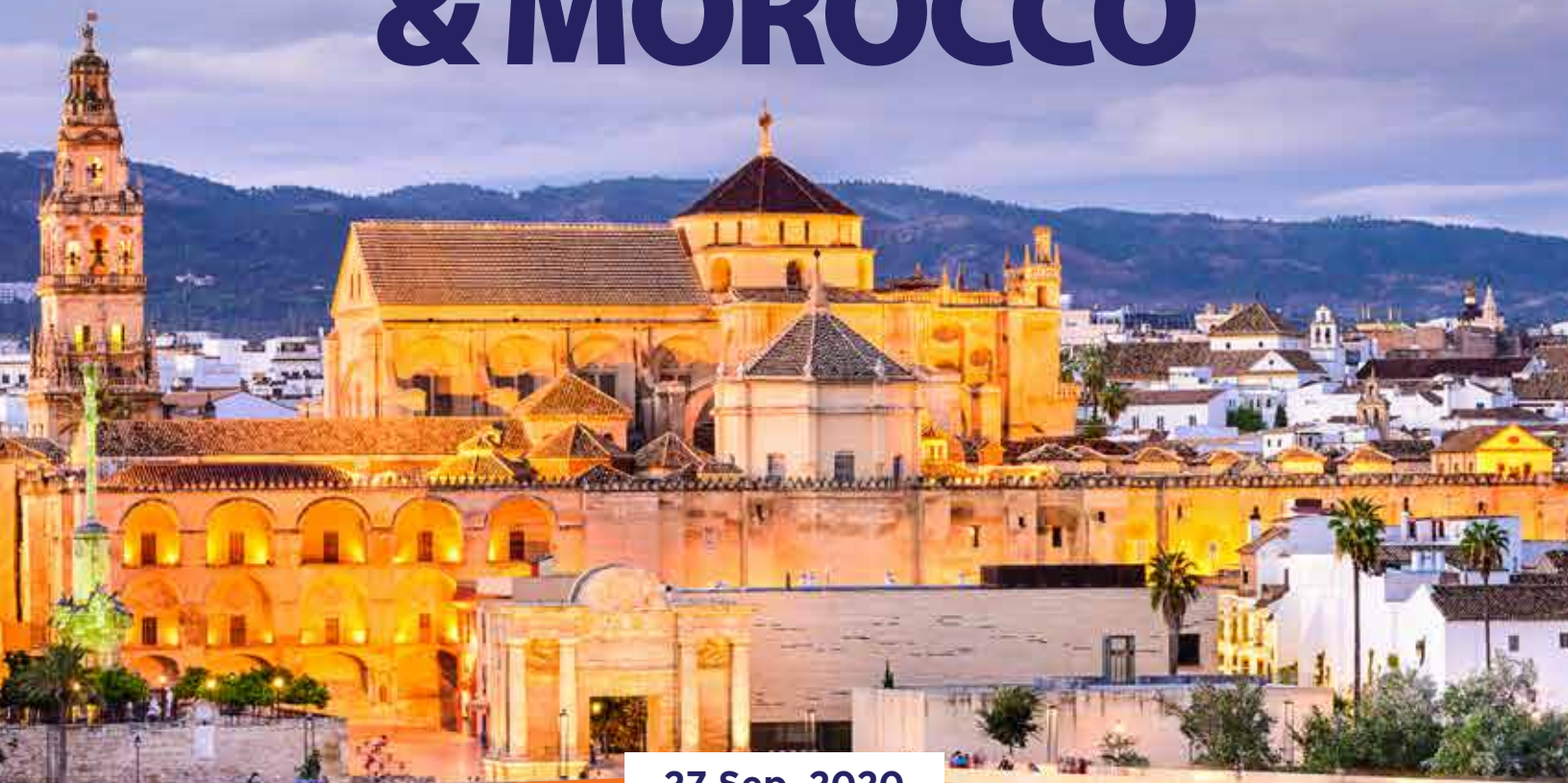


Wonders of **PORTUGAL, SPAIN & MOROCCO**



27 Sep, 2020

21 DAYS

Edmonton

C\$ 4899

Single Sup

C\$ 1429

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 19 Nights' accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast
- 12 Dinners at hotel in Spain & Morocco
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Service of Bilingual Spanish/English Speaking Tour Guide/Escort
- Private deluxe AC coach transportation throughout the tour in Portugal, Spain & Morocco
- Sightseeing tours in Porto, Lisbon, Cordoba, Seville, Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakech, Meknes, Fez, Granada, and Toledo
- Boat trip: from Tarifa in Spain to Tangier in Africa
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- International flights from Edmonton
- All Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All locally applicable taxes



