



SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO EXPLORER JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 15593)

STARTS AND ENDS

Barcelona to
Madrid

TRAVEL PERIODS

29 May 26 - 07 May 27

EXPERIENCE

Group Journeys
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Discover the best of Spain, Portugal and Morocco on a 23-day journey through vibrant cities, ancient landmarks and diverse cultures.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small group of maximum **24 People**
- Explore **La Sagrada Familia** and the city's stunning modernist architecture
- Savour **tapas in Madrid**, **Port wine** in Porto and **seafood in Lisbon**
- Discover **Seville's cathedral**, **Córdoba's mosque** and **Granada's Alhambra**
- Wander the **blue streets of Chefchaouen** and the **souks of Marrakech**
- Cruise the **Douro River**, witness **flamenco in Granada** and cross **the Strait of Gibraltar**

Embark on an unforgettable 23-day journey through Spain, Portugal and Morocco, discovering the vibrant cultures, rich history and captivating landscapes of the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa. From Gaudí's masterpieces in Barcelona to the royal grandeur of Madrid, the charm of Porto and Lisbon, and the soulful rhythm of Andalusia, every moment is filled with discovery. Cross into Morocco to explore ancient medinas, imperial cities and bustling souks, before returning to Spain for a spectacular finale in Granada and Madrid.



GUARANTEED
DEPARTURES



VARIED GROUP
SIZES



SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL



ENGLISH-ONLY
EXPERT GUIDES



HANDPICKED
CENTRAL HOTELS



AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCES



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

INCLUSIONS

- 22-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Douro River cruise and Port wine tasting in Porto
- Cruise along the Aveiro estuary in a traditional moliceiro boat
- Daily breakfast
- Chocolate & churros tasting in Madrid
- Seafood dinner at a local restaurant in Lisbon
- Olive oil tasting at a local Almazara
- Dinner experience by the Guadalquivir River in Seville
- Couscous cooking experience and lunch in Fez
- Visit to local vineyards and winery with wine tasting in Fez
- Traditional tea ceremony in Morocco
- Fado show and dinner in Porto
- Flamenco experience with masterclass, show, and dinner in Granada
- Self-guided experience in Gibraltar
- Visit to the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art
- Visit to wineries and sherry wine tasting
- Guided visits in Barcelona, Madrid, Porto, Coimbra, Lisbon, Córdoba, Seville, Tetouan, Chefchaouen, Casablanca, Rabat, Fez, Málaga, and Granada
- High-speed train ticket (Barcelona–Madrid, Tourist Class)
- Entrance fees included for: Sagrada Familia, Córdoba Mosque, Seville Cathedral, and Alhambra & Generalife Gardens
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Barcelona

Arrival at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at **Hotel Catalonia Plaza** or similar.



Day **2**

Barcelona

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 Batlló**. The **Montjuïc Park** with spectacular views of the **city and harbour, Olympic Ring, monument to Columbus and the Olympic Port**. Visit the most important landmark in the city of Barcelona, **Sagrada Família**. Admire Gaudi's masterwork by the hand of your expert local guide. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at **Hotel Catalonia Plaza** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Barcelona Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the train station to take the high-speed train to **Madrid**. Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Join your fellow travellers for an **authentic welcome tapas dinner**.

Overnight in Madrid at **The Westin Madrid Cuzco** or similar.



Day 4

Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel. Discover the beauties of the city with a **guided city tour** with your local expert: **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**. During the visit, we will taste the typical chocolate with churros, the most Madrid-style snack.

Afternoon at leisure to continue exploring the wonders that the city has to offer.

Overnight in Madrid at **The Westin Madrid Cuzco** or similar.

Breakfast



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.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Hotel Vila Galé** or similar.

Breakfast



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 the day at leisure.

Tonight, you will have the opportunity to share a **typical fado show with dinner** with your fellow travellers.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Hotel Vila Galé** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



PORTO CATHEDRAL

Day 7

Porto Aveiro Coimbra

After breakfast, we depart to **Aveiro**, known for its picturesque canals, which have earned it the nickname "The Venice of Portugal". We will **enjoy a ride on a moliceiro**, a traditional colorful boat used for navigating the canals of Aveiro, before heading to Coimbra. We will meet the local guide for a tour of Coimbra, a historic city known for its prestigious university (one of the oldest in Europe), charming medieval streets, and beautiful riverfront.

Overnight stay in Coimbra at **Hotel Coimbra Aeminium** or similar.

Breakfast



MOLICEIRO RIDE

Day 8

Coimbra Batalha Nazare Lisbon

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** and time at leisure. Then, we continue to Lisbon.

