



# Portugal, Spain & Morocco

## 16 days | 19 days with Madrid & Barcelona extension

Relive the Age of Discovery, when explorers brought treasures from around the world—now on glorious display in Portuguese palaces and Spanish cathedrals. See the Moorish influences in exotic Andalusia, travel into the heart of Morocco, and explore the maze-like medinas of the imperial cities.



#### Your tour package includes

14 nights in handpicked hotels
14 breakfasts
8 dinners, some with beer or wine
12 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
1 ferry transfer
1 on-tour flight

#### Included highlights

The church at Jerónimos Monastery Seville Cathedral Olive oil tasting Alhambra Fes Medina Roman Archaeological Site of Volubilis Djemaa el Fna market in Marrakech Prado Museum

#### Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 3.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills and stairs.

#### Group size

15-35

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## **Overnight Flight** $\rightarrow$ 1 night

#### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Lisbon today.

### $\textbf{Lisbon} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights}$

#### Day 2: Arrival in Lisbon

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Portugal! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner tonight.

#### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Lisbon

Included meals: breakfast

Get to know the Portuguese capital on a tour with a local guide.

- Admire views of the city from Eduardo VII Park and pass the Praça Marquês de Pombal as you travel along Avenida da Liberdade.
- Stop at the waterfront to discover the city's maritime heritage at the Monument to the Discoveries and Tower of Belém.
- View the impressive church at Jerónimos Church, built to honor voyagers.
- Embark on a walking tour through this historic Rua dos Sapateiros and Praça da Figueira, past the Santa Justa Lift, and the Rua Augusta Arch, before ending in Restauradores Square.

Enjoy a free evening in Lisbon or add an excursion.

+ Lisbon Home-Hosted Dinner

## $\textbf{Seville} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights}$

#### Day 4: Seville via Évora

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel through the unspoiled countryside of Portugal en route to Spain. Before crossing the border, stop in the UNESCO-listed city of Évora. Join your Tour Director to view the Roman temple and visit the Church of St. Francis, known as the "Chapel of Bones."

Continue on to Seville and sit down for an included dinner this evening.

#### Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Seville

Included meals: breakfast

Uncover the beauty of Seville, the historic Andalusian capital, on a guided sightseeing tour.

- View the tiled pavilion of the Plaza de España and step inside the Gothic Seville Cathedral, the third-largest church in the world.
- Pass the whitewashed homes of Barrio de Santa Cruz.

Enjoy a free evening in Seville or add an excursion.

+ Seville Tapas & Wine Tasting Tour

## Granada $\rightarrow$ 2 nights

#### Day 6: Granada via olive oil farm & Córdoba

Included meals: breakfast, dinner Make several stops as you travel to Granada today.

- Stop at an olive oil farm and join a local guide for a tour of the olive groves, mill, and cellar.
- Sample some orange-infused olive oil drizzled on top of chocolate gelato.
- Stop in the town of Córdoba, which was once home to 700 mosques, 900 public baths, and 70 libraries.
- Enter the Mezquita, a UNESCO World Heritage site built in the eighth century as a mosque and then transformed into a cathedral during the Christian Reconquista of 1236.

Continue on to Granada and sit down for an included dinner this evening.

#### Day 7: Sightseeing tour of the Alhambra

Included meals: breakfast

Take a guided tour of the UNESCO-recognized Alhambra, the Moorish sultans' last stronghold in Spain.

- Walk along the Cypress Promenade to view the upper and lower gardens of Generalife Palace, once the Nasrid dynasty's summer home.
- Enjoy panoramic views overlooking Granada and the surrounding countryside.
- View the unique curved, Roman-style courtyard inside the Palace of Charles V.
- Admire the blend of Western art and Islamic design as you stroll through ornamented courtyards.

- Enter the Nasrid Palaces and see the Mexuar, where the Council of Ministers met.
- See where the royal family lived during visits to Comares Palace and the Palace of the Lions.

Please note: The order of activities is subject to change.

Spend a free evening in Granada or add an excursion.

+ Granada Flamenco Show

## $\textbf{Tangier} \rightarrow 1 \, night$

#### Day 8: Ferry to Tangier

Included meals: breakfast, dinner Travel to Tarifa to board your ferry to Tangier, Morocco. Please note: Travelers will need to handle their own luggage on the ferry. Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

## $\textbf{Fes} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights}$

# Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Tangier, Chaouen & transfer to Fes

Included meals: breakfast, dinner Begin your day with a guided tour of Tangier, a city celebrated by Western writers like Paul Bowles and William Burroughs.