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TOUR LODGING INFO:

10 Nights + 01 Night onboard flight

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis

CITIES	NIGHTS	HOTELS
Madrid	01 Night	Mayorazgo
Porto	02 Nights	Tryp Porto Expo
Fatima	01 Night	Aurea Fatima/Estrela de Fatima
Lisbon	02 Nights	Lutecia
Cordoba	01 Night	Tryp Córdoba/NH Córdoba
Sevilla	02 Nights	Catalonia Santa Justa/Catalonia Giralda
Costa Del Sol	02 Nights	Sol Don Pablo/Don Marco
Casablanca	01 Night	P. Paris/Atlas Almohades
Marrakech	01 Night	Almas/Asni
Fez	02 Nights	Zalagh-2/Menzeh /Sofia
Costa Del Sol	02 Nights	Sol Don Pablo/Don Marco
Granada	01 Night	Alixares/Gran Hotel Luna
Madrid	01 Night	Mayorazgo

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01/ SUN: EDMONTON

Make your way to your gateway International Airport to check in for your flight to Madrid. Enjoy in-flight meals and services. Overnight on board.

DAY 02/ MON: MADRID ARRIVAL

Welcome to Spain! On your arrival in Madrid International Airport your will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Madrid

DAY 03/ TUE: MADRID - AVILA - SALAMANCA - PORTO (B/-/-)

After breakfast, find your way to the meeting point located in the underground parking of the Plaza de Oriente at 08:30 AM to join the group tour. Your journey will start by taking the road toward Ávila, which is the capital of the Spanish province, known for its intact medieval city walls, semicircular towers, and 9 gates. You will stop here to admire its walls and the old town. Then, you will visit Salamanca in northwestern Spain, classified as the UNESCO Patrimony of Humanity. Salamanca dates back to the Celtic era, when ornate sandstone architecture flourished. Explore University of Salamanca, one of the oldest universities in Spain; founded in 1134, Salamanca was given the Royal Charter of Foundation by King Alfonso IX in 1218. Later, cross the border between Spain and Portugal; you will reach Porto late in the afternoon. The rest of the evening is at your leisure. Overnight in Porto

DAY 04/ WED: PORTO (B/-/-)

Today, discover Porto with a panoramic sightseeing tour of the city. Escorted by your guide, visit Porto's best Gothic, Romanesque, Baroque, and Neo-classical style monuments and learn the intricacies of them all. Admire top attractions including Clerigos, Real Companhia Velha Port Wine Cellars, Boavista, and the famous Porto Cathedral. The tour will end with a charming walking tour through the oldest quarter of Ribeira, with

plenty of restaurant and craft shops. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure, we would recommend you visit one of the Wineries of the city. Don't forget to try the Pastel de Nata: the most widely known Portuguese pastry, made of delicious custard baked inside of a thin multi-layer, flaky crust, and should be eaten with powdered cinnamon sprinkled on top. In the evening, you will have plenty of traditional restaurants to spend a relaxing and beautiful night along the river. Overnight in Porto

DAY 05/ THU: PORTO - COIMBRA - FATIMA (B/-/-)

Today after breakfast, you will depart for Coimbra. This town was Portugal's medieval capital for more than a century and it's home to the country's oldest and most prestigious universities. It also happens to be the origin of Fado, a popular musical style from the 1820's. Spend some free time exploring the city. Next stop will be Fatima, situated in central Portugal, this town is the Sanctuary of Fátima, which is a major Catholic pilgrimage site. Every year, about 5 million visitors come to visit one of the largest Catholic pilgrimage centers in the world. At night around 10 PM during the months of April until November, there are impressive torch-lit processions often led by Cardinals and Bishops. Overnight in Fatima

DAY 06/ FRI: FATIMA - BATALHA - NAZARE - ALCobaça - LISBON (B/-/-)

After breakfast, you will depart for Batalha and visit its famous Monastery classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was erected in commemoration of the 1385 Battle of Aljubarrota, and had served as the burial church of the 15th-Century Avis dynasty of Portuguese royalty. It is considered one of the best examples of Late Gothic architecture in Portugal. Then you will continue to the picturesque fishing town of Nazare, known as the most popular seaside resorts in the Silver Coast region of Portugal. Popular attractions include its lighthouse and its funicular. Enjoy some free time and later continue to Alcobaca, another World Heritage Site. Alcobaca is known for its 12th century monastery and the museum of wine. It has a collection of more than 8,500 items collected across Portugal, like portable presses, barrels, historic labels, bottles, farming tools, and copper stills. After visiting the city on your own, you will be transferred to your last destination of the day: Lisbon. Enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure. Overnight in Lisbon

