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# SPAIN & MOROCCO



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## GROUP GUIDED HOLIDAYS SPAIN AND MOROCCO

### YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

- Orientation tour in Torrevieja, Guadix, Malaga, Tangier, Casablanca, El Jadida, Essaouira
- Sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist in Barcelona, Valencia, Alicante, Cartagena, Cordoba, Gibraltar, Fez, Marrakesh
- Visit the Sagrada Familia, Casa Batllo, Barcelona Botanical Gardens, Peniscola Castle, Taurino Museum, Lladro Factory, Botanical Gardens of Valencia, Santa Barbara Castle, Carmen de la Victoria, Carmen del Ajibe del Rey, Alhambra Palace and Generalife, Mosque of the Caliphs, Cordoba Synagogue, Alcazar of the Christian Monarchs, Palacia de Viana, St Michael's Cave, Moorish Castle, Volubilis, Fez Medina, Jnan Sbil Gardens, Dar Batha Museum, Andalusian Gardens, Bahia Palace, El Badii Palace, Jardin Majorelle, Saffron Paradise and Gardens of Nectarome
- Enjoy a harbour cruise in Cartagena and a carriage ride in Marrakesh
- View the colourful courtyards of the Festival of Patios in Cordoba
- Excursion to Costa Brava to visit Pinya de Rosa Garden and Marimurtra Botanical Gardens
- Visit a traditional Berber Village in the Ourika Valley

### Trip Glossary:

**Visit** – In-depth sightseeing with a Local Specialist or your Travel Director, includes fast track entry (where applicable).

**View** – A brief stop to take in the sight and capture photos.

**See** – See the sight while driving by on the coach

### INCLUSIONS

- 20 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 10 dinners
- Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats
- The services of a professional Travel Director throughout your journey
- Visits and entrance fees, as per your itinerary
- Documentation Trafalgar Travel wallet containing the itinerary, hotel list, baggage labels and Trafalgar Backpack
- Porterage on one piece of luggage per person in and out of hotels provided by Trafalgar
- Tips and Gratuities for the Travel Director, Driver and Local Specialist Guides

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## ITINERARY SPAIN AND MOROCCO

### DAY 1

Arrive Barcelona (3 Nights)

Welcome to Spain! On arrival, meet your Travel Director and transfer to your hotel (one group transfer provided).

Meal(s):

Hotel: TRYP Condel Mar Barcelona

### DAY 2

Barcelona Sightseeing

This morning, join a Local Specialist for an exploration of the city to admire the many works of Gaudi. Start the day with a walk through Park Guell. Visit the inspiring Sagrada Familia, and marvel at its sheer height, still under construction 130 years later! View the nearby Plaça de Catalunya and spend some time at leisure to explore the Botanical Gardens. Afterwards, visit Casa Batlló, the imaginative architectural treasure. Tonight enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Meal(s): BB, D

### DAY 3

Costa Brava Excursion

After a leisurely breakfast this morning we take the scenic drive to Pinya de Rosa Garden in the Costa Brava region. The gardens, which has some 50 hectares, combines science and art in each of its corners. The Tropical Botanical Garden comprises of around 7,000 different species, sometimes from their natural habitat, nurseries and private collections. The collections of Aloes, Agaves, Yuccas and Opuntias, are considered some of the best in the world. You will have time for some lunch before visiting Marimurtra Botanical Gardens - one of the most beautiful gardens on the Mediterranean. You can enjoy the most spectacular panoramic views over the coastline and get to know more than

four thousand plant species, most of them exotic. Tonight is yours to explore Barcelona at your leisure.

Meal(s): BB

### DAY 4

Barcelona - Peniscola - Valencia (3 Nights)

The sweet scent of oranges accompanies us on our journey along the Costa Dorada south to fortified Peñíscola. Visit the ancient castle used in the film 'El Cid', before some free time for lunch. Continue later to sunny Valencia. Dine tonight at your hotel.

Meal(s): BB, D

Hotel: Eurostars Rey Don Jaime

### DAY 5

Valencia Sightseeing

Our full day sightseeing tour of this cultural city with a Local Specialist starts with views of the town hall, Valencia Cathedral and the Towers of Serrano and Quart. Visit the Taurino Museum where you'll take a tour of the bullring. Spend some time at leisure to visit the City of Arts and Sciences which is a large-scale urban recreation centre for culture and science (no entrance included). This afternoon, explore Valencia Old Town, full of small winding souk-like streets and a reminder of its Moorish past. Valencia's silk weave history is not one to forget. Wander past the street that still maintains a silk craft workshop today. If you're lucky you'll even catch a traditional weaver at work.

