

# 23 Day Immersive Spain, Portugal & Morocco + Flights

Madrid - Salamanca - Porto - Coimbra - Fatima - Batalha - Nazaré - Alcobaça - Lisbon - Cáceres - Cordoba - Seville - Ronda - Costa del Sol - Tarifa - Casablanca - Marrakech - Rabat - Meknes - Fes - Tangier - Granada - Toledo

From **\$8,999** Typically \$10,499 **1** pp twin share



Return economy class airfares from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth to Madrid

Visit Porto, one of the oldest European towns and proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO

Experience Fátima, which is the centre of the Christian Faith and World Pilgrimage Sanctuary

Walk the ancient streets of Portugals cities and towns, taking in the abundance of history and culture

Relax in the beautiful Spanish Mediterranean Coastal town of Costa del Sol

Immerse yourself in the incredible sights, sounds and smells of Morocco and its beautiful towns and cities

# Travel**dream**

# **Description**







Visiting Spain, Portugal, and Morocco in one trip is an incredible way to experience the rich culture, history, and stunning landscapes of the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa. Each country has its own unique flavor, and exploring them together provides an enriching and unforgettable journey.

Spain is a country that offers a mix of modernity and tradition. It is known for its delicious cuisine, rich history, and lively culture. Start your trip in Madrid, the country's capital, and visit its world-class museums, such as the Prado Museum and Reina Sofia Museum, which houses Picasso's famous "Guernica" painting. Continue your journey west to Salamanca, with a history dating back to the Celtic era, it's known for its ornate sandstone architecture and for the Universidad de Salamanca

Portugal, located in the western part of the Iberian Peninsula, is famous for its charming coastal towns, delicious seafood, and rich history. Continue heading west to Porto, known for its famous Port wine and scenic Douro Valley, and visit Coimbra, a riverfront city in central Portugal and the country's former capital, is home to a preserved medieval old town and the historic University of Coimbra. Built on the grounds of a former palace, the university is famed for its baroque library, the Biblioteca Joanina, and its 18th-century bell tower. Then onto Lisbon, the country's vibrant capital, and explore its historic neighborhoods, such as Alfama and Bairro Alto, and iconic landmarks such as the Belem Tower and Jeronimos Monastery.

Morocco, located just a short ferry ride away from the southern coast of Spain, is an exotic destination known for its stunning architecture, colorful markets, and unique culture. The city of Marrakesh is where you can wander through the winding alleys of the Medina, visit the famous Koutoubia Mosque, and explore the beautiful Bahia Palace. From there visit the Hassan



Il Mosque in Casablanca, one of the largest mosques in the world.

Whether you're interested in exploring historic cities, relaxing on beautiful beaches, or indulging in delicious cuisine, visiting Spain, Portugal, and Morocco is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. With a mix of vibrant culture, rich history, and stunning landscapes, these countries offer a unique and unforgettable adventure that you will cherish for years to come.



# **Itinerary**

Day 1

**✗** Depart your home city en route for Madrid

Meals: inflight menu

Day 2

#### **Arrive Madrid**

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

Meals: inflight menu

Accommodation: Princesa Plaza

Day 3

#### Madrid

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

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

**Accommodation:** Princesa Plaza

Day 4

#### Madrid - Salamanca - Porto

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

Meals: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** AC Porto



#### **Porto**

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

Meals: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** AC Porto

# Day 6

#### Porto - Coimbra - Fátima

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

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: São José

# Day 7

#### Fátima - Batalha - Nazaré - Alcobaça - Lisbon

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

Meals: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Roma



#### Lisbon

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

Meals: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Roma

Day 9

#### Lisbon - Cáceres - Cordoba

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

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Tryp Cordoba

Day 10

#### Cordoba - Seville

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

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Catalonia Santa Justa or Catalonia Giralda



#### Seville

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

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Catalonia Santa Justa or Catalonia Giralda

# Day 12

#### Seville - Ronda - Costa del Sol

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

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sol Don Pablo or Don Marco

# Day 13

#### Costa del Sol

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

Meals: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Sol Don Pablo or Don Marco



#### Costa del Sol - Tarifa - Casablanca

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

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodaiton: Mogador Marina

### Day 15

#### Casablanca - Marrakech

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

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Mogador Kasbah or Zalagh Kasbah

# Day 16

#### Marrakech - Rabat - Meknes - Fès

After breakfast, depart northeast for Rabat, the diplomatic and administrative capital and official residence of the King Mohamed VI. Enjoy a city tour visiting the important sites such as the Royal Palace from the outside, Mohamed V Mausoleum and the unfinished Hassan Tower, which are important examples of the Almohade architecture. Continue on to Meknes, an Old Walled Imperial City located in the heart of the Mid Atlas. Enjoy a guided tour to admire the great Bab Al Mansour Gate, Morocco's most beautiful gate and the most well known monument in town. Afterwards depart for Fès, the most monumental of the Imperial Cities with its University of 'Karaouyne' being the largest Islamic sanctuary in Morocco. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Hôtel Menzeh Zalagh



#### Fès

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

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Hôtel Menzeh Zalagh

### Day 18

#### Fès - Tangier - Tarifa - Costa del Sol

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

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Sol Don Pablo or Don Marco

# **Day 19**

#### Costa del Sol

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

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sol Don Pablo or Don Marco

# Day 20

#### Costa del Sol - Granada

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

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

**Accommodation:** Alixares



#### Granada - Toledo - Madrid

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

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Princesa Plaza

Day 22

#### **✗** Depart Madrid

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

Meals: Breakfast and inflight menu

Day 23

**Arrive Home** 



# **Inclusions & Exclusions**

#### **Inclusions**

- Return economy airfares from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth to Madrid
- 20 nights' Accommodation
- Breakfast Daily
- 9 x Dinners
- Arrival and Departure Transfers
- Guided visits in Madrid, Porto (including Douro River Cruise and Port wine tasting), Lisbon, Cordoba (Mosque entrance included), Seville (Cathedral entrance included), Casablanca, Marrakech, Rabat, Fès, Granada (Alhambra entrance included) & Toledo
- English Speaking Tour Director throughout the journey
- Olive Oil Tasting at Local Almazara
- Transportation by luxury coach

#### **Exclusions**

- Any meals not mentioned
- Optional Extras
- Travel Insurance
- Personal Expenses and Tips
- Lisbon and Porto Local City Tax is not included, to be paid directly to the hotel

### **Single Supplement**

Travelling Solo? Contact us for a quote.

### **Optional Tours**

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

Travel Insurance: We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click HERE.