DAY 07/ SAT: LISBON (B/-/-)

This morning you will have a city sightseeing tour of Lisbon. Visit the old Alfama Quarter, Tower of Belem, Jeronimos Monastery, Coach Museum, Marquis of Pombal Square, and Liberty Avenue. The Tower of Belem is a fortified tower located in Santa Maria de Belém and is as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Another World Heritage Site on this sightseeing tour will be the Monastery of Los Jeronimos, which is among the most prominent symbols of Portuguese Late Gothic Manueline styles of architecture in the city. After the tour, you will have the afternoon free to wander in the city. Overnight in Lisbon

DAY 08/ SUN: LISBON - CÁCERES - CÓRDOBA (B/-/D)

Early departure this morning at 7:30AM for Cáceres. Situated in Spain, this city was founded by the ancient Romans. The old part of the city and its monuments reflect a mix of Gothic and Renaissance architecture, with fortified houses, cobbled medieval streets, and palaces. Enjoy a walk through its Plaza Mayor and the Old Town with its famous Medieval Quarter. Afterwards, continue to Córdoba, a city located in the southern

Spanish region of Andalusia. This typical Spanish city has plenty of Roman and ancient architecture mixed with Spanish influences. On your arrival in Cordoba, you will have time at leisure before dinner at the hotel.
Overnight in Cordoba

DAY 09/ MON: CÓRDOBA - SEVILLA (B/-/D)

Cordoba is known for its beautiful Mosque-Cathedral, the greatest dual-identity monument in Spain and a powerful symbol of the two cultures that have shaped Andalusia. After the Moors captured Córdoba in 711, what had previously been a Visigoth Christian church was split in two and used by both Christians and Muslims as a place of worship. But in 784, on the orders of the Emir Abd al-Rahman, the church was destroyed and work on a great mosque began. Construction lasted for over two centuries and the building was eventually completed in 987, by which point Córdoba was the most important city in the Islamic Kingdom. This morning, you will visit this emblematic monument, then you will continue your trip to Sevilla. On your arrival, you will have time at leisure before dinner at the hotel.
Overnight in Sevilla

DAY 10/ TUE: SEVILLA (B/-/D)

This morning you will have a morning panoramic city tour: you will see the exterior of the Cathedral, Santa Cruz quarter, Maria Luisa Park, and Plaza de España. The Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Sea, also known as Seville Cathedral, is a Roman Catholic cathedral that was registered in 1987 by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. It is considered the third-largest church in the world as well as the largest Gothic church. You will have a free afternoon to discover the amazing views and flavors of this active and illuminated city. We recommend visiting the Royal Palace, known as the Alcazar Royal Palace, and its beautiful gardens. It is situated near the Cathedral. In the evening, you will have dinner at the hotel.
Overnight in Seville

DAY 11/ WED: SEVILLA - RONDA - COSTA DEL SOL (B/-/D)

Today, you will leave to the Southern coast of Spain: Costa del Sol. On the road you will have a stop in Ronda, a mountaintop city in Spain's Malaga province that's located above a deep gorge. You will have free time to admire the marvelous view of the valley and the mountain ranges. In the afternoon, you will have time to explore Costa del Sol, one of the most modern and festive cities, which welcomes tourists year-round. In the evening you will have dinner at the hotel.
Overnight in Costa del Sol

DAY 12/ THU: COSTA DEL SOL (B/-/D)

Today you will have a full day at your leisure to enjoy the wonderful beaches of the Costa del Sol and the surrounding areas. Costa del Sol is a very famous tourist destination of South of Spain with multiple attractions such as beaches, and water activities like kayaking, jet skiing, or snorkeling. There is a national park and castles typical of the South of Spain, which you may be interested in exploring.
Overnight and dinner at the hotel in Costa Del Sol

DAY 13/ FRI: COSTA DEL SOL - TARIFA - TANGIER - RABAT - CASABLANCA (B/-/D)

Today you will depart for Morocco. Leave Spain along the route of Costa del Sol to reach Tarifa, where you will take a ferry across the Strait of Gibraltar in order to reach Tangier in Africa. You will disembark in Tangier, clear customs, and will be driven to Rabat, the official capital city of



Morocco and residence of the King Mohamed VI. On arrival, you will go on a sightseeing tour of Rabat, home to numerous landmarks related to the Islamic and French-colonial heritage. Later in the afternoon, you will depart to Casablanca, a port city and commercial hub in western Morocco that sits along the Atlantic Ocean. In the evening, you will have free time and dinner at the hotel.
Overnight in Casablanca

