



SPAIN

SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO EXPLORER JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12542)

STARTS AND ENDS

Madrid to
Marrakech

TRAVEL PERIODS

17 Mar 24 - 27 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Discover the distinct and varied history, culture and landscapes of Spain, Portugal and Morocco during this incredible 22-day journey traveling across the 3 countries.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures.** Small group sizes (max 24 passengers). English speaking only tour with an experienced Tour Director.
- Enjoy an **authentic Tapas Dinner** at a local restaurant in Madrid
- Embark on a **Douro River Cruise** and taste the **famous Porto wine!**
- Be captivated by the UNESCO Gothic and Manueline style masterpiece **Batalha's Monastery**
- Visit the romantic city of **Seville**, a stunning town home to the largest Gothic Cathedral in the World!
- Discover the highlights of **Marrakesh, Casablanca, Rabat, Meknes and Fez**
- Experience the most heartfelt **Gypsy Flamenco show** in Spain!

Join a unique journey to the medieval and exotic cultural wonders of Spain, Portugal and Morocco. Some of the highlights of this tour include visiting the cities of Casablanca, Marrakech, Rabat and Fez, Port tasting and a cruise on the Douro River in Porto, entrance to the Alhambra Palace and a Flamenco experience.



**GUARANTEED
DEPARTURES**



**SMALL GROUP
SIZES**



**SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL**



**ENGLISH-ONLY
EXPERT GUIDES**



**CITY-CENTRE
QUALITY HOTELS**



**SPECIAL EVENTS
INCLUDED**



**SLOWER-PACED
ITINERARY**



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

INCLUSIONS

- 20-nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- 1-night in Merzouga in a luxury Desert Camp
- One way flight from Madrid to Casablanca
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Private transfers to/ from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Lunch & Dinners as per itinerary
- Guided visits in Madrid, Cordoba, Merida, Seville, Granada
- Guided visits in Porto (including Douro River Cruise), and Lisbon
- Guided visits in Casablanca, Marrakech, Rabat, Fez, Volubilis & Meknes
- Experience an authentic Gypsy Flamenco show
- Enjoy a typical Portuguese dinner at one of the oldest Fado venues
- Entrance fees for Alhambra Palace, Cordoba Mosque, and Merida's Roman Theatre included
- Daily water provided on tour
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Spain, Portugal & Morocco Explorer Journeys



Day 1

Madrid

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before a private transfer takes you to the airport.

At 19:00, meet with your Tour Director (TD) at the hotel's Reception Desk for a welcome meeting. You will also meet your fellow travellers. Your TD will give you all the relevant details of the city and will inform you of the schedule for the following day.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Barcelo Torre Madrid**.

Day 2

Madrid

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for a morning city discovery tour and enjoy one of the most exciting cities in the world, Madrid. See the highlights and discover the passion of this amazing city.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to continue exploring the wonders this city has to offer, or, join the optional excursion to Toledo.

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for an authentic Welcome Tapas Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Barcelo Torre Madrid**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Madrid Salamanca

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Your Iberian exploration begins today as you travel toward Salamanca. Venture towards Portuguese soils, as you travel to Salamanca. Enjoy a city tour of this University City World Heritage Site of great architectural and artistic wealth.

Overnight stay in Salamanca at **Catalonia Salamanca**.

Breakfast

Day **4**

Salamanca Porto

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We farewell Spain to discover Portuguese landscapes.

Our first stop will be at **Pinhao**, a beautiful little town on the Douro Riverbank and famous for their centenary cellars. Taste their wines while visiting their stunning vineyards. After the tasting experience, **enjoy a local produce-based lunch**.

Continue to **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.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Catalonia Porto**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **5**

Porto

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Feel the Douro River breeze while discovering Porto. Admire the Cathedral, Stock Exchange building and Santa Clara church. Afterwards, enjoy a Douro River Cruise.

Enjoy rest of day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Catalonia Porto**.

Breakfast



Day **6**

Porto Aveiro Coimbra

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We depart to Aveiro, known as “The Portuguese Venice”. Enjoy a cruise on its beautiful canals aboard a traditional Moliceiro

boat. Enjoy time at leisure and explore the town, the old Beira Mar neighbourhood and the Aveiro Fish Market.

Continue to Coimbra, one of the oldest cities in Europe and the birthplace of Fado. Spend time at leisure.

Overnight stay in Coimbra at **Melia Aeminium**.

