

A kaleidoscopic adventure that takes you from some of Europe's most cosmopolitan cities, to an exotic and vivid land of medinas and minarets.



WELCOME TO MADRID.

Transfers leave Madrid Airport for your hotel at 09:00, 11:00, 13:30 and 16:00. Later, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception and a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. (WD) Hotel: Hotel Miguel Angel by BlueBay, Madrid.

DAY 2

 ${\tt PRADO\ MUSEUM\ AND\ GOLDEN\ SALAMANCA}.$

With a Local Expert, go down the Gran Vía to the Cibeles Fountain, cross the Puerta del Sol and see the Cervantes Monument. A highlight is a visit to the Prado Museum. Later, pass the walls of Ávila en route to Salamanca with its honey-coloured cathedral. (BB)

Hotel: Hotel Alameda Palace, Salamanca.

DAY 3 RS

HOLY FÁTIMA AND LISBON.

Cross the Portuguese frontier and skirt the Estrela Mountains, en route to Fátima and visit the great basilica. Then continue to Lisbon. (BB) Hotel: Turim Saldanha Hotel, Lisbon.

DAY 4

LISBON AND THE AGE OF DISCOVERY.

Sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the avenues of the Lower Town to the Terreiro do Paço with a visit to the Belém Quarter. Visit an old patisserie and enjoy a tasting of the famous 'Pastéis de Belém'. See the Monument to the Discoveries, the more ancient Belém Tower and visit Jeronimos Monastery. (BB)

DAY 5

TO SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN.

Join a Local Expert for a tour of the immense cathedral - burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore the labyrinthine Santa Cruz Quarter and see the Alcazar. In the evening, sit back and enjoy a fiery flamenco show with dinner. (BB,SE) Hotel: Ayre Sevilla, Seville (Executive Rooms).

DAY 6 RS

FREE TIME IN SEVILLE.

The day is yours to completely relax, explore, or continue sightseeing of this fascinating city. (BB)

DAY 7

THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR TO FES.

Set sail across the Straits of Gibraltar to Morocco – a world of musky spices, bazaars, souks and snake charmers. Continue to Fes, Morocco's most ancient imperial city. (BB,D)
Hotel: Palais Medina & Spa, Fes.

DAY 8 RS

THE ANCIENT IMPERIAL CITY OF FES.

Sightseeing with a Local Expert shows you the Medina and the Bazaar. Learn about the ancient craft of carpet making. (BB)

DAY 9

ON THE ROAD TO MARRAKESH.

Travel past the Atlas Mountains and mud-walled villages to Marrakesh. (BB,D)
Hotel: Atlas Medina & Spa, Marrakesh.

DAY 10 RS

MARRAKESH, PEARL OF THE SOUTH.

Enjoy the atmosphere in Jemaa el-Fnaa Square where acrobats and fortune tellers entertain you. A Local Expert will guide you through the Medina to see the Koutoubia Minaret and visit the Palais de la Bahia. (BB)

DAY 11 RS

'PLAY IT AGAIN SAM', IN CASABLANCA.

Head for Casablanca, on the coast. Did Humphrey Bogart really say 'Play it again Sam'? Find out during sightseeing with a Local Expert and see the largest mosque in the country. (BB,D) Hotel: Mövenpick Hotel/Grand Mogador City Centre, Casablanca.

DAY 12 RS

RABAT AND TANGIER.

Drive north to Rabat, where your Local Expert will show you the Royal Palace and Hassan Tower. In Tangier, sightseeing includes the Sultan's Palace and the famous Casbah, with its variety of Moroccan wares. In the evening, relax in the comfortable surroundings of your hotel or take a

17 Days Regional Journey from just US\$182 per day



stroll along the Bay of Tangier. (BB,D) Hotel: Hotel Farah Tanger, Tangier.

DAY 13

GIBRALTAR AND THE COSTA DEL SOL.

Cross continents once more to Gibraltar. With a Local Expert, see St. Michael's Cave and the Barbary Apes. Later, take the scenic route along the Costa del Sol. (BB)

Hotel: Melia Costa Del Sol, Torremolinos.

DAY 14 RS

FREE TIME ON THE COSTA DEL SOL.

Enjoy a free day on the Costa del Sol. Relax by the blue Mediterranean waters, stroll along the promenade or savour the specialities in the local restaurants. (BB)

DAY 15

MIJAS, GRANADA AND THE ALHAMBRA.

