



SPAIN

MADRID, PORTUGAL, ANDALUSIA & MOROCCO (TOUR CODE: 11699)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Madrid

TRAVEL PERIODS

12 Mar 23 - 24 Mar 24

EXPERIENCE

Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

The ultimate itinerary, taking you through the must-see attractions of three stunning countries: Spain, Portugal & Morocco.

Highlights

- Travel in the comfort of a **Private Luxury Mini Van** equipped with air conditioning, panoramic windows and reclining seats. Throughout guided by an experienced driver-guide with safety and comfort in mind!
- Visit **Cordoba's Synagogue** located in the Jewish Quarter and one of the three best preserved Medieval synagogues in the whole of Spain.
- Admire **Toledo** and the famous "Damasquinado" factory
- Visit the **Alhambra complex** and its stunning gardens in Granada
- Exploring the colorful **Medina of Marrakech**, UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of **Porto, Batalha, Alcobaça!**

Colourful markets, stunning natural views, fascinating ancient history and rich culture... Spain, Portugal and Morocco are three incredible countries with contrasting architectures, artistic masterpieces and delicious cuisine. Much more awaits you in this wonderful 3-week itinerary!



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Madrid at Princesa Plaza Hotel - 4*
- 2 nights in Porto at Vila Gale Porto - 4*
- 1 night in Fatima at Hotel Santa María - 4*
- 2 nights in Lisbon at Lutezia Hotel - 4*
- 1 night in Cordoba at Hesperia Cordoba - 4*
- 2 nights in Seville at Melia Lebreros - 4*
- 4 nights in Costa Del Sol at Sol Don Marco- 4*
- 1 night in Casablanca at Grand Mogador City Center - 4*
- 1 night in Marrakesh at Palm Plaza Hotel & Spa - 5*
- 2 nights in Fez at Zalagh Parc Palace - 5*
- 1 night in Granada at Catalonia Granada - 4*
- Private transfers between the airport and your hotel as per itinerary
- Air-conditioned deluxe minivan/minibus
- Daily Breakfast
- Dinners in Morocco included
- Guided visits as per itinerary
- Driver-guide during the tour

ITINERARY

Day 1 Madrid

Meet & greet at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Madrid at **Riu Plaza Hotel**.



Day **2**

Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning **guided city tour of Madrid**: explore the medieval origins of the city, such as the Arabic fortress at the Barrio de la Morería, famous for its historical buildings. Drive through the courtesan district of the Hapsburgs characterised by Phillip II and its Renaissance and Baroque style buildings, 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. Admire the XIX century works, such as Prado Museum; 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. Free afternoon to explore the other wonders that the city has to offer.

Afternoon at leisure to discover on your own what the city of Madrid has to offer.

Overnight in Madrid at **Riu Plaza Hotel**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Madrid Salamanca Porto

After breakfast, proceed to check-out of the hotel for your departure to **Salamanca**. Free time in this **UNESCO World Heritage** university city of great architectural and artistic interest. Then depart towards the Portuguese border and arrive in **Porto**, where you will check-in at your accommodation.

Overnight in Porto at **Vila Gale Porto**.

Breakfast



Day **4**

Porto

After breakfast at the hotel, begin your guided sightseeing tour of Porto, with its **UNESCO World Heritage historical centre**. In particular, you will admire the breath-taking Cathedral of Porto, the beautiful Palacio da Bolsa (former Stock Exchange house of the city) and Santa Clara Church.

Afterwards, enjoy a different perspective of the city along the river Douro aboard the BlueBoats Cruise. Continue your visit by stopping at a well-known **Port wine cellar**, with wine tasting included.

Overnight in Porto at **Vila Gale Porto**.

