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27 Day Spain, Portugal & Morocco Vista 2022 (Tour Code: ESP)



Spending 25 days in our Spain, Portugal and Morocco tour, we will experience the rich history and distinct cultures of these three glorious countries. Our itinerary has covered most of the highlights these countries have to offer. We will start from Barcelona, Spain and travel to Madrid and then to Portugal through the Spanish cities Salamanca and Vigo. The Portuguese pearls you'll discover on this great tour are Viana do Castelo, Braga, Porto, Coimbra, Fatima with its famous Sanctuary, and the capital, Lisbon. From Portugal, we travel back to Spain to visit some of the important cities and sightseeing spots including Seville and Ronda. And then we cross the Strait of Gibraltar to Morocco by ferry to Tangier, a Moroccan port and continue to step back in time in Rabat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Morocco's capital. Marvel through the red city of Marrakesh and stop in Casablanca, Morocco's westernmost city, still known for the 1942 classic film with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman.

Followed by Fez, the first imperial city in Morocco to witness the Medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once back to Spain on the European continent, you will love the visit to Granada's opulent Alhambra complex and the imperial city of Toledo. It's a memorable holiday you will never forget.

DAY 01, 30 SEP: SYDNEY OR MELBOURNE – DUBAI

EK413, 30 SEP. SYDNEY – DUBAI 21:10/05:40 (01 OCT.)

EK407, 30 SEP. MELBOURNE – DUBAI 21:15/05:15 (01 OCT.)

In the evening, take Emirate flight to Barcelona, Spain via Dubai and fly overnight.

DAY 02, 01 OCT: DUBAI – BARCELONA

EK185, 01 OCT. DUBAI – BARCELONA 08:15/13:25

In the morning, connect our Emirate flight in Dubai to Barcelona and arrive in the afternoon. Upon arrival, we are met and transferred to our hotel. **Accommodation: Acta Voraport*** or similar**

DAY 03, 02 OCT: BARCELONA (B)

After breakfast, start our Barcelona city tour by a double-decker bus (Hop on-off) through interesting places like Plaza Catalunya, Paseo de Gracia, Sagrada Familia, Camp Nou Stadium..... Rest of the day at leisure.

Accommodation: Acta Voraport* or similar**

DAY 04, 03 OCT: BARCELONA – ZARAGOZA – MADRID (635 km) (B)

After breakfast. depart to Zaragoza. En-route we will have short stops. Continue to Madrid. Arrive in the afternoon and stay overnight in Madrid.

Accommodation: Puerta Toledo or similar***



DAY 05, 04 OCT: MADRID CITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR (B)

After breakfast, enjoy our morning city sightseeing tour to get acquainted with this monumental city and see the most important buildings, avenues and squares: Gran Vía, Plaza de España, Plaza de Oriente, fountain of Cibeles and Columbus squares, Puerta de Alcalá, Paseo de la Castellana..... In the afternoon, we are at leisure to continue exploring this cosmopolitan city on our own.

Accommodation: Puerta Toledo or similar***

DAY 06, 05 OCT: MADRID (B)

We will have a free day at leisure to explore this exciting city on our own.

Accommodation: Puerta Toledo or similar***

DAY 07, 06 OCT: MADRID (B)

We will have a free day at leisure to explore this exciting city on our own.

Accommodation: Puerta Toledo or similar***

DAY 08, 07 OCT: MADRID – SALAMANCA – VIGO (630 kms) (B.D)

After breakfast, depart at 8:00 a.m. to Salamanca. We are at leisure to walk through this monumental city and its famous Plaza Mayor. Afterwards continue to Vigo. Have our dinner and accommodations in Vigo.

Accommodation: Hesperia Vigo* or similar***

DAY 09, 08 OCT: VIGO – VIANA DO CASTELO – BRAGA – PORTO (220 kms) (B)

After breakfast, cross the Portuguese border and arrive at Viana Do Castelo, city located between the mouth of the river Miño and Porto. We will have our free time to visit the old town with cobbled streets and emblazoned buildings. We continue to Braga known as the city of the archbishops and the third most populated city in Portugal. Afterwards, depart to Porto and stay overnight in Porto.

Accommodation: Porto Holiday Inn Porto Gala* or similar***

DAY 10, 09 OCT: PORTO (B)

Porto is considered as World Heritage city. After breakfast, enjoy a panoramic tour to admire the Cathedral, the Stock Exchange building, St. Clara church..... We will finalize at a local wine cellar to enjoy a famous tasting “Port wine”. Stay overnight in Porto.

Accommodation: Porto Holiday Inn Porto Gala* or similar***



DAY 11, 10 OCT: PORTO – COIMBRA (120 kms) (B.D)

After breakfast, depart to Coimbra, site of one of the oldest universities in Europe and birthplace of the Fado, the music of Portugal. We are at leisure to explore this city. Have our dinner and accommodation in Coimbra.

