

# Barcelona, Madrid, Mysterious Morocco and Lisbon - 17 Days

# Day 1: Day 1 - THU-BARCELONA

We'll transfer you to the hotel, and you'll have some free time. In the afternoon, you'll find information about the start of your tour on the boards located at the hotel reception.

Overnight stay at Barcelona.

## Day 2: Day 2 - FRI-BARCELONA

In the morning, we'll embark on a panoramic tour of Barcelona, renowned as one of the most fascinating European capitals. This vibrant city, nestled along the Mediterranean Sea, is famous for Gaudi's modernist architecture, the bustling Ramblas, and its rich history, highlighted by the Universal Exposition and the Olympics hosted here. You'll have free time in the afternoon. In the evening, we'll provide a transfer to Maremagnum, a contemporary entertainment and dining complex by the sea, located near Plaza de Colón. Here, you can enjoy a leisurely stroll through the lively area and choose from a variety of dining options.

Overnight stay at Barcelona.

# Day 3: Day 3 - SAT-BARCELONA - PENISCOLA - VALENCIA - MADRID

We'll travel south along the Mediterranean, making a special stop in Peniscola, a charming walled town by the sea surrounded by picturesque landscapes, where we'll have time for a stroll. We'll then continue to Valencia, a vibrant port city on the Levantine coast, arriving around lunchtime. Will you try the famous paella? At approximately 04:30 p.m., we'll continue our journey to Madrid, but not before

making a brief stop at the avant-garde City of Arts and Sciences of Valencia. We'll arrive in Madrid between 08:30 and 09:00 p.m. As a way of welcoming you to the city, we'll include a transfer to the Plaza Mayor, a popular spot to enjoy pinchos or wine at one of its many restaurants.

Overnight stay at Madrid

**Note:** Depending on the number of passengers, the journey from Valencia to Madrid might be carried out by high-speed train.

#### Day 4: Day 4 - SUN -MADRID

The morning will begin with a comprehensive tour of central Madrid, featuring highlights like Paseo del Prado, Cibeles, Neptuno, Puerta de Alcalá, Plaza de Colón, and Plaza Mayor. We'll then visit Retiro Park, a beautiful oasis in the city center, where we'll see the lake and the Palacio de Cristal. Admission is included to the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, the home of Real Madrid—considered by many to be the best football club in the world. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure. In the evening, we'll provide a return transfer to the hotel.

Overnight at Madrid.

#### Day 5: Day 5 - MON -MADRID - GRANADA

We will depart from Madrid early in the morning, heading south through La Mancha. Our first stop will be in Puerto Lápice, a charming Manchego village evocative of Don Quixote. We will then continue into Andalusia via Despeñaperros, arriving in Granada, where lunch will be included. In the afternoon, if you have chosen the option that includes a visit to the Alhambra, we will explore the magnificent Alhambra Palace and its beautiful Generalife Gardens, both built during the Arab period, with a local quide.

Overnight stay at Granada

**VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:** The number of visitors allowed into the Alhambra is strictly regulated by law. To ensure your admission, tickets will be issued upon confirming your tour reservation. It's essential to provide accurate personal details (full name and passport/ID number) at the time of booking. Please be aware that ticket costs are non-refundable in case of cancellation. In rare cases where the Alhambra visit is not possible, we will instead tour the Royal Alcázar of Seville, which offers similar historical and architectural significance.

## Day 6: Day 6 - TUE GRANADA - TANGIER - ASILAH - RABAT

Departing from Granada, we'll traverse the Costa del Sol. Upon reaching Algeciras or Tarifa, we'll board a modern ferry to cross the Strait of Gibraltar (tickets included). Passengers will need to carry their own luggage as the bus typically does not make the crossing. Upon arrival in Morocco, we'll journey through breathtaking landscapes. Our first stop will be Asilah, a charming walled city nestled on the Atlantic coast, once a historic port and pirate stronghold, now bustling with vibrant life. There will be time for lunch before we head to Rabat. Upon arrival in Rabat, dinner will be included.

#### Day 7: Day 7 - WED -RABAT - CASABLANCA - MARRAKECH

We'll go on a panoramic tour of Rabat to visit the immense Royal Palace, the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, and the mighty Kasbah of the Udayas. At midday, we'll head to Casablanca, where we'll go on a short city tour with a local guide. The tour will include a visit to the exterior of one of the most important mosques in the Arab world, the magnificent Hassan II Mosque. Later, we'll go to Marrakech. After arriving at the hotel, you will be able to experience a traditional horse-drawn carriage ride up to the famous Jemaa el-Fnaa square. Dinner will be included.

