

SPAIN

SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO EXPLORER JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12542)

STARTS AND ENDS

Madrid to
Marrakech

TRAVEL PERIODS

04 May 25 - 19 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Discover the distinct and varied history, culture and landscapes of Spain, Portugal and Morocco during this incredible 22-day journey traveling across the 3 countries.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures.** Small group sizes (max 24 passengers). English speaking only tour with an experienced Tour Director.
- Enjoy an **authentic Tapas Dinner** at a local restaurant in Madrid
- Embark on a **Douro River Cruise** and taste the **famous Porto wine!**
- Be captivated by **Obidos**, a medieval gem renowned for its well-preserved walls and quaint streets.
- Visit the romantic city of **Seville**, a stunning town home to the largest Gothic Cathedral in the World!
- Discover the highlights of **Marrakesh, Casablanca, Rabat and Fez**
- Experience the most heartfelt **Gypsy Flamenco show** in Granada!

Join a unique journey to the medieval and exotic cultural wonders of Spain, Portugal and Morocco. Some of the highlights of this tour include visiting the cities of Casablanca, Marrakech, Rabat and Fez, Port tasting and a cruise on the Douro River in Porto, entrance to the Alhambra Palace and a Flamenco experience.



**GUARANTEED
DEPARTURES**



**SMALL GROUP
SIZES**



**SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL**



**ENGLISH-ONLY
EXPERT GUIDES**



**CITY-CENTRE
QUALITY HOTELS**



**SPECIAL EVENTS
INCLUDED**



**SLOWER-PACED
ITINERARY**



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 20-nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- 1-night in Merzouga in a luxury Desert Camp
- One way flight from Barcelona to Casablanca
- Transportation by coach
- Private transfers to/ from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Meals: Welcome Tapas dinner & Farewell dinner
- Olive oil tasting and light lunch in Ubeda
- 7 dinners in Morocco
- Guided visits in Madrid, Cordoba, Merida, Seville, Granada and Valencia
- Guided visits in Porto and Lisbon
- Guided visits in Casablanca, Marrakech, Rabat and Fez
- Douro River Cruise and taste the famous Porto wine
- Cruise Aveiro's canals with Moliceiro Boat
- Wine tasting at Pinhao's centenary cellars with lunch
- Experience an authentic Gypsy Flamenco show with dinner
- Entrance fees for Alhambra Palace, Cordoba Mosque, Merida's Roman Theatre and Sagrada Familia included
- Daily water provided on tour
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Spain, Portugal & Morocco Explorer Journeys



Day 1 Madrid

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before a private transfer takes you to the airport.

At 19:00, meet with your Tour Director (TD) at the hotel's Reception Desk for a welcome meeting. You will also meet your fellow travellers. Your TD will give you all the relevant details of the city and will inform you of the schedule for the following day.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Casa de Las Artes Meliá Collection**.

Day 2 Madrid

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for a morning city discovery tour and enjoy one of the most exciting cities in the world, Madrid. See the highlights and discover the passion of this amazing city.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to continue exploring the wonders this city has to offer, or, join the optional excursion to Toledo (*bookable onsite only*).

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for an authentic Welcome Tapas Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Casa de Las Artes Meliá Collection**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Madrid Salamanca

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Your Iberian exploration begins today as you travel toward Salamanca. Venture towards Portuguese soils, as you travel to Salamanca. Enjoy a city tour of this University City World Heritage Site of great architectural and artistic wealth.

Overnight stay in Salamanca at **Catalonia Salamanca**.

Breakfast

Day **4**

Salamanca Porto

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We farewell Spain to discover Portuguese landscapes.

Our first stop will be at **Pinhao**, a beautiful little town on the Douro Riverbank and famous for their centenary cellars. Taste their wines while visiting their stunning vineyards. After the tasting experience, **enjoy a local produce-based lunch**.

Continue to **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.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Catalonia Porto**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **5**

Porto

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Feel the Douro River breeze while discovering Porto. Admire the Cathedral, Stock Exchange building and Santa Clara church. Afterwards, enjoy a Douro River Cruise.

Enjoy rest of day at leisure or join an optional tour to Guimarães (*bookable onsite only*).

Overnight stay in Porto at **Catalonia Porto**.

