets, picturesque squares, and view of the 14th century Synagogue on Calle de los Judios

Optional: Half Day Cordoba Tour (PM)

Overnight: Seville

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 13, Thursday - Ronda Sightseeing en Route to Costa del Sol**

This morning, head south to the dramatic cliffside city of Ronda, considered the birthplace of modern bullfighting. Start with a tour of Ronda, home to Spain's oldest bullring, the Plaza de Toros. Here, you can see the historic stables and museum along with displays of famous Matadors before proceeding to the Costa del Sol

Overnight: Costa del Sol

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### **DAY 14, Friday - Full Day in Costa del Sol**

Spend a full day at leisure in Costa del Sol to discover all of the delights of this resort area or, join the optional morning tour to Malaga, the birthplace of Pablo Picasso. Visit the Picasso Museum with over 285 works donated by members of Picasso's family. View the Paseo de la Alameda, Paseo del Parque & the Barrio de la Malagueta.

A walking tour through this historic town is accented by views of the Malaga Cathedral. Head over to Cathedral Square before heading back. Dinner tonight is at the hotel

Optional: Half Day Malaga Tour (AM)

Overnight: Costa del Sol

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 15, Saturday - Excursion to Gibraltar**

Journey to the impressive Rock of Gibraltar,\* a British colony for over 300 years standing guard over the Strait of Gibraltar, where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean and Europe meets Africa. Take a tour of the area with minibuses climbing up to see St. Michael's Cave and the famous Barbary apes with dramatic views of both the Spanish and Moroccan coastline. Spend some time in the main street of town with its colonial buildings and duty-free shops. Return to Costa del Sol for overnight

*\*You may experience delays at border crossing into Gibraltar, which is a British Overseas Territory independent from Spain and therefore has different entry requirements. Non-US passport holders are responsible to check if a visa is required for Gibraltar in addition to all other countries on their itinerary.*

Overnight: Costa del Sol

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 16 Sunday - Moorish Influenced Alhambra**

Depart the southern coast and journey to Moorish Granada. Your visit is highlighted by a tour of the 13th century Alhambra,\* one of Spain's most celebrated monuments, perched atop Assabica Hill overlooking the entire city. This imposing hilltop fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a fine example of Moorish art and architecture. During the reign of the Moors, the Alhambra served as the residence of the royal family. Walk along the lanes of the Generalife Gardens with its beautifully designed courtyards, waterfalls and ponds and views of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Tonight, dinner is at a local restaurant

*\*Alhambra visiting times, which may include evening hours, and which areas of the complex are accessible on the day of your visit, are determined solely at the discretion of the Alhambra. Your itinerary will be arranged by your Tour Manager to accommodate the designated time of entry.*

Overnight: Granada

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 17, Monday - Toledo Sightseeing en route to Madrid**

Travel via the region of La Mancha, legendary home of Don Quixote, featuring panoramic views of its famous windmills. Continue to Toledo, the former capital city of Spain that still retains its medieval atmosphere and charm. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Toledo is known for its extensive monumental heritage and historical coexistence of Christian, Muslim and Jewish cultures.



A walking tour will include a visit to the Church of Santo Tomé with its masterpiece painting by El Greco and the Synagogue of Santa Maria La Blanca. Continue to Madrid and spend the evening at leisure

Overnight: Madrid

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 18, Tuesday - Madrid City Tour**

This morning, take a sightseeing tour of Madrid. Drive along the Gran Via through the Opera District, Plaza de Colon and view the Royal Palace. Pass by Plaza de Cibeles and Puerta de Alcala Gate. The tour will end at the world-renowned Prado Museum, where you will be able to view works of art by famous artists such as El Greco, Velázquez, and Ribera. Spend the afternoon at leisure or, join the optional tour to Escorial. Visit what has often been described as the "eighth wonder of the world". El Escorial is, perhaps, Philip II's most enduring legacy to Spain

Optional: Half Day Escorial Tour (PM)

Overnight: Madrid

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 19, Wednesday - AVE High-Speed Train to Barcelona**

This morning, transfer to Madrid's train station and board the exciting AVE high-speed train to Barcelona with its unending choice of museums, galleries, and cafes. Upon arrival, embark on an orientation tour of the city and Montjuic Hill, home to the Olympic Complex, a number of sports facilities built for the 1992 Summer Olympics. Transfer to your hotel and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. Perhaps stroll along Las Ramblas, Barcelona's famous pedestrian walkway with its life-size animators, and stalls

Overnight: Barcelona

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 20, Thursday - Barcelona City Tour**

This morning's tour of Barcelona begins with a drive along the old Harbor to the Plaza de Catalunya, the city's bustling main square. Afterward, pass the famous works of Gaudi, the master architect, including the iconic symbol of Barcelona, La Sagrada Familia\* as well as Casa Batllo, seemingly constructed from skulls and bones. Spend the afternoon at leisure to explore the many sights Barcelona has to offer  
\*Entrance to La Sagrada Familia is not included. Passengers can visit on their own and are advised to book tickets in advance.

Overnight: Barcelona

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 21, Friday - Full Day in Barcelona**

Spend a full day at leisure to explore Barcelona independently or, join the optional guided morning tour to Montserrat. Enjoy a relaxing drive passing picturesque villages before reaching Montserrat Mountain.

On arrival, visit the Royal Basilica, where you will see the famous 12th century Romanesque sculpture of "Virgen Moreneta." This evening, bid farewell to your Tour Manager at dinner

Optional: Half Day Montserrat Tour (AM)

Overnight: Barcelona

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 22, Saturday - Depart Spain, Fly to Australia**

Check out of the hotel this morning and make your way to the airport by taxi for your departure flight home. Journey comes to an end and cherished memories begin!

Meals: Breakfast

**Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.**

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### **About the Hotels**

The hotels have been carefully selected by the tour operator and can be changed at their discretion for a similar property.

Onomo Hotel Rabat Terminus, Rabat

This first class hotel is located in the city center of Rabat nearby the Rabat Ville railway station.

Barcelo Fez Medina, Fez

This first class hotel is located in the heart of the new city area of Fez.

Opera Plaza Hotel, Marrakesh

This first class hotel is located nearby the Theatre Royal and the Marrakesh railway station.

Onomo Hotel Casablanca City Center, Casablanca

This first class hotel is located in the city of Casablanca.

Hotel Mundial, Lisbon

This first class hotel is located in the city center with views of the castle "St Jorge."

### Seville Center, Seville

This first class hotel is located in the city of Seville, well known for its wide, beautifully landscaped areas.

### Ocean House Costa del Sol Affiliated by Melia, Torremolinos

This first class hotel overlooks Carihuela Beach.

### Hotel Saray, Granada

This first class hotel is located next to the Congress and Exhibition Center, just one mile from popular attractions such as Alhambra, the Granada Cathedral and the Lorca Museum.

### Hotel Riu Plaza Espana, Madrid

This first class hotel is located near the Plaza Espana in the heart of Madrid.

### Innside by Melia Barcelona Apolo, Barcelona

This first class hotel is located in the theater district of Barcelona.

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