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Guaranteed
departure

ANDALUSIA AND MOROCCO

SIB-Round trip 13 days/12 nights

*For 800 years ruled die Muslims in Spain and Portugal. The name they gave to this region was **Al-Andalus**. Its territory occupied most of the Iberian Peninsula and a part of present-day southern France. When they were finally forced to leave the country (Emir Muhammad XII surrendered the Emirate of Granada to Queen Isabella I of Castile, completing the Christian Reconquista of the peninsula) Spaniards encountered some of the great achievements of Islamic science and civilization as well as impressive monuments.*

We are including in this journey through Andalusia, another muslim country as it is Morocco, to understand the links between both lands in culture, religion, architecture and knowledge. Morocco also claims the exclaves of Ceuta, Melilla and Peñón de Vélez de la Gomera which are nowadays under Spanish jurisdiction.

We invite you to join us on this tour to get acquainted with this relationship of centuries. We will start visiting Sevilla with the biggest Gothic cathedral in the world, Granada with La Alhambra and Generalife Gardens, Toledo with buildings from three cultures and Cordoba with its Mezquita or Grand Mosque built between 784 and 786 AD. Then, we will go to Morocco to discover this imponent country. The Jma el-Fna Square, located in the heart of Marrakesh, offers a wide range of colors, scents and flavors. Street juice shops, snake-charmers, traditional medicine... The entrance to the Medina, the place to get a feel of Moroccan tradition and culture. The Hassan II Mosque is a majestic building and one of world's largest and most important cult centers of the Islamic tradition. Its location next to the sea and its impressive minaret offer a unique panoramic view.

DAY 1 (Wednesday) ARRIVAL IN MADRID

After your international flight to Spain and arrival at the International Airport in Madrid, reception and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure for private activities or shopping. We can help you to choose the right optional tour for the day.

DAY 2 (Thursday) MADRID – CORDOBA – SEVILLE

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive along La Mancha, Don Quixote's land. Brief stop at typical site in Puerto Lapice. Cross through the natural border of "Despeñaperros" and get into Andalusia, a region for itself that shows an enormous heritage from a splendid past. Reach Cordoba. Impressive tour of its Mosque and other sites that will ease our mind and spirit strolling through its narrow winding streets of the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, after a short two hours ride reach Seville. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. (B) (D)

DAY 3 (Friday) SEVILLE

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning panoramic city tour visiting: the exterior of the Cathedral (the second largest in the Catholic world after St. Peter's in Rome), Santa Cruz quarter (a natural scenario of "Carmen" as well as a precisely where the myth of "Don Juan" developed), Maria Luisa Park and Plaza de España. Afternoon at leisure for you to discover exclusive views, specific flavors of this active full of light city. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. Optional Flamenco tour. (B) (D)

DAY 4 (Saturday) SEVILLE – RONDA – COSTA DEL SOL

After breakfast at the hotel drive south passing typical villages. Reach Ronda; free time to admire this town of Celtic origin and the marvelous view of the valley and mountain range. In the afternoon continue on to the Costa del Sol, one of the most modern and important international tourist areas. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. (B) (D)

DAY 5 (Sunday) COSTA DEL SOL – FEZ

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive along the picturesque tourist route of Costa del Sol, arrive Algeciras or Tarifa where a ferry boat will be used for a short and interesting crossing of the strait of Gibraltar towards Africa. Arrival to Morocco, disembark, clear customs and continue on by bus via Larache to

PRICE PER PERSON IN
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

EUR 1.460.-

Surplus single room

EUR 400.-

Surplus high season (Jul 1 – Oct 31)

EUR 70.-

GROUP TOUR SET DEPARTURES 2021

02.06	09.06	16.06
23.06	30.06	07.07
14.07	21.07	28.07
04.08	11.08	18.08
25.08	01.09	08.09
15.09	22.09	29.09

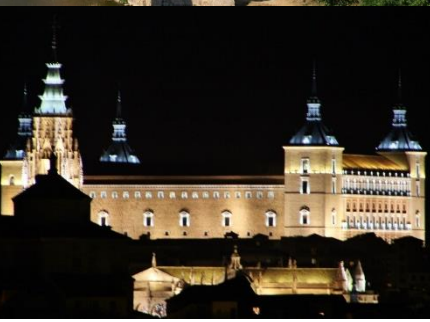
INCLUDED SERVICES

- Guided visits in Cordoba, Seville, Granada (Alhambra & Generalife Gardens), Toledo, Fez, Meknes, Marrakech, Casablanca, Rabat and Tangier
- Tour escort during the tour
- Air-conditioned deluxe motor-coach
- Accommodation at selected class
- Daily breakfast and 11 dinners
- Travel Insurance.

