

SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart for Madrid.

Day 2: Arrive **Madrid**. Meet your assistant for your coach transfer to your hotel.

Day 3: Since the civil war, Madrid expansion has been vast and rapid. Most of the great monuments of the 17th and 18th century survive. Highlights of today's city tour include the 18th century Royal Palace, the Puerto del Sol, the Cervantes Memorial and the Prado. Visit the **Royal Palace**. Afternoon free for independent sightseeing.

Day 4: A day excursion to **Toledo** home of the artist El Greco and the magnificent 13th century Gothic Cathedral. Excursion to El Escorial and the Valley of the fallen which is a monument to those who died in the Spanish Civil War.

Day 5: Depart Madrid very early this morning and travel through the rugged landscapes of Don Quixote's La Mancha to the city of **Granada**. Tour of the Generalife and the spectacular 13th century Moorish Palace the **Alhambra**. Tonight shop in the Moorish Market.



Day 6: Depart for **Rhonda**. Rhonda rests on its massive gorge that literally splits the town in half. Cliff hanging houses perch right along the edge and look like they will slide into the abyss at any moment. Three bridges link two towns and two eras. Enjoy full day excursion. Overnight in Marbella.

Day 7: Depart for **Tarifa** for your ferry ride across the **Strait of Gibraltar to Tangiers Morocco** on the coast of North Africa. See the Kasbah, the Palace of the Sultan and the Zocos. Return to Spain and travel to the white village of Arcos de la Frontera for overnight.

Day 8: Spend the morning exploring **Arcos de la Frontera**. Built atop a rocky limestone ridge it offers great views and dramatic sheer cliff faces plunging to the valley below. Declared as a national historic monument in 1962 for its exceptional architecture. Later depart for Seville. Tonight be entertained at your **Flamenco Show**, a music and dance art form with its roots in the gypsy and Moorish cultures



Day 9: Meet your guide for a city sightseeing tour. See and visit some of **Seville's** four greatest treasures - the Cathedral, the La Giralda Tower, the Alcazar, and the winding streets of the Barrio de Santa Cruz. Today also visit the bullring, La Maestranza.

Day 10: Leave Spain behind travelling towards the **Portuguese** border. Visit the fortified town of Elvas and continue through rustic villages, oak forests and cork tree groves for Lisbon the capitol and largest city in Portugal. It is also the oldest city in Western Europe.

Day 11: **Lisbon** is rich in architecture and culture. The lovely backstreets offer delightful discoveries. Today's sightseeing tour includes Black Horse Square, Eduardo VII Park, The Tower of Belem and a visit to Geronimo's Monastery to see tomb of Vasco de Gama. Afternoon to visit St Georges Castle and wander the Alfama District and Bairro Alta.



Day 12: Enjoy the drive to the town of Sintra, a must see magical living architectural museum. Today visit the 14th century **Sintra Palace**, one of the best preserved in the country and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Also visit the salmon pink Queluz Palace, a palace befitting royalty.

Day 13: Depart for home.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare to Madrid return from Lisbon
- Coach transfers
 - o Arrival in Madrid
 - o Half day city sightseeing
 - o Day excursion to Toledo
 - o Transfer from Madrid until arrival in Seville
 - o Transfer Seville to Lisbon
 - o Full day visit to Sintra
 - o Airport transfer Lisbon
- Assistance upon arrival in Madrid
- 11 nights accommodation
- 11 breakfasts
- 5 dinners
- Guides
 - o City sightseeing in Madrid including Royal Palace
 - o Guided Sightseeing in Tangiers
 - o Guided sightseeing in Seville
 - o Guided sightseeing in Lisbon
- Entrances/ Activities
 - o Entrance to Royal Palace Madrid
 - o Entrance Generalife in Granada
 - o Entrance Alhambra in Granada
 - o Return ferry crossing to Tangiers
 - o Flamenco show in Seville
 - o Entrance to the Cathedral in Seville
 - o Entrance to La Maestranza in Seville
 - o Geronimo's Monastery Lisbon
 - o St Georges Castle in Lisbon
 - o Entrance to Sintra Palace
 - o Entrance to Queluz Palace

