

# 18 DAY INSPIRING SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO (2021/22)

## DESTINATIONS

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MADRID  
BARCELONA  
GRANADA  
RABAT  
MARRAKECH  
DADES VALLEY  
FES  
TANGIER  
SEVILLE  
LISBON



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# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Barcelona
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Exe Cristal Palace, or similar

Bienvenidos! Welcome to Spain.

Make your own way to your hotel. If needed, we can help you arrange a private airport arrival transfer - simply let us know at the time of booking.

Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6pm. Please confirm this time by asking hotel reception or checking for a note in the hotel lobby.

There may be some free time before your welcome meeting to get your bearings in Barcelona, the Catalan capital known for its art and architecture.

Please note: If you are going to be late to the welcome meeting, kindly inform hotel reception.

Check in: Hotel check-in time is at 3pm. If arriving prior to this, you will be able to leave your luggage with hotel reception and explore your surroundings until check-in becomes available. The hotel may grant early check-in, however this is strictly subject to availability and at the hotel's discretion.

## DAY 2

Destination	Barcelona
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Exe Cristal Palace, or similar

Start the day with a walking tour of the charming Gothic Quarter, Barcelona's historic central area dating back to the Middle Ages.

The rest of the day is free for you to keep exploring this attractive city with a beach vibe and proud Catalan identity. You'll find plenty of art, cuisine and architecture to get excited about.

The city was the home of celebrated architect Antoni Gaudi, an icon of Catalan Modernism who revolutionised Spanish architecture. Modernist landmarks, like his grand Sagrada Familia church, are dotted around the city. Seven of Gaudi's properties are on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Visit renowned museums, like the Barcelona City History Museum to see ancient excavated relics. Gaudi's celebrated, grand La Sagrada Familia cathedral is a must-visit, with its intricate mosaics inside and distinctive sky-piercing spires. You can climb to the top of these spires for panoramic views over the city.

Stroll the pedestrian-friendly boulevard of Las Ramblas, ideal for people watching. It's home to souvenir shops, street artists, cafes and folk Sardana dancers. Starting at the Plaça de Catalunya and running for 1.2km down to Mirador de Colom, this famous stretch is dotted with cafes and kiosks, and jam-packed with people from morning to night.

Barcelona is also renowned for its exquisite and varied gastronomy. Enjoy a steamy cortado in a sidewalk cafe. Of course, tapas are a must – nibble on these bite-sized appetisers around the bar like a local.

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### BARCELONA TAPAS TOUR

Spend the night like a local discovering Barcelona's favourite tapas. During this tour you will visit a number of establishments who pride themselves on this casual cuisine. Immerse yourself in Spanish culture as you visit four separate venues for Catalan tapas and wine (or soft drink, if you prefer).

*Starts: approx. To be confirmed on tour with your Tour Guide*

*Duration: approx 2- 3 hours*

*Meeting point and transport: Make your own way to the front of the Arts Centre Santa Monica, rambla de Santa Monica. This site is accessible by Metro Line L3, Station "Drassanes" or taxi.*

### LA SAGRADA FAMILIA (AUDIO-GUIDED) - NEW

The Holy Family building proposes one of the most exciting experiences possible today, integrating us in the vision of a genius, Antoni Gaudí, capable of imagining at the beginning of the 20th century a building that incorporated the viewer in the process of Divine Creation, and made for almost 150 years, successive generations were involved in his dream. Something different, impossible to find anywhere else, a living element that evolves as it is concluded, together with the feelings of those who visit it and know it in depth. A monumental complex impossible to compare: a complex architectural project, a world heritage site, on whose exterior stand out its 18 towers with more than 100 meters high; its three thematic facades where Life, Death and Glory are represented by innumerable statues and symbologies based on nature and the Gospels; an interior space that allows the spiritual communion of those who enter, transferred by Gaudí to a Mediterranean forest in which the light filters with different tonalities through its stained glass windows, bathing the inclined columns branched like trees.