Meal(s): BB

### DAY 6

Valencia Sightseeing

This morning, visit the Lladro factory - the home of Porcelain making in Spain. In the afternoon, visit the Botanical Gardens of Valencia where you will have time to explore the gardens and enjoy lunch. This evening, learn all about the history of Paella and enjoy a cooking demonstration followed by dinner.

Meal(s): BB, D

### DAY 7

Valencia - Alicante - Torrevieja - Cartagena

(2 Nights)

Enjoy a coastal drive to Alicante - one of the most popular cities along Spain's Costa Blanca. You will be met by a Local Specialist and will set out to explore the city, seeing landmarks such as the Basilica de Santa Maria and the Concatedral de San Nicolas de Bari. Visit Santa Barbara Castle and enjoy views of Tabarca Island. Continue south to Torrevieja to view two large natural saltwater lagoons, which form the well-known "Salterns of Torrevieja". Continue to Cartagena and dine tonight at a local restaurant.

Meal(s): BB, D

Hotel: NH Hotel Cartagena

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### DAY 8

#### Cartagena Sightseeing

After a leisurely breakfast, head along La Manga with a Local Specialist, and admire fine views over the Cabo de Palos lighthouse and the marine reserve. Explore Roman history at the Punic wall of Cartagena and Portman Bay, and view iconic landmarks including Cervantes House, the Grand Hotel, La Concepción and the Roman Theatre of Carthago Nova. Then, mingle with the locals during a stroll along the bustling Calle Mayor. This afternoon, board a harbour cruise to see the historical sites of Cartagena. The evening is yours to enjoy at your own pace.

Meal(s): BB

### DAY 9

#### Cartagena - Guadix - Granada (2 Nights)

Travel across the 'sierras' to view the cave houses at Guadix. Take pictures of the troglodyte dwellings and then cross the jagged Mora Pass to Granada. Tread in the footsteps of Spain's last emirs, joining your Local Specialist for a visit to the incredible Alhambra Palace, built in the 14th century. Soak up the tranquil atmosphere in quiet courtyards, follow its colossal ancient walls and admire the ornate stone carvings. Later, explore 'Generalife', composed of a series of large gardens, where every corner holds a novelty and a pleasant surprise for the eyes. This evening, sample the hearty flavours of Andalusia during a special Regional Meal at a local restaurant.

Meal(s): BB, D

Hotel: Macia Real de la Alhambra Hotel

### DAY 10

#### Granada Sightseeing and Free Time

Today explore the Carmen de la Victoria, located in the Albaicin neighbourhood of Granada. Later, visit the beautiful Carmen del Ajibe del Rey. The rest of the day is yours to explore Granada at your own leisure.

Meal(s): BB

### DAY 11

#### Granada - Cordoba (2 Nights)

Leave Granada behind for Cordoba where you'll join a Local Specialist to visit the mesmerising Mosque of the Caliphs, a jewel of Hispano-Islamic art featuring striking arches and Byzantine mosaics. Then visit the remains of the 14th century mudéjar-style synagogue in the old Jewish neighbourhood. The rest of the afternoon is free. Later this afternoon (from 6pm), admire Cordoba's courtyards during the 'Festival of Patios' which are no mere patios – they're cultural melting pots which have been at the epicentre of local life, and were incorporated into the key infrastructure of villas by the Romans to offer solace from the piercing heat. Later, join together for a dinner of mouth-watering tapas-style specialties.

Meal(s): BB, D

Hotel: Ayre Hotel Cordoba

### DAY 12

#### Cordoba Sightseeing

Meet a Local Specialist this morning for a visit to the Alcazar of the Christian Monarchs with time to visit the Gardens of the Alcazar. From here, visit the Palacia de Viana, home to some of the most beautiful historical gardens in Spain. Your evening is at leisure in Cordoba.

Meal(s): BB

### DAY 13

#### Cordoba - Costa del Sol - Gibraltar

Travel to Malaga, a port city in the Costa del Sol, known for its high-rise hotels and resorts jutting up from yellow-sand beaches. You will have time to view chic boutiques, gastrobars and cool cafés. Enjoy a scenic coastal drive past Marbella to La Linea. Cross the border to Gibraltar, where you will meet our Local Specialist. Explore Europa Point, located at the southernmost point of Gibraltar. The journey to the top of the Rock rewards you with a truly breathtaking view. See the African coastline, where the waters of the Atlantic meet the Mediterranean and a panoramic view of the city far below, the quays, marinas and bays. Stroll the quiet path to St Michael's Cave and you will be alone with nature. Explore the Botanical Gardens. As you make your way down the upper rock, you will visit 'The Moorish Castle' - a medieval fortification. The rest of the day is yours to explore Gibraltar at your own leisure.

