



# SPAIN & MOROCCO EXPERIENCE FOR INDEPENDENT WOMEN

Join us on this exotic 22 day tour which begins in Casablanca and ends in Barcelona!

This tour caters for women of all ages and interests to travel in a small group of no more than ten. The trip is designed to deliver a multitude of memorable experiences from enjoying lunch in the artistic haven of El 4 Gat to a private tour of Andalucía's Alhambra. You will enjoy hotels with rooftop gardens, wine and tapas tasting, private entrances to galleries and museums. With minimum 3 night stay in each city your leisure time is at a premium and many trip highlights will be uncovered.

## Itinerary

**Day 1: Leave Adelaide for Barcelona**

**Day 2: Barcelona**

Welcome to Barcelona! Spain's second city and capital of the region of Catalunya. When we arrive at the airport we're greeted by a local and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Here you can settle in and relax after your flight.

**Day 3: Barcelona**

This morning enjoy a walking tour of Modernist Barcelona with a local guide. A specially designed walking route to explore the Eixample district of the city, with its great Modernist buildings, including those of famed architect, Antoni Gaudi. The tour includes a visit inside his supreme yet unfinished work, the Sagrada Familia Cathedral, emblem of the city and be topped off by a famous restaurant of Modernist design, where you can choose to stay for lunch or continue on your afternoon at leisure.

**Day 4: Barcelona**

A gourmet morning as you head out on an Epicurian Markets walking tour, where you will visit Barcelona's two great food markets – the famous Boqueria market and the traditional Santa Caterina market. You will also experience the famous Els 4 Gats, the famous Modernist artists café frequented by a young Picasso and architect Antoni Gaudi, among many others before enjoying an afternoon to explore at leisure.

**Day 5: Barcelona**

Today, Barcelona is your oyster and you can explore at leisure. Great museums to see here, including the Picasso Museum, the Joan Miro Foundation and the Antoni Tapies Foundation. Barcelona was the centre of Modernism, Spain's Belle Epoque, and proudly displays its most innovative and dynamic architecture at every turn.

**Day 6: Cordoba**

Today you'll take the fast train to Cordoba and enjoy a free afternoon to explore the heart of Cordoba to uncover the old Jewish quarter situated to the west of the Mezquita's towering walls or visit the Alcazar the los Reyes Cristianos, the palace - fortress of the Catholic Monarchs built in the 14th century.

**Day 7: Cordoba**

Today you have a tour of the Mosque with a private guide. Abd al Rahman I built the original mosque between 785 and 787. In the 10th century, al Hakam II made some of the more lavish additions and later, during the 16th century, a Cathedral was built in

the heart of the reconsecrated mosque, part of which was destroyed.

**Day 8: Sevilla**

Travelling by fast train to Sevilla, the capital of 'Andalucia', you will find that it's an energetic city with charming, tiny cobbled streets and beautiful, colourfully tiled patios. Tonight, you are met by a local guide for a Santa Cruz walk and Flamenco experience.

**Day 9: Sevilla**

A day to explore the Sevilla at leisure. Visit the Giralda and the Cathedral, the Reales Alcazares, Casa de Pilatos, La Maestranza (Bull Ring), the fabulous Plaza de España and the Maria Luisa Park.

**Day 10: Ronda**

Ronda, apart from being known for its stunning civil architecture, is becoming well-known among enthusiasts as a producer of very good wines. Here you'll be greeted and welcomed by the owner or winemaker of the small winery and you'll get to see the process of artisan winemaking and taste the wine.

**Day 11: Granada**

We board the regional train to Granada today and have the day at leisure upon our arrival. You may choose to walk through the Arab quarter the 'Albaizin' where one feels closest to Granada's Moorish ancestry.





### Day 12: Granada

A highlight today as you visit the Alhambra Palace and Gardens of the Generalife. The beauty of Granada is encapsulated in the legendary Alhambra, the last bastion of the Moors in Spain. Take in a free afternoon at leisure to enjoy Granada, perhaps exploring the city centre and beautiful Cathedral.

### Day 13: Granada

A countryside excursion for a Tapas cooking class today in a private finca which stands on land near a ruined Arab castle with stunning views over the Valley. The mornings class is rounded off with a leisurely lunch with wine on the sun terrace. After lunch you may wish to stroll through the campo or have a siesta.

### Day 14: Marrakesh

Transfer to Malaga airport today for your flight to Casablanca before transferring to Marrakesh.

### Day 15: Marrakesh

In Marrakesh you will visit the Saadian tombs, Bahia Palace and explore the colourful souks with your guide, a highlight of your tour is a visit to a women's cooperative in the heart of the Medina. You will be able to see and purchase the work that the women produce and support the community in a tangible way. Free afternoon at your leisure.

### Day 16: Marrakesh

Free Day or choice of excursion.

### Optional tour from Marrakesh

### High Atlas excursion \$60pp

Take the most interesting drive through the High Atlas Mountain range visiting villages of Asni and Ouirgane with (optional) lunch reservations at Kasbah Tamadot in Asni. These villages are located at the foothills of the Atlas mountains with a gentle winter climate, moderate in summer. This is the heart of Berber countryside with picturesque villages and hamlets, forests, fruit trees (orange, lime, lemon, grapefruit) and rose gardens.

### Day 17: Rabat

Travel north to Rabat today. Enjoy an afternoon tour with a driver, visiting the Mechouar of the Royal Palace, the ruins of Chellah, the Mohammed V Mausoleum, the and the Hassan tower - an historic minaret which is the city's landmark. You will also stop at the Kasbah Des Ouadayas, built out on the bluff overlooking the estuary and ocean

### Day 18: Meknes, Volubilis

Depart Rabat and travel to the Imperial city of Meknes. Enjoy a tour with local guide including El Hdim square, Bab El Mansour, the massive gate which is the entrance to the old city and the Jewish quarter, the Royal Granaries and the city ramparts. Continue on to Volubilis, famous for its magnificent in situ mosaics. Most of the visible ruins date back from the 3rd century BC. Note the carefully laid street plan, still visible today is a great contrast to the chaos of Moroccan Medinas and the holy town of Moulay Idriss.

### Day 19: Fes

An interesting morning in Fes as you enjoy a visit with a local guide to the Medina and colorful souks with the

tanneries quarter. Free afternoon at leisure.

### Day 20: Fes, Casablanca

This morning enjoy a half day tour of Fes. You will visit the Karaouiyne University, Nejarrine Fountain, the historic Medersas and the Mechouar of the Royal Palace. In the afternoon, transfer to Casablanca. Your driver will take you on a panoramic visit, stopping at the Hassan II Mosque and in the evening to Rick's Café where you can have dinner or cocktail at the bar.

### Day 21: Casablanca

The journey comes to an end as you are transferred to Casablanca airport

### Day 22: Adelaide

Arrive home to Adelaide

## Your experience includes...

Return economy airfares, single accommodation throughout, two meals per day, all transfers, train and bus travel, museum entrances and guides, tips, taxes and special events. Travel insurance not included. Taxi fares not included, unless stated at the time.

Our dining is a mix of rural and local places with regional food, through to wonderful, picturesque restaurants with books for menus. Each day you will be provided with breakfast and one other meal. Walking at a leisurely pace is a large component of our tour. In each place we visit, we walk for either most of the morning or afternoon so we can get the true sense of the place we are in.

Prices start from \$15,600\*

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