

## MADRID AND MAGICAL MOROCCO / 12 DAYS

Guaranteed weekly Departure, rates in EUR

Cost per pax on Twin sharing – EUR 1405/- plus plus

Cost per pax on Single sharing – EUR 1850/- plus plus



### Day 01 SUN. Arrival Madrid

**Todays Highlights: Evening transport to the Gran Vía district.**

Welcome to Madrid! Upon arrival at the airport, we shall be waiting to **transfer** you to your hotel.

Check the informative panels in the hotel reception area for the welcome meeting with your guide and fellow travellers to receive information about the circuit. Towards the end of the day, we provide transfers to the Egyptian **Debod temple, Plaza de España and Gran Vía**; a vibrant district where you can dine at your preferred restaurant: Indian, Chinese, Spanish and Middle Eastern are some of the options.



### Day 02 MON. Madrid - Granada

**Todays Highlights : entrance and local guide in the Alhambra. Evening transfer.**

Leaving Madrid by bus in the early morning (*if the group of English-speaking travellers is small, sometimes they will share the trip to Granada with Spanish-speaking passengers*). We travel to the south across La Mancha, stopping in **PUERTO LÁPICE**, a 'manchego' village evoking the figure of Don Quixote. We will enter Andalusia via Despeñaperros. **GRANADA**, arrival.

In the afternoon we will visit the immense **Alhambra Palace, with entrance and local guide included**, and its beautiful Generalife gardens, built in Arab times.



Later, enjoy an **evening transfer to the Albaicín of Granada**, a World Heritage site along with the Alhambra, where you can enjoy dinner in a restaurant in the narrow winding streets of this captivating Medieval Moorish quarter. Tonight you have the option to attend a flamenco dance show and the traditional neighborhood of Sacramonte.

**Note:** *in the Alhambra complex, the Nazari palaces allow a limited number of people in at a time. In the highly improbable case of not being able to visit this area of the Alhambra, a visit to the Alcázares will be included in Seville (which have similar architecture and features).*

### Day 03 TUE. Granada - Asilah – Rabat

**Todays Highlights : Step aboard a boat to Africa. Stop off in the picturesque town of Asilah, located on the ocean front. Dinner is included.**

**Note:** *Depending on the number of passengers in Morocco, this tour may be conducted in bilingual (Spanish/English) groups.*

Departure from Granada. We cross the Costa del Sol. In Algeciras or Tarifa we board a modern ferry to cross the Straits of Gibraltar. The coach does not normally make the crossing, so passengers must carry their luggage. Arrival in **Morocco**. Beautiful landscapes. **ASILAH** – this picturesque small walled city on the shores of the Atlantic



was an ancient port that was a base for pirates. Today the settlement is full of life. Time for lunch. Later we continue to Rabat. Arrival in **Rabat**. **Dinner buffet** and accommodation.

#### **Day 04 WED. Rabat - Casablanca – Marrakech**

**Todays Highlights: Guided visit in Rabat (admission costs included). Discover Casablanca. Kalesa (horse or donkey carriage) ride and dinner are included.**

**Scenic tour of Rabat**, calling at the immense Royal Palace, the Mohamed V Mausoleum and the mighty Kasbah of the Udayas. At midday, we depart for **Casablanca**, where we shall have a short **informative tour of the city**. The tour includes the outside of the great Hassan II mosque, which is one of the most important in the Arab world. Then we continue towards **Marrakech**. After arriving at the hotel, you will be able to experience a **traditional Kalesa ride up to the famous Jamaa el Fna square**. **Dinner buffet included**. Hotel accommodation.



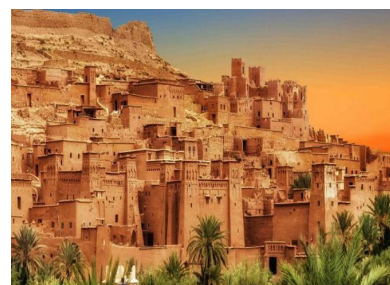
#### **Day 05 THU. Marrakech**

**Todays Highlights : Guided tour of the city. Admission prices and lunch are both included.**

Start your day with a **guided tour of the city** that gave the country its name. Free time to relax at the pool or to discover a famous Marrakech Souk (local market). In the evening, you can experience a Fantasia dinner and cultural show (optional). **Lunch included**.

#### **Day 06 FRI. Marrakech - Ait Benhadou - Ourzazate - Boulmane Dades**

**Todays Highlights : Scenic landscapes.** Visit a village built from adobe. Dinner buffet included. We journey across the Atlas Mountains, frequently snow-capped high peaks greet us as we say goodbye to Marrakesh. Small Berber villages perch on the side of chasms. We interrupt the journey to stop at the fortified village of **Ait Benhaddou**, a place where several films have been filmed. At this point of our trip, our route passes through the so-called biblical landscapes. Time in **Ouarzazate** city with its impressive Kasbah. We continue toward the valley of Roses. **Boulmane Dades**. **Dinner** and accommodation.



**NOTE:** *On very rare occasions (during winter), the roads may be closed due to snowdrifts. If necessary, days 5 to 7 will be rescheduled according to our alternative itinerary. (Whether we can visit the Sahara or not will depend on road access)*

#### **Day 07 SAT. Boulmane Dades - Todgha - Khorbat – Erfoud**

**Todays Highlights : Beautiful scenery.** Canyon in the eastern part of the High Atlas Mountains. Visit a village built from adobe. Lunch buffet included. Feel the adrenaline on an off-road excursion on the desert sand dunes.

