



SPAIN AND THE COSTA DEL SOL

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS-\$3,548 double occupancy (\$698 single supplement)

\$125 discount for payment by cash, check or money order

November 6-16, 2018

TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from **Detroit**
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 14 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts and 7 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day tours to Seville, a tour to Ronda and a tour to the Rock of Gibraltar. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy, social systems and interaction with locals
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Torremolinos
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Soak up the sun on the sandy beaches of the Mediterranean
- Marvel at the architecture of the Cathedral of Seville, third largest in the world
- Enjoy the Giralda, built originally in the 12th century
- See the Alcazar Royal Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Explore the Santa Cruz Jewish quarter
- Visit Ronda, one of the loveliest and most historic towns in Andalucía
- Learn about Bullfighting history while exploring Plaza de Toros, the oldest Bull ring in Spain
- Scenic ferry trip to Tangier in Morocco
- Visit the continent of Africa
- Views of the Mediterranean, Spain and Morocco from the Rock of Gibraltar
- Visit famous citadel and Alhambra Palace in Granada, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Explore the Generalife gardens, a green paradise constructed for Nazarite kings and queens
- Discover Mijas, a beautifully preserved Andalusian village
- Experience majestic Madrid with its magnificent monuments such as Neptune and Cibeles fountains, the Alcalá Gate, the Plaza de España, and the Royal Palace, the lavish site of royal events.

OPTIONAL MOROCCO EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 2 meals included consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Half day tour of Madrid, including the Royal Palace
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Madrid
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

Formal Itinerary

Day 1 Depart USA-Depart Detroit for Spain. Meals and refreshments served on board.

Day 2 Arrive Malaga, Spain/Torremolinos-Welcome to the famous Costa del Sol, Spain's Mediterranean coastline! Upon arrival in Malaga, proceed to baggage claim. After clearing customs, you will be met by your tour director. You'll be transferred to your first class Hotel located in the renowned resort town of Torremolinos, situated along one of the most cosmopolitan stretches of coastline in Spain. Enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure. (D)

Day 3 Torremolinos-Seville Tour-After breakfast at the hotel, take a full-day tour to Seville. Seville is Spain's fourth largest city and the capital of the Andalusia region. Built on the banks of the Guadalquivir River, the city has a rich history with vast Moorish influences and was once a prosperous trading port with the Americas. It was in Seville that Columbus docked upon returning from America. Enjoy a panoramic tour of this vibrant city; see the meticulous gardens at Maria Luisa Park, stroll through the district of Santa Cruz and revel in the city's 15th century Cathedral. Enjoy the striking minaret, the slenderest tower was added in the 16th century. Not far away is another amazing monumental complex, the Alcazar palace, completed by Peter the First and recognized for its Mudejar style. (B, D) = (B) Breakfast (D) Dinner

Day 4 Torremolinos-Ronda Tour-After breakfast enjoy a full-day tour of Ronda. Explore the mountainous region of Ronda on this relaxing daytrip from the Costa del Sol. You'll see all the highlights of this lovely town, including the Plaza de Toros Maestranza, the Church of the Holy Spirit, the town square, and a bull-fighting museum. The picturesque town of Ronda spans the plunging river gorge known as El Tajo, which is crossed by the 18th century Puente Nuevo Bridge. You'll visit the town square known as Plaza de Espana, the Church of the Holy Spirit built in 1485, and the Cathedral Church of Our Lady of the Incarnation, known today as the Church of Saint Mary the Elder. Cultural Discovery Series – Plaza de Toros, the oldest bull ring in Spain, has staged some of the most important events in bullfighting history. The museum's collection of memorabilia includes photos of famous bullfighting fans, like Ernest Hemmingway and Orson Wells. You'll have free time to explore Ronda and perhaps enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel along the Costa del Sol. (B, D)

Day 5 Torremolinos-After breakfast enjoy a day at leisure and relax at the hotel or take an optional tour to Tangier. This excursion offers an unforgettable opportunity to visit this fascinating destination. The fun begins with a ferry ride across the straits of Gibraltar to exotic Morocco and the ancient city of Tangier. Upon arrival, you will tour the modern half of the city along with Cape Spartel, the northwestern most point of the African continent. Next, you'll explore the old town or Cashbah on a walking tour. Here, shopping treasures abound in the myriad of colorful markets and meandering streets. (B, D)

Day 6 Torremolinos – Gibraltar-Tour After breakfast, take a full-day tour to Gibraltar and discover the Rock of Gibraltar, located at the entrance of the Mediterranean. Its strategic location and history have made it an international symbol of solidity and strength and is frequently featured in the world press and media. Gibraltar is connected to Spain by a sandy strip. The subject of repeated conquest and siege, Gibraltar has been a British territory since 1704 when it was ceded forever under the Treaty of Utrecht. Since 1973, it has been a part of the EU under the British accession. When you first see the Rock of Gibraltar, whether it's from the air, from the sea, or from either the Costa del Sol or the western end of the Bay, its impressive stature, towers isolated above the surrounding countryside. (B, D)



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Day 7 Torremolinos - After breakfast enjoy your day at leisure... play a round of golf, relax at the hotel spa, do your last minute shopping, or take an optional tour to Granada, featuring a guided tour of the Alhambra, a fortified palatine city of the 13th to 15th century. Built by the Nazarite Kings, it includes: Alcazaba Citadel and the Palaces of Los Leones and Comares; the Generalife, a summer residence set in beautiful gardens; the Royal Room of Santo Domingo, built in the orchards of Almaraxarra; and the Palace of Alcazar Genil, used by the Nazarite Queens. The Palace of Charles V, designed in 1526 by Pedro Machuca in the heart of the Alhambra as a symbol of new power, is the most outstanding Renaissance work in Granada. Make sure you have your camera for some amazing photo ops! Return to the hotel for dinner. (B, D)

Day 8 Torremolinos – After breakfast enjoy today at leisure or take an optional tour to Mijas. Here you'll find postcard-perfect white-washed houses and spectacular views of the coast and countryside. Mijas is one of the most picturesque villages in Andalusia, situated 1300 feet above sea level. Perhaps you'll even want to experience a true local treat... a ride in a donkey-drawn taxi! You can also bask in the glittering sun or simply relax at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 9 Malega/Madrid – After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Madrid. Upon arrival, you will be met by your tour director and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore on your own. (B)

Day 10 Madrid – City Tour- After breakfast the highlights of your morning city tour include the magnificent fountains of Neptune and Cibeles, the Alcala Gate, the Plaza de Espana, and a visit to the Royal Palace. The rest of the day is a leisure for some shopping, a visit to the Prado Museum or for a stroll through the gardens of Retiro Park. Tonight you will have the opportunity to join an optional tour including dinner at a local restaurant followed by a flamenco show. (B)

Day 11 Madrid/USA - After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast (D) Dinner

Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at guide's discretion due to local conditions.

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Price includes:

- Round trip economy airfare. Flight may include 2 to 3 change of flights on both legs of trip.
- Price of airfare subject to change. If the airline notifies us of a price increase before the trip, it may be passed on to each individual.
- Flight check-in is at airport the day of flight. You will not be able to make seating arrangements prior to that time.
- Deposits received before March 28 will receive complimentary Mijas side trip.
- Final payment is due July 31, 2018

Does not include optional tours, gratuities for driver and guides, baggage charges by the airline, passports, and items of a personal nature.