



A Special Journey Through Southern Spain and Northern Morocco

GARDENS, CULTURE, CUISINE

TRIP LEADERS



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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Andalucía, the most southern province of Spain, and witness the historic connections with Morocco
- Learn about Andalusian culture and traditions, taste the cuisine, enjoy the music and dance of Andalucía
- Meet and interact with Andalusians
- Walk into the beauty of the Moorish/Andalusian Alcazars/palaces and their beautiful gardens
- Visit mosques/cathedrals and enjoy the incredible architecture
- Take a ferry trip across the Mediterranean Sea between Europe and North Africa
- Visit northern towns and villages of Morocco, with their ancient and modern cultures and customs
- Experience Fes more deeply, where artists actively create intricate brass works, textiles, ceramics, clothing, jewelry, leather goods, and more
- Learn about culture and history of Morocco, visit historic and modern gardens, and learn how they are connected to the land
- Join the nightly carnival of fortune-tellers, dancers, and musicians in Marrakech's lively medina, taste the rich variety of spices, herbs, and delectable Moroccan foods

ITINERARY

Day 1: TRAVEL DAY - Outbound from USA to arrive Seville, Spain

Today, participants fly to Spain. Passengers book their own flights. Suggested to fly into Madrid and transfer to Seville. Trains and buses run between Madrid and Seville. Participants plan to meet at the hotel in Seville on May 1, 2024 by early evening, in time for dinner.

Day 2 : Arrive to Seville, Spain, check into hotel, meet tour leaders

Participants will arrive on their own to Seville and meet up with tour leaders between 4-6pm for room assignment and check in to hotel.

In the early evening (time TBD), join our food tour to sample some excellent tapas and wine. This cultural food exploration will offer a variety of taste treats unique to this southern region of Spain. (Dinner included) All other meals on your own today.

Day 3 : Explore Seville

Today we will explore, on foot, the center of Seville, including the Cathedral and Giralda Bell Tower, and the Royal Alcázar, the palace of Seville and its magnificent Andalusian gardens. We will also see la Torre del Oro (The Golden Tower) on the Wad al-Kebir River. We will end our day with dinner at a local restaurant serving delicious authentic Spanish food. The remainder of the evening you are free to wander Seville on your own. (B,D) Lunch on your own.

Day 4 : Morning exploration of Seville and Continue to Cordoba

This morning we will visit the beautiful Plaza d'España and nearby Park Maria Louisa. We will enjoy lunch then drive to Cordoba. In Cordoba we will walk through beautiful parks and the central business district of town on our way to enjoy dinner (on your own) in a festive food hall serving a variety of delicacies from the Cordoba region of Andalusia. The rest of the evening you are free to wander on your own through the streets of Cordoba. (B,L) Dinner on your own.

Day 5 : Cordoba

Today, we visit the city of Cordoba which once was the capital of Spain during the Roman and Moorish periods. We visit the dramatic and historic Mezquita of Cordoba dating from 784 AD, a former mosque transformed into a Catholic cathedral. We also explore the Alcázar of Cordoba, with its beautiful, terraced gardens and stunning architecture. (B,L,D)

Day 6 : Cordoba to Granada

This morning, we venture into a collection of Cordoba's quaint courtyards, decorated for the annual Festival of Patios, an important tradition in Cordoba. This afternoon, we leave for Granada and plan to spend the late afternoon exploring the winding streets of the ancient Arabic neighborhood of the Albayzín of Granada, ending the day with dinner and a festive flamenco show at one of the caves of Sacromonte – a traditional neighborhood where gypsies settled in Granada following the Christian conquest of the city in 1492. (B,L,D)

Day 7 : Granada

Today, we will visit the famous Alhambra Palace, and the gardens of the Generalife, in Granada. You will have a full-day entry ticket to the grounds and most of the buildings of the Alhambra. Pay attention to the timed entry to the Nazrid Palace where we will all meet 15 minutes prior to our assigned entry time. Once you complete touring the Nazrid Palace – at your own pace - feel free to venture on your own to the Generalife to visit the gorgeous royal gardens and architecture of this summer palace. We will meet at the end of the day for dinner together in town. (B, D) Lunch on your own.

Day 8: Granada

We will further explore Granada today, and venture into the hills of Sacromonte, to visit a museum of caves near the top of the mount. We will also visit the town below the palace grounds to see current life at street level. Late afternoon is free time for you to explore on your own. (B,L) Dinner on your own.