Accommodation: Tryp Coimbra* or similar***

DAY 12, 11 OCT: COIMBRA – FATIMA – LISBON (222 kms) (B)



After breakfast, depart to Fatima, important pilgrimage centre. Have our free time to visit the Shrine and afterwards continue to travel to Lisbon, the capital of Portugal located at the mouth of the river Tagus. Stay overnight in Lisbon. We can take an optional night tour to attend a show of Fado, typical Portuguese songs and music.

Accommodation: *Lutecia**** or similar*

DAY 13, 12 OCT: LISBON (B)

After breakfast, enjoy a morning city sightseeing tour including old Alfama Quarter, Tower of Belem, Monastery of Los Jeronimos, etc. We are at leisure in the afternoon. We can have an optional tour to Sintra, Cascais and Estoril. Stay overnight in Lisbon.

Accommodation: *Lutecia**** or similar*

DAY 14, 13 OCT: LISBON – CACERES – SEVILLA (575 kms) (B.D)

After breakfast, depart to the border of Spain and continue to travel to Caceres. We are at leisure to visit its Plaza Mayor and to walk through the old city and its famous medieval quarter, which is very well preserved and considered as World Heritage place. Continue to travel southwards to Andalucia and arrive at Sevilla. Have our dinner and accommodation in Sevilla.

Accommodation: *Silken Al-Andalus Palace**** or similar*

DAY 15, 14 OCT: SEVILLA (B.L)

After breakfast, enjoy a morning city sightseeing tour including María Luisa Park, Plaza de España, the exterior of the city's stunning Cathedral and its bell tower, called Giralda and the typical neighbourhood of Santa Cruz with its streets, squares and narrow alleys. If we wish, we can optionally navigate the Guadalquivir River, during which we will enjoy a panoramic view of the Gold Tower and Expo 92 or visit the Maestranza bull-ring. Have our lunch at a local restaurant. In the evening, we can have an optional activity: attending a flamenco show. Stay overnight in Sevilla.

Accommodation: *Silken Al-Andalus Palace**** or similar*

DAY 16, 15 OCT: SEVILLA – RONDA – COSTA DEL SOL (190 kms) (B.D)

After breakfast, depart to the Route of the White Villages and Ronda. We will have free time to stroll around. Continue to Costa del Sol. Have our dinner and accommodation in Costa Del Sol.

Accommodation: *Sol Principe (Torremolinos)**** or similar*

DAY 17, 16 OCT: COSTA DEL SOL – TANGIER (Ferry) (230 km) (B.D)

After breakfast, depart from Costa del Sol to embark a ferry to Tangier. We will cross the Strait of Gibraltar. Arrive in Morocco and enjoy a guided panoramic tour to know the surroundings of Tangier, Grottoes de Hercules and Cape Spartel. We will have free time to





wander around in Tangier. Another possibility for us is to have an extra excursion to Tetuan. Have our dinner and accommodation in Tangier.

Accommodation: Hilton City Centre Cesar* or similar***

DAY 18, 17 OCT: TANGIER – VOLUBILIS – MEKNÉS – FEZ (350 km) (B.D)

After breakfast, depart, through the Middle Atlas, towards Fez. Our first stop is Volubilis to visit its Roman ruins, the main road Decumanus Máximo, which

begins at the gate of Tangier and ends at the Arc de Triomphe of Caracalla of 217 AD. It is paved and surrounded by spacious and decorated houses. Continue to Meknès, one of the Imperial cities that became the capital of Morocco under the reign of Moulay Ismail. We will visit its medina, its El-Hedim square and its famous Bab Al Mansour gate, probably the most beautiful in Morocco. In the afternoon we will arrive at Fez. Have our dinner and accommodation in Fez.

Accommodation: Zalagh Parc Palace* or similar***

DAY 19, 18 OCT: FEZ (B.L.)

After breakfast, visit the first imperial city, the intellectual and religious capital of Morocco. We will start with a panoramic tour from the hotel to visit the royal palace and its 7 gates or Dar Al-Makhzen on the way to the fascinating world of the medina of Fez El Bali, the oldest and most extensive in Morocco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with 785 mosques and more than 2,000 squares, streets and alleys that represent a labyrinthine return in time. From Bab Boujloud to Seffarine square, we will make a journey through the centuries starting from the 9th to the 19th, along the walk we will know how these alleys are structured, the different constructions that make up the walls of the medina, in addition from its artisan guilds and neighbourhoods such as leather tanners or seamstresses to see their old ways of working. We will know a Medersa and we will finish to the sound of the hammer of the potters working the copper as they did hundreds of years ago. Have our lunch in a typical restaurant and have a free afternoon. We recommend taking an optional excursion to explore the medina and see the handicraft and carpet tour for those interested in learning about their art or buying. Stay overnight in Fez.

