

Best of Spain, Portugal & Morocco

Tour Overview

 Start Point Madrid	 End Point Casablanca	 Meals 23 Breakfasts 12 Dinners	 Transport Air-conditioned coach	 Tour Type Fully-guided tour
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Itinerary

Day 1: Madrid - Toledo - Granada

 Hotel Porcel Sabica

Welcome to this adventure through Spain, Portugal and Morocco! Meet with your tour leader in Madrid and head to the first stop, Toledo. Embark on an orientation tour of this magical UNESCO-listed city. Next, journey to Granada. Discover Granada's history on an orientation tour. Be sure to book this evening's Granada Local Food & Wine Pairing excursion before the tour begins.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Visit Toledo

ESPLSMOR - Discover the delights of Granada

Optionals:

Granada Local Food & Wine Pairing

Day 2: Granada - Nerja - Costa del Sol

 Breakfast, Dinner  Victoria Beach

Today begins with an optional visit to the breathtaking Alhambra. This must-see marvel must be booked in advance - contact us to book. Then, depart for Costa del Sol. Marvel at the Aqueduct Eagle before visiting Nerja, a charming seaside town. Then, head to the captivating coastal city of Malaga. Enjoy an orientation tour and free time before tonight's dinner.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Soak up the sun in Costa del Sol

Optionals:

Alhambra Palace & Gardens

Day 3: Malaga - Ronda - Seville

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Porcel Torneo

Enjoy breakfast before journeying to the mountaintop city of Ronda, famous for its 'Puente Nuevo', or New Bridge. Later, travel to Seville. Explore the magical sights of the "Pearl of Andalusia" with a local guide. Tick off the Torre del Oro, Metropol Parasol, and the extraordinary Plaza de Espana. Get a true taste of Seville with a local dinner tonight.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Admire the views from Puente Nuevo in Ronda

ESPLSMOR - See Seville on a driving tour

ESPLSMOR - Enjoy a local dinner in Seville

Day 4: Seville: Free Day

 Breakfast  Hotel Porcel Torneo

Explore Seville your way today! For the ultimate cultural immersion, join the optional excursion through UNESCO-listed historic sights like the Seville Alcázar and Seville Cathedral. Tonight, grab the opportunity to experience a traditional Flamenco for yourself by joining the optional Flamenco dinner show. It's sure to be a captivating night of colour and culture!

Optionals:

Day 5: Seville - Algarve

 Breakfast  Hotel Baltum

Bid farewell to Spain and journey into Portugal, traversing the picturesque Algarve. Explore Tavira on an orientation tour. Admire the historic Old Bridge and Tavira Castle! Next, visit a cork factory for a tour and liquor tasting! Last stop is Faro, the Algarve's capital. Discover its historic centre, home to architectural wonders like the Faro Cathedral, on an orientation tour.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Visit the Algarve
ESPLSMOR - Tour a cork factory

Day 6: Algarve - Lisbon

 Breakfast, Dinner  VIP Executive Art's Hotel

Depart the Algarve and continue to Portugal's vibrant capital, Lisbon. Embark on a scenic driving tour and discover an array of colourful architecture and cultural gems. Driving along the Tagus River, marvel at must-see landmarks like the Monument to the Discoveries, Jeronimos Monastery and Belem Tower. Enjoy free time before this evening's three-course dinner, featuring delectable local dishes.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Enjoy a driving tour of Lisbon

Day 7: Lisbon: Free Day


 Breakfast  VIP Executive Art's Hotel

Today is dedicated to getting immersed in Lisbon. Alternatively, join the excursion to Fátima, Portugal's renowned pilgrimage destination. Marvel at the limestone Coin Caves and Sanctuary of Fátima. Spend the afternoon on the highly recommended, optional half-day trip to Sintra - Portugal's Romantic capital and a fairytale UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the colourful Pena Palace at your own pace.