- Explore the stately French plaza and Boulevard Pasteur.
- Traverse the maze-like passageways through the medina.

Then, stop in Chaouen, a hilltop town famous for its blue-painted buildings. Admire panoramic views of the city, then stroll through the streets to soak in Chaouen's unique character. Continue on to Fes and sit down for an included dinner.

#### Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Fes

Included meals: breakfast Take a guided tour of Fes, the spiritual and cultural center of Moroccan life.

• See the ornate brass doors of the Royal Palace and visit the Mellah Jewish Quarter.

- View the Bab Bou Jeloud, a blue-tiled gate that exemplifies the Moorish architectural style.
- Attend a ceramics demonstration, where you'll learn how the intricate and colorful art pieces are created and have free time to pick up a souvenir.
- Explore the UNESCO-listed Fes Medina on a walking tour through the colorful souks.
- Stop at a tannery to learn about the traditional method of dying clothes and enjoy free time to shop.
- Visit the Mausoleum of Moulay Idriss and the University of al-Karaouine, the world's oldest continually operating institution for higher education.

Spend a free evening in Fes or add an excursion. + Moroccan Cooking Class & Dinner

### $\textbf{Casablanca} \rightarrow 1 \, night$

#### Day 11: Casablanca via Rabat

Included meals: breakfast, dinner As you make your way to Casablanca, stop to tour Morocco's capital city of Rabat.

- Enter the white and green Mausoleum of Mohammed V, which houses the tombs of the 20th-century king and his two sons.
- View Hassan Tower, intended to be the world's largest mosque until construction halted in 1199.
- Make a photo stop at the Royal Palace.
- Walk through the Kasbah des Oudaias to see the mouth of the Bou Regreg river and the Andalusian gardens.

Continue on to Casablanca and sit down for an included dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

## $\textbf{Marrakech} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights}$

## Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Casablanca & transfer to Marrakech

Included meals: breakfast

Discover the highlights of seaside Casablanca, a city with a modern-day legend that was established by Old Hollywood, with a local guide.

- Pass the fashionable Corniche waterfront area and Casablanca's ancient medina, the bustling heart of the city.
- Enter the Hassan II Mosque, the largest in Morocco.

Then, travel to Marrakech and spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion. + Moroccan Evening & Sunset Camel Ride

#### Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Marrakech

Included meals: breakfast, dinner Get a feel for the history of the city on this morning's guided tour.

- Pass through the sophisticated Gueliz district.
- Marvel at the massive Koutoubia Mosque, which features a minaret that dominates the city's skyline.
- Enter the UNESCO-listed Medina of Marrakech to see the Bahia Palace.
- Step inside the evocative Saadian Tombs, the mausoleum for the 16th-century ruling princes.
- Walk through the city's vibrant souks, stopping at a spice market where you'll have free time to shop.
- Visit Djemaa el Fna, a festive, open-air market where musicians, snake charmers, and clowns perform.

Enjoy an included dinner this evening with your group.

## $\textbf{Madrid} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights}$

#### Day 14: Flight to Madrid

Included meals: breakfast Fly to Madrid, Spain this afternoon.

#### Day 15: Sightseeing tour of Madrid

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner Get acquainted with Spain's cosmopolitan capital city with the help of a local guide.

- Pass by the Temple of Debod, a reassembled temple from ancient Egypt.
- View the Royal Palace, Spain's largest royal residence.
- View the city's many squares, including Plaza Colón and Plaza Neptune.
- Explore the Prado, a world-class art museum that began as the private collection of the Spanish monarchy and is home to the works of Goya, Velásquez, and more.

Celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner tonight.

## **Flight Home**

#### Day 16: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport to board your flight home or continue on to Barcelona.

## + Madrid & Barcelona extension

Linger in the Spanish capital before joining a local guide to discover Barcelona's twisting Gothic Quarter and some of the world's most whimsical creations (thanks, Antoni Gaudí). Don't forget to ask your Tour Director where to get some of the best tapas in the city!

## Madrid $\rightarrow$ 1 night

#### Day 16: Free day in Madrid

Included meals: breakfast Spend a free day in Madrid or add an excursion. + Toledo

## Barcelona $\rightarrow$ 2 nights

### Day 17: Train ride to Barcelona

Included meals: breakfast

Take the high-speed train to Barcelona and spend free time in the city or add an excursion. *Please note: Porterage is not included for the train transfers. Travelers must be comfortable lifting and carrying all luggage over steps, onto platforms, and into luggage storage.* + Park Güell & La Pedrera

#### Day 18: Sightseeing tour of Barcelona

Included meals: breakfast Discover why the Catalan capital is touted for its unparalleled architectural landmarks, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

- Step inside La Sagrada Família, Gaudí's famous masterwork-in-progress.
- Drive along Passeig de Gràcia, past Gaudí's "House of Bones."
- Stop at Montjuïc, where the 1992 Olympic Games took place, and stroll through Mirador de l'Alcalde Park.
- Pass Plaça d'Espanya.