In **Lisbon**, we will cross the **Tagus River to Cacilhas** and enjoy a **dinner at a local restaurant** featuring seafood.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **VIP Executive Art's Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **9**

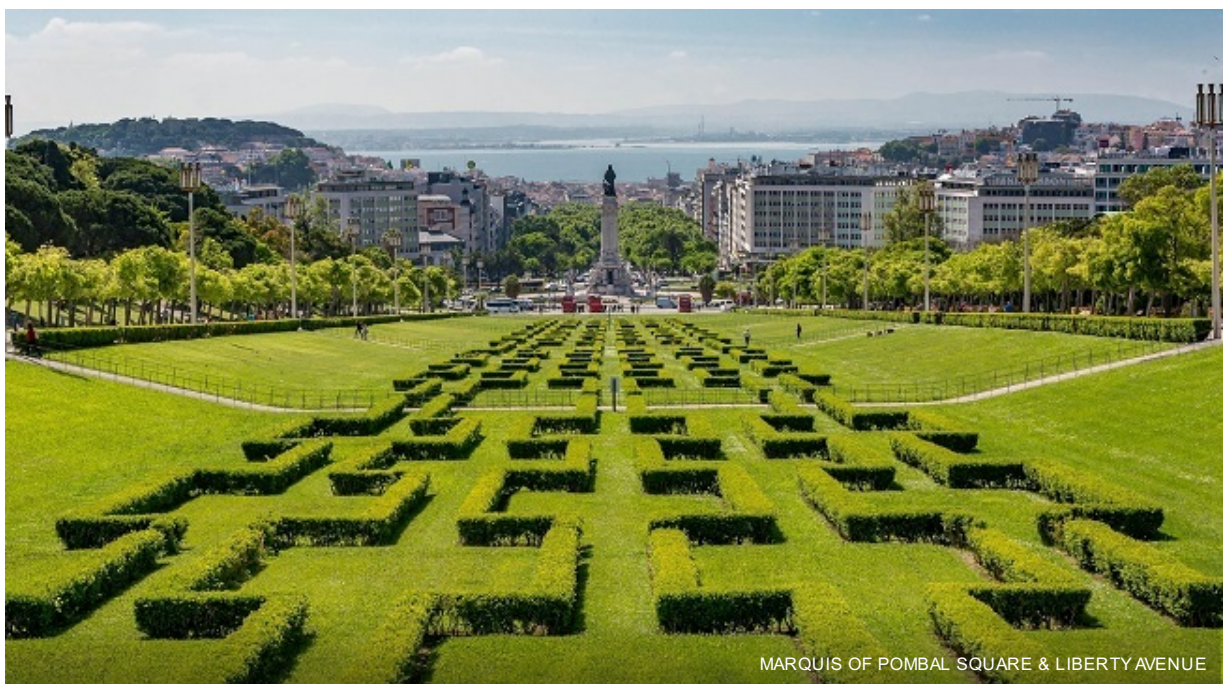
Lisbon

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 color housing the genuine "tabernas". Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy this magnificent city.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **VIP Executive Art's Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **10** Lisbon Merida Cordoba

Breakfast at the hotel. Bound for Andalusian soils, back in Spain, we drive to **Merida**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its wellpreserved Roman ruins, including the **Roman Theatre and Amphitheatre**. Explore its rich historical heritage before continuing to Cordoba, once the capital of the Caliphate.

Overnight stay in Cordoba at **Hotel Hesperia** or similar

Breakfast



Day **11** Cordoba Seville

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**.

Tonight, you will have the opportunity to discover Andalusian cuisine at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers.

Overnight stay in Seville at **NH Collection Seville** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



CORDOBA'S MOSQUE

Day 12 Seville

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**, **Maria Luisa Park** and **Plaza de España**.

Afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy the city of light.

Overnight stay in Seville at **NH Collection Seville** or similar.

Breakfast



CATEDRAL DE SEVILLA

Day 13 Seville Jerez Ronda

After breakfast, travel south through Andalusian villages to **Jerez**, where you will be captivated by two of the essential elements of the Andalusian soul: wine and horses. We will visit the **Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art**, and will enjoy a wine tasting in one of the famous local wineries.

Continue to **Ronda**. Visit an **olive oil production facility** at LA Organic and taste their organic olive oil. Rest of the day at leisure to discover the secrets of Ronda.

Overnight stay in Ronda at **Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria Wellness & Spa** or similar.

Breakfast



CATEDRAL DE JEREZ DE LAFRONTERA

Day 14 Ronda Gibraltar Algeciras Tangier Tetouan

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from **Ronda** towards **Gibraltar**. Upon arrival, visit '**On The Rocks**' in Gibraltar. Free time in Gibraltar. Continue to **Algeciras** to take the ferry to Tangier.

