

# Portugal, Andalucía & Morocco

16 Nights May – October 2018



### **Summary**

17 days Bus Tour of Spain, Portugal & Morocco with the highlights of Lisbon and Fatima, the great Andalusian cities of Seville, Cordoba, and Granada. You will explore the Imperial Cities of Morocco covering the King cities Marrakech and Fes, and visit Tangier as well as Casablanca. Final sights covered will be the ancient city of Toledo and Madrid.

# **Wild Discovery Advantages**

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

### Overview

Interest: group - family- couple Level of Comfort: 3.5/5 Minimum # of passengers: none

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# Information about the destination

- Currency: Euro
- Language: French English
- Transportation: private car or bus
- Dialing Code: 33
- Recommended vaccines: none
- Banks & currency exchange: It is better to exchange currencies before you go





### Day 1 Wed: Madrid - Trujillo - Lisbon

Departure at 08:30 a.m. Drive westbound towards the region of Extremadura, a relaxing drive to Trujillo, hometown of many discoverers of the new world. Free time to explore its beautiful and monumental Plaza Mayor. Continue on through Portuguese soil along the Alentejo plains via historic sites as Elvas, Estremoz and Setubal. Arrive over the impressive bridge 25th April to Lisbon, capital city of Portugal. Accommodation at the hotel. Optional night tour to attend a show of Fado, typical Portuguese song and music.

#### Day 2 Thu: Lisbon

Morning sightseeing tour of the ancient Olissipo, drive through its main squares and avenues, Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Coach Museum, Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square, Liberty Avenue. Afternoon 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 colour housing the genuine "tabernas" where Fado sounds as a missing past. Accommodation at the hotel.

### Day 3 Fri: Lisbon-Obidos-Alcobaça-Nazare - Batalha - Fatima

Drive northland, arrive to our first point of interest: the beautiful walled town of Obidos with its picturesque streets and the Pousada do Castelo. Continue to Alcobaça visit a 12th century church containing the tombs of Pablo and Inês de Castro followed by a visit to the picturesque and fishing village of Nazare. Weather permitting, continue to the Sitio to have a panoramic view of the beach and the village. Afternoon visit the Batalha Monastery, a masterpiece of Gothic and Manueline style considered a World Heritage place by UNESCO. Continue to Fatima. Accommodation at the hotel.

#### Day 4 Sat: Fatima – Lisbon

Day at your leisure for activities of personal nature in Fatima, center of Christian faith and World Pilgrims Sanctuary with its impressive Basilica and Cova da Iria where Virgin Mary appeared. The church where the tombstones of Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco are. The Chapel of Apparitions, heart of the shrine. At the end of the day return to Lisbon through the colorful farming region

#### Day 5 Sun: Lisbon - Caceres - Cordoba

Departure at 07:30 hrs to Caceres considered as World Heritage place because of the city's blend of Roman, Islamic, Northern Gothic and Italian Renaissance architecture. Walk through its Plaza Mayor and the Old Town with its famous Medieval Quarter. Afterwards, continue on towards Cordoba, once the capital of the Caliphate. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

#### Day 6 Mon: Cordoba - Seville

Impressive tour of its Mosque and other sites that will ease our mind and spirit strolling through its narrow winding streets of the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, after a short two hours ride reach Seville. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

# Day 7 Tue: Seville

Morning panoramic city tour visiting: the exterior of the Cathedral (the second largest in the Catholic world after St. Peters in Rome), Santa Cruz quarter (a natural scenario of "Carmen" as well as a precisely where the myth of "Don Juan" developed), Maria Luisa Park and Plaza de España. Afternoon at leisure for you to discover exclusive views, specific flavors of this active full of light city. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. Optional Flamenco tour.

#### Day 8 Wed: Seville - Ronda - Costa del Sol

In the morning, drive south passing typical villages. Reach Ronda; free time to admire this town of Celtic origin and the marvelous view of the valley and mountain range. In the afternoon continue on to the Costa del Sol, one of the most modern and important international tourist areas. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.