*This is an audio-guided tour. You will have your own audio guide headset to tour at your own pace.*

*Starts: approx. To be confirmed on tour with your Tour Guide*

*Duration: approx. 2-3 hours*

*Transport: Make your own way. The site is approximately 2.6km from Plaza de Catalunya and it's accessible by Metro (Sagrada Familia station) or taxi.*

*Please note the start and duration times advised are subject to change depending on the traffic, weather and tourism conditions on the day. Your Tour Guide will provide you with appropriate expectations while you are on tour.*

## DAY 3

Destination	Barcelona 🚗 Peníscola 🚗 Valencia
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Eurostars Acteon, or similar

We'll head south along the spectacular Mediterranean coast to València today.

On the way, we'll stop in the fortified city of Peñíscola, joined to the mainland by a very thin stretch of land. It's a beautiful setting here for you to wander, with a fairytale castle, steep narrow streets and rugged mountains.

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Spend the night in València, a laid-back port city along the Mediterranean. The old capital of the kingdom of València is home to beautiful churches, beaches and it has the important distinction of being home to paella, surely the most famous Spanish dish!

Depending on traffic, we'll arrive late afternoon. You may wish to take a taxi downtown (approximately EUR 8) and stroll past its beautiful churches and historic buildings. Don't forget to try a paella valenciana before heading back to your hotel!

### DAY 4

Destination	Valencia 🚗 Alicante 🚗 Granada
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Sercotel Gran Hotel Luna De Granada, or similar

Be ready for a long but exhilarating day as we journey to sunny, enchanting Andalusia today, nestled on the southern tip of Spain's Iberian Peninsula.

This is a region of enormous history and heritage, being occupied by the Romans, the Moors and finally Christians. It's the home of passionate flamenco, not just a famous dance, but a genuine Spanish art form. It's known for bullfighting, beautiful beaches, great food and dreamy landscapes, with charming whitewashed villages. Think Mediterranean coastline, bright sun and perfect blue skies.

Our first stop is at Alicante, with some free time to explore. Perhaps take the funicular up Santa Barbara Castle for some sweeping views of the Mediterranean coastline, or simply stretch your legs on a walk along the beach.

At night we'll arrive in Granada, at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The last stronghold of the Moorish Kingdoms up to 1492, the city is packed with Moorish architecture, great tapas bars and loads of natural beauty.

### DAY 5

Destination	Granada
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Sercotel Gran Hotel Luna De Granada, or similar

It's time to explore the famous Alhambra and Generalife Gardens. Given the vastness of this sprawling complex, this involves approximately three hours walking – don't forget your walking shoes! Your transfer will take you to La Alhambra for you to complete this visit on an audio-guided tour.

The Alhambra is contemporary history of Granada's Arab past. Its buildings, towers, palaces, patios and gardens make this palace and fortress complex one of the most visited monuments in Spain. It towers over Granada's historic Arabic quarter. Within the fortress you'll find exquisite palaces and serene pathways weaving through amazing gardens and courtyards. The detail is next level – sumptuous interiors, beautiful Islamic geometric patterns, exquisitely carved wood, incredible ornamental features. First built by the Moors as a fortress during the Muslim rule of Spain, the complex is testament to their decadent lifestyle.

The rest of the day is free for you to see more of Granada at your own pace. The city is home to a huge number of tapas bars – what better way to pass the time?

Walk around the Albaicín (the old Arab Quarter), a labyrinth of crooked alleys, fountains, plazas and whitewashed houses. Visit the Alcaicería, the big bazaar in the centre of the city that was the original Moorish silk market, and peruse craftworks on sale like ceramics, marquetry and leather goods.

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Climb the steep streets up to the popular viewpoint Mirador de San Nicolas for sunset views over the Alhambra, the jewel in Granada's crown.