Accommodation: Zalagh Parc Palace* or similar***

DAY 20, 19 OCT: FEZ – CASABLANCA – MARRAKECH (545 km) (B.D)

After breakfast, depart to Casablanca, the economic capital of the country, to enjoy some time to visit the Great Hassan II Mosque, which was built by more than 3,000 artisans. Afterwards continue to travel to Marrakech and arrive in the afternoon. Have our dinner and stay overnight in Marrakech.

Accommodation: Kenzi Rose Garden* or similar***

DAY 21, 20 OCT: MARRAKECH (B.L)

After breakfast visit Marrakech, another important imperial city. The visit starts from the Koutouia Mosque, formerly used as a bookstore, which is the symbol of the city. We will continue to the sumptuous Bahia Palace, built in the 19th century by hundreds of artisans from Fez. Continue to travel from the Jewish quarter or Mellah through the kissaríá square to the Djmaa El Fna square, a living museum and intangible cultural heritage of Humanity, where storytellers, snake charmers, jugglers, dancers and more constitute an authentic court of miracles. We continue to travel through the souk and its alleys full of businesses, workshops and terraces to meet the guilds of carpenters, sharpeners and a Berber pharmacy of remedies and natural products mostly from argan and derivatives. Back in the square, have some free time before lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon we





recommend doing extra activities to complete the experience in this unique city. Stay overnight in Marrakech.

Accommodation: Kenzi Rose Garden** or similar**

DAY 22, 21 OCT: MARRAKECH – RABAT (320 km) (B.D)

After breakfast, we will leave for the administrative capital of the country, Rabat, another imperial city and official residence of the royal family. Upon arrival we will visit its key points such as the Tour Hassan, an unfinished mosque

that rises dominating the esplanade with more than 200 columns and the Mausoleum of Mohamed V, built in memory of the sultan who achieved the independence of the country and in which the royal guard, in colourful gala dress, they guard the entrance to the monument on horseback. We will have a free afternoon to stroll through the medina, Kasbah of Oudayas and its promenade on the banks of the Buregreg River. Have our dinner and accommodation in Rabat.

Accommodation: Farah Rabat** or similar**

DAY 23, 22 OCT: RABAT – TANGIER – COSTA DEL SOL (FERRY) (480 km) (B.D)

After breakfast, depart to Tangier to embark a ferry back to Spain. Upon arrival, with the assistance we are transferred to the Costa del Sol. We will have our dinner and stay overnight in Costa del Sol.

Accommodation: Sol Principe (Torremolinos)** or similar**

DAY 24, 23 OCT: COSTA DEL SOL – GRANADA (180 kms) (B.D)

After breakfast, depart to Granada. Visit the spectacular group of monuments of the Alhambra and Generalife, former residence of the Moorish kings, with its magnificent fountains, gardens and arches. Have our dinner and accommodation in Granada. We can also have an optional visit to the caves of Sacromonte and attend a typical show of gipsy flamenco.

Accommodation: Los Angeles** or similar**

DAY 25, 24 OCT: GRANADA – TOLEDO – MADRID (446 kms) (B.L)

After breakfast, depart towards the Imperial City of Toledo, full of history and monuments. Have our lunch in a local restaurant and enjoy a city sightseeing throughout its narrow streets and alleys.

Afterwards, continue to travel back to Madrid. Upon arrival, stay overnight in Madrid.

Accommodation: Puerta Toledo* or similar**



DAY 26, 25 OCT: MADRID – DUBAI (B)

EK142, 25 OCT. MADRID – DUBAI 15:20/00:45 (26 OCT.)

In the afternoon, we are transferred to Madrid airport for our flights back to Australia via Dubai on Emirate. We will fly overnight.

Day 27, 26 OCT: DUBAI – SYDNEY OR MELBOURNE

EK414, 26 OCT. DUBAI – SYDNEY 01:50/22:30

EK408, 26 OCT. DUBAI – MELBOURNE 03:00/23:20

In the morning, connect our flight in Dubai to Sydney or Melbourne and we arrive in Australia in the evening. Our Spain, Portugal and Morocco tour ends.

Tour Price: \$6,980 per person, twin or double share

Single Supplement: \$1,850

**Tour price includes:**

1. Emirate economy class air-ticket from Australia into Barcelona and out of Madrid, Spain to Sydney or Melbourne, Australia via Dubai with airport tax and fuel surcharge;
2. Transfers and transport all through except that hop-on and off bus is used in Barcelona;
3. Twenty-four night accommodation at three and four star hotels as indicated or similar in the itinerary;
4. Sightseeing tours with admission as specified in the itinerary;
5. Breakfast daily plus many meals as mentioned in the itinerary;
7. English-speaking guides.

Tour price excludes:

1. Travel insurance;
2. Optional tours (All the optional tours are organised and their prices will be given by your local guides there and the departure is only guaranteed when the minimum number of participants is reached).
3. Porterage service;
4. Personal expenses such as telephone calls, laundry and any other items not specifically listed as included in the itinerary;
5. Any meals or services not mentioned in the itinerary;
6. Gratuities to guides and drivers (5EUR per person per day is suggested).