

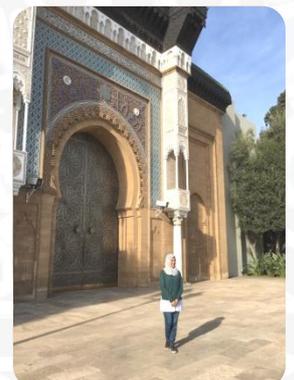
# MOROCCO & SPAIN

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## DAY 1: ARRIVAL CASABLANCA

Meet and greet at Casablanca Airport by our local representative. Discover the economic capital of Morocco, the Beautiful pearl of the Atlantic Ocean, the city of Islamic heritage and today the most luxury and wealthy city of Morocco, a city not only for Kings and Princes, with its beautiful surroundings. The atmosphere has a unique beauty and mystic which you will never find in the world.

Visit Habous district, Mohamed V Square and the residential area of Anfa, and see the facade of Mosque Hassan II, which has the tallest minaret in the world. Visit the impressive king Hassan II Muslim Centre including the exterior of the giant Mosque, which can hold 25,000 worshippers, making it one of the most impressive Mosques in the World. You will be taken through the most beautiful locations like the old city and to enjoy the beautiful harbor of "Ainsbai". **Halal dinner** and overnight in Casablanca.



## DAY 2: CASABLANCA – MARRAKECH

Breakfast. Depart to **Marrakech**, the Pearl of the South and one of the Imperial cities of Morocco. Serving as the capital of southern Morocco, the city of Marrakech is one of the most visited countries. This colourful oasis retains a rather exotic flavour with some of its 16Km mud brick ramparts still standing. Marrakech is now something of a Moroccan tourism heaven and is home to the south's premier Souq (market). Founded almost 1,000 years ago, the character of Marrakech remains quite unchanged, being hot, full of energy and somewhat African. Walk through the Menara in the olive fields, visit the Bahia Palace. **Halal lunch**.

Spread around the Medina and Djemaa El Fna square and its souqs. The Koutoubia Mosque is one of the most eye-catching of Marrakech. **Halal dinner** and overnight in Marrakech.

## DAY 3: MARRAKECH – RABAT – MEKNES – FES

Breakfast. Continue to **Rabat**, the elegant and green administrative Capital of Morocco. Enjoy one of the Morocco's imperial cities, known for its large avenues and green gardens. Modern Rabat is clean and open. It is surrounded by both old Muslim quarters as well as beautiful remains from all periods of Moroccan history. Embark on a city tour which includes the Royal Palace area, Mausoleum of Mohammed V and Hassan Tower. **Halal lunch**.

Continue to the Imperial City of **Meknes**, the city of olive groves founded by the Meknasa tribe, after whom it was named. This small city was expanded in the era of Sultan Abdetmoumen in 1145 as well as during the glorious era of the Alaouite King Moulay Ismail. Visit the Ismailian Capital, famous for its 40-kilometre-long walls. Visit the Old Medina, Souqs and Moulay Ismail Mosque square with its old shrine.

Proceed to **Fez** or, as some spell it, *Fes* – the Moroccan city with the shortest name and the longest past, as well as the oldest Imperial City of the entire Kingdom. **Halal dinner** and overnight in Fes.

## DAY 4: FES - TANGIER

Breakfast. Your City Tour of Fez will include viewing the exterior of the Royal Palace,



though general public are barred from entering the Palace, but it is still an impressive sight even from outside. The **Mosque of Bouanania**, built between 1350 and 1357, is the biggest in Fes, and the hallmark of Merenid architecture. The **University of al-Qarawiyyin** is a university located in Fes, Morocco. It is the oldest existing, continually operating and the first degree awarding educational institution in the world according to UNESCO and Guinness World Records and is sometimes referred to as the oldest university. The al-Qarawiyyin mosque - religious school was founded by Fatima Al-Fihri in 859 with an associated madrasa. **Halal lunch**.



In the afternoon, proceed to Tangier including an orientation visit of this city. The **Medina**, a walled city lively with its alleyways which are filled with shops and tea-houses; located high on a hill in Tangier with some good views of the ocean is **The Kasbah**. The **Old Sultan's Palace** (17<sup>th</sup> century), lying within the Kasbah's walls, is known as *Dar El Makhzen* and it is now a museum that houses fine examples of Moroccan Art.

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Tangier's **Grand Mosque** is a large mosque in the Grand Souq area of central Tangier. It was built on the site of a former Portuguese cathedral which in turn stood on a Roman temple dedicated to *Hercules*. The mosque dates back to the Moulay Ismail period and was expanded in 1815 by Moulay Suliman. **Halal dinner** and Overnight in Tangier.



### DAY 5: TANGIER PORT – TARIFA/ALGECIRAS – GRANADA

Breakfast. Check on board a ferry at the port of Tangier Med and cross the **Strait of Gibraltar**, which separates the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, to **Spain**. Meet and greet at Tarifa/Algeciras Port by our local representative and travel to **Granada** -the City of Faith and Justice-. **Halal lunch**.

Also known as *Ghamada*, this magnificent kingdom produces astounding architecture and a rich tradition that still influences the lives of the people of present-day Andalusia. Embark on a walking tour to unravel the Islamic heritage of this enchanting kingdom, its Arab baths, its guest houses, its markets. **Halal dinner** and overnight in Granada.

### DAY 6: GRANADA – ALHAMBRA\*

Breakfast. Marvel at the architecture, the **Alhambra\***, the red fortress built on top of a hill and the biggest attraction in Spain. It is a fairy-tale fortress created by Muslim architects, engineers, artists and craftsmen who put their heart and soul, inspired by the Quran to build an exquisite abode, where the motto is "There is no Victorious but Allah".

