SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO TOUR



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Spain, Portugal & Morocco Escorted Tour

Duration: 21 days

Departs: 2023 & 2024

Stay: 20 nights 3- & 4-star hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour

Booking code: ESPM21M

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21 Days Spain, Portugal & Morocco Tour

About the holiday

Discover the dazzling highlights of Spain, Portugal and Morocco on a tour that perfectly connects these three spectacular countries!

The escorted tour travels in comfortable coaches and crosses the Strait of Gibraltar by ferry from Europe to Africa and back. Enjoy the pleasures of staying in carefully chosen 3- to 4-star hotels and the convenience daily breakfast and nine dinners.

This tour is fully escorted by expert, English-speaking guides, who'll accompany you on amazing sightseeing experiences, like the picture-perfect city of Porto with a Douro River Cruise, Granada's lavish UNESCO-listed Alhambra complex and the ancient medinas and vibrant markets of Morocco.

Why you'll love this tour...

- Starts and ends in Madrid, offering a pleasant touring pace
- This escorted tour ticks the boxes for included highlights & free time
- Travel with expert tour guides for the best local insight and tips
- Delve into history and greet the colourful Iberian culture from one exciting city to another, while frequenting popular hotspots and gems off the beaten track

Travel dates:

Starts in Madrid
2023 & 2024 - May to October

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price varies depending on your travel date. Please contact us for travel at other times.

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Escorted Tour Includes:

Accommodation

- 20 nights in 3- to 4-star hotels
- Twin share hotel rooms with private en-suite facilities

Meals

• 20 breakfasts, 9 dinners

Transport

- Airport arrival & departure transfers
- Luxury coach transportation
- Cross the Strait of Gibraltar by ferry

Services

- Professional English-speaking tour director throughout the journey
- Guided visits in Madrid, Porto (including Douro River Cruise & Port wine tasting), Lisbon, Cordoba (Mosque entrance included), Seville (Cathedral entrance included), Casablanca, Marrakech, Rabat, Fes, Granada (Alhambra entrance included) & Toledo
- Olive Oil Tasting at local Almazara

Package excludes:

Flights to Spain - please contact us for the latest airfare deals Lisbon & Porto local city tax, to be paid directly to the hotels 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 hotels, tour company & local operators.

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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Itinerary:

Day 1 (Sunday): Arrive Madrid

Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel for checkin. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to relax or start exploring on your own.

Day 2(Monday): Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, discover the beauties of the city with a guided city tour including Barrio de la Morería, the Hapsburgs District, Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and Plaza de la Villa; the Madrid of the Bourbons and the complex town planning schemes of Charles III, the Royal Palace, Cibeles and Neptuno Fountains and the Puerta de Alcalá. The contemporary Madrid with areas such as Gran Vía, Castellana, the district of Salamanca, Plaza Castilla and Parque del Oeste, as well as commercial and financial areas of Modern Madrid, the emblematic Las Ventas Bullring and the Santiago Bernabéu Football Stadium. The afternoon is free at leisure to continue exploring the wonders that the city has to offer on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for an authentic Welcome Tapas Dinner at a local restaurant. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3 (Tuesday): Madrid - Salamanca - Porto

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Salamanca. Enjoy some free time in this University City World Heritage of great architectural and artistic wealth. Continue to the Portuguese border to reach Porto. Located along the Douro River Estuary in northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European towns and proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4 (Wednesday): Porto

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Porto. Admire the Cathedral, the Stock Exchange building and Santa Clara Church. Afterwards, enjoy a Douro River Cruise and discover famous Port Wine Cellars with a wine tasting experience included. The remainder of day is free at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5 (Thursday): Porto - Coimbra - Fátima

After breakfast, depart for Coimbra, one of the oldest Universities in Europe and the birthplace of Fado. Enjoy some free time before continuing onto Fátima, which is the centre of the Christian Faith and World Pilgrimage Sanctuary with its impressive Basilica and the Cova da Iria Place where the Virgin Mary appeared. See the Chapel of the Apparitions, heart of the sanctuary, with the Tombs of the

See the Chapel of the Apparitions, heart of the sanctuary, with the Tombs of the Three Shepherds, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. Tonight, there is the possibility to attend the Procession of the Candles.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6 (Friday): Fátima - Batalha - Nazaré - Alcobaça - Lisbon

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for the Batalha Monastery, a masterpiece of Gothic and Manueline style considered a World Heritage Place by UNESCO. Continue to the picturesque fishing town of Nazaré. Enjoy some free time and continue to Alcobaça (World Heritage) with its Gothic Church and Cistercian Monastery, whose origins date back to the XII Century. Continue to Lisbon for your overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7 (Saturday): Lisbon

After breakfast, join a morning city sightseeing of the ancient Olissipo. Drive through its main squares and avenues, see Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Coach Museum, the Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square and Liberty Avenue. The afternoon is at leisure for you to catch the nostalgic corners of Alfama Quarter, the Old City gathered next to its Castle, with old buildings nested in narrow twisting 'Ruas' full of colour housing the genuine 'Tabernas'. Tonight, option to join your fellow travellers and enjoy a typical Portuguese dinner visiting one of the oldest Fado venues in the city and located in one of the most interesting cultural neighbourhoods in the area.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8 (Sunday): Lisbon - Cáceres - Cordoba

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Cáceres, considered a World Heritage Site because of the city's blend of Roman, Islamic, Northern Gothic and Italian Renaissance architecture. Walk through its Plaza Mayor and the Old Town with its famous Medieval Quarter. Then continue towards Cordoba, once the Capital of the Caliphate. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Meals: Breakfast

Day 9 (Monday): Cordoba - Seville

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a tour that helps you to discover the impressive Mosque of Cordoba and other sites that will ease our mind and spirit strolling through its narrow winding streets of the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, continue towards Seville for your overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10 (Tuesday): Seville