Optionals:

Fátima Sanctuary & Coin Caves
Colours of Sintra: The Essence of Pena Palace

Day 8: Lisbon - Obidos - Nazaré - Porto

 Breakfast, Dinner  Park Hotel Porto Gaia

En route to Porto, discover medieval Obidos on an orientation drive. Next, travel to the dazzling coastal town of Nazaré, where you could see some of the world's biggest waves! After arriving in Porto, join a local guide for a driving and walking tour. Then, say "saúde" (cheers) to an included Port tasting. Enjoy a group dinner before hotel check-in.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Visit Obidos
ESPLSMOR - Watch the waves in Nazaré
ESPLSMOR - Enjoy a driving and walking tour of Porto
ESPLSMOR - Taste Port

Day 9: Porto: Free Day

 Breakfast  Park Hotel Porto Gaia

Peruse Porto with a free day devoted to exploring its historic sites and vibrant local culture. Alternatively, escape to a hands-on pastel de nata cooking class where you'll unlock the secrets of Portugal's legendary custard tart and enjoy it with Port wine. This evening, consider an optional experience featuring a live Fado show paired with a three-course feast of local delights overlooking the Douro River.

Optionals:

Pastel de Nata Cooking Class
Fado & Feast by the Douro

Day 10: Porto - Ciudad Rodrigo - Salamanca

 Breakfast, Dinner  Zenit Hall 88 Studios

Depart Portugal this morning and cross back into Spain. Stop in the historic city of Ciudad Rodrigo before journeying to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Salamanca for the night. Once there, take a guided tour unveiling the golden architecture and spellbinding tales of this ancient city. This evening, enjoy an included three-course dinner featuring tasty local delights.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Visit Ciudad Rodrigo

ESPLSMOR - Explore Salamanca

ESPLSMOR - Enjoy a local dinner in Salamanca

Day 11: Salamanca - Avila - Madrid

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Porcel Torre Garden

Before returning to Madrid, visit Avila and marvel at spectacular countryside views, medieval city walls, and Romanesque and Gothic churches. Back in the buzzing capital of Madrid, join a local guide to tick off landmarks like the bustling Plaza Mayor, Mercado de San Miguel and the Royal Palace. This evening, enjoy a final Spanish dinner with the group.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Visit Avila

ESPLSMOR - Guided tour of Madrid

ESPLSMOR - Enjoy one last Spanish dinner in Madrid

Day 12: Madrid - Casablanca

 Breakfast  Kenzi Basma Hotel 4*

The Spain & Portugal portion of this journey comes to an end this morning. Bid farewell to your tour leader, as a new tour leader will join you in Morocco. Head to the airport to catch a flight from Madrid to Morocco. Arrive in Casablanca in the afternoon and transfer to the hotel. This evening is free to unwind or explore.

Day 13: Casablanca - Rabat

 Dinner  Flower Town Hotel & Spa 4*

After breakfast, meet up with new travellers joining the tour. Then, set off on an orientation tour to experience Casablanca's top attractions. Enjoy photo stops at Rick's Café and the Hassan II Mosque. Then, depart to Rabat, Morocco's capital. Arrive and embark on a city tour. Sit down for a Moroccan feast at a local restaurant tonight!

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Enjoy a city tour of Casablanca

ESPLSMOR - Sightsee around Rabat

ESPLSMOR - Enjoy a local dinner in Rabat

Day 14: Rabat - Asilah - Chefchaouen

 Breakfast  Parador Hotel 4*

Head to Chefchaouen, the famous blue city. Visit the gorgeous town of Asilah en route. Enjoy a tour of the Medina (Old Town) and admire marvellous murals and extraordinary ocean views. Once in Chefchaouen, get acquainted with the "Blue Pearl" of Morocco on a guided tour and behold the blue-hued houses giving this city its colourful nickname.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Embark on an orientation tour of Asilah

ESPLSMOR - Experience a guided tour of Chefchaouen

ESPLSMOR - Spend a night in the magical Blue City

Day 15: Chefchaouen - Fes


 Breakfast, Dinner  Hôtel Atlas Saiss Fès 4*

Journey to the 13-century city of Fes, affectionately called the "Yellow City". With over 9,000 streets, this is one of the world's oldest and biggest urban pedestrian zones. Discover Seffarine Square and the 18th-Century tiled Nejjarine Fountain on a guided tour. Then, visit a local tannery. End the day with a buffet dinner at the hotel.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Discover Fes's top sights on a guided tour

Day 16: Fes: Free Day

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hôtel Atlas Saiss Fès 4*

There are options aplenty on this free day, including souvenir shopping, tasting delicious Moroccan delights and diving deeper into the Fes Medina. Alternatively, choose to take a trip to Volubilis on today's optional excursion. Join a local guide on a tour through ancient Roman archaeology before visiting a regional winery for an idyllic lunch and wine pairing.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Enjoy a free day to explore Fes

