


INSIGHT VACATIONS


Treasures of Spain, Portugal & Morocco





KEY

 Central
Hotels + Nights

 Scenic
Hotels + Nights

 Place Visited

 Optional Place
Visited

 Trip Option

 Cruise

 Train

 Join/Leave Options

 Included Flights

 UNESCO
Heritage Site

Day 1 | Welcome to Madrid



Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner in a local restaurant and enjoy an evening of typical madrileño flavors.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana

Day 2 | Prado Museum and on to Golden Salamanca



With your Local Expert, travel along the main historical areas of the capital of Spain, known as Madrid of the Bourbons. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, to discover the origins of the city. A sure highlight is when you join an art historian to explore the Prado Museum, a magnificent palace housing works by Velázquez, Goya, Rubens and other masters. Journey past the walls of Ávila en route to Salamanca, with its honey-coloured cathedral and 16th-century university buildings.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Alameda Palace, Salamanca

Day 3 | Holy Fátima and Lisbon



Cross the Portuguese frontier and skirt the Estrela Mountains en route to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned religious site. Join the pilgrims flocking into the great basilica, commemorating the miraculous appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917. In the heart of the Shrine of Fátima is The Chapel of Apparitions, marking the exact location of her first appearance. Your travels continue to Lisbon.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Turim Saldanha

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Seafood Dinner By The Tagus River - Across the mighty Tagus River await Lisbon's famous traditional restaurants and wonderful views of the city. Board your ferry to cross the wide blue waters for a delightful evening of Portuguese seafood and fish specialities. After dinner, encounter more sweeping views over the Portuguese capital, as you return to your hotel via the

impressive suspension bridge.

Local crab will usually be available on the menu for a €7.00 supplement.

Adult: 69.00 EUR

** Due to operational reasons, the ferry may not be used on some departures and we will travel over the bridge both ways.*

Day 4 | Lisbon and the Age of the Great Discoveries



Uncover the treasures of Lisbon with a Local Expert, beginning with a guided visit to the historic Belém Quarter, once the departure point for explorers of the New World. Indulge in a taste of the famed Pastéis de Belém, prepared with a secret recipe handed down through generations. Step into the National Coach Museum and visit one of the world's most remarkable collections of opulent horse-drawn carriages.

The afternoon and evening are yours to explore Lisbon at your leisure. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the elegant Portuguese Riviera, where scenic coastal views beckon. You can also choose an Optional Experience to witness the hauntingly beautiful strains of Fado music over dinner at a traditional Fado house.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Turim Saldanha

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Excursion to the Royal Portuguese Riviera - Like the Kings of Portugal before you, travel along the Portuguese Riviera. With your Local Expert, see the glamorous resort of Cascais and the wealthy playground of Estoril, with its famous Casino and learn of the inspiring people who frequented Portugal's Golden Triangle. Finally, a visit to Queluz Palace – all veritable jewels in the crown of Portugal.

Adult: 58.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Fado Evening - Known as "the soul of the Portuguese identity", Fado is the emotive national song. Take in an unmissable performance of this UNESCO-recognised art in one of the country's famed Fado houses. To complete the experience, savour a typical Portuguese dinner with drinks included.

Adult: 80.00 EUR

Lisbon by Night - Drive to Restauradores then, with your Local Expert, enjoy a gentle walk through Rossio across the Baixa to discover the beautiful views of Santa Justa, the arch of Augusta, St George's Castle and the Cathedral. Enjoy a drink at sunset in Commerce Square. There's free time for dinner before returning to your hotel.

Adult: 24.00 EUR

Day 5 | To Seville, the City of Carmen



Discover the wonders of Seville, beginning with a visit to its cathedral, the revered resting place of Christopher Columbus. Then, personalise your exploration with Insight Choice. Opt for a guided stroll through the labyrinthine Jewish quarter, where you'll admire the iconic La Giralda, the former minaret turned cathedral bell tower. Alternatively, relax on a scenic drive through Seville. See the banks of the Guadalquivir River and marvel at the city's architectural treasures, from Moorish influences to vibrant Andalusian flair.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Catalonia Giralda Hotel, Seville

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Andalusian Evening & The Atmosphere Of Old Seville - Enjoy a delicious array of alluring Andalusian specialities in a local restaurant with wine included. Perhaps round off the evening with a stroll through the atmospheric squares and lanes of Seville's old quarter, which has a magical charm by night.

Adult: 65.00 EUR

Day 6 | Free Time and Flamenco in Seville



This morning is yours to completely relax or continue exploring this fascinating city. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Córdoba and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it? Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Their mission is to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco. Feel the passion behind the choreography as you put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Catalonia Giralda Hotel, Seville

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Cordoba & the Mezquita - Join your Local Expert for a walking tour of the perfectly preserved Moorish city of Cordoba. The highlight is undoubtedly the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th-century mosque with a Cathedral built inside. Walk through the forest of horseshoe shaped arches to the Baroque choir stalls of the Cathedral and the richly ornamented Mihrab prayer niche, with free time to enjoy this amazing city.

