

## INCLUSIONS: SPAIN & PORTUGAL

- Airport transfers with meet/greet assistance
- Breakfast daily
- 3-4 star hotels
- Transportation by deluxe air-conditioned private motor coach for all services as per itinerary
- High speed train tickets Barcelona-Madrid and Madrid-Málaga
- English speaking local guides in Madrid, Barcelona, Málaga, Sevilla, Lisbon, Porto
- Entrances fees as per itinerary
- Tapas tour in Barcelona
- Flamenco show in Sevilla with tapas dinner

## INCLUSIONS: MOROCCO

- English-speaking Tour escort throughout
- 3-4 star hotels
- Breakfast daily - 8 dinners
- Transportation by deluxe air-conditioned private motor coach for all services as per itinerary
- Ferry crossing from Tarifa to Tangier
- Panoramic sightseeing in Casablanca, Marrakech, Fez, Meknes and Rabat

### **\*\*IMPORTANT TO NOTE FOR MOROCCO:**

Only one piece of checked luggage per person is allowed. Passengers are required to go through customs control with their own luggage.

# COST: \$6998.00 P/P

(land only, minimum of 13)

## DEPOSIT: \$1400.00 Due 20/08/19



### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfares, passport and applicable Visa Fees, charges imposed by third parties, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed in the itinerary, excess baggage, travel insurance. Please note that travel insurance is highly recommended. Please see Ida Portella Business & Travel Services for more details.

**DEPOSIT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$1500 per person is required at time of booking. Further payments required by 27 September and 8 January.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** The balance of monies due for the tour must be paid by February 7, 2020. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or credit card (fees apply).

**CANCELLATIONS:** In the event you have to cancel your booking, cancellation fees will apply. Deposit will be forfeited on cancellation prior to balance payment. After due date for final payment, additional cancellation charges are subject to the conditions imposed by individually contracted tour operators, airlines and hotels.

**CHANGES IN PRICE AND ITINERARY:** Prices in this brochure are based on costs, charges, tariffs, taxes, levies and exchange rates at the time of publication. In the event that such fluctuations affect the price to be paid for services, Ida Portella Business & Travel Services reserves the right to adjust the price as necessary at any time. Entire Travel reserve the right to deviate from this itinerary or change hotels should it be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances.

**PORTERAGE:** Is not included in the trip price. Due to this being an Independent travel group and we will be using train it is recommended that bags should not have a weight not exceeding 20 kg and dimensions not exceeding 77.5 cm x 56 cm x 32 cm. Note: Airlines also have various restrictions with both check in and hand luggage, please check with Ida Portella Business & Travel Services airline luggage allowance.

**LOCAL CURRENCY, TRAVELLER CHEQUES:** We recommend that you take with you a combination of holiday money, credit cards and local currency. Ida Portella Business & Travel Services can provide further information and assistance if required.

**PASSPORT, VISAS AND TAXES:** You must have a valid passport with 6 months validity from date of return.

**SMOKING:** is not permitted on board aircraft or coaches, and within the airport terminals.

**DOCUMENTATION:** Approximately 2 weeks prior to departure from Australia, documentation will be received by Ida Portella Business & Travel Services including a trip itinerary, a full hotel list, baggage labels and ticket wallet.

**MINIMUM NUMBERS:** A minimum of 14 passengers is required to operate this trip as brochure. Should this not be met, Ida Portella Business & Travel Services reserves the right to alter or cancel arrangements.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Entire Travel Group and Ida Portella Business & Travel Services reserve the right to alter or deviate from the trip itinerary should circumstances dictate. Coach use is subject to EEC Regulations. For further information on any of the above conditions, please contact our friendly staff at Ida Portella Business & Travel Services.



# SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO



# APRIL 2020



**8th APRIL – Arrive BARCELONA**

Welcome to Spain! You begin your trip in bubbling Barcelona – a vibrant city that is always on the cutting edge of architecture, food, fashion, style, music & good times. After you are transferred to your hotel you’ll have time to rest before meeting your expert local city guide for an evening walking Tapas tour in the famous Born and Gothic Quarter of this stylish city.