Breakfast



Day **7**

Coimbra Tomar Obidos Lisbon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today will be full of discovering small towns stopping to discover Portuguese history between Coimbra and Lisbon. Depart to the **Tomar's Monastery**, a Gothic and Manueline style masterpiece considered a World Heritage site by UNESCO. Continue to the picturesque fishing town of **Nazaré**. Enjoy time at leisure.

Travel to **Obidos**, beautiful example of Portuguese medieval walled town. Spend some time at leisure.

Continue to the Portuguese Capital: Lisbon.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at the **Sheraton Lisbon & Spa**.

Breakfast



LISBON-JERONIMOS-MONASTERY

Day 8

Lisbon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Spread across seven hills and known for its decorative arts, Lisbon is one of Europe's most interesting capitals. Join a morning city sightseeing tour of the ancient Olissipo. Drive through its main squares and avenues, Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square & Liberty Avenue.

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 color housing the genuine "tabernas".

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers and enjoy a typical **Portuguese dinner visiting one of the oldest Fado** venues in the city.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at the **Sheraton Lisbon & Spa**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We farewell Lisbon and Portugal while drive back to Spain. The first stop will be Mérida, capital of the ancient Lusitania Roman Province. Merida, the capital of Extremadura, in western Spain, was founded by the Romans in the 1st century BC. There are still remains of the ancient city, such as the spectacular Roman Theater (entrance included). Enjoy some time at leisure.

Continue towards **Seville**, famous Andalusian capital, and the Spanish city of light.

Overnight stay in Seville at the **NH Collection**.

Breakfast



Day 10

Seville

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Passion, flamenco, tapas...this is Seville! Today you'll explore romantic Seville on a city tour, including a visit to the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. Visit the city's Jewish Quarter, with its labyrinth of narrow streets dating to the time of Moorish rule.

The afternoon is at your leisure or you can join the optional cruise on the Jerez de La Frontera excursion (*extra cost*).

Overnight stay in Seville at the **NH Collection**.

Breakfast



Day 11 Seville Cordoba Granada

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to Cordoba, a landmark of enormous heritage from a splendid past. You'll visit its impressive Mosque, now a Christian Cathedral, and its narrow Arabian-style streets. Venture for Granada, driving through endless olive groves.

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers to experience the most authentic **Gypsy Flamenco show** in Spain, including dinner. An evening not to forget.

Overnight stay in Granada at **Occidental Granada**.

Breakfast



Day 12 Granada

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today's highlight will be the visit to **Alhambra Palace**, the most special Spanish World Heritage Site. The ornately decorated domes and archways are a testament to the brilliance of Moorish craftsmen. Located on a hilltop on the west bank of the River Darro, it also offers views across the entire city.

Enjoy rest of the day at leisure or you can join the optional cruise on the Albaicin Moorish Experience (*extra cost*).

Overnight stay in Granada at **Occidental Granada**.

Breakfast



Day 13 Granada Toledo Madrid

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Farewell Granada and travel to the impressive Imperial city of **Toledo**, World Heritage City, where the three religions Christians, Moorish and Jewish, have lived together for centuries. Enjoy a guided city tour of this historical old town through its narrow streets.

This evening, join your fellow travellers for a final farewell dinner in Spain.

Overnight stay in Madrid at the **Barcelo Torre Madrid**.

Breakfast, Dinner



TOLEDO

Day 14 Madrid Casablanca

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Take a private transfer to the airport for your flight to **Casablanca**.

A private transfer will meet you at the Casablanca airport and transfer you to your hotel.

At 19:00, meet with your new Tour Director at the hotel's Reception desk for a welcome meeting. You will also meet your journey's fellow travelers. This evening you will enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Casablanca at 5-star **Le Palace D'Anfa**.

Breakfast, Dinner



MOSQUE IN CASABLANCA

Day 15 Casablanca Rabat Meknes Fez

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today starts with a guided city tour through the most interesting sections of Casablanca, **Anfa Boulevard**, Nations square, residential areas and visit from the outside of the Hassan II grand mosque.

We farewell Casablanca and depart to **Rabat**. City capital of the country, we will visit the exterior of the Royal Palace, the Mohamed V Mausoleum and the Hassan Tower.

We continue our journey towards **Fez**, where we will be staying for 3 nights. Join your fellow travellers for an authentic Moorish welcome dinner.

Overnight stay in Fez at 5-star **Les Merinides**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 16 Fez

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Enjoy a morning city tour of the most ancient and monumental of the Imperial Cities visiting the most interesting points: 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 a World Heritage Site.

Spend the remainder of the day at leisure exploring this amazing city.