After a long day sightseeing, you may want to consider a visit to one of the best preserved hammam in Spain: Hammam Al Andalus. Bookings are essential and your tour leader can assist you to book on the day. Options range from EUR 32 for bathing to EUR 77 for bathing and a 30 minute relaxing massage

### DAY 6

Destination	Granada 🚗 Algeciras 🚢 Asilah 🚗 Rabat
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Belere Hôtel, or similar

It's an 8am start this morning, with a transfer to Algeciras to board the ferry to Morocco. Accompanied by your European guide, you'll sail from Europe to Africa, crossing the Strait of Gibraltar.

Upon arrival, meet your Moroccan guide and journey by bus along the coast. We'll stop in Asilah, a small city on the northwest tip of the Atlantic coast. The city is a living art gallery, thanks to its renowned month-long art festival every summer, where artists paint wall murals throughout the medina.

You'll have free time to explore.

We'll then head to Rabat for the night, diplomatic and administrative capital.

Please note: Keep your passport ready as you will pass international border controls in both Spain and Morocco.

### DAY 7

Destination	Rabat 🚗 Casablanca 🚗 Marrakech
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Wazo, or similar

The morning, your tour leader will help you explore Rabat's main highlights: the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, a striking masterpiece of modern Moroccan architecture and the Kasbah of the Udayas, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Royal Palace, the official residence of the King of Morocco, is another of the city's beautiful landmarks.

We'll then set off for romantic Casablanca. This busy port city is famous for its art deco buildings and the modern-day masterpiece, the Hassan II Mosque, the largest mosque in Africa.

It took more than seven years to build this impressive site. Decorated with intricate tiles – more than 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> of zellige was used – beautiful carvings and an unusual glass floor, allowing worshippers to feel like they're praying directly over the ocean. This huge building is part on land and part on sea.

Afterwards, we'll set off for ancient, exotic Marrakech – a feast for the senses. Be enticed by the alluring scents and brilliant colours of the spice markets, the sounds of the musicians, the rich folds of carpets, delectable foods, acrobats and perfumed gardens. Marrakech won't disappoint – it's eclectic, beautiful and a modern fusion of Moroccan and international culture.

Depending on arrival time, once you've settled into your hotel, we'll head to the old medina to catch a glimpse of this bustling destination at night.

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### DAY 8

Destination	Marrakech
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Wazo, or similar

After breakfast, meet your local guide and set off for a morning tour of the old medina, through the bustling souks that are the lifeblood flowing through the city.

A medina is the historic heart of a city. Shops, restaurants, markets and homes line the twisting and turning streets. This is the trading centre of the city and the sights, sounds and fragrant smells are almost overwhelming. The walls surrounding the medina, made of a distinct orange-red clay and chalk, were built in the 12th century.

We'll stop by Koutoubia Mosque; its famous minaret is the prototype for others of its kind around the world, including La Giralda in Seville. The mosque is surrounded by beautiful gardens.

Walk back through the streets of the old medina to the famous Djemaa el-Fna, the main square of Marrakech in the heart of the medina. It's big and frantic, with scores of people shopping, eating, getting henna tattoos and watching snake charmers. Packed with locals and tourists alike, it's certainly memorable.

The rest of the day is free to explore further or shop in the bazaar. No doubt you're becoming familiar with Moroccan delicacies, like aromatic tajines, couscous and the street food favourite pastilla. Moroccan food is as exciting as you'd imagine – spicy, full-flavoured and often boasting a mix of contrasting textures and flavours. You'll find street vendors and waiters at restaurants all eager – almost too eager – to win your custom. Make like a local and sip sweet mint tea at a cafe as you watch the world go by.

If you choose to include an Optional Tour today, please note that due to time constraints, you may only select one.

#### COOKING CLASS AT LA MAISON ARABE

Today enjoy a cooking class at the the legendary restaurant at La Maison Arabe where you will use modern equipment found in everyday kitchens. At the end of each workshop, you will dine on the meal you have prepared. At a typical half-day workshop, one learns to prepare an appetizer and a main dish, or a main dish and dessert. The workshops are conducted by a dada (traditional Moroccan cook) or a chef.