Explore this incredible fortress with its Quranic scripts and Arabic poetry, crowning our visit by admiring the Jannat al-Arif, the garden of paradise, now called the Generalife. See how light, wind and water have been utilized to create a serene and relaxing bliss.

Visit and prayers at the **New Granada Mosque** and explore the old city of **Albaicin**, where the medieval mystique atmosphere is still alive. Enjoying the Elvira Street Al-Qaisaria, founded by Yusuf I and called Yussufiya, as one of the famous Madrasa in Islamic Heritage of Al-Andalus. Free time for shopping at Serrallo Plaza. **Halal Dinner** and overnight in Granada.

\* Alhambra Tour pending on available access to Nazaris Palaces tickets.



### DAY 7: GRANADA – CÓRDOBA – MADRID



Breakfast. Check out and travel to the magnificent city of the Caliphate "Córdoba". Start your Tour in *Qurtuba* with a stroll through the cobbled streets of this jewel city of the Middle Ages. Be spellbound by the **Mezquita**, the exquisite mosque started by Abdul Rahman I and expanded by his successors. **The Great Mosque -Aljama- of Córdoba**, as it is also known, built during the period of Moorish occupation, is the most splendid Islamic monument in the western world. Its construction commenced in 785, when Abd Rahman established Córdoba as capital of Al-Andalus; it was extended during successive periods by Abd Rahman II, Al-Hakam II and Almanzor. Crossing the **Roman bridge** till the **Calaà Hurra**, the Islamic fortified gate in the historic centre. **Halal lunch**.

Visit and prayers in **Mosque of Avorroes**. Proceed our travel to **Madrid**. **Halal dinner**, hotel transfer and overnight in Madrid.



### DAY 8: MADRID



Breakfast. Enjoy the panoramics of **Bullring of Madrid Las Ventas** and proceed to **Real Madrid Stadium Santiago Bernabeu** -one of the best clubs worldwide- for the inside **Tour Bernabeu**. Continue by visiting the Spanish **Mosque of Madrid**. **Halal lunch**.

Proceed our city tour enjoying the main highlights: **Plaza Oriental**, **Royal Palace**, **Plaza Mayor**, **Puerta Del Sol Square**, **Arab Wall**, **Old Quarters**, **Cibeles Fountain**, **Puerta de Alcalá**, **Plaza España**, **Gran Via Avenue**.

In the evening we travel with our guide to the Outlet of Madrid **Las Rozas Village**® [www.lasrozasvillage.com](http://www.lasrozasvillage.com). **Halal dinner** and overnight in Madrid.



### DAY 9: MADRID – DEPARTURE

Breakfast. Transfer out to Madrid Barajas Airport for departure with warm memories.



## SHOPPING



**PRICE INCLUDES**

- Transfers in-out
- Meet & Greet
- Program on Halal full board starts with dinner and ends with breakfast.
- Entrance fees according program
- Modern transportation
- Muslim English speaking escort guide
- Official local guides in all cities of Morocco
- Ferry boat from Morocco to Spain
- Official local guides in Alhambra
- 1 liter of water for each 4 pax during meals
- 1 bottle of water 330 ml daily during the tour

**PRICE EXCLUDES**

- Other services or extras
- Insurance
- Beverages during meals Lunch or Dinner
- Porters at the airport or hotels
- Tipping
- Luggage services

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

**CASABLANCA**

**MOSQUE HASSAN II**

It is the largest mosque in Morocco and the 7th largest in the world. Its minaret is the world's tallest at 210 metres. The mosque stands on a promontory looking out to the Atlantic Ocean, the sea bed being visible through the glass floor of the building's hall.[4] The walls are of hand-crafted marble and the roof is retractable. A maximum of 105,000 worshippers can gather together for prayer: 25,000 inside the mosque hall and another 80,000 on the mosque's outside grounds.

**MARRAKECH**

**BAHIA PALACE**

A Palace and a set of gardens built in the late 19th century, intended to be the greatest palace of its time. The name means "brilliance". As in other buildings of the period in other countries, it was intended to capture the essence of the Islamic and Moroccan style. There is a 2 acre (8,000m<sup>2</sup>) garden with rooms opening onto courtyards.

**SAADIAN TOMBS**

The tombs were discovered in 1917. The mausoleum comprises the interments of about sixty members of the Saadi Dynasty that originated in the valley of the Draa River.

**DJEMAA EL FNA**

Is a square and market place in Marrakech's medina quarter (old city). During the day it is predominantly occupied by orange juice stalls, youths with chained Barbary apes, water sellers with traditional leather water-bags and brass cups, and snake charmers.

**FES**

**QARAWIYYIN MOSQUE**

Also known as *Al-Qarawiyyin Mosque*, was founded in 859. It is incredibly old and it has served as a home for the University of Al-Karaouine for centuries – giving cause for the Guinness Book of World Records to name the university as the "oldest existing educational institution in the world".

**GRANADA**

**ALHAMBRA**

It was so called because of its reddish walls (in Arabic, *qa'at al Hamra*). It is located on top of the hill Al-Sabika, on the left bank of the river Darro, to the west of the city of Granada and the neighbourhood of the Albaycin.

**CÓRDOBA**

**CALAHORRA**

It is a fortified gate in the Historic centre of the city, of Islamic origin. It is also the inside of the building featuring a museum which is of particular interest.

**CÓRDOBA MOSQUE**

Converted into the Cathedral of Córdoba, the structure is regarded as one of the most accomplished monuments of Moorish architecture.

**MADRID**

**SANTIAGO BERNABEU STADIUM**

Home of the Real Madrid F.C. Some truly memorable football has been placed within the walls of Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. It is not used only for football matches, though this will always be its main use for major concerts.



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