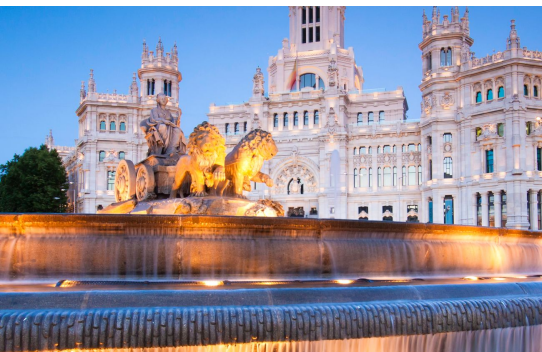


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# MURRAYVILLE TRAVEL- TREASURES OF SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO

Escorted by Kim Benson

17 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS | 04 June 2024



**INSIGHT VACATIONS**

*The Art of Travelling in Style*

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## DAY 1: 04 JUNE 2024

### Welcome to Madrid

Welcome to Madrid! One group transfer is available to your hotel. Join your Travel Director this evening for a delicious Welcome Dinner and the chance to get to know your fellow travellers.

**Meal(s): Dinner.**

**Hotel(s): Barceló Emperatriz (or similar)**

## DAY 2: 05 JUNE 2024

### Prado Museum and on to Golden Salamanca

With your Local Expert, travel along the main historical areas of the capital of Spain, known as Madrid of the Bourbons. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, to discover the origins of the city. A sure highlight is when you join an art historian to explore the Prado Museum, a magnificent palace housing works by Velazquez, Goya, Rubens and other masters. Journey past the walls of Ávila en route to Salamanca, with its honey-coloured cathedral and 16th century university buildings.

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

**Hotel(s): Alameda Palace (or similar)**

## DAY 3: 06 JUNE 2024

### Holy Fátima and Lisbon

Cross the Portuguese frontier and skirt the Estrela Mountains en route to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned religious site. Join the pilgrims flocking into the great

basilica, commemorating the miraculous appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917. In the heart of the Shrine of Fátima is The Chapel of Apparitions, marking the exact location of her first appearance. Other sacred sites include the Museu de Arte Sacra e Etnologia, exhibiting religious artifacts and the modern church of the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity. Your travels continue to Lisbon.

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

**Hotel(s): Dom Pedro (or similar)**

## DAY 4: 07 JUNE 2024

### Lisbon and the Age of the Great Discoveries

Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and across the tree-shaded squares. Pass beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paço, the finest square in the city, named after the palace that was destroyed in the terrible earthquake of 1755, along with much of the rest of the city. Visit the Belém Quarter from where sailing ships once set forth to discover unknown lands. Enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years. See the modern Monument to the Discoveries and the more ancient Belém Tower, afterwards visit Jerónimos Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon is free to explore further as you wish or perhaps

decide to visit the Portuguese Riviera? This evening, experience "the soul of the Portuguese identity", Fado is the emotive national song. Take in an unmissable performance of this UNESCO-recognised art in one of the country's famed fado houses. To complete the experience, savour a typical Portuguese dinner with drinks included.

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner.**

**Hotel(s): Dom Pedro (or similar)**

## DAY 5: 08 JUNE 2024

### To Seville, the City of Carmen

Visit Seville's Cathedral, the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with an Insight Choice. Choose to walk through the old Jewish quarter and see La Giralda, the former minaret of the Great Mosque, which is now the bell tower of the cathedral. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city and enjoy panoramic views.

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

**Hotel(s): NH Collection Seville (or similar)**

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## DAY 6: 09 JUNE 2024

### Free Time and Flamenco in Seville

This morning is yours to completely relax or continue exploring this fascinating city. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Córdoba and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it? Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Their mission is to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco. Feel the passion behind the choreography as you put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance.

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

**Hotel(s): NH Collection Seville (or similar)**

## DAY 7: 10 JUNE 2024

### The Straits of Gibraltar to Fes

Set sail across the Strait of Gibraltar to reach Morocco, a historic land of deep-rooted tradition and compelling cultural character.

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner.**

**Hotel(s): Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace (or similar)**

## DAY 8: 11 JUNE 2024

### The Ancient Imperial City of Fes

Your Local Expert will guide you through the ancient Medina, teeming with hidden courtyards, beautiful mosques and local workshops. Sensorial delights await around every corner as you take in the historic grandeur of this walled city. Walk through the souks and pass one of the world's oldest universities. Learn about the ancient craft of handwoven carpets, a tradition developed in this region over thousands of years.

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner.**

**Hotel(s): Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace (or similar)**

## DAY 9: 12 JUNE 2024

### On the Road to Marrakesh

During today's journey, see traditional mud-walled villages set against the vast arid plains. Glimpse the Atlas Mountains as you approach Marrakesh, a bustling hub of culture and trade.

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

**Hotel(s): Mövenpick Hotel Mansour Eddahbi Marrakesh (or similar)**

## DAY 10: 13 JUNE 2024

### Marrakesh, Pearl of the South

Join a Local Expert to explore the Medina, the historic heart of the city. See the Koutoubia Mosque, its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline with golden brickwork. Visit the intricately-decorated

Palais Bahia, a 19th-century mosaic-laden masterpiece built to be the greatest palace of its day. Experience the city's captivating charm during time at leisure. Perhaps try your hand at haggling in the souks on Jemaa-el-Fnaa Square or visit one of the acclaimed museums.

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

**Hotel(s): Mövenpick Hotel Mansour Eddahbi Marrakesh (or similar)**

## DAY 11: 14 JUNE 2024

### Journey to Casablanca

Journey to the west coast of Africa to reach Casablanca. Did Humphrey Bogart really did say "Play it again, Sam"? Your Local Expert will reveal the truth to this and other fascinating elements of this storied city. See the impressive Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. In the evening 'of all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world' there really is only one place to be. Join your Travel Director at Rick's Café (subject to availability), recreated from the famous movie. Enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner with drinks and no doubt a rendition of 'As Time Goes By'. Here's looking at you kid!

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner.**

**Hotel(s): Grand Mogador City center (or similar)**

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## DAY 12: 15 JUNE 2024

### On to Tangier

Travel north to Rabat to see the intricately-decorated Royal Palace and Hassan Tower with your Local Expert. Your journey continues to Morocco's port of Tangier, overlooking the Strait of Gibraltar where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean. You will be taken for a guided sightseeing tour of the city with a Local Expert. After dinner, enjoy an evening at leisure to relax in the comfortable surroundings of your hotel as the sun sets or take a stroll along Avenue d'Espagne on the Bay of Tangier.

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner.**

**Hotel(s): Grand Hôtel Villa de France (or similar)**

## DAY 13: 16 JUNE 2024

### On to the Costa del Sol

Cross the water to Spain and continue on to Gibraltar, an overseas territory under British control since 1704. Enjoy a guided tour of the Rock of Gibraltar, St. Michael's Cave and see the Barbary Apes, legendary guardians of the colony. Your travels continue through Andalucía and on to the Costa del Sol, famous for its beaches.

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

**Hotel(s): NH Málaga (or similar)**

## DAY 14: 17 JUNE 2024

### At Leisure on the Costa del Sol

Enjoy the following day at leisure on the sun-drenched Costa del Sol. Relax by the blue Mediterranean waters, stroll along the promenade, savour the specialities in the local restaurants or consider exploring Malaga, the birth city of Picasso.

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

**Hotel(s): NH Málaga (or similar)**

## DAY 15: 18 JUNE 2024

### Dining with Locals and the Alhambra Palace

Continue to Alfarnatejo, a quiet white washed village with a population of just 500 people, surrounded by stunning mountainous landscape.

Walk the town centre to see the 18th century Iglesia del Santo Cristo de Cabrilla. Travel to the oldest olive grove in the region and stop at the rural mill-factory of Alfarnatejo to taste a selection of different oils with locally made farmer bread.

In small groups, you are invited into the home of a local family to join them for a delicious Highlight Lunch made with fresh, local produce that showcases the flavours typical of the region. Continue to Granada, where overlooking the town stands one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built, the Alhambra. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite palace (subject to availability) built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century - a fantasy of arabesque

gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Stroll through the elegant, exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the summer residence of the Spanish royals.

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch.**

**Hotel(s): Vincci Albayzín Granada (or similar)**

## DAY 16: 19 JUNE 2024

### To Madrid in search of Don Quixote

Your journey continues to the north, through countryside immortalized by Cervantes fictional hero, Don Quixote. On return to Madrid, toast your travels with your newfound friends during a lively Celebration Dinner of delicious food and wine at a local restaurant.

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner.**

**Hotel(s): Barceló Emperatriz (or similar)**

## DAY 17: 20 JUNE 2024

### Farewell Madrid

After breakfast, one group transfer to the airport is available.

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

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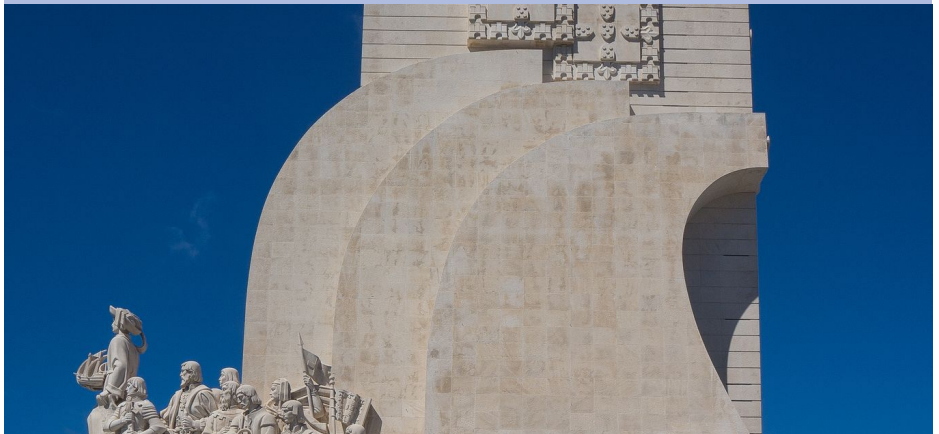
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- All portorage and restaurant gratuities.

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Travel Consultant

## HIGHLIGHTS

- In Madrid travel along the main historical areas of the capital of Spain, through the Old Quarter to discover the origins of the city.
- In Lisbon enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years.
- Experience "the soul of the Portuguese identity", Fado is the emotive national song. Take in an unmissable performance of this UNESCO-recognised art in one of the country's famed fado houses.
- In Fes a Local Expert will guide you through the ancient Medina, teeming with hidden courtyards, beautiful mosques and local workshops.
- Enjoy a day at leisure on the sun-drenched Costa del Sol. Relax by the blue Mediterranean waters, stroll along the promenade or savour the specialities in the local restaurants.
- Travel to the oldest olive grove in the region and stop at the rural mill-factory of Alfarnatejo to taste a selection of different oils with locally made farmer bread.
- 16 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 7 dinners.



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**What's Not Included:** Airfare, passports and applicable visa fees, charges imposed by third parties, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, excess baggage, travel insurance. Travel Insurance is required. Ask your Travel Agent for further details.

**Price:** The advertised price is in Canadian dollars, per person twin share.

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