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Spain, Portugal & Morocco – 16 Days – Price

\$5775 3 nights Lisbon, 4 nights Costa del Sol, 1 night Tangier, 2 Fez, 2 Marrakech and 2 Madrid. Buffet breakfast and dinner daily. Visits: Lisbon, Seville, Fes, Marrakech, Casablanca, Rabat, Granada, Madrid and Toledo, English speaking guides, Airport transfers, All taxes.

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP:

1. **Round-trip airfare from Santiago.**
2. **3 nights in Lisbon visiting Lisbon, Estoril and Cascais**
3. Buffet Breakfast and Daily Dinner
4. Transport by private bus Lisbon-Costa del Sol
5. Visit Seville en route including the Cathedral
6. **4 Nights in Costa del Sol – 4* Hotel on the beach**
7. Daily Buffet Breakfast and Wine Dinner on Costa del Sol
8. Visit to Malaga, Cathedral, Alcazaba and Gibralfaro Castle
9. Excursion to Granada and the Alhambra
10. Excursion to Ronda and its old bullring
11. Transfer Costa del Sol-Tarifa to cross the Strait of Gibraltar
12. Ferry Tickets to Morocco
13. **5 Nights Imperial Tour of Morocco – 4- & 5-Star Hotels**
14. 1 night Tangier, 2 nights Fes and 2 nights Marrakech
15. View of each of the cities in Morocco
16. Buffet Breakfast and Daily Dinner in Morocco
17. **2 Nights in Madrid – 4* centrally located Hotel**
18. Full Day City Tour of Madrid and Toledo
19. Buffet breakfast and 2 dinners at our hotel in Madrid
20. Local guides in English and all taxes

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: USA - LISBON, PORTUGAL

Overnight flight to Portugal. Dinner, movie and breakfast on board.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN LISBON

Upon arrival at the airport our guide will pick us up to take us to our hotel. Today we have the rest of the afternoon free. Tonight, we will enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel.



Lisbon



Lisbon

DAY 3: VISIT TO THE CITY OF LISBON

After our buffet breakfast, our Portuguese guide, speaking perfect Spanish, will pick us up to visit this magnificent and historic city. The city tour will include picturesque Alfama, the old Moorish quarters with their narrow, twisting streets, cobbled alleys, and small whitewashed houses. We will head to the historic district of Belem, where we will see the Belem Tower, the Monument to the Discoverers, and the unique Manueline architecture of the Jerónimos Monastery. We will also make a stop to taste the famous pastries of Belem. Dinner at our hotel. Overnight in Lisbon.

DÍA 4: EXCURSIÓN DE DÍA COMPLETO A SINTRA, ESTORIL Y CASCAIS



Pena Castle in Sintra



Cascais



Estoril

After breakfast, we will board our private bus and head to the Portuguese Riviera. Our guide will show us the magnificent village of Sintra where the royal family used to live during the summers. There we will taste the local traditional pastry of this charming region. We will visit the Royal Palace and leave for the city of Colares by tram*. Later, we will admire Cabo de Roca, the westernmost point of Europe, and the incredible Boca do Inferno. Next, we will visit the cosmopolitan Cascais and the gardens of the Casino of Estoril. In the afternoon, we return to Lisbon.

Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Lisbon.

DAY 5: LISBON-SEVILLE-COSTA DEL SOL, SPAIN

After breakfast, we head south across the rolling plains of the Alentejo with its cork oak and eucalyptus forests, until we reach the bright light of Andalusia in Spain. We will admire its neat, white-painted villages and the vast expanses of sun-drenched olive trees, as well as fig and almond trees. We arrive in magnificent Seville, the capital of Andalusia, one of the most colorful cities in Spain and the fourth largest in Spain. It is a city full of life and prosperity, with magnificent buildings and monuments, and considered the most popular and attractive in the entire country. Our visit will begin with the Alcazar, which served as both the Palace and the Fort, and will continue in the Cathedral, a unique beauty of its own that combines ancient Arab and Christian architecture. The cathedral was built on top of an old mosque and is now the third largest in the world. Next to it, the Giralda tower is 98 meters high. We continue our visit to the Barrio de Santa Cruz, the old Jewish quarter where we will stroll through the narrow streets with its small bars and restaurants, the beautiful Maria Luisa Park with its sunken gardens, the decorative fountains and the charming tiles in the Plaza de España, a semicircular square with a large building around it. After the visit we continue to the Costa del Sol.

Dinner with wine on the coast and overnight at our hotel.



DAY 6: VISIT TO MALAGA

After our buffet breakfast we will visit the old city of Malaga which will include the sixteenth century Cathedral, the old citadel of La Alcazaba and the Castle of Gibralfaro. After the visit we will be taken to our hotel.