**9th APRIL – BARCELONA**

Today join your local guide for a city tour of Barcelona’s beloved Gaudi masterpieces (5hrs). Entry is included into the Sagrada Familia – arguably Gaudi’s best-known work and is often recognised as the Symbol of Barcelona, as well as the famous Park Guell, which highlights Gaudi’s perfect harmony between nature and architecture. The rest of day is free to explore at your leisure. (B)

**10th APRIL – BARCELONA - MADRID**

After breakfast you will be transferred to the rail station to enjoy a high-speed train experience to Madrid. Once you have been transferred to your hotel the rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure. (B)

**11th APRIL – MADRID**

Today enjoy a panoramic city tour of Madrid, by coach, with your expert local guide (max 3hrs). Rest of the day is at leisure to explore, and perhaps enjoy Madrid’s historic centre, which is full of historic cobblestone pedestrian streets, and the elaborate main square, Plaza Mayor, filled with cates and arcades. (B)

**12th APRIL – MADRID - MÁLAGA**

After breakfast you will be transferred to the rail station to travel south by high speed train to the coastal provincial capital of Málaga. After you are transferred to your hotel the rest of day is at your leisure to enjoy this beautiful Mediterranean coastal town. (B)

**13th APRIL – MÁLAGA**

Today you will join your local guide for a panoramic city tour including entry to Spain’s best preserved Alcazaba, an 11th century palatial fortification. The word ‘alcazaba’ comes from the Arabic word ‘al qasbah’ which means ‘citadel’.(max 4hrs). (B)

**14th APRIL – MÁLAGA - TARIFA - TANGIER - CASABLANCA**

After breakfast you will be driven along the picturesque tourist route of Costa del Sol to Tarifa where you will board a ferry to cross the Strait of Gibraltar to Tangier in Africa. On arrival in Morocco, you will disembark and clear customs and be met by a guide to continue to Larache for a short stop and free time. Afterwards continue on to Casablanca. (B,D)

**15th APRIL – CASABLANCA - MARRAKECH**

After breakfast at your hotel enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of Casablanca. The city is the economic capital of the country with more than four million inhabitants and combines its modern art-nouveau or art-deco buildings with the old buildings of the thirteenth century, from when it was known as Dar El Baida (the white house). See Mohammed V Square, Boulevard D’Anfa, Nôtre Dame Cathedral and the exterior of the impressive Great Mosque of Hassan II. Continue to Marrakech and visit of the city with a great historical past: Koutubia Mosque with it’s beautiful minaret standing 77m high, the Mausoleum of the sixteenth-century princes Saadinos and the sumptuous Bahia Palace, built in the 9th century by hundreds of artisans from Fès. Walk around the Medina (ancient city) and its souks (markets) where an abundance of artisan products can be found. Finish your time in the fascinating world of the famous Djemaa El Fna Square (Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO) where storytellers, snake charmers, jugglers, dancers, etc... constitute an authentic “court of miracles”. (B)

**16th APRIL – MARRAKECH**

After breakfast at your hotel enjoy a free day to explore the city and make your own discoveries. Tour the city highlights or tour into the green valleys in 4x4 and learn about the lifestyle of the surrounding villages. Wonder at the impressive waterfalls located in Ouzoud. This is definitely a great opportunity to relax and immerse yourself in this amazing place.

**17th APRIL – MARRAKECH - AIT BEN HADDOU - OUARZAZATE**

Enjoy an early breakfast at your hotel before you head south in the direction of Tizi n’Tichka pass, on the high Atlas Mountains, that connects Marrakesh with the pre-saharan oases. After several stops enjoying the wonderful panoramas you continue to Ait Ben Haddou, considered to be the most beautiful fortress in the country and a UNESCO World Heritage site. This location is made famous by films such as Gladiator, Lawrence of Arabia, Jesus of Nazareth and The Jewel of the Nile that were filmed here. Continue to Ouarzazate. (B,D)

**18th APRIL – OUARZAZATE - BOUMALNE DE DADES - TINGHIR**

Today you will depart towards the network of gorges of this area of Morocco, where the landscape changes from arid and rocky to oases overflowing with fertility and greenery. The route runs through valleys such as Kelaa M’Gouna, famous for its roses and daggers; and the Boumalne du Dades, magnificent for walkers. On arrival to Tinghir, see the Gorges of Todra and its impressive 300m high canyon. Continue to Arfoud enroute to the dunes of Merzouga via Rissani, which was an important enclave where the caravans of the desert reigned long ago. Merzouga is right on the Sahara; here the road fades and the dunes mark the horizon. Enjoy free time to embrace the surroundings while savouring a mint tea. (B,D)

**19 APRIL – MERZOUGA - IFRANE - FEZ**

Breakfast between dunes is your last moment in the desert before leaving for the Middle Atlas Mountains. Wake early to contemplate the spectacular sunrise in the Sahara while your breakfast is being prepared. You will cross the Middle Atlas Mountains and see a change of landscape as you travel. As you head north a stop in Ifrane makes you feel for a moment as if Switzerland had been settled in Africa, hence it’s nickname ‘little Switzerland’. This city was built during the protectorate in the 1930’s. Continue to Fez. (B,D)

**20th APRIL – FEZ**

Breakfast at your hotel and then visit this old city with its 785 mosques and a splendid Medina (old city), the intellectual and religious capital of the country. The guided tour starts with the exteriors of the Royal Palace and its 7 gates, Dar El Makhzen, old residence of the Sultan, and the Bab Bojloud gate decorated with blue enameled ceramics (the colour of Fes) and green (colour of Islam) gives access to the walled enclosure of the Medina, largest of North Africa and declared Cultural Patrimony of the Humanity by UNESCO. This authentic maze of more than 2,000 squares, streets and alleys that ramble endlessly, guards some of the most beautiful buildings in Morocco: palaces, madrasas, mosques, doors, fountains, which pleasantly surprise the visitor. Plaza Es-Seffarin will be seen with its pretty fountain of beautiful pottery and in it will be engraved the marble flowers of lis. The Karaouine Mosque, the best known in the city with its celebrated Friday prayer, holy day of the Muslims, built in the 9th century and is the oldest religious teaching centre. Also visit the district of the dyers and the tanners with spectacular colours, and the Souk (local market) where you will be greeted by noises, smells and colours of a moving crowd, seeming to emerge from a forgotten page of history. (B,D)

**21st APRIL – FEZ - MEKNES - RABAT - TANGIER**

Breakfast is at your hotel with departure to Tangier to follow. Our first stop will be Meknes, the old Berber capital chosen for the second Alaouite Moulay Ismail King as imperial headquarters in the 17th century. You can still see remnants of its splendor: 40kms of walls, which include the gates of Bab el Mansour, one of the most beautiful in Morocco. Then travel to Rabat, which besides being the administrative capital of the country is the official residence of King Mohamed VI is one of the imperial cities, founded in the 12th century by the Almohads. Visit the exteriors of the Royal Palace, the Tour Hassan that rises dominating the esplanade of the unfinished mosque with more than 200 columns; the Mausoleum of Mohammed V built in memory of the Sultan who won the independence of the country and in which the royal guards, in showy dress, stand guard. Finally you will have some time to see the beautiful Kasbah of the Oudayas, a fortress located at the mouth of the river Buregreg with its 12th century door. Continue to Tangier. (B,D)

**22nd APRIL – TANGIER - SEVILLA**

Today you will leave Morocco and head back to Spain via a ferry crossing of the strait of Gibraltar back to Tarifa. Upon arrival in Tarifa you will be transferred to your coach to enjoy a drive to Sevilla, a city rich in Moorish heritage, winding medieval streets, baroque churches and lively historic quarter. This evening enjoy a flamenco show with tapas dinner. (B,D)

**23rd APRIL – SEVILLA**

After breakfast enjoy a half day locally guided, panoramic tour of Sevilla including a walk in the Santa Cruz Quarter and entry to the Alcazar, a famous Royal Palace built for the Christian king Peter of Castil. The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore. (B)

**24th APRIL – SEVILLA - LISBON**

This morning we say adios to Spain and this afternoon, Ola to Portugal, as you travel by coach to Lisbon – the lively and charismatic capital of Portugal. (B)

**25th APRIL – LISBON**

Today you will get acquainted with Lisbon on a panoramic city tour with your local guide. Lisbon is the perfect reflection of Portuguese culture. Get a taste by wandering through the colourful neighbourhoods and marvel at the many monuments, museums, modest cafes and bars while the rumbling of bright yellow trams pass you by during your afternoon of leisure (B)

**26 APRIL – LISBON - PORTO**

Leaving Lisbon behind, you travel by coach to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Porto, known for its production of port. This jewel of a city glistens against the reflection of its famous Douro River. Your local guide will take you on a panoramic city tour today. (B)

**27th APRIL – PORTO**

Enjoy the treasure of Porto at your leisure today. Perhaps stroll the waterfront esplanade of the Ribeira district, or cross the pedestrianised Dom Luis 1 Bridge for the incredible views of the river and the Old Town. Here you can taste some of the best port wines of the region and dine at internationally renowned restaurants. (B)

**28th APRIL – PORTO**

Following breakfast your holiday of Spain, Morocco and Portugal comes to an end. After check out you will be transferred to Porto Airport for your journey onwards.