Breakfast



Day **6**

Porto Aveiro Obidos Lisbon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We depart to **Aveiro**, known as “The Portuguese Venice”. Enjoy a cruise on its beautiful canals aboard a traditional

Moliceiro boat. Enjoy time at leisure and explore the town, the old Beira Mar neighbourhood and the Aveiro Fish Market.

Travel to **Obidos**, beautiful example of Portuguese medieval walled town. Spend some time at leisure. Then, continue to Lisbon, the lively capital of Portugal.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **Avani Avenida Liberdade**.

Breakfast



Day **7**

Lisbon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Spread across seven hills and known for its decorative arts, Lisbon is one of Europe's most interesting capitals. 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.

The remainder of the day is yours to explore the charming areas of the Alfama Quarter at your own pace. Alternatively, you have the option to participate in an experience featuring a traditional Portuguese dinner at one of the city's oldest Fado venues (*available for booking onsite only*).

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **Avani Avenida Liberdade**.

Breakfast, Dinner



LISBON

Day **8**

Lisbon Merida Seville

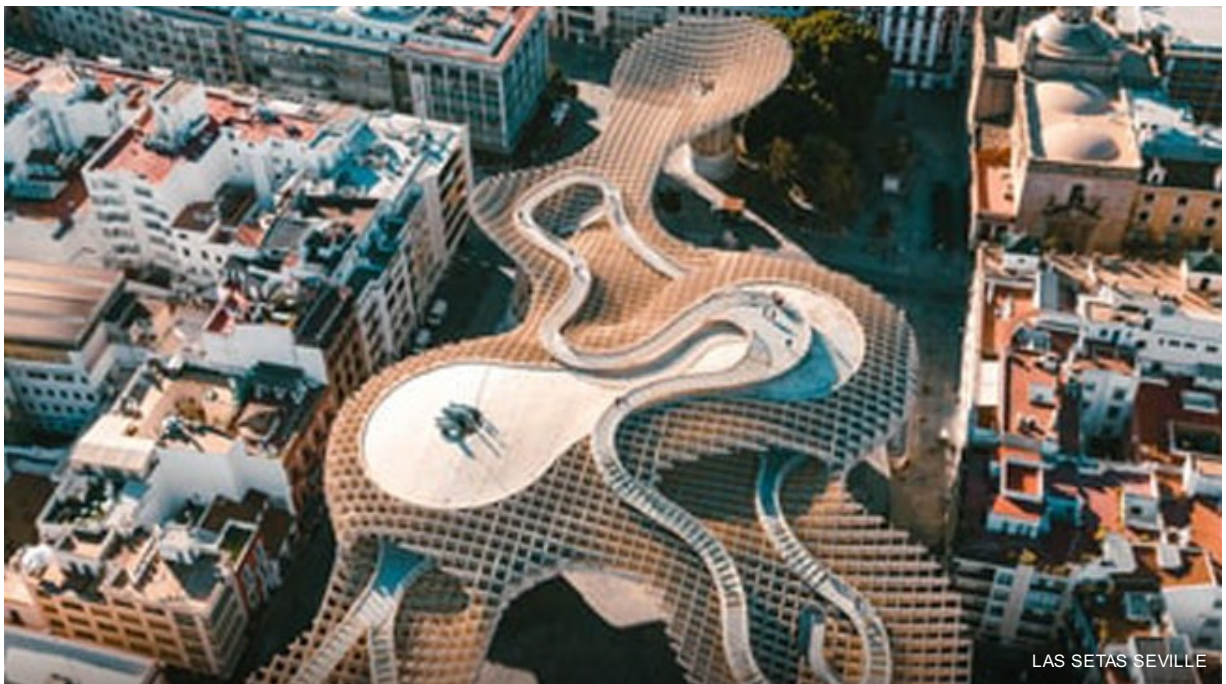
Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We farewell Lisbon and Portugal while drive back to Spain. The first stop will be Mérida, capital of the ancient Lusitania Roman Province. Merida, the capital of Extremadura, in western Spain, was founded by the Romans in the 1st century BC. There are still remains of the ancient city, such as the spectacular Roman Theater (entrance included). Enjoy some time at leisure.

Continue towards **Seville**, famous Andalusian capital, and the Spanish city of light. You can join the optional excursion to Tapas Tour in Seville (*bookable onsite only*).

Overnight stay in Seville at the **Melia Sevilla**.

Breakfast



LAS SETAS SEVILLE

Day **9**

Seville

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Passion, flamenco, tapas...this is Seville! Today you'll explore romantic Seville on a city tour, including a visit to the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. Visit the city's Jewish Quarter, with its labyrinth of narrow streets dating to the time of Moorish rule.

The afternoon is at your leisure or you can join the optional cruise on the Jerez de La Frontera excursion (*bookable onsite only*).

Overnight stay in Seville at the **Melia Sevilla**.

Breakfast



SEVILLE. CATHEDRAL

Day 10 Seville Cordoba Granada

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to **Cordoba**, a landmark of enormous heritage from a splendorous past. You'll visit its impressive Mosque, now a Christian Cathedral, and its narrow Arabian-style streets. Venture for Granada, driving through endless olive groves.

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers to experience the most authentic **Gypsy Flamenco show** in Spain, including dinner. An evening not to forget.

Overnight stay in Granada at **Melia Granada**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 11 Granada

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today's highlight will be the visit to **Alhambra Palace**, the most special Spanish World Heritage Site. The ornately decorated domes and archways are a testament to the brilliance of Moorish craftsmen. Located on a hilltop on the west bank of the River Darro, it also offers views across the entire city.

Enjoy rest of the day at leisure or you can join the optional tour of the Albaicin Moorish Experience (*bookable onsite only*).

Overnight stay in Granada at **Melia Granada**.

Breakfast



Day 12 Granada Ubeda Valencia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We depart today towards **Ubeda, the centre of Spanish Olive Oil**. Enjoy a nice walk of this historical beautiful gem and taste their unique golden Extra Virgin Olive oil, light lunch is included.

Continue to **Valencia**, a vibrant city offering a blend of modern architecture, stunning beaches, and a rich cultural heritage. You can also join an optional Valencia Walking & Paella Dinner (*bookable on-site only*).

Overnight stay in Valencia at **Melia Valencia**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 13 Valencia Barcelona

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today you'll explore Valencia's old town and the exterior of the most avant-garde complex: **Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias**.

Continue your journey in the early afternoon towards Catalunya. Reach **Barcelona**, home to world famous architect Gaudí, symbol of the Catalanian modernism.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at **Catalonia Barcelona Plaza**

Breakfast



Day 14 Barcelona

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for a **morning city discovery** and enjoy the main Mediterranean Spanish city, home to the world-famous architect Gaudí, a symbol of Catalanian modernism. Follow your guide through the streets of Barcelona and enter your private vehicle for a panoramic tour of the city. We will head towards **Montjuïc Mountain**, the area that hosted many of the facilities for the 1992 Olympic Games. Get ready to enjoy the incredible views over the city of Barcelona.

On the way back to the city center, we will drive along Paseo de Gracia, one of the most important streets in Barcelona, where we will see the facades of **Gaudí's** emblematic buildings, such as Casa Batlló and La Pedrera. Admire Gaudí's mastery and make sure not to miss out on the rich symbolism of his works. Learn about the history and significance of Sagrada Família from the inside and discover how nature influenced and inspired Gaudí in his planning.

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for a **Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant**.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at **Catalonia Barcelona Plaza**