Dinner with wine and accommodation on the Costa del Sol.



Malaga



Malaga Cathedral

is one of the oldest cities in the world with nearly 3000 years of history. The Phoenicians originally founded a trading center here in the early seventh century B.C., which they named Malacca. The Greeks and Carthaginians were briefly present and established Malacca as a trading post. In 218 B.C. the Romans conquered the city and created a colony that was federated to Rome until 81 B.C. The city was renamed Flavia Malacitana and its port used to export salted oil, raisins, wine, fish and meat. The Arabs conquered Malaga in 711 AD and remained there until 1492.

DAY 7: FULL DAY EXCURSION TO RONDA

Buffet breakfast and departure on an excursion to the city of **Ronda** where we will visit the Plaza de Toros, the Bullfighting Museum and the Church of Santa María.

Ronda is built on top of a hill, in a craggy limestone cleft. Because of this, the views are spectacular and invigorating. Around the city are remains of prehistoric settlements dating back to the Neolithic period, including the cave paintings of the Cueva de la Pileta. Ronda was first colonized by the Celts, who called it Arunda in the sixth century B.C. The current Ronda is of Roman origin, having been founded as a fortified post in the Second Punic War by Scipio Africanus. Ronda received the title of city in the time of Julius Caesar.

Dinner with wine at our hotel. Accommodation in Costa del Sol.



City of Ronda

DAY 8: EXCURSION TO GRANADA

After a delicious breakfast buffet we travel along the Costa del Sol, through the mountains of Malaga to **Granada**. As we enter the city, we will be able to see the white peaks of the Sierra Nevada. Our excursion will take us to "**The Alhambra**", an Arabic word that means red, the color of its walls. Built during the 13th and 14th centuries, it took almost 100 years to complete. Our visit includes the courtyard of the Myrtles, the court of the lions, the room of secrets, the hall of the ambassadors and the Alcazaba, the castle that protected the Palace. We will also visit the Generalife Gardens with its beautiful fountains that inspired several famous composers. Over the centuries the Alhambra gradually fell into ruins, but, curiously, it was the American author Washington Irving who encouraged the city to restore the monument. Irving lived in this Palace at the beginning of the nineteenth century, where he wrote his book "Tales of the Alhambra". Today the Alhambra is completely restored and rebuilt.

Tonight we have dinner with wine at our hotel. Overnight in Costa del Sol.



The Alhambra Palace in Granada

DAY 9: WE START THE GRAND TOUR OF MOROCCO

In the morning, after breakfast, we leave for Tarifa to board the ferry and cross the Strait of Gibraltar to **Morocco** (Dominicans do not need a visa for Morocco). Our staff will assist with the boarding of the group on the ferry, (do not forget passport). Procedures on board to stamp passports. Arrival at the port of **Tangier**, introduction of the Moroccan courier guide to the clients, and departure for a guided panoramic tour to get to know the surroundings of Tangier, caves of Hercules (exterior) and Cape Spartel. After the visit, we will move to the city center where we will have free time for lunch (on our own), a short rest and finally transfer to our hotel. Room assignment and free time to wander around the city.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Tangier.



DAY 10: TANGIER / VOLUBILIS RUINS / MEKNES / FEZ

Buffet breakfast and departure, through the middle Atlas, to **Fez**. Our first stop will be in Volubilis, to visit its Roman ruins, the main road Decumanus Maximus, which starts at the gate of Tangier and ends at the triumphal arch of Caracalla from 217 AD. This route is paved and surrounded by spacious, decorated houses. Continue to Meknes, one of the imperial cities that became the capital of Morocco under the reign of Moulay Ismail. Arrival and stop for lunch (free), short rest, and then we will visit the Medina, El-Hedim Square and the famous gate of "Bab al Mansour", probably the most beautiful in Morocco. In the afternoon we arrive at our hotel in Fes. Room assignment.

Dinner and overnight in Fez.

DAY 11: FEZ

Buffet breakfast and visit of the first of the imperial cities. **Fez** is the intellectual and religious capital of Morocco. We will start with a panoramic tour from the hotel to see the royal palace and its seven gates or Dar al-Makhzen on the way to the fascinating world of the Medina of Fez el Bali, the oldest and largest in Morocco a UNESCO World

Heritage Site with 785 mosques and more than 2,000 squares, streets and alleys that are an interesting labyrinthine. Going back in time from Bab Boujloud to Esseffarine Square we will take a journey through the centuries starting in the 9th to the 19th century. Along the walk we will learn how these alleys are structured, and the different constructions that make up the walls of the Medina, as well as its guilds of artisans and neighborhoods such as the leather tanners or seamstresses, to see their ancient ways of working. We will visit a medersa (school or center of studies in the Islamic world) and we will finish to the sound of the hammer of the potters working the copper as they did hundreds of years ago. Lunch (free) in a typical restaurant, inside the medina and free afternoon to explore the city. Dinner at our hotel. Overnight in Fez.