NOT INCLUDED

- o International and domestic Flights
- o Meals or other Tours not mentioned in the itinerary
- o Personal expenses





Fez, the most monumental one of the Imperial Cities, its University of "Karaouyne" is the largest Islamic sanctuary in Morocco, ancient theological schools, etc. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 6 (Monday) FEZ

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a morning city tour of the most ancient and monumental of the Imperial Cities visiting the most interesting points: the 7 gates of the Royal Palace, Jewish Quarters or Mellah, gate of Bab Bou Jelous and walking tour of the "Medina" (Old City), declared World Heritage Site. Afternoon free. Dinner and accommodation at hotel. **(B)**

DAY 7 (Tuesday) FEZ – MEKNES – MARRAKECH

After breakfast at the hotel drive towards the ancient city of Meknes, old walled (40 Km.) imperial city located in the heart of the Mid Atlas. Panoramic tour; admire the great Bab Al Mansour Gate, Morocco's most beautiful Gate and the most well-known monument in town. Continue driving southwards through the Mid-Atlas mountains to Marrakech, Capital of the South, which is located within an extensive oasis between the Atlas Mountains and the pre-desert area. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 (Wednesday) MARRAKECH

Breakfast at the hotel. City sightseeing, including the Koutoubia Tower, twin tower of the Giralda in Seville, Saadines Tombs and Bay Palace. In the afternoon walk around the medina, souks and the magic Jma El Fna Square, which is packed with fortune tellers, snake tamers, acrobats, dancers, all making the center of the city an open-air theatre that requires the participation of the audience. Don't forget your camera. Back to the hotel, free time. Dinner and accommodation at hotel. Optional dinner with show at "Fantasia Chez Ali". **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 (Thursday) MARRAKECH – CASABLANCA – RABAT

After breakfast departure northwards via Benguerir and Settat to Casablanca, current industrial and economic capital and the most populated city housing a 10% of the Country population. Panoramic tour through the most interesting sections of the city, Anfa Boulevard, Nations square, residential areas and visit from the outside of the Hassan II grand mosque. Afternoon departure to Rabat, diplomatic and administrative capital, official residence of the King Mohamed VI. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 10 (Friday) RABAT – LARACHE – TANGIER

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning city tour visiting the important sights as the Royal Palace from outside, Mohamed V Mausoleum, the unfinished Hassan Tower which are important examples of the Almohade architecture. In the afternoon, via Larache, we will head for Tangier, cosmopolitan city that has always been pretended due to its strategic location, at the main gate of Europe and Africa. Short panoramic tour. Time at leisure. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 (Saturday) TANGIER – COSTA DEL SOL

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the pier and aboard the ferry to return across the strait of Gibraltar back to Spain. Drive along the Costa del Sol towards the hotel. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 (Sunday) COSTA DEL SOL – GRANADA

After breakfast at the hotel departure towards the city of Granada and its incredible and amazing monumental environment, last stronghold of the Moorish Kingdoms up to 1492. Visit the world-famous Alhambra complex and Generalife Gardens that have inspired several authors with its sound and sights, such as the "Tales of the Alhambra" by W. Irving. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. Optional Gipsy Flamenco show at Sacromonte Square. **(B) (D)**

DAY 13 (Monday) GRANADA – TOLEDO – MADRID

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive northward where it emerges, toward the sky of Castilla and surrounded by the Tagus River, the impressive Imperial city of Toledo –World Heritage City- where the three cultures Christians, Moorish and Jewish, have lived together. Resume of the Spanish art, history and spirituality the whole town is a National Monument. Short guided tour of this historical old town through its narrow streets. Then proceed with a visit to a famous "Damasquinado" (gold and silver inlaying in iron) factory. Continue to Madrid. END OF OUR SERVICES. **(B)**

(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner