

Treasures of Spain, Portugal and Morocco

17 days from €170 per day (Lm 73) Prices quoted are per person in Euro and may vary without notice. Conditions apply

Tour Pace - This tour moves at a comfortable, pace with two-night stays in five cities: Lisbon, Seville, Marrakesh, Fez and Madrid. The driving days are of a reasonable length with frequent stops. Enjoy a free day in Seville entirely at your leisure.

Hotels - This tour stays in predominately modern hotels, many reflecting the local regional traditions. These range from the Lisbon Marriott and Meliá Costa del Sol hotel, situated right on the sea front, to the comforts of the Crown Palace in Fez.

Fellow Passengers - This tour appeals to the more adventurous traveller – often those who have visited Iberia before and now wish to explore the origins of the Moorish connections, which are so evident throughout southern Spain.

Highlights - The outstanding highlights are the visit to the Palace and gardens of the Alhambra in Granada, the fiery Flamenco show in Seville and the whole Moroccan experience – including the folklore show with belly dancing.



Included in your highlight dinner is a fabulous authentic flamenco show

Day 1 – Malta - Madrid.

Meet the tour leader at Malta International Airport where we check in for our Lufthansa flight to Madrid. Welcome to Madrid – built by Philip II in the 16th century, the city is Europe's highest capital. Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel. **Hotel : NH Eurobuilding**

Day 2 – Madrid – Salamanca.

Visit Toledo, former capital of Spain, to see the 13th century Cathedral and one of Europe's oldest synagogues, and admire El Greco's masterpiece in the chapel of Santo Tomé. Continue on past the mighty walls of St Theresa's Avila en route to Salamanca. An orientation tour goes via the Plaza Mayor, the New and Old Cathedrals and the university buildings in the Plaza de Anaya. **Hotel: Gran Hotel Spa Salamanca. (BB,D)**

Day 3 – Salamanca – Lisbon.

From Salamanca, drive across the Portuguese frontier to Fatima to visit the great white Basilica before continuing to the capital, Lisbon. **Hotel: Marriott. (BB)**

Day 4 – Lisbon Sightseeing.

Sightseeing with your local guide, shows you Sao Jorge Castle, the Monument to the Discoveries and the Belem Tower, starting point for Portugal's great navigators and explorers, and the famous Jeronimo's Monastery. This afternoon is at leisure. **(BB)**

Day 5 – Lisbon – Seville.

Leave Lisbon via the Tagus Bridge and drive through the Alentejo region, across the Sierra Morena into Andalucía. Arrive in Seville and join a local guide to visit the Cathedral to see Christopher Columbus' tomb. Continue to the Giralda Tower, Alcazar and the Santa Cruz quarter. Enjoy a Highlight dinner and 'Flamenco' show. During the evening, enjoy a short informative presentation on the regional wines that compliment your meal. **Hotel: Melia Lebreros. (BB,HD)**

Day 6 – Seville at Leisure.

The day is free to take in more sights of your choice. Don't miss the chance to take an optional excursion to Cordoba, or perhaps enjoy a typical Sevilliano dinner at a local restaurant, followed by a cruise on the Guadalquivir? **(BB)**

Day 7 – Seville – Tangier.

Cross into Gibraltar, a British territory since 1704. There is time to explore the town and take a trip to the top of the Rock to see the fortifications, St Michael's Cave and the Barbary Apes. Then sail from Algeciras to exotic Morocco. **Hotel: El Minzah. (BB,D)**

Day 8 –Tangier – Fez.

On a sightseeing tour of Tangier, see the Medina and the Casbah before continuing to Fez, the most ancient of Morocco's cities. Enjoy a superb Moroccan Dinner and a Folklore Show with drums and belly dancing. **Hotel: Crown Palace. (BB,HD)**

Day 9 – Fez Sightseeing.

During a guided tour of this 'City of the Mind', visit the Medina and the walled city of hidden courtyards, mosques and tiny workshops, the ancient bazaar and a carpet co-operative. Afterwards, consider visiting the fascinating Berber village of Meknes. **(BB,D)**

Day 10 – Sun – Fez – Marrakesh. The road passes through the rugged Atlas Mountains, past mud-walled villages to Marrakesh, your base for two nights. **Hotel: Atlas Medina & Spa. (BB,D)**

Day 11 –Marrakesh Sightseeing.

On a guided tour, see the Koutobia Minaret, visit the Saadi Tombs, and explore the Medina with its many souks. The tour ends in Jemaa el Fna Square where acrobats, dancers and fortune tellers entertain you. When night falls, you may wish to enjoy dinner at one of the local restaurants to try a traditional Tajine dish. **(BB)**

Day 12 – Marrakesh – Rabat.

Head south to Casablanca. Did Humphrey Bogart really say 'Play it again Sam'? Find out on your orientation tour. Continue to the modern capital Rabat where you see the Royal Palace and Hassan Tower. **Hotel: Golden Tulip Farah. (BB,D)**

Day 13 –Rabat – Costa del Sol. Sail back across the Straits of Gibraltar to Spain. Disembark at the port of Algeciras and travel along the sun drenched Costa del Sol past exclusive resorts to your hotel. **Hotel: Melia Costa del Sol. (BB)**

Day 14 – Costa del Sol – Granada.

Drive along the coast and over the Sierra Nevada to hilltop Granada. A local guide will take you on a tour of the fabulous Alhambra Palace – a magnificent example of Moorish architecture. Also visit the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the royal summer residence, where you can enjoy the fine views over the town and its hills. **Hotel: Saray. (BB,D)**

Day 15 – Granada – Madrid.

Travel through La Mancha where Don Quixote tilted at windmills as his faithful Sancho Panza looked on, and pass through the wine centre of Valdepeñas, its roads lined with 'bodegas' (wine cellars). Upon reaching Madrid, why not try a restaurant on the Plaza Mayor? **Hotel: NH Eurobuilding. (BB)**

Day 16 – Madrid.

Take a guided tour down the wide tree-lined avenues to see the Puerta del Sol, Gran Via, Paseo de la Castellana, Cibeles Fountain and the Cervantes Monument in the Plaza de España. Make a Highlight visit inside the state apartments of the Royal Palace. In the afternoon, consider a visit to the Prado museum. **(BB)**

Day 17 – Madrid - Malta.

It's time to bid farewell to Madrid as your tour draws to a close today. Transfer to airport for flight to Malta.

Visit Christopher Columbus' tomb in the Cathedral
Locally Guided Sightseeing Tour
Dinner plus a fiery flamenco show in Seville
Enjoy a short group tutorial on the wines that compliment your evening meal

Locally Guided Sightseeing Tour

Walk through the cobbled streets to the Cathedral and visit El Greco's masterpiece in the chapel of Santo Tomé
Locally Guided Sightseeing Tour

Dinner, folklore show and belly dancing
Locally Guided Sightseeing Tour

★ CENTRAL HOTELS & NIGHTS
★ SCENIC HOTELS & NIGHTS

Enjoy Your Included Tour Features

Premium Highlights

Visit the unique city of Toledo, to admire the Cathedral, old synagogue, as well as El Greco's masterpiece in the chapel of Santo Tomé

Visit the tomb of Christopher Columbus in Seville's Gothic Cathedral, built in the 15th century
Enjoy a guided tour of the fabulous Alhambra Palace and exotic water gardens of the Generalife
Experience the monumental grandeur of the state apartments in Madrid's Royal Palace

Personal Insights

Enjoy a short group tutorial on the wines that compliment your evening meal in Seville

Additional Excursions & Sights

See the Plaza Mayor, Cathedrals and University buildings in Salamanca
Visit the Basilica in Fatima, one of the most important

Catholic centres of faith
View the modern Monument to the Discoveries and ancient Belem Tower in Lisbon
View the Alcazar, Giralda Tower, and fashionable Santa Cruz quarter in Seville
See the Rock of Gibraltar and go duty free shopping
See the Medina and Casbah of Tangier
Visit the Medina and shop for Moroccan carpets in Fez
Visit the Saadi Tombs and see the Koutobia Minaret in Marrakesh
View the Royal Palace and Hassan Tower in Rabat
Pass through the famous wine centre of Valdepeñas
See Madrid's Cibeles Fountain and drive the Gran Via and Puerta del Sol
See Don Quixote at the Cervantes Monument in the Plaza de España, Madrid
Scenic Drives – Atlas Mountains, Costa del Sol, Sierra Nevada

First Class Services

Escorted by a professional Tour Director
Luxury air-conditioned coach with onboard toilet
Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
Airline Taxes, Fuel Surcharge and Service Charge
Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
Airport arrival and departure transfers

More Included Meals

Highlight Dinner featuring a Flamenco Show in Seville (HD)
Highlight Dinner and Folklore Show with belly dancing in Fez (HD)
15 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 6 three-course table d'hôte Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

Triple	€ 2879	Lm 1236
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