Day 9 : Crossing the Mediterranean Sea to Tangier, Morocco

Our early morning departure will take us on the southwest route to Tarifa, Spain to cross the Mediterranean to Tangier, Morocco. Upon arriving to Tangier, we check in to our hotel and settle for the night. (B,D) Lunch on your own.

Day 10 : Tangier

Today we explore Tangier, the gateway city between Africa and Europe since ancient times. Tangier is a bustling and modern port, but it has retained its deep-rooted charm. As we enter the ramparts of the old city, one can't help but sense the centuries of history that it contains. Within its old city is the American Legation Museum, the first American public property located outside the United States. Morocco was the first country to recognize the US as an independent country in 1777. The museum documents the early diplomatic relations that existed between the United States and Morocco and the life of many Americans who made Morocco their home. (B,D) Lunch on your own.

Day 11 : Tangier to Chefchaouen, via Tetouan

Today, we head to Chefchaouen, Morocco's Blue City. On the way we make a stop in Tetouan, the White City on the Mediterranean. From there, we continue to the mountainous city of Chefchaouen, a gem tucked into the Rif mountains. Founded in 1471, this small, relaxed town will not fail to charm you. It is known for the many shades of blue that adorn the city walls. Dinner and overnight in Chefchaouen. (B,L,D)

Day 12 : Chefchaouen - Fes

After breakfast in Chefchaouen, we head south to Fes. This ride provides us with a view of the rich, interior farmland and breathtaking scenery of the Rif Mountains. We end the day in Fes, the center for many medieval ruling dynasties. Fes is still considered to be an important cultural and artistic center in Morocco. Dinner & overnight at the hotel in Fes. (B,L,D)

Day 13 : Explore Fes

Today, we will spend the whole day exploring Fes. We will see various sites outside and inside the old medina which will get us deeper into history, life, and old traditions of this region. The night concludes with a special dinner party in an authentic mansion located in Fes el Bali where we will enjoy a show of Morocco's lively music and dancing. (B,L,D)

Day 14 : Fes (visit the Batha Garden and museum) to Rabat

After breakfast, we make a visit to the gardens of Jnan Sbil, a former royal garden where water is the main feature. Then we head into the medina for a special Sufi ceremony. Following lunch, we leave for the capital, Rabat, on the Atlantic coast. (B,L,D)

Day 15 : Explore Rabat

Today, we will explore Rabat, visiting the historic Oudaya Kasbah and its Andalusian gardens and while there we visit the museum of jewelry. Our adventure will continue by taking us to the 12th century Hassan Tower and the Mohamed V Mausoleum. Tonight, will end our journey with a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 16 : Rabat to Casablanca airport

After breakfast, we will all transfer to Casablanca airport for departure.

Bon Voyage!!

It is always a pleasure to travel with you!

We hope to see you again on another Moroccan Caravan Tours adventure!

FEES AND TERMS

- **2024** Price for Andalusia Spain & Northern Morocco tour : \$4,095 per person + airfare. Single supplement: \$650 per person.
- **2025** Price for Andalusia Spain & Northern Morocco tour: \$4,350 per person + airfare. Single supplement: \$800 per person.

Register for tour at www.moroccancaravantours.com/registration. Please fill page completely. A **\$1,000 deposit is required and reserves your space** and can be paid up until 4 months before

tour start date. Final payment is due no later than 4 months prior to tour start date. Space is limited and will be filled on a first come basis.

Included in the tour:

- Group transportation throughout the tour.
- Accommodation in charming hotels, riads, guest houses; each has a unique design and style
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary: B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner
- Gratuities at restaurants during group meals and for porters at hotels
- Entrance fees and local tour guides for monuments during scheduled group visits
- 1st class private air-conditioned transportation during the tour

Not included in the tour:

- All airfare & Visas
- Beverages & Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Any private transfers
- Travel insurance (required and is the participant's responsibility to obtain)
- Passport fees and or any paperwork related expenses
- Excess baggage charges
- Telephone, laundry, room service, and any personal expenses
- Health insurance (required) and any necessary Medical expenses
- Tips for drivers, guides and others behind the scenes are handled by the tour leader as out-of-pocket expenses throughout the tour and are paid to tour leader by each participant at the end of the tour - \$300/per participant