Meal(s): BB

Hotel: O'Callaghan Elliott Hotel

### DAY 14

#### Gibraltar - Tangier - Volubilis - Fez (2 Nights)

This morning, cross to North Africa by ferry. On arrival in Tangier, enjoy an orientation tour and lunch at a local restaurant. Travelling inland, stop to visit Volubilis, the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Arrive in Fez later today and spend the rest of the day at leisure, embracing the symbolic heart of Morocco and the unique character of the country's oldest imperial city.

Meal(s): BB, L

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### DAY 15

#### Fez Sightseeing

Follow winding streets into the heart of the Fez medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on a guided walking tour through the walled city. Pass a series of historic mosques, the Nejjarine Fountain, an iconic madrasa, and the colorful tannery, then browse for handicrafts at a traditional souk, or market. Walking alongside a Local Specialist, you'll learn the stories behind the medina's intricate gates, with tips on where to eat, drink, and explore. Witness age-old techniques of pottery making and learn how khobz, the traditional local bread, is made. Our last stop for the day is the refreshing Jnan Sbil gardens and Dar Batha Museum. Join your companions this evening for a special Be My Guest experience of Moroccan specialities served with wine in a traditional Riad located in the heart of the Medina.

Meal(s): BB, BMG

### DAY 16

#### Fez - Rabat - Casablanca (2 Nights)

Travel west to Rabat and visit the Andalusian Gardens - a tranquil public garden for quiet walks amid exotic plants, flowers & fruit trees. Arrive in Casablanca where you will enjoy views of the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, built for the late king's 60th birthday celebrations, and admire the characteristic French and Moroccan architecture. Tonight, dine at a local restaurant. hotel.

Meal(s): BB, D

Hotel: Grand Mogodor City Centre

### DAY 17

#### Casablanca at Leisure

Enjoy the sites and smells of Casablanca today at your own pace.

Meal(s): BB

### DAY 18

#### Casablanca - El Jadida - Essaouira - Marrakesh (3 Nights)

This morning, journey along the coast of Morocco to the seaside town of El Jadida where you'll stop for a walk around the UNESCO-listed 16th-century Cité Portugaise. Continue south to the laid-back shores of Essaouira. Spend some time at leisure in this port town or navigate narrow alleyways surrounded by whitewashed houses. Journey to the city of Marrakesh - which comprises an old fortified city - the medina - and an adjacent modern city. Marrakesh is home to Morocco's largest traditional market ('souk') where you may wish to spend some time over the next two days learning the art of haggling. Tonight enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Meal(s): BB, D

Hotel: Hotel Les Jardins de l'Agdal Marrakech

### DAY 19

#### Marrakesh Sightseeing

Join a Local Specialist this morning for a walking tour through the charming streets of Marrakesh. Visit the exquisitely detailed Bahia Palace and soak up the spirited atmosphere in the Old Quarter's Djemaa el Fna Square. Continue to the exquisite El Badii Palace before spending some time exploring the Jardin Majorelle. Visit a traditional Moroccan pharmacy for a fascinating Cultural Insight into the blending of creams and cosmetics from regional ingredients.

Meal(s): BB

### DAY 20

#### Marrakesh Sightseeing

You'll enjoy a scenic drive into the Atlas Mountains to visit a typical home in a primitive Berber village in the Ourika Valley. Enjoy the chance to bargain for beautiful, handcrafted jewellery made in the local style. On our way back to town, visit the Saffron Paradise and medicinal Gardens of Nectarome where you will have time to have some tea or perhaps try a foot bath. Tonight, You'll take a horse and carriage ride to the magical Jemaa el Fna Square to enjoy the exotic sights and sounds of Marrakesh by night. Then we'll have a Farewell Dinner in a typical Moroccan restaurant, with music and entertainment.

Meal(s): BB, FD

### DAY 21

#### Depart Marrakesh

Say goodbye to your Travel Director at the end of your fascinating Spain and Moroccan holiday. Transfer from your hotel to Marrakesh airport for onward flights (one group transfer provided).

Meal(s): BB

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