Overnight stay at Marrakech

# Day 8: Day 8 - THU -MARRAKECH

Today, we'll explore one of the most fascinating places in the world, the city that gave Morocco its name. Our city tour will take us through its strong walls, the bustling Jemaa el-Fnaa square, the Medina, the Koutoubia Mosque, and the Bahia Palace (tickets included). Afterward, you'll have free time for lunch (included) and to relax by the pool or in the hotel garden, or to shop in the souks. In the evening, you can join the Fantasy Party, an optional excursion offered by us.

Overnight stay at Marrakech

# Day 9: Day 9 – FRI -MARRAKECH - AIT BENHADOU - OUARZAZATE - BOUMALNE DADES

We'll set out to cross the Atlas Mountains, where lofty peaks often covered in snow bid us farewell as we leave the palm groves of Marrakech. You'll see small Berber villages clinging to the edges of deep gorges. Our journey includes a stop at the fortified village of Ait Benhaddou, renowned for its appearances in numerous movies. As we travel through landscapes reminiscent of biblical scenes, we'll pause in Ouarzazate, known for its impressive Kasbah. Continuing through the Valley of Roses, we'll reach Boumaine Dades where dinner will be included.

Overnight stay at Boumaine dades

**Note:** Occasionally in winter, roads may close due to snowdrifts. If necessary, this part of the itinerary will be rescheduled according to our alternative plan. (Access to the Sahara Desert depends on road conditions).

### Day 10: Day 10 – SAT -BOUMALNE DADES - TODGHA - ERFOUD

Embark on an exhilarating journey through the Sahara Desert: traverse the Valley of the Kasbahs, river valleys surrounded by thousands of palm trees, rocky plains merging into lush oases and adobe villages, and formidable fortresses guarding ancient thoroughfares. Our visit includes the aweinspiring Todgha Gorge, a majestic canyon with towering walls rising more than 100 meters on both

sides. En route, we'll stop at a small adobe town near Khorbat, where you can learn about the desert community supported by the Europamundo Foundation (access may be affected by weather conditions such as river flooding). We'll proceed towards Erfoud. For those interested, an off-road excursion to the Sahara Desert sand dunes offers a breathtaking sunset experience. Lunch will be included.

Overnight stay at Erfoud

## Day 11: Day 11 - SUN.ERFOUD - FEZ

We'll depart early from Erfoud, crossing the Atlas Mountains amidst impressive gorges and stunning landscapes. We'll traverse a high, cold plateau inhabited by nomadic shepherds. Our first stop will be in Midelt, located at the heart of this region. After lunch, we'll continue our journey towards the Middle Atlas, where the scenery changes dramatically to a region characterized by forests and frequent winter snowfall. Near Azrou, in the National Park, we'll visit "The House of Cedars," a small museum providing insights into the region. Here, we'll also see the colonies of monkeys that inhabit the area. We'll continue to Bahlil, a small and quiet village home to Berbers of the Middle Atlas. Its old center is very picturesque, with colorful streets. Traditionally, the population lived in caves, which have now been integrated into the houses. Continuing onward, we'll head to Fez. Before reaching our hotel, we'll take in the panoramic view of the city from the Marinid Tombs. Dinner will be provided.

Overnight stay at Fez

### Day 12: Day 12 – MON- FEZ - TANGIER

We'll go on a tour of Fez, entering through the Bronze Gates of the Royal Palace and exploring the Jewish quarter, its lively souks, and the Tanners' Quarter. The cultural capital of the country is renowned for its impressive Medina, which preserves the traditional Arab atmosphere like no other. We'll conclude our visit with an included lunch at a historic palace in the Medina.

In the afternoon, we'll journey north through Morocco on a modern highway, reaching Tangier by evening. Dinner will be included.

Overnight stay at Tangier

# Day 13: Day 13 - TUE-TANGIER - SEVILLE

Free time in Tangier – do you feel like doing some last-minute shopping? We'll take a ferry back to Spain. The bus will not be on board, so each passenger must take their luggage on the ferry. We'll arrive in Algeciras or Tarifa and continue to Seville. Arrival will be in the evening. Overnight stay at Seville

# Day 14: Day 14 - WED -SEVILLE

In the morning, we'll embark on a city tour of Seville, where you'll visit the cathedral with its famous Giralda, explore the banks of the Guadalquivir River, and wander through the popular neighborhoods of Santa Cruz and Triana. After the tour, enjoy a relaxing boat ride on the Guadalquivir River offering stunning panoramic views (included). In the evening, you'll have the option to attend a popular flamenco tablao.

Overnight stay at Seville

# Day 15: Day 15 - THU-SEVILLE - MÉRIDA - ÉVORA - LISBO

We'll leave Seville, traveling through pleasant landscapes of rolling hills and expansive pasturelands as we head towards Extremadura. In Mérida, admission is included to the Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida, which features a Roman Theater and Amphitheater. This site is renowned for its excellent preservation and its designation as a World Heritage Site. You'll have time for lunch and a stroll through the vibrant pedestrian historic center, filled with restaurants and local charm. We will then continue to Portugal, stopping in Évora, another World Heritage Site, known for its whitewashed streets, Renaissance palaces, and cathedral. We'll arrive in Lisbon in the evening.

Overnight stay at Lisbo

#### Day 16: Day 16 - FRI -LISBON

In the morning, we'll embark on a sightseeing tour of Lisbon, exploring the Portuguese capital of the seven hills, with its charming alleys, iconic tiles, the feeling of "saudade," and the beautiful Atlantic light. We'll also visit the Belem neighborhood, from where the great Portuguese navigators set sail to cross the oceans in the 15th century. Free time in the afternoon to walk and go to the Bairro Alto and its viewpoint; if you'd like, you could take an optional trip to the towns of Sintra, Cascais, and Estoril. In the evening, we'll return to the hotel from the lively Restauradores Square, filled with vibrant bars and cafes.

Overnight stay at Lisbon

# Day 17: Day 17 - FRI -LISBON

After breakfast, our journey will come to an end, leaving you with wonderful lasting memories.

#### **About The Tour**

This captivating 16-day tour takes you through Spain, Morocco, and Portugal, offering a blend of vibrant cities, rich history, and stunning landscapes. Starting in Barcelona, you'll explore Gaudi's iconic architecture and the lively Mediterranean atmosphere before traveling to Madrid, Granada, and the majestic Alhambra Palace. Crossing into Morocco, you'll experience the charming cities of Rabat, Casablanca, and Marrakech, with a journey through the Sahara Desert and a visit to ancient towns like Fez. After returning to Spain, you'll visit Seville, Mérida, and Évora, before concluding in Lisbon, where you'll explore the city's charming streets, historic landmarks, and vibrant culture. This

tour provides an unforgettable experience, blending European and North African heritage with unforgettable sights and experiences.

#### **Highlights**

historical sites, and natural landscapes for each day of the itinerary, visually representing the journey and immersing travellers in the culture and beauty of Spain and Morocco.

#### **Price From**

1,49,256/- rate per person in INR

#### **Tour Includes**

- General Services: Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance, hotel and breakfast buffet.
- Includes arrival transfer
- City tour in: Barcelona, Madrid, Granada, Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakech, Fez, Seville, Lisbon
- Boat: Guadalquivir River in Seville
- Evening transfer: Maremagnum in Barcelona, Plaza Mayor and la Latina in Madrid, Horsedrawn carriage ride in Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, Marrakech, Historic center of Seville, Return from Restauradores Square in Lisbon
- Ticket admission: Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid, Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens in Granada (if it is included in the tour you bought), Bahia Palace in Marrakech, House of the Cedars in Azrou, Roman Theatre of Merida
- Ferry: Strait of Gibraltar Algeciras Tangier, Strait of Gibraltar Tangier Algeciras
- 4 Lunch included in: Granada, Marrakech, Erfoud, Fez
- 5 dinner included in: Rabat, Marrakech, Boumalne Dades, Fez, Tangier
- Powered by Europamundo

#### **Tour Excludes**

- Tax of 5% over and above the Tour Cost mentioned
- Tax collected at source (TCS) applicable at 5% on tour price if PAN & Aadhaar is

#### provided else it will be 20% of tour price

- Any increase in Airfare, Visa fees, Airport taxes, Govt. Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and any applicability of new taxes from Govt.
- Any up gradation in Airline class or hotel room category
- Cost of Air ticket deviation charges
- Any Increase in the rate of exchange leading to an increase in all land arrangements which may come in to effect prior to departure
- Cost of pre or post tour hotel accommodation
- Any extra expense such as route change, Airline change, Date change, Accommodation facilities, etc incurred due to the unforeseen, unavoidable forced majeure circumstances during the tour
- Cost of insurance for 61 years and above
- Porterage, laundry, telephone charges, shopping, wines & alcoholic beverages, items of personal nature and food or drink which is not part of a set group menu
- Any extra cost incurred on behalf of an individual due to illness, accident, hospitalisation, or any personal emergency
- Any services or activity charges other than those included in the group tour itinerary
- To and fro Air fare, Airport transfers, insurance, visa fees to join/leave the group for joining and leaving guests
- Anything specifically not mentioned in the 'tour price includes' column
- Conversion Rate on the date of actual payment will be based on the Rate of Euro on XE.com
  + INR 1.50
- Airfare to be calculated at the time of booking as per actual.