Fez- Medina Fez-el-Bali



Fez



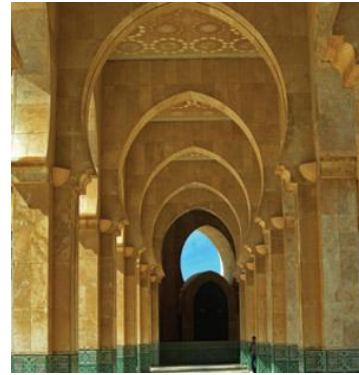
Fez



DAY 12: FES - CASABLANCA – MARRAKECH

Buffet breakfast and departure to Marrakech. Today is calm. Our first stop will be in **Casablanca**, the economic capital of the country, for lunch (at your leisure), in a typical restaurant. We will continue along its famous Corniche and enjoy some free time to visit the great Mosque of Hassan II, (visit from the outside), in whose construction more than 3,000 craftsmen worked and of which you will be surprised by its grandeur for being the most important after Mecca. Continue by road until you reach the city of **Marrakech** during the afternoon.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Marrakech



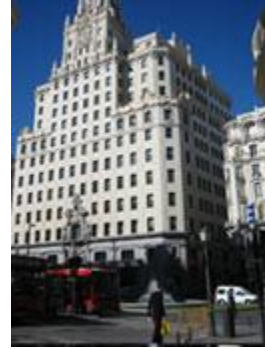
Marrakech

DAY 13: MARRAKECH

Buffet breakfast and visit of the city of **Marrakech**, also called "the pearl of the south". This is another of the important imperial cities. The visit begins at the Koutoubia Mosque, formerly used as a bookstore and which is the symbol of the city. We will continue to the sumptuous Bahia Palace, built in the 19th century by hundreds of artisans from Fez, followed by the Jewish Quarter or Mellah through the Kissaria Square to the Djmaa el Fna Square, a living museum and cultural heritage of humanity, where storytellers, snake charmers, jugglers, dancers and more, they constitute a veritable court of miracles. We continue through the Souk and its narrow streets full of shops, workshops and terraces to meet the guilds of carpenters, sharpeners and a Berber pharmacy of remedies and natural products and derivatives mostly from the Argan. After noon our guide will offer us an optional excursion (to an Arab hacienda to enjoy a horse and rider show followed by a typical Moroccan lunch/dinner (**Fantasia Dinner & Show**)). The hotel allows those who buy the Fantasy to have lunch instead of dinner.
Return to the hotel. Overnight in Marrakech.

DAY 14: MARRAKECH - MADRID

After breakfast we will leave for Marrakech airport to take our flight to Madrid. Arrival in the capital of Spain and transfer to our hotel.
Rest of the afternoon at leisure. Overnight at our hotel in Madrid.



Madrid is the capital of Spain and is in the heart of the Iberian Peninsula with a population of 4.5 million. It is a cosmopolitan city characterized by an intense cultural and artistic activity that is home to excellent museums and monuments of extraordinary beauty, as well as wide avenues and Renaissance buildings and extraordinary shopping offers. It is the seat of government of the country where the Parliament and the Senate and the Royal House reside. The various regions of Spain have their own federal-style regional governments. Madrid offers vibrant cultural and business activity.

DAY 15: MADRID & TOLEDO

After a hearty breakfast buffet, we will have a morning guided tour of **Madrid** that includes a full panoramic tour through the Avenida Mayor, Puerta del Sol, Plaza del Parlamento and a photo stop outside the Royal Palace.



Madrid – Cibeles Fountain



Madrid Financial District

Madrid is a city characterized by intense cultural and artistic activity and dates back to 882 BC and has museums and monuments of extraordinary beauty. In the afternoon, we will head to the city of Toledo, walking through the old Jewish quarter before visiting the Synagogue of Santa Maria la Blanca, the oldest synagogue in Europe still standing. Next up is the Church of Santo Tomé, with its magnificent masterpieces by El Greco. During the afternoon we return to Madrid.
Farewell dinner at our hotel. Accommodation in Madrid.



Toledo – Alcazar - Historical Fortress



Ancient city door

DAY 16: MADRID-USA

Breakfast and transfer to Madrid airport to take our flight back home, arriving this afternoon.