DAY 14/SAT: CASABLANCA - MARRAKECH (B/-/D)

After breakfast, you will leave for a panoramic city tour that will take you through the most interesting sections of the city. Casablanca is an important port city and commercial hub in western Morocco. You will be able to see the city's French colonial legacy in its downtown Moresque architecture, a blend of European art deco and Moorish style. You will visit the Hassan II grand mosque from outside. It is the largest mosque in Casablanca, Morocco and the 5th largest in the world. Its minaret is the world's tallest at 210 meters. Completed in the year 1993, it was designed by Michel Pinseau, the famous French Architect, and built by Bouygues. From there, you will depart for Marrakech, a major economic center and home to beautiful mosques, palaces and gardens. On your arrival, you will go on a city sightseeing tour including visit to Koutoubia Tower, twin tower of the Giralda in Sevilla, Saadines Tombs and Bay Palace. Wonder around the medina, souks and the magical Jma El Fna Square. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure, dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Marrakech

DAY 15/ SUN: MARRAKECH - MEKNES - FEZ (B/-/D)

Today after breakfast, you will leave for Meknes, an imperial city located in the heart of the Mid Atlas. You will go on a panoramic city tour of Meknes, wherein you will get the opportunity to admire the great Bab Al Mansour Gate, Morocco's most beautiful Gate. It is an iconic gateway known for its devotional inscriptions, geometric ornamentation, & marble columns. Next, you will depart for Fez, a northeastern Moroccan city that is referred as the country's cultural capital. Fez is well known for the University of Al-Karaouineis; the first university in the world which was founded in 859. It has been and continues to be one of the leading spiritual and educational centers of the Muslim world. Rest of the day at leisure, dinner at the hotel.
Overnight in Fez

DAY 16/ MON: FEZ (B/-/D)

This morning enjoy a city tour of the most ancient and monumental of the Imperial Cities visiting the 7 gates of the Royal Palace, Jewish Quarters or Mellah, the gate of Bab Bou Jelous and walking tour of the Medina; in the Old City part. The afternoon will be at leisure so you will have plenty of time to explore the city and maybe do some shopping in the Medina souks. We recommend you see the Nejjarine Museum of Wooden Arts Crafts or the Jnan sbil: this peaceful oasis used to be an imperial garden. Today it is a really nice place to relax and enjoy the lake, sound of birds and fruit trees away from the busy medina.

Overnight and dinner at the hotel in Fez

DAY 17/TUE: FEZ - TANGIER - COSTA DEL SOL (B/-/D)

After breakfast, it is time to leave Morocco and head back to Spain; You will depart for Tangier, a Moroccan port located on the Strait of Gibraltar. It has served as a strategic gateway between Africa and Europe since Phoenician times. From there, you will take the ferry to Spain. On your arrival you will be drive towards Costa del Sol to your hotel. Evening at your leisure and dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Costa Del Sol

DAY 18/WED: COSTA DEL SOL (B/-/D)

Today you will have a full day at leisure to enjoy the beautiful beaches and touristic attractions in Costa del Sol.

Dinner at hotel and overnight in Costa Del Sol

DAY 19/ THU: COSTA DEL SOL - GRANADA (B/-/D)

Today, departure toward Granada where you will visit one of the finest monuments of Islamic architecture in Spain. Granada's most popular tourist attraction consists of a gathering of splendid Moorish palaces and

landscaped gardens. The city is well known for its medieval architecture from the Moorish occupation and especially its beautiful Alhambra. Set against a backdrop of brooding Sierra Nevada peaks, it was originally formed as a small fortress in AD 889 on the remains of Roman fortification. Continue your visit of the Alhambra with a walk in the magnificent Generalife gardens. After the visit, you will have the rest of the day at leisure to visit the city on your own. Dinner at the hotel Overnight in Granada

DAY 20/ FRI: GRANADA - TOLEDO - MADRID (B/-/-)

Today you will drive towards Central Spain, in Castilla area. You day will start by a short-guided tour of Toledo; classified as UNESCO World Heritage City. You will visit the historical part of the city which resume the Spanish art, history and spirituality, the whole town is a National Monument. You will have the opportunity to see a demonstration of 'Damasquinado' which is a Moorish art of inlaying gold or silver threads into black steel. Finally, you will reach the last destination of your amazing journey in Madrid. You will arrive late in the evening at your hotel.

Overnight in Madrid

DAY 21/ SAT: MADRID DEPARTURE - EDMONTON (B/-/-)

After breakfast, you will be transfer back to Madrid international airport for your flight back home.

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