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

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Included meals: breakfast (excluding early

*morning departures)* Transfer to the airport to board your flight home.

## Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.ca/IAF | 1-800-754-5066** 

#### Day 3: Lisbon Home-Hosted Dinner

\$125CAD (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Join a local in their home in Lisbon to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Lisboeta. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Portuguese culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: Your Tour Director will not attend this excursion. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

#### Day 5: Seville Tapas & Wine Tasting Tour

\$145CAD/\$155CAD\* (4 hours, departure time varies) Head to central Seville and meet up with a local guide. You'll set off on a food-themed walking tour through the charming Triana neighborhood that will mix history, traditions, and gastronomy together along the way. As you stroll along the river, learn the history of tapas and about Andalusian gastronomy before entering your first tapas bar. From the history of Barrio, the birthplace of flamenco, to the beautiful ceramic tiles, you'll be sure to gain a new insight on this amazing city while you feast on delicious plates of tapas.

#### Day 7: Granada Flamenco Show

\$105CAD/\$115CAD\* (3 hours, departs in the evening) Flamenco is a unique and colorful Andalusian art form that combines guitar playing, singing, clapping, and dancing. UNESCO declared flamenco to be one of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity and tonight, you'll get a taste of this one-of-akind art form in the region where it was created. Make your way to a traditional cave dug into the hillsides where you'll sip an included drink as you watch the authentic performance, which allows expressive lyrics, moving instrumentals, and passionate dancing.

#### Day 10: Moroccan Cooking Class & Dinner

\$149CAD/\$159CAD\* (4 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner included ) Visit a local cooking school and learn how to make Moroccan cuisine during a hands-on class. You'll prepare chicken tagine, mint tea, two types of Moroccan salad, and a dessert. Then, enjoy the traditional meal you've made for dinner.

#### Day 12: Moroccan Evening & Sunset Camel Ride

\$185CAD/\$195CAD\* (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Experience a taste of Moroccan life on tonight's excursion. First, set out to enjoy a sunset camel ride in a lush desert oasis. Nicknamed "ships of the desert," camels have been a traditional mode of transport for centuries. You'll learn about this history as you follow your guide through the palm grove, stopping to admire the stunning sunset. Enjoy mint tea and pastries as you learn about the indigenous Berbers. Afterward, head to a nearby restaurant to enjoy a family-style meal of regional specialties such as chicken or lamb tagine, a North African stew cooked in an earthenware pot.

#### **Extension excursion options**

#### Day 16: Toledo

\$145CAD/\$155CAD\* (8 hours, departure time varies) Today, discover Toledo, the clifftop city often referred to as La Ciudad Imperial ("The Imperial City"). Upon arrival, you'll have some free time to explore. Later in the afternoon, you'll kick off a guided tour at Toledo Cathedral: a massive Gothic structure housing a treasure trove of stained glass windows and golden artifacts. Gaze upon its sacristy, containing masterpieces by the likes of Van Dyck, El Greco, Rubens, and Titian. After exploring the labyrinth of medieval alleyways in the heart of the city, you'll visit the Church of Santo Tomé-a former mosque, dating to the 12th century, graced by one of El Greco's finest works, "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz." End your day with a stop at Santa María la Blanca, a museum that ranks as one of the oldest synagogues in Europe. Please note: This tour involves some walking over uneven terrain. Also, depending on the day of the week, the sites you visit may change.

#### Day 17: Park Güell & La Pedrera

\$149CAD/\$159CAD\* (4 hours, departure time varies) On today's excursion, discover the magnificent works of Antoni Gaudí, the famed Spanish architect known for his bold, distinct designs. Casa Milà is the first stop. Take a guided tour of this building, popularly known as "La Pedrera," which was built by Gaudí between 1905 and 1910. Everything about the building is visually unique, from its wave-like stone structure to the grandly designed roof. Next, you'll head to Park Güell, also designed by Gaudí. Your guide will lead you through the park, which contains stunning buildings, intricate stonework, and colorful mosaics. At the top of the park, marvel at the brilliant views of Barcelona.

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms