



# Asia Discovery Tours

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## 25 Day Spain, Portugal & Morocco Vista 2024 (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 city Salamanca. The Portuguese pearls you'll discover on this great tour are Porto, 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 Cordoba, Seville, Ronda and Costa del Sol. 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 Casablanca, Morocco's westernmost city, still known for the 1942 classic film with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Marvel to the red city of Marrakesh and continue to*

*travel to Fez, the first imperial city in Morocco to witness the Medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.. Enroute stop in Rabat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Morocco's capital as well as Meknes, a city in northern Morocco, known for its imperial past, with remnants including Bab Mansour, a huge gate with arches and mosaic tiling. 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: SYDNEY OR MELBOURNE – DUBAI OR DOHA

In the evening or in the afternoon, take Emirates or Qatar flight to Barcelona, Spain via Dubai or Doha and arrive in Dubai or Doha in the early morning or in the evening.

### DAY 02: DUBAI OR DOHA – BARCELONA

Connect our Emirates or Qatar flight in Dubai or Doha to Barcelona and arrive in the afternoon or in the morning. Upon arrival, we are met and transferred to our hotel.

**Accommodation: Hesperia President or similar**

### DAY 03: BARCELONA (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning city tour of Barcelona. Drive along the main avenues with its impressive Gaudi modernist buildings such as La Pedrera and Casa Milá. The Montjuïc Park with spectacular views of the city and harbor, Olympic Ring, monument to Columbus and the Olympic Port. Visit the most

important landmark in the city of Barcelona, Sagrada Familia. Admire Gaudi's masterwork by the hand of your expert local guide. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation at the hotel.

**Accommodation:** *Hesperia President or similar*

**DAY 04: BARCELONA – MADRID (By high-speed train) (B)**

After breakfast, you are transferred to Barcelona train station to travel to Madrid. Upon arrival in Madrid, you are met and transferred to hotel and stay overnight in Madrid.

**Accommodation:** *Riu Plaza España or similar*



**DAY 05: MADRID CITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR (B.D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Discover the beauties of the city with a guided city tour. Barrio de la Morería, the Hapsburgs District, Plaza Mayor and Plaza de la Villa; the Madrid of the Bourbons and the complex town planning schemes of Charles III, the Royal Palace, Cibeles and Neptuno Fountains and the Puerta de Alcalá. The contemporary Madrid with areas such as Gran Vía, Castellana, the district of Salamanca, as well as commercial and financial areas of Modern Madrid, and the Santiago Bernabéu Football Stadium. Afternoon at leisure to continue exploring the wonders that the city has to offer. Join your fellow travelers for an authentic Welcome Tapas Dinner. Accommodation at the hotel.

**Accommodation:** *Riu Plaza España or similar*

**DAY 06: MADRID – SALAMANCA – PORTO (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Bound for Portugal, we will drive towards Salamanca. Enjoy some free time in this University City and World Heritage Site of great architectural and artistic wealth. Continue to the Portuguese border to reach Porto. Located along the Douro River estuary in northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European towns, and proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996. Accommodation at the hotel.

**Accommodation:** *Vila Galé Porto or similar*

**DAY 07: PORTO (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Guided sightseeing tour of Porto. Admire the Cathedral, Stock Exchange building and Santa Clara church. Afterwards, enjoy a Douro River Cruise and discover famous Port Wine Cellars with a wine tasting experience included. Rest of day at leisure. Accommodation at the hotel.

**Accommodation:** *Vila Galé Porto or similar*

**DAY 08: PORTO – COIMBRA – FATIMA (B)**

After breakfast, we depart to Coimbra, one of the oldest universities in Europe and the birthplace of Fado. Free time. Continue to Fatima. Center of the Christian Faith and World Pilgrimage Sanctuary with its





impressive Basilica and the Cova da Iria place where the Virgin Mary appeared, and the Chapel of the Apparitions, heart of the sanctuary, with the tombs of the three shepherds, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. At night, possibility to attend the procession of the candles. Accommodation at the hotel.

***Accommodation: Santa Maria, Aurea, Regina, Estrela or similar***

#### **DAY 09: FATIMA – BATALHA – NAZARE – ALCobaça – LISBON (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to the Batalha Monastery, a masterpiece of Gothic and Manueline style considered a World Heritage place by UNESCO. Continue to the picturesque fishing town of Nazaré. Free time and continue to Alcobaça (World Heritage) with its Gothic church and Cistercian monastery, whose origins date back to the XII C. We continue to Lisbon. Accommodation at the hotel.