*Starts: approx: 3pm*

*Duration: approx: 3 hours*

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### MOROCCAN HAMMAM EXPERIENCE

The art of hammam, a traditional steam bath/bathhouse, is an ancient and integral part of Moroccan life. At the heart of Marrakech medina, enjoy a rejuvenating moment at a traditional Moroccan Riad dedicated to relaxation. Enjoy a private Beldi Hammam including a Moroccan black soap exfoliation.

### DAY 9

Destination	Marrakech 🚗 Dades
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Hôtel Xaluca Dades, or similar

We'll begin our journey to the Sahara along mountain roads today, crossing over Morocco's highest pass, Tizi n'Tichka (2,260 metres), to arrive at the ancient ksar of Ait Benhaddou – you may recognise this from Game of Thrones. Centuries ago, this was an important stop for caravans carrying salt across the Sahara. Today, this UNESCO World Heritage Site remains as a striking example of southern Morocco architecture.

We'll take a walking tour of its grand kasbah, a fine example of clay architecture.

Then, a drive out to Ouarzazate reveals dramatic landscapes where productions like Lawrence of Arabia, The Sheltering Sky and Black Hawk Down were filmed. This charming village, once an old military enclave, is now home to two movie studios.

We'll stop for the night in the Dadès Valley.

### DAY 10

Destination	Dades 🚗 Erfoud
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Chergui, or similar

This morning we'll leave for Todra Gorge, a massive trench rising over 250 metres to form a dramatic and spectacular natural sight.

We'll continue to Erfoud, a city known as the desert gate given its location on the edge of the Sahara.

### DAY 11

Destination	Erfoud 🚗 Midelt 🚗 Fes
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Hotel Les Merinides, or similar

After breakfast, we'll journey to Midelt, a market town originally built as a base for mining in the area. It's the perfect spot to break up the journey back from the Sahara. Surrounded by natural wonders, like imposing Mount Ayachi looming over the town, it's a refreshing place to take a breath and relax.

Then it's onto the living museum of Fes. The well-preserved medieval labyrinth of Fes is the country's cultural capital, surely the spiritual heart of Morocco.

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You'll have free time here – perhaps a chance to explore the old city, stop by one of the city's famous tanneries, or see the oldest university in the world.

### DAY 12

Destination	Fes 🚗 Tangier
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Hotel Grand Mogador, or similar

This morning, your guide will take you on a tour of the beautiful imperial city of Fes.

We'll see the grand seven golden gates of the impressive royal palace and the walled old Jewish Quarter. You'll see the distinctive, ornate city gate, Bab Bou Jeloud. This iconic blue gate is the entrance to the old medina, where you'll take a walking tour. Walk in the narrow maze-like streets of the city passing artisans at work, vendors selling leather and oils, and locals gathering to eat, shop and pray. The winding paths – no cars allowed, instead you'll see donkeys – seem to go on forever in this 540-acre medina.

Later in the afternoon we'll set off for the coastal town of Tangier, Europe's gateway to Africa. Being just a short boat ride from Spain, it boasts an interesting mix of African and European influences. When you arrive in Tangier, the rest of the day is yours.

Its medina, a star attraction, is everything you'd expect – lively, with the typical narrow, labyrinthine-like alleyways of shops, teahouses and homes. A great place to people watch is the Grand Socco, a large square at the main entrance of the medina and a popular meeting place.

### DAY 13

Destination	Tangier 🚗 🚗 Seville
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Exe Sevilla Macarena, or similar

You'll be transferred to the port to meet your European guide and board your ferry back to Spain.

On arrival in Algeciras, you'll be taken to Seville, capital of Andalusia. This bustling port is known for being a joyous town; famous for oranges, tapas and flamenco.

Seville is another Andalusian city that has roots linked to North Africa as seen through its architecture and cuisine. But it is flamenco for which Seville is truly famous. Originating as an expression of oppression by the region's gypsy population, this area is the birthplace of the guitar, first designed for use in flamenco music. Today, the town is still the world capital of flamenco.

Please note: Keep your passport ready as you will pass international border controls in both Morocco and Spain.