Arrival in **Tangier**, our first contact with Morocco, and transfer to **Tetouan**, city known as "The White Dove" and whose Medina is recognized a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight stay in Tetouan at **La Paloma's Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



ROCK OF GIBRALTAR

Day 15 Tetouan Chefchaouen Fez

Breakfast and panoramic visit of the most interesting places in **Tetouan** before continuing the route to **Chefchaouen**, considered the Blue City due to the color of its houses and streets. Arrival and visit the city, walking through its **Uta El Hammam square**, with free time for shopping and lunch. Afterward, depart for **Fez**, crossing the Rif mountain range. Arrival in the late afternoon.

Overnight stay in Fez at **Royal Mirage Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 16 Fez

Breakfast and a full visit to the country's religious city. Founded in the 8th century by Idriss II, it is considered one of the Four Imperial Capitals. During this visit, a tour is conducted through the most emblematic places, such as the **Royal Palace Gates**, the **Jewish Quarter**, and the fortress that offers the best view of **Fez el Bali**, the medina or old city. A walking tour will lead us to the famous **Bab Bou Jeloud Gate**, offering a glimpse into a part of the city that still lives close to the Middle Ages. Walls protect its interior, formed by hundreds of labyrinthine alleys where visitors can experience a multitude of smells and flavors in this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Arrival at a palace in the city for a practical class on how to prepare one of Morocco's most typical dishes, couscous. Guests will help the cooks finish this dish. Finally, lunch is served at this location. In the afternoon, visit nearby vineyards for a wine tasting session.

Overnight stay in Fez at **Royal Mirage Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



FEZ

Day 17 Fez Casablanca Marrakech

Breakfast and departure towards **Morocco**, traveling entirely on the highway. A stop is made in **Casablanca** for free time for lunch and a visit to the city. The tour includes the **United Nations Square**, **Habous Quarter**, and finally the exterior of the great **Hassan II Mosque**. Arrival in Morocco in the late afternoon.

Overnight in Marrakech at **Kenzi Rose Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



MOSQUE OF CASABLANCA

Day 18 Marrakech

Breakfast. Departure for a city tour, beginning with the grand **Menara Gardens**, which feature a side pavilion and countless olive trees. Then, an exterior visit to the **Koutoubia Minaret**, the twin of **Seville's Giralda**. In the old part of the city, visit the **Dar el Bacha Museum**, known for its spectacular architecture. Finally, head to the **Jamaa el Fnaa square**, one of Morocco's most interesting places, from where you can access the souks and medina.

In the afternoon, visit different artisan guilds, including woodworkers, potters, tanners, and spice merchants. At some point, visit a riad in the medina, a palace house, for a special moment: a traditional tea ceremony conducted by an expert. Learn how to make this important Moroccan beverage, which is an integral part of the country's culture.

Overnight in Marakech at **Kenzi Rose Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 19 Marrakech Rabat

Breakfast and early departure for **Rabat**. Visit to the capital of the country, including the **Royal Palace** gates, the **Mohamed V Mausoleum**, and the **Hassan Tower**.

Overnight stay in Rabat at **Belere Urban Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 20 Rabat Tangier Tarifa Malaga

Breakfast and departure to **Tangier**. Upon arrival, a panoramic tour of **Cape Spartel**, the palace route, and finally the **Kasbah**, from where the city's inhabitants defended against pirate attacks centuries ago. Transfer to the Tangier port for a fast catamaran to Tarifa and then continue to **Malaga**.

Overnight in Malaga at **Alameda Centro Affiliated by Meliá** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 21 Malaga Granada

After breakfast, depart for **Málaga**. Visit the city and explore its historical and cultural attractions. Malaga is a city full of corners that look back on several centuries of history, from the time of the Romans (with its magnificent theater) to the Arab, with the **Alcazaba or the Castle of Gibralfaro**.

Continue to Granada, this city, located at the foot of **Sierra Nevada**, between the **Darro and Genil rivers**, is one of the jewels of Andalusia. Here, the impressive Andalusian legacy, represented by the **Alhambra**, is complemented by Renaissance architectural gems. We will have the chance to **learn how to dance flamenco** before attending a **dinner with a flamenco show** in one of the most typical venues in Granada.

After dinner, we invite you to take the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful views of Granada from one of the city's viewpoints.

Overnight in Granada at **Hotel Catalonia Granada** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



ALCAZABA MALAGA

Day 22 Granada Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel. We will visit the world famous Alhambra complex with a local expert (entrance included) and **Generalife Gardens**. Then, depart to Madrid. In **Madrid**, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner.

Overnight in Madrid at **The Westin Madrid Cuzco** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



GENERALIFE GARDENS

Day 23 Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport.

End of services.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

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.