Breakfast



Day 15 Barcelona Casablanca

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

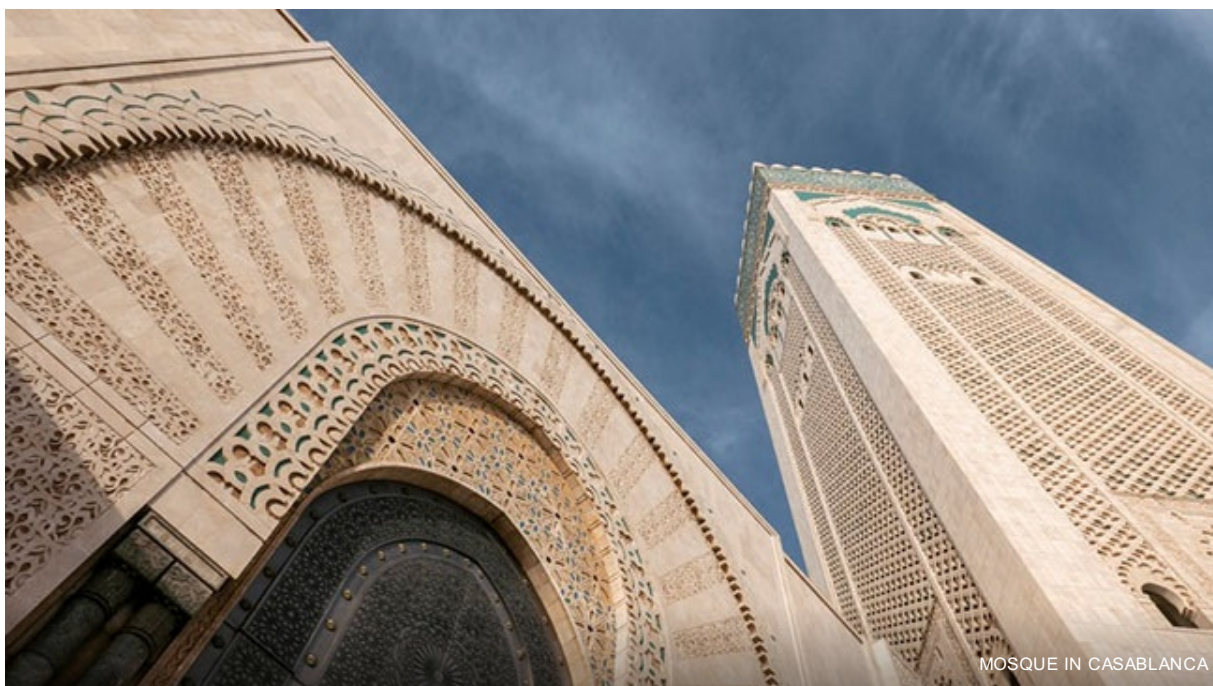
Take a private transfer to the airport for your flight to **Casablanca**.

A private transfer will meet you at the Casablanca airport and transfer you to your hotel.

At 19:00, meet with your new Tour Director at the hotel's Reception desk for a welcome meeting. You will also meet your journey's fellow travelers. This evening you will enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Casablanca at 5-star **Le Palace D'Anfa**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 16 Casablanca Rabat Meknes Fez

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today starts with a guided city tour through the most interesting sections of Casablanca, **Anfa Boulevard**, Nations square, residential areas and visit from the outside of the Hassan II grand mosque.

We farewell Casablanca and depart to **Rabat**. City capital of the country, we will visit the exterior of the Royal Palace, the Mohamed V Mausoleum and the Hassan Tower.

We continue our journey towards **Fez**, where we will be staying for 3 nights. Join your fellow travellers for an authentic Moorish welcome dinner.

Overnight stay in Fez at 5-star **Les Merinides**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 17 Fez

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your 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 a walking tour of the “Medina” (Old City), declared a World Heritage Site.

Spend the remainder of the day at leisure exploring this amazing city. Alternatively, you can join the optional cruise on the Meknes & Volubilis excursion (*bookable onsite only*).

Tonight you will enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Fez at 5-star **Les Merinides**.

Breakfast, Dinner



FEZ. TRADITIONAL TANNERY

Day 18 Fez Erfoud Merzouga (dunes of the Sahara Desert)

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Departure through the gentle mountains of the **Middle Atlas**. Continuation by a beautiful route of Berber life. Arrive in **Erfoud** at the limits of the great Sahara Desert. Change of transport from the bus to the 4 x 4 vehicles to cross the desert to the dunes where our camp is located.

Arrive at your **luxury Desert Camp** for a night among the Dunes. Enjoy a traditional Berber dinner at your luxury camp, under the stars, and right in the middle of the dunes.

Overnight stay in Merzouga at the **Golden Camps Luxury Camp**.

Breakfast



Day 19 Merzouga Kelaa M'Gouna Ouarzazate

Enjoy a full breakfast while you see the sun coming up through the dunes.

Depart to the city of **Tinerhir**. We will discover today the one of the most beautiful natural sights of your journey, the Todra Gorges. Continue to **Kelaa M'Gouna**, a small town where excellent roses are grown. Here begins the "Route of the Kasbahs". This name refers to the adobe constructions with crenellated towers and raw brick decorations.

Continuation to **Ouarzazate**.

Tonight you will enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Ouarzazate at **Kenzi Azghor**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 20 Ouarzazate Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou Marrakech

Enjoy your daily breakfast at the hotel.