# Day 9 Thu: Costa del Sol

Day at leisure for you to enjoy the wonderful beaches of the Costa del Sol and surrounding areas

# Day 10 Fri: Costa del Sol – Tarifa – Tangier – Rabat – Casablanca

Drive along the picturesque tourist route of Costa del Sol via internationally renowned places as Marbella and Puerto Banus, arrive to Tarifa where a ferry boat will be used for a short and interesting crossing of the strait of Gibraltar towards Africa. Arrival to Tangier, disembark, clear customs and drive southwards via Larache to Rabat, diplomatic and administrative capital, official residence of the King Mohamed VI. City tour visiting the important sights as the Royal Palace from outside, Mohamed V Mausoleum, the unfinished Hassan Tower which are important examples of the Almohade architecture. Afterwards, departure to Casablanca, actual industrial and economic capital and the most populated city housing a 10% of the country population. Time at leisure. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

#### Day 11 Sat: Casablanca - Marrakech

Panoramic city tour through the most interesting sections of the city, Anfa boulevard, Nations square, residential areas and visit from the outside of the Hassan II grand mosque. Departure towards Marrakech. Marrakech capital of the South, which is located within an extensive oasis between the Atlas Mountains and the pre-desertic area. City sightseeing, 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 centre of the city an open air theatre that requires the participance of the audience. Don't forget your camera. Dinner and accommodation at hotel. Optional dinner and show at Chez Ali Fantasia. Accommodation at the hotel.

# Day 12 Sun: Marrakech - Meknes - Fez

Northeast departure to Meknes, old walled (40 Kms.) imperial city located in the heart of the Mid Atlas. Panoramic tour; admire the great Bab Al Mansour Gate, Morocco's most beautiful Gate and the most well known monument in town. Afterwards departure to Fez, the most monumental one of the Imperial Cities, its University of "Karaouyne" is the largest Islamic sanctuary in Morocco, ancient theological schools, etc. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

# Day 13 Mon: Fez

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 walking tour of the "Medina" (Old City), declared World Heritage Site. Afternoon free. Dinner and accommodation at hotel. Optional dinner with show.

### Day 14 Tue: Fez - Tangier - Tarifa - Costa Del Sol

Morning departure to Tangier. Transfer to the pier to board the ferry to return across the strait of Gibraltar back to Spain. Drive towards the Costa del Sol. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

# Day 15 Wed: Costa del Sol

Day at leisure for you to enjoy the wonderful beaches of the Costa del Sol and surrounding areas. Optional tours.

# Day 16 Thu: Costa del Sol – Granada

Departure towards the city of Granada and its incredible and amazing monumental environment, last stronghold of the Moorish Kingdoms up to 1492. Visit the world famous Alhambra complex and Generalife Gardens that have inspired several authors with its sound and sights, such as the "Tales of the Alhambra" by W. Irving. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. Optional Gipsy Flamenco show at Sacromonte Square.





# Day 17 Fri: Granada - Toledo - Madrid

Drive northward where it emerges, toward the sky of Castilla and surrounded by the Tagus river, the impressive Imperial city of Toledo —World Heritage City- where the three cultures Christians, Moorish and Jewish, have lived together. Resume of the Spanish art, history and spirituality the whole town is a National Monument. Shortguided tour of this historical old town throught its narrow streets. Then proceed with a visit to a famous "Damasquinado" (gold and silver inlaying in iron) factory. Continue to Madrid.

# **Selected Hotels (or Similar)**

Nights	Region	4* Hotels	
3	Lisbon	Lutecia	
1	Fatima	Santa Maria	
1	Cordoba	TrypCordoba	
2	Seville	Catalonia Santa Justa	
4	Costa del Sol	Sol Principe	
1	Casablanca	Kenzi Basma	
1	Marrakech	Almas	
2	Fez	Menzeh	
1	Granada	Alixares	

#### **Prices Include**

All transfers: airport – hotel – airport
16-night accommodation at hotels
Meals: daily breakfast, 12 dinners
Air-conditioned deluxe motor coach
Guided visits in Lisbon, Cordoba, Seville, Rabat,
Casablanca, Marrakech, Meknes, Fez, Granada (Alhambra & Generalife Gardens) & Toledo
English speaking escort
Assistance of our representative in Spain

#### **Prices Exclude**

Round trip ticket (economy class)
Airport taxes (subject to change)
Dip surcharge of \$ 5 /ticket
Visa fees
Travel insurance
Cancellation insurance
Beverages during meals
City taxes
Optional tours

# Pricing per person in US\$

Hotels	Period	Double	Single
4*Hotels	01/04/18 - 30/06/18	1765	2450
	01/07/18 - 31/10/18	1855	2540
	01/11/18 - 31/03/19	1765	2450

• Rates are subject to change without prior notice

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