***Accommodation: Lutécia or similar***

#### **DAY 10: LISBON (B.D)**

After breakfast, join a morning city sightseeing of the ancient Olissipo. Drive through its main squares and avenues, Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square & Liberty Avenue. Afternoon at leisure for you to catch the nostalgic corners of Alfama Quarter, the old city gathered next to its Castle, with old buildings nested in narrow twisting “Ruas” full of colour housing the genuine “tabernas”. Join your fellow travellers and enjoy a typical Portuguese dinner visiting one of the oldest Fado venues in the city and located in one of the most interesting cultural neighbourhoods in the area. Accommodation at the hotel.

***Accommodation: Lutecia or similar***

#### **DAY 11: LISBON – CACERES – CORDOBA (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Bound for Andalusian soils, back in Spain, we drive to Caceres, considered World Heritage site because of the city’s blend of Roman, Islamic, Northern Gothic and Italian Renaissance architecture. Walk through its Plaza Mayor and the Old Town with its famous Medieval Quarter. We continue towards Cordoba, once the capital of the Caliphate. Accommodation at the hotel.

***Accommodation: Hesperia Córdoba or similar***

#### **DAY 12: CORDOBA – SEVILLE (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Discover the impressive tour of Cordoba’s Mosque (entrance included) and other sites that will ease our mind and spirit strolling through its narrow winding streets of the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, continue your journey towards Seville. Accommodation at the hotel.

***Accommodation: Melia Lebreros, Hesperia Sevilla or similar***

#### **DAY 13: SEVILLA (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning city tour of the Andalusian Capital, Seville. Visit the Cathedral, the second largest in the Catholic world after St. Peters in Rome. Continue to Santa Cruz quarter, the natural scenario of Carmen as well as the myth of Don Juan; continue to Maria Luisa Park and Plaza de España. Afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy the city of light. Accommodation at the hotel.

***Accommodation: Melia Lebreros, Hesperia Sevilla or similar***

#### **DAY 14: SEVILLA – RONDA – COSTA DEL SOL (B)**

After breakfast at the hotel, we will drive south passing through typical Andalusian villages to reach Ronda. Enjoy some free time to admire this town of Celtic origin and the marvelous view of the valley and mountain range. We continue our journey with an authentic Olive Oil Experience at a local Almazara, LA Organic. Walk through their olive tree fields and taste their organic olive oil production. Bound for beautiful Spanish Mediterranean coast, we will continue to Costa del Sol. Accommodation at the hotel.



**Accommodation:** *Sol Principe, Sol Don Pablo, Sol Don Marco or similar*

**DAY 15: COSTA DEL SOL (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure for you to enjoy the wonderful beaches of the Costa del Sol and surrounding areas. Accommodation at the hotel.

**Accommodation:** *Sol Principe, Sol Don Pablo, Sol Don Marco or similar*

**DAY 16: COSTA DEL SOL – TARIFA – CASABLANCA (B.D)**

After breakfast at the hotel drive along the picturesque tourist route of Costa del Sol, arrive to Tarifa where a ferry boat will be used for a short and interesting crossing of the strait of Gibraltar towards Africa. Arrival to Tangier, disembark, clear customs and drive southwards to Casablanca, current industrial and economic capital and the most populated city housing a 10% of the country population. Time at leisure. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

**Accommodation:** *Grand Mogador City Center or similar*

**DAY 17: CASABLANCA – MARRAKECH (B.D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Panoramic tour of the most interesting places in the city, such as the United Nations Square, the Boulevard de la Corniche and the Hassan II Mosque. Departure to Marrakech and complete visit that begins in the magnificent Menara Gardens, which has a side pavilion and countless olive trees. Afterwards, visit the outside of the Koutoubia Tower, twin tower of the Giralda in Seville. Once inside the old part of the city, there is a visit to the Bahía Palace, owned by a nobleman from the city. Finally arrival at the Jmaa el Fnaa square, one of the most interesting places in Morocco from where you can access the souks and the medina. Guilds of wood, ceramic, furriers or spice artisans will be some of the places that will be visited. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. Optionally dinner and show at “Fantasia Chez Ali”. Accommodation at the hotel.