### DAY 14

Destination	Seville
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Exe Sevilla Macarena, or similar

After breakfast, enjoy a guided orientation tour in the irresistible city of Seville. Seville is home to the country's best

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Fiestas and the site of some well-known scenes in big films. Afterwards, perhaps visit the city's colossal Gothic cathedral and its famous Giralda, or bell tower. The Seville Cathedral is the third largest church in the world as well as the largest Gothic church and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is also the final burial place of Christopher Columbus. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure further discovering this enchanting city.

### DAY 15

Destination	Seville 🗣️ Lisbon
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ SANA Metropolitan, or similar

We'll set off for Portugal today. On the way, we'll stop in Pales de la Frontera and Mértola (time permitting)

### DAY 16

Destination	Lisbon
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ SANA Metropolitan, or similar

This morning we will set out on a morning orientation tour of charismatic Lisbon. We'll visit traditional neighborhoods and take in the Belem district, a relaxed area on the Tagus River known for its fresh seafood restaurants and colourful houses. We invite all our travellers to try a "Belem cake", an exquisite local delicacy. This area is the birthplace of the great Portuguese navigators who sailed the oceans in the Fifteenth Century. Along our tour we will see Belem Tower and the beautiful Jeronimos Monastery, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. The afternoon following our guided tour is free for you to relax or explore this great city independently.

#### SUNSET FADO AND TAPAS TOUR

Get ready for a night of tasty Portuguese food, tipples, and tunes on this Lisbon tour. You'll discover the city as dusk falls, heading out alongside locals for dinner and drinks, and taking in a dramatic Fado performance that will leave you mesmerised all night long. To join this activity you will need to make your way to Central Lisbon by 7pm. The tour lasts approximately four hours and a taxi back and forth from the hotel costs approximately EUR 10 to EUR 15 each way.

*Starts: approx: 7pm*

*Duration: approx: 3-4 hours*

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### DAY 17

Destination	Lisbon 🗣️ Madrid
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Sercotel Gran Hotel Conde Duque, or similar

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It's a long day of travel to Madrid, Spain's elegant capital. On the way we'll stop to see the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima, a renowned Catholic pilgrimage site.

If you're a football fan and in Madrid on a match day, you might get lucky with a chance to see one of the local teams, Atletico or Real Madrid.

### DAY 18

Destination	Madrid
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy one last delicious breakfast this morning, before your adventure comes to an end after checking out of your hotel.

Madrid is a glorious city to explore – we recommend spending a couple of extra days to make the most of it. If you do extend your stay, we can help you organise additional accommodation as well as the below optional tours.

We hope you've enjoyed this extraordinary journey.

*Check out: Check-out time is generally anywhere from 10am-12pm. You are welcome to leave your luggage at hotel reception and spend your final moments of free time exploring the area or, alternatively, speak with hotel staff if you would like to extend your check-out time. This service is subject to availability and will likely come at an additional cost.*

#### MADRID GOURMET TAPAS & LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOODS

Make your own way to the starting point of this guided walking tour. Enjoy a deliciously sweet breakfast of hot chocolate and churros, discover the history of the Royal Family of Spain, sample tapas at the first ever gourmet market in Spain and see some amazing homemade sweets in a convent. Discover small production olive oil and wine in a grocery market with a local, then head towards the Lavapiés neighborhood to get a tastier idea of the modern food fusion like a true Madrileño.

Please note: Includes local English-speaking guide, food and drink samples (hot chocolate with churros, olive oil tasting, wine tasting, cava tasting, five tapas dishes). To join this tour you will need to make your way to/from the starting/finishing point in Central Madrid. A taxi ride costs approximately EUR 13 to EUR 15 each way.

*Starts: approx: 10m*

*Duration: approx: 4 hours*

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### MADRID TAPAS ADVENTURE

If you want to experience the real Madrid, take a tip from us: do as the locals do and nibble and chomp your way through the city. From Madrid's oldest taverns to its modern hip hangouts, this is your chance to indulge in the most delectable cuisine – tapas. And hey, we'll even teach you some pro tapas tips along the way, the ultimate souvenir to take home with you!

