

18 DAY INSPIRING SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO

DESTINATIONS

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MADRID
GRANADA
SEVILLE
BARCELONA
VALENCIA
LISBON
ALICANTE
CARAVACA DE LA CRUZ
ÉVORA
CASABLANCA
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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Home ➔ Barcelona
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Sercotel Hotel Ciutat De Montcada, or similar

Bienvenidos! Welcome to Spain.

You'll be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel.

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.

Your accommodation is connected to downtown Barcelona by train, a 20 to 30 minute ride. Depending on the rail card you choose, a train ride costs between EUR 1.20 to EUR 2.50 each way; a taxi ride averages EUR 22 to EUR 30.

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

Check in: Passengers will be arriving at various times throughout the day from as early as 6am through to late evening. If arriving prior to standard check-in time, which is generally 3pm local time, you are welcome to leave your luggage with hotel reception and explore your surroundings until check-in becomes available, as there are generally no scheduled activities on Day 1 of the itinerary. 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 ★ Sercotel Hotel Ciutat De Montcada, 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.

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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.

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.

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.

DAY 3

Destination	Barcelona 🚗 Peñíscola 🚗 València
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Sercotel Sorolla Palace, 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	València 🚗 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 today with your guide. Given the vastness of this sprawling complex, this involves approximately three hours walking – don't forget your walking shoes!

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 Alcaiceria, 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 m² 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.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - 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.

Starts: approx: 1pm

Duration: approx: 2 hours

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COOKING CLASS AT LA MAISON ARABE

Learn the art of making chicken tagine and baking fresh Moroccan bread under the expert guidance of a *dada* (traditional Moroccan cook) on this half-day workshop. You'll use modern equipment found in everyday kitchens at the beautifully decorated La Maison Arabe, and dine on the meal you've prepared at the end.

Starts: approx: 3pm

Duration: approx: 3 hours

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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	Dadès 🚗 Erfoud
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Kasbah 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

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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.

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 ★ AC Hotel by Marriott Sevilla Forum, 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.

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DAY 14

Destination	Seville
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ AC Hotel by Marriott Sevilla Forum, or similar

It's a free day in Seville for you to explore at your own pace.

The Moorish influence here is undeniable, as you'll see if you visit the Alcázar of Seville, an elaborate fortress and palace with beautiful formal gardens. Used by Moorish and Christian rulers through the ages, it's one of the oldest palaces still in use in the world.

You might like to see the majestic Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic building in Europe. This sprawling monument was built in the 16th century and houses the remains of Christopher Columbus and his son, Diego. Its Mudéjar (Moorish-Christian) Giralda Belltower is one of its most jaw-dropping features, and was originally part of an ancient mosque built by the previous ruling Moors.

You could stop by the Santa Cruz quarter – the perfect scene for the masterpiece *Carmen*, as well as precisely where the myth of libertine Don Juan developed.

The food of Seville won't disappoint. All your favourites are here; paella, gazpacho, churros. Seville is home to traditional favourites like *carrillada* (pork cheek), *cazón en adobo* (shark in a Moorish marinade) and *espinacas con garbanzos* (spinach and chickpeas) – the name might sound unimaginative but the dish is certainly not!

GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF SEVILLE

You'll be picked up at your hotel and head to the city centre of Seville for a two-hour guided walking tour. Explore the Old Town and Santa Cruz quarter on foot and admire this dynamic city's treasured monuments. This tour will give you plenty of suggestions on what to do during your free time.

Starts: approx: 9am

Duration: approx: 2 hours

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DAY 15

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

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

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DAY 16

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

Enjoy a free day in Lisbon, a city that oozes charm and character, with its beautifully renovated buildings, grand boulevards and impressive castles and churches. The capital serves up the best of Portuguese life, from architecture to nightlife and delicious food, especially seafood.

There are plenty of interesting museums, like the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, National Museum of Contemporary Art and the National Coach Museum.

Perhaps a visit to Sao Jorge Castle, a medieval citadel that dates back to Moorish times. It sits on the highest point of the Old Town so you can look over the city of endless angular white houses and buildings with distinctive red terracotta rooftops.

The best place to explore Lisbon's nightlife is the bohemian Bairro Alto neighbourhood, with several places that offer mesmerising Fado performances.

GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF LISBON INCLUDING BELEM

Start the day with a panoramic city tour of Lisbon, including a guided walking tour of Belem, a charming historic district. Of course, no visit to Lisbon would be complete without a tasting of a sumptuous *pastel de nata* (Portuguese custard tart) at the famous Casa Pasteis de Belem.

Starts: approx: 9am

Duration: approx: 3 ½ - 4 hours

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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 Alcalá 611, or similar

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 ✈ Home
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, make your way to the airport for your flight back home. Your tour leader can help you to book a taxi.

If you're flying home straight away, your leader will be able to assist you book a taxi to the airport

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, you may wish to consider taking part in one of the two optional tours.

We hope you've enjoyed this extraordinary journey.

Check out: Passengers will be departing at various times throughout the day. Standard hotel check-out times will apply no matter what time your flight is scheduled to depart. 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, please speak with hotel staff if you would like to extend your check-out time. Please note this service is subject to availability and will likely come at an additional cost. Your tour guide (or hotel staff) will confirm the time of your airport transfer with you directly.