A journey full of excitement in the Sahara Desert: the Valley of the Kasbahs; river valleys containing thousands of palm trees; plains of stones followed by oasis and adobe villages, powerful fortresses defending the thoroughfares. We visit the stunningly magnificent **Todgha Gorge**. On the way, we shall call at a small town built from adobe next to **KHORBAT**, visitors will be able to learn about this desert community, which is supported by the Europamundo Foundation. *(Note: Sometimes access is not possible due to weather conditions, which may involve flooding of the river)*. We continue toward **Erfoud**. **Lunch included**. Anyone who wishes, can go on a field trip to visit the sand dunes of the Sahara Desert (experience dusk among the dunes).



## Day 08 SUN. Erfoud – Fes

**Todays Highlights :** Breath-taking landscapes. Discover the medieval city of Fes. Dinner included.

Early morning, our trip leaves the Sahara through the mountains and crosses nomadic areas situated in high and cold landscapes. In the afternoon, **Fes** awaits us. Leisure time. **Dinner included** and hotel accommodation.

## Day 09 MON. Fes – Tangier

**Todays Highlights :** Guided city tour of Fes. Admission prices included. Dinner is included. Discover Fes with an informative scenic tour. We conclude the visit by **including lunch in an ancient palace in the Medina district**. At the beginning of the afternoon, we depart towards the north of Morocco. Arrival in **Tangier** in the middle of the afternoon. **Dinner included** and hotel accommodation.

## Day 10 TUE. Tangier – Seville

**Todays Highlights :** Travel via ferry from Africa to Europe. Dinner is included. Spare time in Tangier.

Chance for some last minute shopping? We return to **Spain** by ferry. The coach will not travel on board, and each passenger will be required to carry their own piece of luggage. We arrive in Algeciras or Tarifa and continue to **SEVILLE**. Evening arrival and hotel accommodation.

## Day 11 WED. Seville

**Todays Highlights :** Guided visit with local expert in Seville. Night transfer to the historic city centre.

After breakfast, a local expert guides you through a **scenic visit of Seville** featuring the Cathedral and its famous Giralda, the banks of the Guadalquivir River, popular neighborhoods of Santa Cruz and Triana and the beautiful Plaza de España. (Note: If the group is fewer than fifteen travellers, it can be arranged in both Spanish and English). Enjoy leisure time straight afterwards. At the end of the afternoon, we will go to the **historic city centre area** (Calle Alfonso XII) where many different restaurants can be found. You can choose your favorite cuisine: Indian, Halal, Chinese, Spanish, International, and so on.



## Day 12 THU. Sevilla - Cordoba - Consuegra – Madrid

**Todays Highlights :** Visit to Mosque of Cordoba. Windmills in Consuegra.

We leave Seville following the valley of the Guadalquivir to **CÓRDOBA**. Free time to stroll through its flowered alleys and **visit with a local guide his great Mosque – Cathedral (entrance included)**. After lunch, we continue towards the Castilian lands and stop at **CONSUEGRA**, where 12 giant windmills next to the castle, contemplate the La Mancha plain. We visit **Venta Rucio windmill**. Continuation to **MADRID** and arrival at the end of the day.



End of our services.

**Price Includes General Services:**

**seat in coach basis:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide and breakfast buffet.

**Includes arrival transfer**

**City tour in:** Granada, Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakech, Fez, Seville, Seville.

**Evening Transfer:** Djema Square with horse carriage in Marrakech, Historic center of Seville.

**Ticket admission:** Saadians Tombs and Bahia Palace in Marrakech, Great Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba; Venta Bolero windmill in Consuegra.

**Ferry:** Strait of Gibraltar Algeciras - Tangier, Strait of Gibraltar Tangier - Algeciras.

**8 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Rabat, Marrakech, Marrakech, Boulmane, Erfoud, Fez, Fez, Tangiers.

**Expected Hotels or Similar**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>4 STAR &amp; 5 STAR</b>
<b>MADRID</b>	HOTEL PRAGA MADRID 4* NH MADRID VENTAS 4* HOTEL ELBA MADRID ALCALA 4* CLARIDGE HOTEL 4* HOTEL SILKEN PUERTA DE MADRID 4*
<b>GRANADA</b>	RENAISSANCE BARCELONA FIRA 4* AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT SOM 4* PORTA FIRA 4* FIRA CONGRESS 4* BARCELONA AIRPORT HOTEL 4* NOVOTEL ST JOAN DESPI 4* HESPERIA ST JOAN DESPI 4*
<b>RABAT</b>	HOTEL RABAT 5* GOLDEN TULIP FARAH RABAT 5* HOTEL RIVE 5*
<b>MARRAKECH</b>	HOTEL RYAD MOGADOR MENARA 5* HOTEL FARAH MARRAKECH 5*
<b>BOULMANE DADES</b>	XALUCA DADES 4*
<b>ERFOUD</b>	KASBAH XALUCA ERFOUD 4* KASBAH HOTEL CHERGUI 4*
<b>FES</b>	ZALAGH PARC PALACE 5*
<b>TANGIER</b>	HOTEL CESAR & SPA 5* HILTON GARDEN INN 4*
<b>SEVILLA</b>	NOVOTEL SEVILLA MARQUES DEL NERVION 4* RIBERA DE TRIANA 4*