To join this tour you will need to make your way to/from the starting/finishing point in Central Madrid. A taxi ride costs approximately EUR 15 to EUR 18 each way.

*Starts: approx: 7pm*

*Duration: approx: 4 hours*

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 17 nights in 4 to 5 star hotels
- All Transportation - Comfortable, dedicated coach transportation throughout
- Cross the Strait of Gibraltar by ferry from Europe to Africa and back
- Activities indicated in the itinerary including entry fees
- Daily breakfast and 2 dinners, as per itinerary
- Fully escorted English speaking guide throughout all 3 countries
- All accommodation as listed
- All entrance fees to the sites listed (except optionals)
- All activities listed in the itinerary unless a paid optional
- Comfortable, dedicated private transportation throughout

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### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Barcelona - Follow your guide on a walking tour of Barcelona's gothic quarter
- Peñíscola - Explore this beautiful walled town in a fairytale setting
- Alicante - Discover the active port city of Alicante on a guided tour, whose history goes back over 7000 years
- Caravaca de la Cruz - Board a miniature train to reach the idyllic Old Town centre
- Granada - Visit the breathtaking UNESCO Alhambra Palace and the Generalife gardens with a local guide
- Strait of Gibraltar - Enjoy a pleasurable sail towards Africa as Spain disappears upon the horizon
- Rabat - Explore historic monuments dating from the 10th to 15th century Almohad and Merenid dynasties
- Casablanca - Admire the great Hassan II Mosque, one of the most important mosques in the Arab world
- Marrakech - Step back in time during a guided tour of the old medina
- Ait Benhaddou - Pause at this fortified village, a place where several known movies have been filmed
- Ouarzazate - Pause again at the gateway to the Sahara desert and home to the Taourirt Kasbah.
- Todra Gorge - Marvel at this 250 metre deep trench, one of the most spectacular natural sights in Morocco
- Erfoud - Visit this oasis town, and experience dusk among the sand dunes
- Fes - Soak up this car-free medieval labyrinth
- Seville - Spend two nights discovering the city famous for its stunning Mudéjar palaces, tapas and flamenco
- Lisbon - Explore Lisbon, a picture-perfect combination of cobbled alleyways, ancient ruins and white-domed cathedrals
- Fatima - Visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, the 4th biggest Catholic pilgrimage site in the world
- Madrid - Sit by the lake at Retiro Park and admire the magnificent Glass Palace

### Fine Print

#### BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

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### **Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support**

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

### **Flexible Date Change Option**

Book now, change later with our Flexible Date Change option. You may select this \$99pp option at time of purchase, giving travellers the flexibility to change your date without penalty (subject to availability, less third party costs incurred, plus any applicable surcharges for the new date selected).

Date change must be requested prior to 65 days before your original selected departure date\*. Once inside 65 days of departure, date changes are not permitted.

\*some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

Please refer to our 'Book with Confidence' section for terms and conditions.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

### **Cooling off period**

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period.

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to [support@inspiringvacations.com](mailto:support@inspiringvacations.com), including the reason for cancellation.

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### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

- Secure your package with only a \$99 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$800 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

### EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, adding a stopover package en-route or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

**Pre and post-tour accommodation** (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Pre-tour accommodation (Barcelona): \$210 per room per night for single
- Pre-tour accommodation (Barcelona): \$258 per room per night for double
- Post-tour accommodation (Madrid): \$185 per room per night for single
- Post-tour accommodation (Madrid): \$202 per room per night for double

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### Arrival and departure airport transfers

- Arrival Transfer (Barcelona): \$83 per vehicle
- Departure Transfer (Madrid): \$62 per vehicle

Your transfer may be shared with other Inspiring Vacations customers.

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability. Alternatively, you may purchase 1 pre or post night + transfer at time of booking.