Depart to the **Kasbah Taourirt**. A partially restored historic fortified residence complex. The Kasbah Taourirt was home to Thami El Glaoui, a pasha of Marrakesh during the 20th century. We continue to the **Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou** designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Built in adobe and sloping down the hill. This photogenic city has been used in celluloid masterpieces like Orson Welles' "*Sodom and Gomorrah*" and the blockbuster *The Jewel of the Nile*.

Depart towards **Marrakech**, Southern Moroccan Capital, and located within an extensive oasis between the Atlas Mountains and the pre-desert area.

Tonight you will enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Marrakech at the 5-star **Kenzi Rose**.

Breakfast



Day 21 Marrakech

Enjoy your daily breakfast at the hotel.

Join a city discovery tour, including the **Koutoubia Tower**, twin tower of the Giralda in Seville, **Saadines Tombs** and **Bay Palace**. Walk around the medina, souks and the magic Jma El Fna Square, which is packed with fortune tellers, snake tamers, acrobats, dancers, all making the center of the city an open-air theatre that requires the participation of the audience.

Tonight, join your fellow traveller's for dinner to farewell Morocco.

Overnight stay in Marrakech at the 5-star **Kenzi Rose**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 22 **Marrakech**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before a private transfer takes you to the airport for your onward journey (flight not included).

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Casa de Las Artes Meliá Collection

Madrid

Located between Atocha and Moratín streets, Casa de las Artes Meliá Collection provides an exceptional setting to savour an innovative culinary experience at restaurant Maché, which offers a fusion of local and international cuisine. More than just a hotel, it stands as a tribute to Spanish authentic artistic expression. The hotel offers a range of amenities including a heated pool, gym, library, and cinema* room. Situated close to attractions such as the Prado, Thyssen, and Reina Sofia museums, the hotel encourages guests to explore Madrid and enjoy a unique experience.

*Please note that the swimming pool and cinema are currently closed but will be reopening soon.



Hotel Catalonia Plaza Mayor Salamanca

Salamanca

In the historic center of Salamanca, next to the Plaza Mayor, is the privileged Catalonia Plaza Mayor Salamanca hotel with a rationalist style . Its unbeatable location allows you to discover all aspects of the city of Salamanca. In the hotel pool you can take a bath while you have a drink and sunbathe. Or if you prefer, you can practice a little sport in the gym.

The Catalonia Plaza Mayor hotel is next to the Plaza Mayor in Salamanca and only an 8-minute walk from the University of Salamanca, the Cathedral and the Casa de las Conchas, whose ornamental motifs are symbols of the Order of Santiago.



Hotel Catalonia Porto

Porto

Visit Portugal's most charming city from the Catalonia Porto, set in a series of buildings protected for their historical value. You will be staying in the centre of Porto, next to Praça da Batalha and the San Ildefonso church in one of the most important commercial areas in town. Choose from our light-filled rooms decorated in pure Porto style with bright colours and the typical coloured tiles.

The Catalonia Porto hotel is ideal both for tourists traveling as a couple or as a family to get to know the city and its wide cultural offer, as well as for business travelers looking to combine their work commitments with the chance to explore vibrant Porto. The hotel is in a key location to visit all that you cannot miss, next to Praça da Batalha, presided over by the imposing Church of San Ildefonso.



Avani Avenida Liberdade Lisbon Hotel

Lisbon

Situated on Avenida Liberdade, a spacious boulevard adorned with trees and featuring a selection of cafés and boutiques, Avani is located on one of Lisbon's most renowned streets, placing you at the heart of the city. You can enjoy sunlit mornings shopping and savoring tapas, spend your afternoons relaxing by the hotel pool, and unwind in the evenings at the rooftop bar, all while experiencing style and comfort. The metro station is conveniently located just 250 metres away, or you may choose to take one of our tuk-tuks to explore the charming old city and the nearby waterfront.



Melia Seville

Seville

The modernity and warmth of the **Meliá** will make your stay in Seville a wonderful experience. Located in one of the city's most distinguished neighbourhoods, the hotel has excellent connections with all transport services and features elegant spacious rooms with a contemporary design. Among the services offered are: Spa, Gym, Meeting rooms, Events, Outdoor pool (seasonal opened*), Vip lounge, Family Rooms, Private car park, Adapted for the disabled, TV area in shared lounge, Terrace, À la carte restaurant, Snack bar, Room service, Pool towel service, Laundry, Pets not allowed.