Tonight you will enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Fez at 5-star **Les Merinides**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 17 Fez Meknes Volubilis Fez

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to the Imperial City of **Meknes**, where you will visit the Walls of Bab el Mansour and the Mausoleum of Moulay Ismail, the only mosque in all of Morocco where non-Muslims are allowed.

Stretching atop the Jebel Zerhoun plateau in Northern Morocco, the **Roman ruins of Volubilis** are a striking sight, especially in summer when its abloom with wildflowers. Some of the best-preserved ruins in Northern Africa, this UNESCO World Heritage site offers a glimpse into ancient Morocco.

Tonight you will enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Fez at 5-star **Les Merinides**.

Breakfast



Day 18 Fez Erfoud Merzouga (dunes of the Sahara Desert)

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Departure through the gentle mountains of the **Middle Atlas**. Continuation by a beautiful route of Berber life. Arrive in **Erfoud** at the limits of the great Sahara Desert. Change of transport from the bus to the 4 x 4 vehicles to cross the desert to the dunes where our camp is located.

Arrive at your **luxury Desert Camp** for a night among the Dunes. Enjoy a traditional Berber dinner at your luxury camp, under the stars, and right in the middle of the dunes.

Overnight stay in Merzouga at the **Golden Camps Luxury Camp**.

Breakfast



Day 19 Merzouga Kelaa M'Gouna Ouarzazate

Enjoy a full breakfast while you see the sun coming up through the dunes.

Depart to the city of **Tinerhir**. We will discover today the one of the most beautiful natural sights of your journey, the Todra Gorges. Continue to **Kelaa M'Gouna**, a small town where excellent roses are grown. Here begins the "Route of the Kasbahs". This name refers to the adobe constructions with crenellated towers and raw brick decorations.

Continuation to **Ouarzazate**.

Tonight you will enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Ouarzazate at **Karam Palace**.

Breakfast, Dinner



OUARZAZATE

Day 20 Ouarzazate Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou Marrakech

Enjoy your daily breakfast at the hotel.

Depart to the **Kasbah Taourirt**. A partially restored historic fortified residence complex. The Kasbah Taourirt was home to Thami El Glaoui, a pasha of Marrakesh during the 20th century. We continue to the **Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou** designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Built in adobe and sloping down the hill. This photogenic city has been used in celluloid masterpieces like Orson Welles' "*Sodom and Gomorrah*" and the blockbuster *The Jewel of the Nile*.

Depart towards **Marrakech**, Southern Moroccan Capital, and located within an extensive oasis between the Atlas Mountains and the pre-desert area.

Tonight you will enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Marrakech at the 5-star **Kenzi Rose**.

Breakfast



AIT BEN HADDOU

Day 21 Marrakech

Enjoy your daily breakfast at the hotel.

Join a city discovery 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, dancers, all making the center of the city an open-air theatre that requires the participation of the audience.

Tonight, join your fellow traveller's for dinner to farewell Morocco.

Overnight stay in Marrakech at the 5-star **Kenzi Rose**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 22 **Marrakech**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before a private transfer takes you to the airport for your onward journey (flight not included).

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Barceló Torre de Madrid

Madrid

The ideal accommodation to discover Madrid in the most comfortable way. This signature design hotel is located in the Plaza de España, a stone's throw from Gran Vía, a 10-minute walk from the Royal Palace of Madrid and a 15-minute walk from Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor.

It has 258 fully equipped rooms, perfectly combining modernity and sophistication. Designed to guarantee the highest quality standards, these rooms have everything necessary to satisfy the most demanding guests, whether traveling for business or pleasure.

It has first-class facilities typical of a 5-star hotel. Among them, a sophisticated bar on the ground floor, meeting rooms for holding all kinds of events, restaurants where you can savor exquisite dishes and a Wellness area with a gym for those who wish to keep fit.

Endowed with a singular and exclusive character, the spectacular building where the hotel resides represents a symbol for the city not only because of its magnificent location, but also because for several years it was considered the tallest concrete building in the world.



Hotel Catalonia Plaza Mayor Salamanca

Salamanca

In the historic center of Salamanca, next to the Plaza Mayor, is the privileged Catalonia Plaza Mayor Salamanca hotel with a rationalist style . Its unbeatable location allows you to discover all aspects of the city of Salamanca. In the hotel pool you can take a bath while you have a drink and sunbathe. Or if you prefer, you can practice a little sport in the gym.

The Catalonia Plaza Mayor hotel is next to the Plaza Mayor in Salamanca and only an 8-minute walk from the University of Salamanca, the Cathedral and the Casa de las Conchas, whose ornamental motifs are symbols of the Order of Santiago.