Optionals:

Volubilis Roman Ruins & Wine Pairing Lunch

Day 17: Fes - Atlas Mountains - Merzouga

 Breakfast, Dinner  Auberge La Belle Etoile

Travel to the desert today! First stop is Ifrane, also called "Little Switzerland". Next up is a photo opportunity at the expansive Atlas Mountains as the tour travels through Ziz Valley towards Erfoud. Take a drive through the rugged terrains to Merzouga. Enjoy a lively, traditional bonfire before heading to your idyllic desert camp under the desert sky.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Enjoy a scenic drive through the Atlas Mountains

ESPLSMOR - Sleep under desert stars

Day 18: Merzouga - Todra Gorge - Ouarzazate


 Breakfast, Dinner  RS Hotel Karam Palace 4*

The early bird catches the most sensational views of the sun rising over the stretching desert landscapes this morning!. On the way to Ouarzazate, take a moment to marvel at the mesmerising Todra Gorge with its striking limestone canyons and overhead cliffs. Then, travel to this evening's hotel. Tonight, join the group for dinner at the hotel.

Included:

ESPLSMOR - Marvel at the Todra Gorge

Day 19: Ouarzazate - Aït Ben Haddou - Tizi n'Tichka - Marrakesh

 Breakfast, Dinner  Opera Plaza 4*

Explore Ouarzazate with a walking tour highlighting sights like the exquisite Taourirt Kasbah. Then, visit the otherworldly, fortified village of Aït Benhaddou. After, journey through the twists and turns of the Tizi n' Tichka mountain pass, known for its jaw-dropping scenery which delights at every turn. Arrive in Marrakesh and feast on a regional, slow-cooked meat stew called tangia.


Included:

ESPLSMOR - Explore Ouarzazate

ESPLSMOR - Visit Aït Ben Haddou

ESPLSMOR - See the dramatic Tizi n'Tichka mountain pass

Day 20: Marrakesh: Free Day

 Breakfast  Opera Plaza 4*

Marrakesh, possibly Morocco's most famous Imperial city, is your playground for the next two days. Start with a locally-guided city tour ticking off top sights like the Koutoubia, Jemaa el Fna Square and various souks. Then, this globally beloved city is yours to explore as you wish. Today's culinary optional excursion is highly recommended to learn more about Moroccan cuisine!

Included:


ESPLSMOR - Explore Marrakesh

ESPLSMOR - Enjoy free time in Marrakesh

Optionals:

Tastes & Sounds of Marrakesh: Cooking & Stories

Day 21: Marrakesh: Free Day

 Breakfast

 Opera Plaza 4*


To make the most of your free time in Marrakesh, join today's Marrakesh+ optional excursion. Tour the magnificent Jardin Majorelle gardens, its Musée Berbère and the Medersa Ben Youssef in the Medina. Tonight is the perfect opportunity to savour a variety of Moroccan dishes and capture the essence of its culture and performance arts at a Fantasia and folklore show!


Optionals:

Marrakesh+

Morocco Feast, Folklore & Fantasia Show

Day 22: Marrakesh - Essaouira

 Breakfast

 Atlas Hotel Essaouira 5*

Depart Marrakesh and journey to the port city of Essaouira. Jimi Hendrix famously stayed here before Woodstock! On the way, visit an Argan Oil collective. Arrive set out on a city tour of this UNESCO World Heritage site, including the magical Old Medina. This evening, why not delight in fresh fish and seaside views with an optional Evening in Essaouira?


Included:

ESPLSMOR - Explore Essaouira

Optionals:

An Evening in Essaouira

Day 23: Essaouira - Casablanca

 Breakfast


 Kenzi Basma Hotel 4*

Travel back to Casablanca for the final night of the tour. This afternoon, explore more must-see Casablanca locations such as the Central Market. This evening, capture the last bit of Casablanca and say farewell to the tour group with an optional farewell dinner. Tuck into traditional delights and reflect on the memories made over the last 23 days!

Optionals:

Casablanca Farewell Dinner

Day 24: End of tour in Casablanca

 Breakfast

Following 24 memorable days of adventure, relaxation, sightseeing and cultural immersion across, this Best of Spain, Portugal & Morocco tour concludes after breakfast. We hope you've made life-changing memories and lifelong friends on tour with us. Expat Explore wishes you many incredible adventures ahead and even more memories than you bargained for!

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