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, enjoy a morning city tour of the Andalusian Capital. Visit the Cathedral, the second largest in the Catholic world after St. Peters in Rome. Continue to Santa Cruz Quarter, the natural scenario of Carmen as well as the myth of Don Juan before continuing on to Maria Luisa Park and Plaza de España. This afternoon, is free at leisure to enjoy the city of light on your own.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 11 (Wednesday): Seville - Ronda - Costa del Sol

After breakfast at the hotel, drive south passing through typical Andalusian Villages to reach Ronda. Enjoy some free time to admire this town of Celtic origin and the marvellous view of the valley and mountain range. Continue your journey with an authentic Olive Oil Experience at a local Almazara, LA Organic. Walk through their Olive tree fields and taste their organic Olive Oil production. Then depart for the beautiful Spanish Mediterranean Coastal town of Costa del Sol.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 12 (Thursday): Costa del Sol

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, is a day free at leisure for you to enjoy the wonderful beaches of Costa del Sol and the surrounding areas.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 13 (Friday): Costa del Sol - Tarifa - Casablanca

After breakfast at the hotel, drive along the picturesque tourist route of Costa del Sol and arrive in Tarifa where a ferry boat will be used for a short and interesting crossing of the Strait of Gibraltar towards Africa. Arrival in Tangier, disembark, clear customs and drive southwards to Casablanca, the current industrial and economic capital and the most populated city housing a 10% of the country population. The remainder of the day is free at leisure. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 14 (Saturday): Casablanca - Marrakech

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a guided city tour through the most interesting sections of the city, Anfa Boulevard, Nations Square, residential areas and a visit of the outside of the Hassan II Grand Mosque.

Depart towards Marrakech, the Capital of the South, located within an extensive oasis between the Atlas Mountains and the pre-desert area. Enjoy a sightseeing tour including the Koutoubia Tower, twin tower of the Giralda in Seville, Saadines Tombs and Bay Palace, walk around the Medina, Souks and the magic Jma El Fna Square, which is packed with fortune tellers, snake tamers, acrobats and dancers, all making the centre of the city an Open-Air Theatre that requires the participation of the audience. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. There is also an Optional dinner and show at Chez Ali Fantasia.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 15 (Sunday): Marrakech - Rabat - Meknes - Fès

After breakfast, depart northeast for Rabat, the diplomatic and administrative capital and official residence of the King Mohamed VI. Enjoy a city tour visiting the important sites such as the Royal Palace from the outside, Mohamed V Mausoleum and the unfinished Hassan Tower, which are important examples of the Almohade architecture.

Continue on to Meknes, an Old Walled Imperial City located in the heart of the Mid Atlas. Enjoy a guided tour to admire the great Bab Al Mansour Gate, Morocco's most beautiful gate and the most well-known monument in town. Afterwards depart for Fès, the most monumental of the Imperial Cities with its University of 'Karaouyne' being the largest Islamic sanctuary in Morocco. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 16 (Monday): Fès

This morning after breakfast at the hotel, we enjoy a morning city tour of the most ancient and monumental of the Imperial Cities visiting the most interesting points including the 7 Gates of the Royal Palace, Jewish Quarters or Mellah, Gate of Bab Bou Jelous and a walking tour of the Medina 'Old City', declared World Heritage Site. This afternoon, is free at leisure for you to explore at your own pace. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel or take the optional excursion for dinner with a show.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 17 (Tuesday): Fès - Tangier - Tarifa - Costa del Sol

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Tangier. Transfer to the pier to board the ferry to return across the Strait of Gibraltar back to Spain. Drive towards the Costa del Sol for dinner and your overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 18 (Wednesday): Costa del Sol

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, your day is free at leisure for you to enjoy the wonderful beaches of Costa del Sol and the surrounding areas.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 19 (Thursday): Costa del Sol - Granada

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before departing for one of the favourite jewels in Spain, Granada. With its breathtaking monumental environment, visit the world-famous Alhambra Complex (entrance included) and Generalife Gardens. After some time at leisure, join your fellow travellers to experience the most authentic Gypsy Flamenco show including dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 20 (Friday): Granada - Toledo - Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for the impressive Imperial city of Toledo, a World Heritage City, where the three cultures Christians, Moorish and Jewish have lived together for centuries. Enjoy a guided city tour of this historical Old Town through its narrow streets before continuing on to Madrid. Upon arrival, check-in at your hotel and enjoy the Farewell Market experience with dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 21 (Saturday): Depart Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward journey.

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.

About the Hotels

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

Madrid: Princesa Plaza 4*

Porto: AC Porto 4* Fátima: São José 4* Lisbon: Hotel Roma 3*

Cordoba: Tryp Cordoba 3.5*

Seville: Catalonia Santa Justa 4* or Catalonia Giralda 4*

Costa del Sol: Sol Don Pablo 4* or Don Marco 4*

Casablanca: Mogador Marina 4*

Marrakech: Mogador Kasbah 4* or Zalagh Kasbah 4*

Fès: Hôtel Menzeh Zalagh 4*

Granada: Alixares 4*

Optional Tours

During free time on the tour, there's the option to add other sightseeing activities. The prices listed are a guide and can vary at time of travel.

- Porto: Visit to Guimarães From: AUD \$60.00 per person
- Lisbon: Monument of Cristo Rey, Calcilhas and ferry through the Tagus From: AUD \$39.00 per person
- Lisbon: Sintra & Estoril Coast Tour From: AUD \$79.00 per person
- Seville: Boat Trip on the Guadalquivir From: AUD \$29.00 per person
- Granada: Tour of the Albaicín, an experience through Arabian Granada From: AUD \$55.00 per person

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