Breakfast



PORTO, PORTUGAL

Day **5** Porto Coimbra Fatima

After breakfast, travel to **Coimbra**, home to one of the oldest universities in Europe and birthplace of *Fado*, the famous traditional music. Enjoy some free time and then continue onto **Fatima**, important centre of the Christian faith with its wonderful Sanctuary and the impressive Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary in Cova da Iria, where the Virgin Mary appeared. Visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, heart of the sanctuary, with the tombs of the three shepherds, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta.

Overnight in Fatima at **Hotel Santa Maria**.

Breakfast



THE CROSS OF FATIMA

Day **6** Fatima Batalha Nazare Alcobaca Lisbon

After breakfast at the hotel, travel to the **Batalha Monastery**, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture and Manueline style, declared **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Continue to the picturesque fishing town of **Nazaré**, one of the most popular

seaside resorts along The Silver Coast, where you will have some free time. Then, continue to **Alcobaça**, another impressive **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, with its famous gothic Monastery. You will then proceed towards **Lisbon** and check-in at your hotel.

Overnight in Lisbon at **Lutécia hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **7**

Lisbon

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning **sightseeing tour of the ancient Olissipo** (the name given to **Lisbon** when it was part of the Roman Empire), driving through its main squares and avenues. Witness the beauties of the city, such as The Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, the National Coach Museum, The Monument to the Discoveries, Marquis of Pombal Square and Liberty Avenue.

Afternoon at leisure for you to wander through the nostalgic corners of the Alfama Quarter, the oldest and most historical part of Lisbon.

Overnight in Lisbon at **Lutécia hotel**.

Breakfast



Day 8

Lisbon Caceres Cordoba

After breakfast, departure around 7.30am to the **UNESCO World Heritage city of Caceres**, considered an important historical site thanks to its blend of Roman, Islamic, Northern Gothic and Italian Renaissance architecture. Walk through its Plaza Mayor and the Old Town, with the famous Medieval Quarter. Then, continue to Cordoba, former capital of the Caliphate and check-in at your accommodation.

Overnight in Cordoba at **Hesperia Cordoba**.

Breakfast



Day 9

Cordoba Seville

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy your tour of the majestic **Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba** and the other impressive sites, strolling through the narrow streets of the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, after a short two-hour drive you will reach Seville. Check-in at the hotel.

Overnight in Seville at **Melia Lebreros**.

Breakfast



Day 10 Seville

After breakfast, you will join a panoramic city tour of the stunning Seville, where you will visit the **Gothic Cathedral** with the largest area in the world; declared World Heritage by UNESCO in 1987. Its construction dates back to 1401 on the site where the old Aljama Mosque was located, of which the "La Giralda" Minaret symbol of Seville is still preserved, with the possibility of climbing its 104-metre bell tower and contemplating the best views of the city.

You will also visit the Patio de los Naranjos and the Tomb on the pedestal of Christopher Columbus. Then, continue to Santa Cruz quarter, Maria Luisa Park and **Plaza de España**.

Overnight in Seville at **Melia Lebreros**.

Breakfast



After breakfast at the hotel, drive south passing by the local villages of the region and reach **Ronda**. Free time to admire this town of Celtic origins and the marvellous view of the valley with its mountains.

In the afternoon, continue onto the Costa del Sol, one of the most modern and important tourist areas.

Overnight in Costa del Sol at **Don Marco Hotel**.