Drive through the green hills above the Costa del Sol to the white-washed village of Mijas. Continue to Granada to visit the magnificent Alhambra Palace. With a Local Expert, see the Lion Court as well as the water gardens of the royal summer residence. In the evening, choose your own personal ambience and cuisine from our Dine-

Around selection of restaurants. (BB,DA) Hotel: Saray Hotel, Granada.

DAY 16

MADRID IN SEARCH OF DON QUIXOTE.

Journey north through countryside immortalised by Don Quixote, past the iconic windmills of Consuegra. In the evening, back in Madrid, bid farewell to your newfound friends with a lively Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. (BB,CD) Hotel: Hotel Miguel Angel by BlueBay, Madrid.

DAY 17

DEPART MADRID.

Departure transfers arrive at Madrid Airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00. (BB)

DINING SUMMARY

16 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 4 Dinners (D); plus 1 Welcome Dinner (WD), 1 Signature Evening (SE), 1 Dine-Around Evening (DA) and 1 Celebration Dinner (CD) all with wine, plus tea or coffee. Departures on tour for Christmas and New Year's Eve will enjoy festive Highlight Dinners which will replace an included meal.

Relaxed Starts RS

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT – SAVE UP TO \$259 pp (See page 60)

Tour	Code:	W942A

Starts	Ends	Twin		Ends	Twin	Starts	Ends - Mon 12 Mar	Twin	Starts Fri 30 Mar	Ends - Sun 15 Apr	Twin
Sat 18 Nov	- Mon 04 Dec	\$3095		2018		Sat 10 Mar	- Mon 26 Mar	\$3150		- Juli 13 Api	\$3213
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Notes: Prices are in US\$. Twin prices are per person. Visa Requirements: Passengers who require visas for the UK will also need a separate visa for Gibraltar. 30 Mar will stay at alternative accommodation of similar standard in Madrid & Lisbon. *22 Dec: Includes a Christmas Highlight Dinner in Lisbon and a New Year's Eve Highlight Dinner in Marrakesh. 29 Dec: Includes a New Year's Eve Highlight Dinner in Lisbon.

FURTHER SAVINGS UP TO: Young Traveller \$310 pp | Triple Reduction \$40 pp | 2nd Tour \$86 pp | Past Guest \$173 pp

Rooming Options: Single Supplement from \$770 up to \$890 pp

Pre-Paid Tips Option: For Tour Director & Driver \$150 pp

Extra Night Hotels Per Person - seasonal adjustments apply: Madrid: Miguel Angel by BlueBay Twin \$104 Single \$161 Triple \$102 One Way Transfer outside scheduled times: Madrid: \$65 p.p.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

MADRID: From El Greco to Goya, your art historian reveals the crowning achievements of Spanish painting in the magnificent Prado Museum.

LISBON: With your Local Expert, see the Monument to the Discoveries, the ancient Belém Tower and visit Jeronimos Monastery.

SEVILLE: Join a Local Expert and step inside the cathedral, past the gilded altar to the Tomb of Columbus, held aloft by four kings.

FES: Your Local Expert will show you hidden courtyards and mosques, the bazaar and one of the world's oldest universities.

MARRAKESH: Built around a lovely innergarden, explore the Bahia Palace with a Local Expert and see glimpses of a Moroccan kingdom's former opulence.

GRANADA: Best interpreted with help of a Local Expert, the Alhambra Palace is the ultimate in Muslim architecture - an arabesque fantasy in stone, complemented by the rich, scented gardens of the Generalife.

CASABLANCA: Guided by your Local Expert, see the Hassan II Mosque, the largest mosque in all of Morocco.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

FÁTIMA: Join the faithful at one of the world's holiest sites and pay homage at the Chapel of the Apparitions.

AUTHENTIC REGIONAL FLAVOURS

AUTUMN: Sample the smooth taste of the freshly pressed olive oil.

WINTER: See Riffans picking strawberries in the fields and enjoy the freshest strawberries available to taste, in Fes.

SPRING: Savour a delicious exploration of the local wines, their robust flavours and absorbing history.

SEVILLE: Over dinner with wine, beyond your dimly lit table, the stage will suddenly erupt with the unmistakable singing, clapping and throbbing guitars of flamenco.

GRANADA: Choose from a selection of restaurants for a more intimate Dine-Around experience.

STAY AT THE BEST ADDRESSES

SALAMANCA: The centrally located Alameda Palace is close to a range of restaurants and shops and only a short walk to the Plaza Mayor. The spacious rooms all have marble bathrooms and antique-style furniture.