Meliá Granada

Granada

Located right in the heart of Granada, the Meliá Granada is a stylish hotel giving you close access to all the city's main attractions. It features classic and elegant rooms, some of which offer unique views over the Alhambra and Sierra Nevada.



Meliá Valencia

Valencia

This elegant hotel is located in the most fashionable district of Valencia, adjacent to the Congress Centre and surrounded by an array of dining and leisure options. Guests can enjoy modern, spacious accommodations, exceptional facilities, and convenient access to all that Valencia has to offer. Meliá Valencia provides an excellent base for exploring the city's main attractions. Take a refreshing dip in the outdoor pool, unwind in the spa, or stay active in the fitness center. Additionally, guests can indulge in exquisite cuisine at the hotel's restaurants.



Hotel Catalonia Barcelona Plaza

Barcelona

The Catalonia Barcelona Plaza hotel is located in Barcelona next to Plaza España and the facilities of the Fira de Barcelona and Montjuïc. With 347 rooms, an ideal place to stay on a business trip or a few days off. The panoramic terrace has a swimming pool and a large chill-out area with bar service and offers incomparable views of Plaza España and the Magic Fountains of Montjuïc, as well as most of the rooms. The Catalonia Barcelona Plaza hotel has 3 restaurants, an aesthetic and beauty center with treatments and massages, 13 meeting rooms equipped with the latest technology, free Wi-Fi, parking in the same building and excellent connections with all public transport.



Le Palace D'Anfa

Casablanca

Enjoying a unique location in the center of the golden triangle of Casablanca, near the department stores, Le Palace d'Anfa is located a 30 minute-drive from the Casablanca's Mohammed V airport, and five minutes from the historical monument that makes the pride of a whole nation, namely the Hassan II mosque.

As a worthy ambassador of the art of living, the Palace d'Anfa Hotel Casablanca is one of the most prestigious hotels in Morocco. Being a place where intimacy meets boldness, the hotel has always been for the business community the privileged place for meetings and events where they offer you in all circumstances a service characterized by excellence.



Hotel Les Merinides

Fes

Get the celebrity treatment with world-class service at Les Mérinides

Perched on the hills of Fez, Les Mérinides hotel invites you to explore the historical wonders of a city full of heritage. A Moroccan restaurant is located on the third floor, with views of the the Medina and offers a combination of Moroccan and international cuisine served in a refined atmosphere.



Golden Camps Luxury Camp

Merzouga

Golden Camp is a family-run camp and each of the team members are carefully chosen to guarantee the best service for our clients. All the staff is multilingual in Berber, Moroccan Arabic, English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Italian languages.

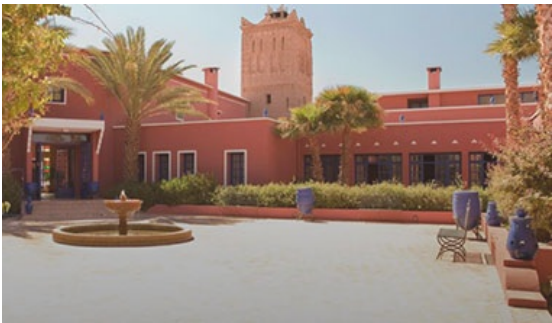
All the team that forms the Golden Camp welcomes you to make your stay unforgettable.



Kenzi Azghor

Ouarzazate

Hotel Kenzi Azghor is an exquisite Ouarzazate boutique hotel, located near the city center and offering a unique design in the area. Guests will enjoy a spectacular view of Ouarzazate's rose valley in the desert and the surrounding mountain peaks from its well-known terrace, providing an unforgettable contrast. The hotel's architecture is based on the style of traditional Kasbahs, and it carries through the theme of Berber tribes' timeless serenity and their culture of distinctive weaves, tattoos, chunky jewelry, and tribal music.



Kenzi Rose Hotel

Marrakech

Born from the magic of its mythical city "Marrakesh" and its location in the heart of the "L'Hivernage" district, one of the most popular areas of the city. KENZI ROSE GARDEN welcomes you to its majestic park, one of the first nurseries in Marrakech, and promises you an experience that you will be longing to renew.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Spanish	Euro

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)

IN PARTNERSHIP