Hotel Catalonia Porto

Porto

Visit Portugal's most charming city from the Catalonia Porto, set in a series of buildings protected for their historical value. You will be staying in the centre of Porto, next to Praça da Batalha and the San Ildefonso church in one of the most important commercial areas in town. Choose from our light-filled rooms decorated in pure Porto style with bright colours and the typical coloured tiles.

The Catalonia Porto hotel is ideal both for tourists traveling as a couple or as a family to get to know the city and its wide cultural offer, as well as for business travelers looking to combine their work commitments with the chance to explore vibrant Porto. The hotel is in a key location to visit all that you cannot miss, next to Praça da Batalha, presided over by the imposing Church of San Ildefonso.



Hotel Meliá Aeminium

Coimbra

In a very quiet residential area near the university hospital and centre of Coimbra, the hotel has a perfect location for exploring this beautiful city and region. Relax in extremely comfortable rooms. Try the varied buffet breakfast before setting out to enjoy the atmosphere and everything there is to see in what is known as the Portuguese "city of students".



Sheraton Lisbon Hotel & Spa

Lisbon

Experience breathtaking views from the comfort of your room as you choose between our City and River view accommodations, immersing yourself in the stunning skylines that will leave you in awe. Indulge in luxury and privacy with our suites featuring separate living rooms, providing the perfect space to unwind and entertain in style.



Hotel NH Collection Sevilla

Seville

Formerly known as NH Central Convenciones, hotel has a privileged position in Seville's financial and business district. The historical area is a short walk away. And the public transport links are first-class so getting around the city couldn't be easier.

Like the rest of the hotel, rooms are contemporary and comfortable, with deluxe touches including rain showers and pillow menus.



Occidental Granada

Granada

The Occidental Granada hotel (a member of the Barceló Hotel Group) is located in one of the best areas of the city, very close to Calle Recogidas, which connects the hotel with the center, and next to one of the stops of the new Granada metro. Both the Palace of Congresses and Exhibitions and the Science Park, one of Andalusia's cultural landmarks, are just a few steps away.

The Occidental Granada hotel is a place where you can feel the magic of Granada, enjoying both its privileged location and the services of a hotel that is a member of the Barceló Hotel Group.



Le Palace D'Anfa

Casablanca

Enjoying a unique location in the center of the golden triangle of Casablanca, near the department stores, Le Palace d'Anfa is located a 30 minute-drive from the Casablanca's Mohammed V airport, and five minutes from the historical monument that makes the pride of a whole nation, namely the Hassan II mosque.

As a worthy ambassador of the art of living, the Palace d'Anfa Hotel Casablanca is one of the most prestigious hotels in Morocco. Being a place where intimacy meets boldness, the hotel has always been for the business community the privileged place for meetings and events where they offer you in all circumstances a service characterized by excellence.



Hotel Les Merinides

Fes

Get the celebrity treatment with world-class service at Les Mérinides

Perched on the hills of Fez, Les Mérinides hotel invites you to explore the historical wonders of a city full of heritage. A Moroccan restaurant is located on the third floor, with views of the the Medina and offers a combination of Moroccan and international cuisine served in a refined atmosphere.



Golden Camps Luxury Camp

Merzouga

Golden Camp is a family-run camp and each of the team members are carefully chosen to guarantee the best service for our clients. All the staff is multilingual in Berber, Moroccan Arabic, English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Italian languages.

All the team that forms the Golden Camp welcomes you to make your stay unforgettable.



Hotel Karam Palace

Ouarzazate

Built in 1985 in the style of the country, with noble materials and all the modern comfort. It is on a hill which offers an exceptional panorama on the valley of Ouarzazate wadi and the mountains of the Anti-Atlas. The Karam Palace Hotel opens the doors to the desert and adventure.

Located only 600 m from the Kasbah of Taourirt and the Cinema Museum and 900 m from the city centre and Al Mouahidine Square. Karam Palace is the perfect choice for business and leisure travellers.



Kenzi Rose Hotel

Marrakech

Born from the magic of its mythical city "Marrakesh" and its location in the heart of the "L'Hivernage" district, one of the most popular areas of the city. KENZI ROSE GARDEN welcomes you to its majestic park, one of the first nurseries in Marrakech, and promises you an experience that you will be longing to renew.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish

LOCAL CURRENCY

Euro

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.
- When the group is made up of 8 or fewer passengers, the tour will not include a Tour Director, but a knowledgeable expert driver/guide. A minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided in this case.
- 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.
- For organisational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In this case, our supplier ensures similar visits and excursions in accordance with the spirit of the tour program.
- 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 (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)

IN PARTNERSHIP