The Westin Madrid Cuzco

Madrid

The new Westin Madrid Cuzco, set on the prestigious Paseo de la Castellana just five minutes from Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, offers 287 elegant rooms and suites, including a new two-bedroom concept. Enjoy the signature Westin Heavenly Bed, free Wi-Fi, a modern gym, a lavish breakfast buffet with show cooking, a stylish bar, and a fine dining restaurant. With six versatile meeting spaces and excellent transport links via Cuzco Metro and Chamartín Station, it's ideal for both business and leisure stays in Madrid.



Hotel Vila Galé Porto

Porto

Vila Galé Porto is centrally located, a 10-minute walk from Rua de Santa Catarina and 100 metres from Campo 24 de Agosto metro. Built in 1999 and renovated in 2015, it features cinema-inspired décor, rooms for all needs, two restaurants, bars, event spaces, and a rooftop spa with pool, jacuzzi, gym, and city views. Guests can easily explore the Ribeira, Port Wine Cellars, Casa da Música, Serralves Museum, and landmarks like Aliados, Sé Cathedral, Clérigos Tower, and Palácio da Bolsa.



Hotel Coimbra Aeminium Meliá

Coimbra

Located in a quiet area near the university hospital and Coimbra city centre, Hotel Coimbra Aeminium Affiliated by Meliá offers comfortable rooms and a varied buffet breakfast. Close to the historic old town, University of Coimbra, Botanical Gardens, and Celas Convent, it's an ideal base to explore the city's museums, convents, and vibrant student atmosphere.



VIP Executive Art's Hotel

Lisbon

The VIP Executive Art's Hotel combines modern design with calming, neutral décor, offering a peaceful retreat in the heart of a bustling city.

Focused on guest comfort, it provides well-designed rooms, excellent service, dining, and facilities, creating a relaxing environment that balances city energy with tranquillity.



Hotel Hesperia

Cordoba

Hesperia Cordoba is located on the banks of the Guadalquivir River and it offers stunning views of the Mosque-Cathedral. This charming hotel in Córdoba does not hesitate to offer it to you in a unique environment, full of services and facilities tailored to everything you could ask for in this enchanting city.



Hotel NH Collection Sevilla

Seville

Formerly known as NH Central Convenciones, hotel has a privileged position in Seville's financial and business district. The historical area is a short walk away. And the public transport links are first-class so getting around the city couldn't be easier. Like the rest of the hotel, rooms are contemporary and comfortable, with deluxe touches including rain showers and pillow menus.



Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria Wellness & Spa

Ronda

The Catalonia Reina Victoria Hotel in Ronda offers historic charm and modern comfort near the Puente Nuevo. With 95 rooms, a garden pool, panoramic spa, Azahar Restaurant, and event spaces, it's ideal for relaxing stays and easy access to the town's top attractions.



Hotel La Paloma

Tetouan

This charming 4-star hotel is conveniently located near the centre of Tetouan, just a short drive from Kasbah Tetouan and the Royal Palace. It features two restaurants, a swimming pool, and family-friendly facilities such as cots and safety gates. The elegant, smoke-free rooms offer modern comforts including flat-screen TVs, minibars, and some with balconies and seating areas. Guests can enjoy a continental breakfast each morning and savour authentic Moroccan cuisine in a warm, inviting atmosphere.



Royal Mirage Hotel

Fez

Ideally located in the heart of Fez, this elegant 4-star hotel offers easy access to the city's main cultural attractions, just minutes from the historic Medina. Combining a prime location with dedicated service, it ensures a memorable stay in a truly enchanting setting.



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.



Belere Urban Hotel

Rabat

Located in the heart of Rabat, just steps from the Royal Palace and Medina, Belere Urban Hotel blends modern comfort with Moroccan hospitality. It offers air-conditioned rooms, on-site dining, a rooftop terrace, and convenient amenities for both business and leisure travellers.



Hotel Malaga Alameda Centro

Malaga

Located just steps from María Zambrano train station and Malaga's historic centre, this hotel offers easy access to cultural attractions, shopping, and dining. Guests can enjoy comfortable rooms, a buffet breakfast, terrace dining, and direct access to Larios Shopping Centre, making it ideal for both leisure and family stays.



Melia 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.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Every departure is guaranteed with at least 8 guests. If we can't run the Small Group Journey, you'll still enjoy the same itinerary and dates on the regular coach tour, plus a discount.
- Please note that tickets and experiences are subject to availability. If unavailable on certain dates, a suitable alternative will be offered.
- Please note that the 11 December departure will follow a different itinerary due to the Christmas holiday period. For more details, please contact our friendly team.
- Please note that Morocco portion might be *adjusted for seasonal or operational reasons*.

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

IN PARTNERSHIP