**Accommodation:** *Palm Plaza or similar*

**DAY 18: MARRAKECH – RABAT – MEKNES – FEZ (B.D)**

After breakfast northeast departure to Rabat, diplomatic and administrative capital, official residence of the King Mohamed VI. City tour visiting the important sights as the Royal Palace from outside, Mohamed V Mausoleum and the unfinished Hassan Tower which are important examples of the Almohade architecture. Afterwards departure. Continue to Meknes, old walled (40 Km.) imperial city located in the heart of the Mid Atlas. Guided tour; admire the great Bab Al Mansour Gate, Morocco’s most beautiful gate and the most well-known monument in town. Afterwards departure to Fez, the most monumental one of the Imperial Cities, its University of “Karaouyne” is the largest Islamic sanctuary in Morocco, ancient theological schools, etc. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

**Accommodation:** *Royal Mirage or similar*

**DAY 19: FEZ (B.D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a morning city tour of the most ancient and monumental of the Imperial Cities visiting the most interesting points: the 7 gates of the Royal Palace, Jewish Quarters or Mellah, gate of Bab Bou Jelous and walking tour of the “Medina” (Old City), declared





World Heritage Site. Afternoon free. Dinner and accommodation at hotel. Optional dinner with show.

**Accommodation: *Royal Mirage or similar***

**DAY 20: FEZ – TANGIER – TARIFA – COSTA DEL SOL (B)**

After breakfast at the hotel departure to Tangier. Transfer to the pier to board the ferry to return across the strait of Gibraltar back to Spain. Drive towards the Costa del Sol. Accommodation at the hotel.

**Accommodation: *Farah Rabat\*\*\*\* or similar***

**DAY 21: COSTA DEL SOL (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure for you to enjoy the wonderful beaches of the Costa del Sol and surrounding areas. Accommodation at the hotel.

**Accommodation: *Sol Principe, Sol Don Pablo, Sol Don Marco or similar***

**DAY 22: COSTA DEL SOL – GRANADA (B.D)**

Enjoy your daily breakfast at the hotel and depart to one of our favorite jewels in Spain, Granada. With its breathtaking monumental environment, we will visit the world-famous Alhambra complex (entrance included) and Generalife Gardens. After some time at leisure, join your fellow travellers to experience the most authentic Gypsy Flamenco show including dinner. Accommodation at the hotel.

**Accommodation: *Catalonia Granada, Sabica or similar***

**DAY 23: GRANADA – TOLEDO – MADRID (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Bound for the impressive Imperial city of Toledo, World Heritage City, where the three cultures, Christians, Moorish and Jewish, have lived together for centuries. Enjoy a guided city tour of this historical old town through its narrow streets. Continue to Madrid. Accommodation at the hotel.

**Accommodation: *Hesperia President or similar***

**DAY 24: MADRID – DUBAI OR DOHA (B)**

In the afternoon or in the morning, we are transferred to Madrid airport for our flights back to Australia via Dubai or Doha on Emirates or Qatar Airways. We will fly overnight.

**Day 25: DUBAI OR DOHA – SYDNEY OR MELBOURNE**

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



Departure Date: 23 May 2024 Return Date: 16 June 2024

Departure Date: 13 June 2024 Return Date: 07 July 2024

Departure Date: 08 August 2024 Return Date: 01 September 2024

Departure Date: 26 September 2024 Return Date: 20 October 2024

Departure Date: 10 October 2024 Return Date: 03 November 2024

**Tour Price:**

Departure on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> September & 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024: \$9,980 per person, twin or double share

Departure on the 13<sup>th</sup> June and 08<sup>th</sup> August 2024: \$10,180 per person, twin or double share

**Single Supplement:** \$2,980

**Tour price includes:**

1. Emirates or Qatar economy class air-ticket from Sydney or Melbourne, Australia into Barcelona and out of Madrid, Spain to Sydney or Melbourne, Australia via Dubai or Doha with airport tax and fuel surcharge;
2. Transfers and transport all through by luxury coach;
3. Twenty-two night accommodation at first class hotels as indicated or similar in the itinerary;
4. Sightseeing tours with entrance as specified in the itinerary (Sagrada Familia entrance in Barcelona, Douro River Cruise and Port wine tasting in Porto, Mosque entrance in Cordoba, Cathedral entrance in Seville and Alhambra entrance in Granada are included);
5. Daily breakfast in hotel restaurants plus 7 dinners as mentioned in the itinerary;
6. High-speed train ticket in tourist class from Barcelona to Madrid;
7. English-speaking tour director throughout the journey.

**Tour price excludes:**

1. Travel insurance;
2. Optional tours (All the optional tours are organized by our ground operators 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).

**Remarks:**

1. This tour is a join-in tour (English speaking, maximum 24 guests).
2. In the event that the guided tour of Madrid is not operated for technical reasons, it will be replaced by the Madrid Hop-on Hop-off Bus 1 day instead.
3. During the journey from Barcelona to Madrid, tour escort service is not available.
4. Only one piece of luggage per person is allowed. Passengers have to go through customs control with their own luggage.
5. The Morocco portion can be modified without substantial variation of services.