### Airport chauffeur

Take the hassle out of getting to the airport with private chauffeur transfers to and from your home airport. Your personal chauffeur will meet and greet you, attend to your luggage and drive you to your destination in a luxury vehicle.

- Within 30km of airport: \$139 per vehicle (max 2 guests)
- Outside 30km of airport: You may add this option to your booking and the final price will be adjusted based on the transfer distance.

Additional surcharges may apply depending on pick-up time, tolls and government levies.

Airport Chauffeur can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.

### Airport lounges

Escape busy airport terminals and relax at a cosy and catered lounge instead. Departure lounge access in Sydney \$70 per person (up to 6 hours); Melbourne & Brisbane \$55 per person (up to 3 hours).

Airport lounge passes can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.



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### OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we are offering guests a choice of the following optional activities (prices are per person):

- Barcelona (Day 2): Sagrada Familia (Audioguided) - AUD \$52
- Barcelona (Day 2): Barcelona Tapas Tour - AUD \$135
- Marrakech (Day 8): Moroccan Hammam Experience - AUD \$144
- Marrakech (Day 8): Cooking Class at La Maison Arabe - AUD \$115
- Lisbon (Day 16): Sunset Fado and Tapas Tour - AUD \$152
- Madrid (Day 19): Madrid Gourmet Tapas & Local Neighbourhoods (morning) - AUD \$229
- Madrid (Day 19): Madrid Tapas Adventure (evening) - AUD \$229

*On days 3, 17 and 19, both optionals may be undertaken. On Day 9, only one optional may be chosen as they run simultaneously.*

Optional tours can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add Optional Tours, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance. If you choose not to select them at this time, you can choose to add them later by logging in to your Account online or speaking with your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance.

Please note that you must select your Optional Tours no later than 65 days before departure, after which you will be required to purchase them on tour. Please keep in mind that anything purchased on-tour is subject to availability and prices may vary as you will be paying in local currency. We appreciate your understanding.

*Please note that transportation to and from each optional tour is not included in the price. You will be required to make your own way to the starting point of the optional tour, as well as back to your hotel. Your tour guide can provide you with the direction and guidance needed to make your own way.*

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### EXCLUSIONS

- Airport departure transfer from Madrid
- Return international airfares
- Return airport transfers
- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **Fitness Requirements**

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a “3”:

**Moderate Tour:** A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

#### **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. At the commencement of your tour, your Tour Leader will suggest contributing towards a ‘tipping kitty’ which can then be used to tip local guides, hotel staff, driver, etc. You will have complete visibility over amounts tipped and any funds left will be distributed back to travellers. This tipping kitty is not mandatory, however, over time we’ve found it frees travellers from the stress of keeping the right change at hand and not knowing appropriate tipping amounts. We suggest EUR2 for hotel staff, EUR3-4 for local guides and EUR2-3 for the driver (suggestions are per person per day).

Please note that this tipping is not for your Tour Leader. If you are

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happy with the service provided by your Tour Leader we recommend tipping EUR2-4 per person per day.

### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is \$1030 per person in addition to the twin share price.

### **Triple Share**

Available. If you wish to purchase triple share please phone 1300 886 688. The third person will also be charged the Twin share price.

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

### **Visa & Passport information**

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return to Australia.

A visa is not required for Spain, Portugal and Morocco, for travel less than 90 days.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://smartraveller.gov.au> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Group Size**

20-40 people.

### **Trip Style - Group Tour**

Our Group Tours offer unparalleled value for money and are the perfect style of travel for those on a budget, though still eager to pack as much

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in to their itinerary as possible. These tours tick all the boxes with an abundance of inclusions such as sightseeing highlights, expert tour guides, quality accommodation, transfers, coach transportation, some meals and more. Please note that the maximum group size will vary between deals and will be mentioned within the Fine Print of each deal page.

### **Children**

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

### **Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s)

### WHAT CLIMATE TO EXPECT

For more information on the weather in Spain, click [HERE](#)

For more information on the weather in Morocco, click [HERE](#)