Adult: 60.00 EUR

Day 7 | The Straits of Gibraltar to Fes



Set sail across the Strait of Gibraltar to reach Morocco, a historic land of deep-rooted tradition and compelling cultural character.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Marriott Jnan Palace, Fes

Day 8 | Explore Fes



Today, your Local Expert will guide you through the ancient Medina, teeming with hidden courtyards, beautiful mosques and local workshops. Sensorial delights await around every corner as you take in the historic grandeur of this walled city. Walk through the souks and pass one of the world's oldest universities. Learn about the ancient craft of handwoven carpets, a tradition developed in this region over thousands of years. Gain insight into the exceptional skill and artistic symbolism applied to make each carpet unique.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Marriott Jnan Palace, Fes

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Excursion to Bhalil - This afternoon we make our way to Bhalil, a remote troglodyte village at the foot of the middle Atlas where we'll visit the caves hewn out of the mountain where families have lived for many generations. This is your chance to meet and talk to local people. Then we make our way to the oldest and best known ceramic work shop to see how Fes style ceramics are made, starting from the soft clay to the finished product.

Adult: 28.00 EUR

Day 9 | On the Road to Marrakesh



During today's journey, see traditional mud-walled villages set against the vast arid plains. Glimpse the Atlas Mountains as you approach Marrakesh, a bustling hub of culture and trade.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Mövenpick Mansour Eddahbi, Marrakesh

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Marrakesh by Night & Dinner - Marrakesh comes alive when the sun goes down. Visit the magical Jemaa el-Fnaa market place where an assortment of acrobats, snake charmers, trained monkeys, jugglers and conjurers congregate by night. After a walk in the square, dinner is served in a vibrant Moroccan restaurant. Enjoy classic tagine dishes and colourful salads amid a sultry ambiance of Arabic rhythms and twirling belly dancers balancing trays of lit candles.

Adult: 70.00 EUR

Day 10 | Explore Marrakesh



Join a Local Expert to explore the Medina, the historic heart of the city. See the Koutoubia Mosque, its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline with golden brickwork. Visit the intricately-decorated Palais Bahia, a 19th-century mosaic-laden masterpiece built to be the greatest palace of its day. Experience the city's captivating charm during time at leisure. Perhaps try your hand at haggling in the souks on Jemaa-el-Fnaa Square or visit one of the acclaimed museums.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Mövenpick Mansour Eddahbi, Marrakesh

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Ourika Valley - A scenic drive south of Marrakesh brings you to the beautiful and fertile Ourika Valley. Enjoy spectacular views of the towering High Atlas Mountains which are snow capped nine months of the year.

Adult: 32.00 EUR

Day 11 | Play It Again Sam in Casablanca



Journey to the west coast of Africa to reach Casablanca. Did Humphrey Bogart really did say "Play it again, Sam"? Your Local Expert will reveal the truth to this and other fascinating elements of this storied city. See the impressive Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. For those who came to Casablanca for the waters, the Corniche, a chic seaside strip, welcomes you with its trendy restaurants and cafes.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Gray Suites, Casablanca

Day 12 | Rabat and Tangier



Travel north to Rabat to see the intricately-decorated Royal Palace and Hassan Tower with your Local Expert. Your journey continues to Morocco's port of Tangier, overlooking the Strait of Gibraltar where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean. You will be taken for a guided sightseeing tour of the city with a Local Expert. After dinner, enjoy an evening at leisure to relax in the comfortable surroundings of your hotel as the sun sets or take a stroll along Avenue d'Espagne on the Bay of Tangier.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Grand Hotel Villa de France, Tangier

Day 13 | On to the Costa del Sol



Cross the water to Spain and continue on to Gibraltar, an overseas territory under British control since 1704. Meet your Local Expert for a guided tour of the Rock of Gibraltar, St. Michael's Cave and see the Barbary Apes, legendary guardians of the colony. Your travels continue through Andalucía and on to the Costa del Sol, famous for its beaches.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Mediterranean Dinner - Join us for a delicious Mediterranean style dinner in a delightful family restaurant on the Costa del Sol. We'll sample fresh Mediterranean fare, including some of the restaurant's signature dishes such as "fritura malagueña" or sea

bass baked in sea salt, a traditional recipe since Roman times. Your meal will be accompanied by local wine.
Adult: 64.00 EUR

Day 14 | At Leisure on the Costa del Sol



Enjoy the day at leisure on the sun-drenched Costa del Sol. Relax by the blue Mediterranean waters, stroll along the promenade, savour the specialities in the local restaurants, or consider exploring Málaga, the birth city of Picasso.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Highlights of Málaga - A short drive brings us to Málaga, the thriving capital of the Costa del Sol. We'll see the old town with our Local Expert and see the house in which Pablo Picasso spent his early years. The town is also famous for its sweet, full-bodied wines and our tour concludes with a taste of the recent vintage.
Adult: 52.00 EUR

Day 15 | Dining with Locals and the Alhambra Palace



Continue to Alfarnatejo, a quiet white washed village with a population of just 500 people, surrounded by stunning mountainous landscape. Travel to the oldest olive grove in the region and stop at the rural mill-factory of Alfarnatejo to taste a selection of different oils with locally made farmer bread. In small groups, you are invited into the home of a local family to join them for a delicious Highlight Lunch made with fresh, local produce that showcases the flavours typical of the region. Continue to Granada, where overlooking the town stands one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built, the Alhambra. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite palace built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century - a fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Stroll through the elegant, exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the summer residence of the Spanish royals.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Gran Hotel Luna de Granada

Day 16 | To Madrid in Search of Don Quixote



Your journey continues to the north, through countryside immortalised by Cervantes' fictional hero, Don Quixote. On return to Madrid, toast your travels with your newfound friends during a lively dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Barceló Emperatriz, Madrid

Day 17 | Depart Madrid



Today, bid a fond farewell to your memorable journey through Spain, Morocco & Portugal as you transfer to the airport and reflect on the experiences and adventures you've had.

Meals: Breakfast