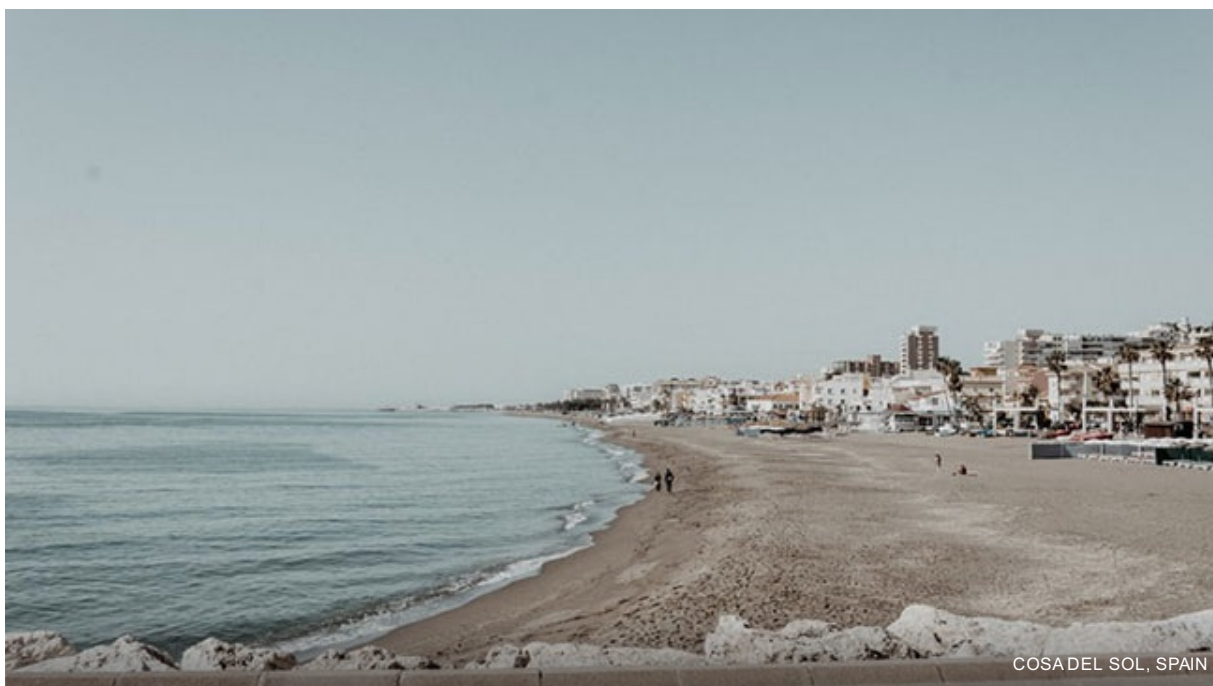
Breakfast



After breakfast at the hotel, the day is at leisure for you to enjoy the **wonderful beaches of Costa del Sol** and surrounding areas.

Overnight in Costa del Sol at **Don Marco Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **13** Costa del Sol Tarifa Tangier Casablanca

After breakfast at the hotel, drive along the picturesque tourist route of Costa del Sol and arrive at **Tarifa**, where a ferry boat will be used for the short **crossing of the strait of Gibraltar**, towards Africa. Arrive in **Tangier**: disembark, clear customs and drive southwards to Casablanca, current industrial and economic capital and most populated city, housing a 10% of the country's population.

The rest of the afternoon is at leisure, then enjoy a dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Casablanca at **Grand Mogador City Center**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **14** Casablanca Marrakesh

After breakfast at the hotel, start your panoramic **city tour of Casablanca** through the most interesting sections of the city, such as Anfa Boulevard, Nations Square, the residential areas and visit from the outside the Hassan II Mosque.

Travel to **Marrakesh**, capital of the South, located within an extensive oasis between the Atlas Mountains and the pre-desert area. City sightseeing, including the Koutoubia Tower, twin tower of the Giralda in Seville, Saadines Tombs and Bahia 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. Don't forget your camera!

Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Marrakesh at **Palm Plaza Hotel & Spa**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **15** Marrakesh Rabat Meknes Fez

After breakfast, travel to **Rabat**, diplomatic and administrative capital as well as official residence of King Mohammed VI. Enjoy a **city tour** visiting the most important sights, such as the outside of the Royal Palace, the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and the unfinished Hassan Tower, which are important examples of the Almohade architecture.

Afterwards, continue to **Meknes**, imperial city located in the heart of the Mid Atlas. Begin a guided tour of the city, admiring the great Gate of Bab Mansour, Morocco's most beautiful gate and the most well-known monument in town. Departure to Fez, the most monumental of all the Imperial Cities.

Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Fez at **Zalagh Parc Palace**.

Breakfast



Day **16** Fez

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a **morning city tour** of the stunning **Fez**, visiting the most interesting points: the famous seven golden gates of the Royal Palace, the Jewish Quarters or Mellah, the gate of Bab Bou Jeloud and a walking tour of the *Medina*, declared UNESCO World Heritage Site. The afternoon is at leisure.

Dinner at the hotel included.

Overnight in Fez at **Zalagh Parc Palace**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **17** Fez Tangier Tarifa Costa del Sol

After breakfast at the hotel, departure to **Tangier**. Transfer to the pier to board the ferry to return across the strait of Gibraltar back to Spain. Drive towards **Costa del Sol** and check-in at the hotel.

Overnight in Costa del Sol at **Don Marco Hotel**.

Breakfast

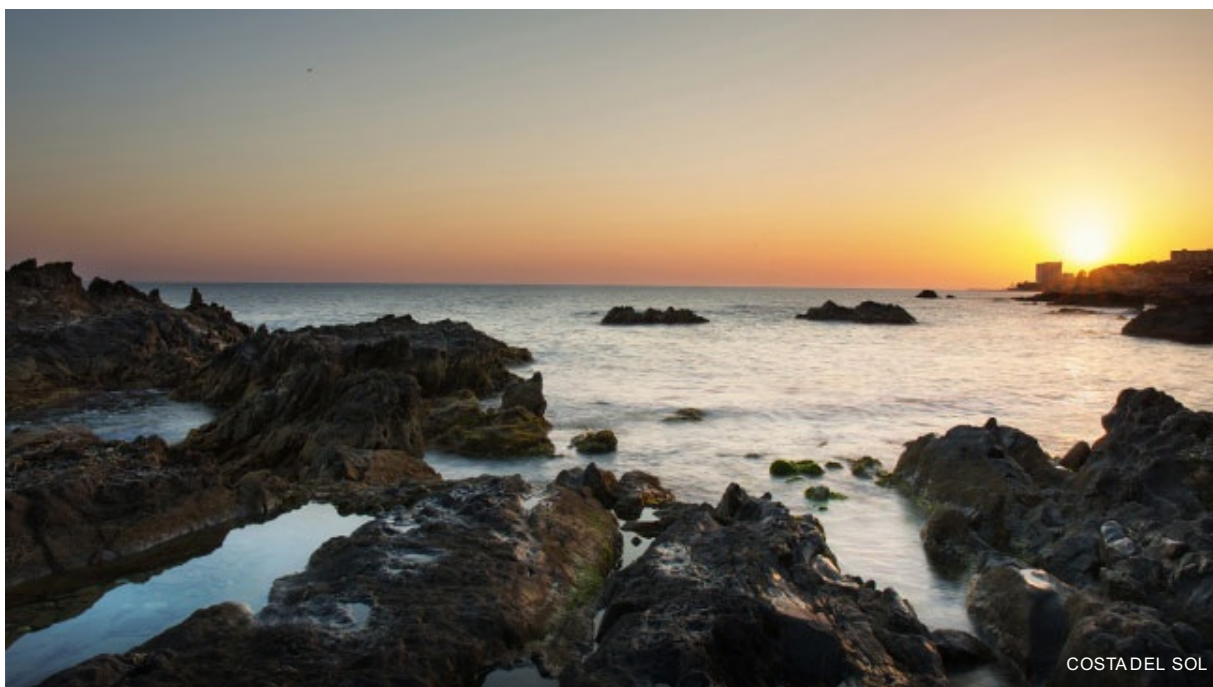


Day **18** Costa del Sol

After breakfast at the hotel, the day is at leisure for you to enjoy the **wonderful beaches of Costa del Sol** and surrounding areas.

Overnight in Costa del Sol at **Don Marco Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **19** Costa del Sol Granada

After breakfast at the hotel, departure towards the city of **Granada**, last stronghold of the Moorish Kingdoms up to 1492. Visit the world-famous **Alhambra complex** and Generalife Gardens, which inspired several authors, such as W. Irving with his "Tales of the Alhambra".

Overnight in Granada at **Catalonia Granada**.

Breakfast



Day **20** Granada Toledo Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, drive north towards **Toledo**, the impressive Imperial city – UNESCO World Heritage Site - where the Christians, Moorish and Jewish people have lived together. The whole town is a National Monument, testifying to the different cultures that coexisted in this place. Take a short guided tour of this historical old town through its narrow streets.

Continue to Madrid and check-in at your hotel.

Overnight in Madrid at **Riu Plaza Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **21** Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

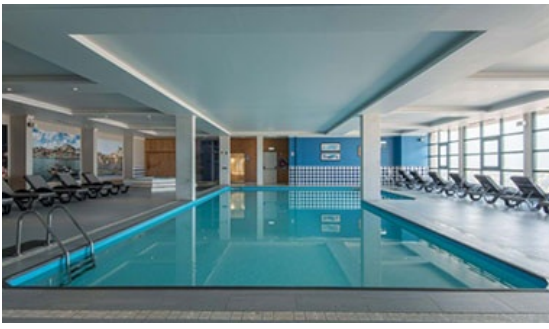
Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Vila Galé Porto hotel

Porto

Vila Galé Porto hotel is right in the center of **Porto**, a ten-minute walk from the famous and commercial Rua de Santa Catarina. It was built in 1999 and renovated in 2015. The metro station *Campo 24 de Agosto* is 100 meters from this hotel and allows easy and quick access to any point in the city and the airport. Vila Galé Porto hotel has a restaurant, two bars and multipurpose rooms for events and meetings. On the top floor, you will find the **Satsanga Spa**, where you can go for a swim in the indoor pool, relax in the hydromassage pool or work out in the gym, enjoying what is considered one of the best views over the city.



Hotel Sainte-Marie

Fatima

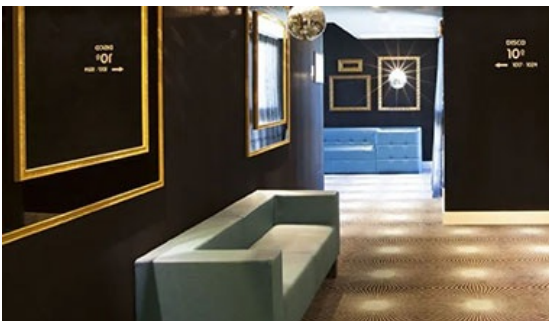
With a prime location, just 2 minutes walk from the Sanctuary of Fatima, Hotel Santa Maria follows the most modern concepts of architecture and contemporary design, providing the guests peace and tranquility. The Hotel Santa Maria has 173 rooms spread over 120 Santa Maria Jardim rooms, of which 91 have twin beds, 12 double rooms - double bed, 9 single rooms and 8 suites; 53 Santa Maria Plus rooms, of which 49 are twin rooms - two beds, 3 double rooms - double bed and 1 Suite Plus. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, free wifi, safe box, TV, minibar, telephone, electronic door locks, full bathroom, hairdryer and amenities. Surrounded by a garden, the restaurant of Hotel Santa Maria offers a modern and cosy atmosphere where you will be able to taste delicious Portuguese and International cuisine prepared by chef Cristina Figueira, who will invite you to enjoy the wonderful regional cooking. Come and discover good wines or just have a light snack. The bar offers a pleasant atmosphere where you can enjoy a drink or a light meal.



Lutecia Smart Design Hotel

Lisbon

The **Lutecia Smart Design Hotel** is a modern 4-star hotel in the heart of Lisbon. Belonging to a Portuguese family that believes that the essence of Hospitality is a continuous recognition of its customers, the hotel offers a wide range of bright and spacious rooms with all comforts, as well as a sophisticated restaurant and a Drinks & Friends bar area.



Melia Lebreros

Seville

The modernity and warmth of the **Meliá Lebreros** will make your stay in Seville a wonderful experience. Located in one of the city's most distinguished neighbourhoods, the hotel has excellent connections with all transport services and features elegant spacious rooms with a contemporary design.



Hotel Hesperia

Cordoba

Hesperia Cordoba is located on the banks of the Guadalquivir River and it offers stunning views of the Mosque-Cathedral. This charming hotel in Córdoba does not hesitate to offer it to you in a unique environment, full of services and facilities tailored to everything you could ask for in this enchanting city.



Sol Don Marco

Costa del Sol

The Sol Don Marco Hotel, which perfectly combines fun and relaxation, is located on the beachfront of the Paseo Marítimo del Bajondillo, in the town of Torremolinos (Málaga). In addition, this Hotel together with Sol Don Pablo and Sol Don Pedro form the Sol Torremolinos Resort Complex. Sol Don Marco is the perfect option for clients looking for a hotel recommended for adults. It has different gastronomic spaces distributed throughout the complex (Castilla Restaurant, Córdoba Restaurant, Bangkok Bar, Jerez Bar, English Bar, and Blue Horizon Swimming Pool Bar); 8 outdoor pools and 1 heated indoor pool; Internet connection (Wi-Fi); Internet corner (E - point); private and public parking; Barber Shop; as well as a magnificent Convention Center with 8 meeting rooms and a maximum capacity to host up to 450 people.



Grand Mogador City Center

Casablanca

This latest generation 5-star hotel, a true flagship of the Mogador Hotels & Resorts, invites you to enjoy an exclusive stay just a few cables away from Casablanca's main business districts and tourist attractions. Grand Mogador Casablanca has air-conditioned and spacious rooms with flat-screen televisions and all the facilities required for a high-quality stay, and it is just five minutes from Casa-Port train station. It also has free private on-site parking.



Palm Plaza Hotel & Spa

Marrakech

A one-of-a-kind frame tailored to your preferences. Ideal for family vacations, couples' getaways, and social gatherings, as well as all corporate activities. With its sumptuous landscaped gardens, azure swimming pool, and various restaurants representing all of the world's kitchens, the Palm Plaza Hotel & Spa promises an unforgettable stay. With its neo Arab Moorish architecture, the Palm Plaza Hotel & Spa is a resolutely contemporary address, located in the quiet and friendly area of Agdal just minutes from the city center.



Zalagh Parc Palace

Fes

A warm welcome, reflecting the legendary Moroccan hospitality awaits you. The largest palace in Fes, in the heart of the oldest imperial city in Morocco, a few minutes from the medina, takes you on an unforgettable journey during your stay. Ideally located between the fertile lands of Saïss and the rich forests of the Middle Atlas. Moroccan restaurant on the 5th floor of 650 seats with a terrace for 120 seats in the open air, offers you a panoramic view of the entire Imperial City of Fez.



Hotel Catalonia Granada

Granada

The 4-star Catalonia Granada hotel has a privileged location, is located five minutes from the historic center and the Granada Cathedral, next to the AVE station. This hotel, opened in 2018, has an exquisite decoration, 153 elegant and comfortable rooms equipped with the maximum comforts such as free Wi-Fi, room service, and a variety of additional services, so that your stay in the city is perfect. We have buffet breakfast and snack bar with regional, national and international cuisine. Contemplate the magnificent views over the Sierra Nevada and the city of Granada from the terrace of the hotel with pool and enjoy your trip!



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish

LOCAL CURRENCY

Euro

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- This tour might be a combination of different programs. Change in the tour escort and passengers may occur in-between the programs.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package