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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 Lavapies 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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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international Economy airfares with a full-service airline
- Arrival airport shuttle transfers
- 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
- Meals: Daily breakfast and 2 dinners, as per itinerary
- Fully escorted English speaking guide throughout all three 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
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Barcelona – Explore this captivating seaside city and admire impressive, iconic modernist buildings by Gaudi
- Barcelona - Follow your guide on a walking tour of Barcelona's Gothic Quarter, the heart of the old city
- Peñíscola – Explore this beautiful walled town in a fairytale setting
- Alicante – See the active port city of Alicante, with a history going back over 7000 years
- Granada – Explore the breathtaking Alhambra palace and fortress complex, one of Spain's most treasured and visited monuments
- Valencia – Stop in the home of paella, a laid-back Mediterranean port city that blends old and new effortlessly
- Strait of Gibraltar – Sail from Europe to Africa as Spain disappears on the horizon
- Rabat – Enjoy free time in this historic city to admire monuments dating from the 10th to 15th century Almohad and Merenid dynasties
- Casablanca – Admire the renowned Hassan II Mosque, one of the most important mosques in the Arab world
- Marrakech – Visit the exquisite sights of this beguiling city, including Koutoubia Mosque and its stunning gardens
- Marrakech – Step back in time with a guided tour of the old medina and take in the atmosphere at Jemaa el-Fnaa, the main square of Marrakech
- Ait Benhaddou – See the ancient ksar of Ait Benhaddou, a place where several movies have been filmed

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- Ouarzazate – See the dramatic landscapes of this charming village, now home to two movie studios
- Todra Gorge – Marvel at this 250-metre-deep trench, one of the most spectacular natural sights in Morocco
- Erfoud – Experience dusk among the sand dunes at the edge of the Sahara
- Fes – Wander the maze-like streets of the car-free old medina and see the distinctive blue city gate
- Tangier – Enjoy free time in this coastal city, Europe's gateway to Africa
- Seville - Spend two nights discovering the enigmatic Andalusian capital, famous for tapas and flamenco
- Lisbon – Discover this charming Portuguese capital, a picture-perfect combination of cobbled alleyways, ancient ruins and white-domed cathedrals
- Fatima – See the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima, the fourth biggest Catholic pilgrimage site in the world
- Madrid – Extend your stay and explore this beautiful city with its grand boulevards and glorious architecture

Fine Print

EXCLUSIONS

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

WHAT CLIMATE TO EXPECT

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

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

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Secure your package with only a £50 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of £470 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

FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS

Airfare Information

- Full-service airline used will be British Airways, Iberia Airlines or similar.
- Flights depart from London Heathrow. If you wish to fly from another London airport, please specify this in 'special requests' in the booking purchase path. Additional fare difference may apply.
- Flights are direct, subject to availability
- If you would like to travel with a preferred airline, please ensure you mention this in the special request field. Please note that appropriate fare and tax difference will be applicable in order to confirm your request.
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend

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travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.

- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable; any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control

Premium Economy or Business Class upgrades

- Premium Economy - Enquire for details
- Business Class upgrade - Enquire for details

Please specify this as a 'Special Request' when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare. In the event your selection is unavailable, or that you are dissatisfied with the quote, you will be provided with a full refund.

Land Only discount

Not Available.

Extending Your Stay

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour or including a stopover in another destination. If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Once you have logged in to your account, click on 'Book Now' and complete the required fields until you reach the 'Special Requests' free text field.
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and/or preferred airline. Be sure to mention if you would like us to also quote additional nights' accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalising your purchase by processing your deposit payment, please proceed to submit your booking form with all traveller details. Your booking will then be assigned to your Dedicated Support Agent who will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

By choosing to extend your stay, please note that a supplement of £75 per person, plus applicable fare and tax differences will apply. We will

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contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required to confirm your request.

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): £123 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer
- Post-tour accommodation (Madrid): £129 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer

Arrival and departure airport transfers

- Arrival Transfer (Barcelona): £49 per vehicle
- Departure Transfer (Madrid): £32 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.

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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) - £27 (*Not bookable on tour*)
- Barcelona (Day 2): Barcelona Tapas Tour - £71
- Marrakech (Day 8): Moroccan Hammam Experience - £76
- Marrakech (Day 8): Cooking Class at La Maison Arabe - £61
- Seville (Day 14): Guided Walking Tour of Seville - £30
- Lisbon (Day 16): Guided Walking tour of Lisbon including Belem - £31
- Lisbon (Day 16): Sunset Fado and Tapas Tour - £83
- Madrid (Day 18): Madrid Gourmet Tapas & Local Neighbourhoods (morning) - £83
- Madrid (Day 18): Madrid Tapas Adventure (evening) - £104

On days 2, 16 and 18, 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.

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.

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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 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 £699 per person in addition to the twin share price.

Triple Share

Available. If you wish to purchase triple share please phone 0800 011 9626. The third person will also be charged the Twin share price.

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Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

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 your intended date of return to the United Kingdom.

All British passport holders do not require a visa to enter Morocco.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> for up to date information in terms of entry

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

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 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 inflight 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).

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