



2017 Spain Portugal and Morocco – 20 July to 08 August

To PMC Members

I am delighted to offer this amazing tour to PMC members. What an absolute opportunity to experience these fabulous destinations thru the eyes of an Australian tour operator who has been living in Spain for the past seven years. !!

Think of a balmy summer evening sipping fresh, fruity sangria in great traditional hacienda's sun-dappled courtyards, surrounded by olive groves. Mmmmmm.... Sounds inviting!!!

- Experience the real Spain from Madrid north to the winery area. Try the hot air balloon, or hybrid cycles, paragliding or hiking in some areas.
- Free time to enjoy the cities visited in a relaxed manner
- No long travel days
- Travel to Portugal, visiting historical sites, including the 12th century medieval castle, and the famous Fatima pilgrimage site and cathedral.
- Fly from Lisbon to Marrakech (Morocco) for 6 wonderful days in Morocco's mountains and cities, including the Gateway to the Sahara Desert. This will put your senses into overdrive – embracing the buzz of mopeds, the scent of spice and the delicate tastes of roses and orange.
- Then back to Spain to Seville. Visit the Costa del Sol area .Experience the traditional Flamenco show in a cave! A tapas crawl through famous Granada!! The list goes on....
- The tour to conclude with 2 days in Madrid.

Following the module concept of the past 4 years for PMC tours, this tour will continue along the same successful formula with the opportunity for members to combine a few PMC tours over e.g. a 3-6 week period.

We are offering these options:

- PMC Paris : Time in Paris prior to commencement of the Scenic tour on 07 July. The first night of the Scenic tour is spent in a hotel in Paris.
- PMC Scenic Cruise of Southern France 07-20 July
OR
- PMC Viking Cruise of Eastern Europe 05-15 July
- PMC Spain , Portugal and Morocco 20 July – 08 August

Proposed Spain, Portugal and Morocco Itinerary: (Includes Breakfast daily)

Thursday, 20 July (2 Nights Abalos)	Arrive in Madrid .Group to meet at the airport where we will meet our tour operator Drive 3.5hr from Madrid to Abalos (La Rioja famous wines) Wine tasting session in Abalos Dinner included
Friday, 20 July	Morning: Multiple morning excursions available <u>Options:</u> Hybrid bike ride OR Hot air balloon above La Rioja vineyards Winery Tour & Gourmet Lunch Included: Bodega Baigorri Afternoon: Visit Laguardia (walled medieval town in La Rioja)
Saturday, 21 July (2 nights Pedraza)	Drive from Abalos to Pedraza (2hr 45min) Includes: Visit Burgos - Plaza and Cathedral <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Afternoon to enjoy Pedraza one of Spain's most beautiful walled towns• Dinner in the magical plaza of Pedraza
Sunday, 22 July	Fantastic day visiting Segovia (1 st Century Roman Aqueduct, Alcazar fortress) & either Palacio Riofrio or Gardens of San Ildefonso Dinner own arrangements perhaps dining in the plaza alongside the Aqueduct
Monday, 23 July (2 nights Pinhao)	Drive Pedraza to Marialva (4hr) Visit Marialva in Portugal famous for its 12 th Century medieval castle & ruins <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take scenic train from Pocinho to Pinhao along the Duoro river and through the adjacent green mountains (1hr trip)• Wine tasting + Dinner in Pinhao
Tuesday, 24 July	Pinhao is in the heart of Porto wine region. Morning: Enjoy a river cruise Optional afternoon: Hybrid bike ride or Jeep Dinner own arrangements
Wednesday, 25 July (2 nights Lisbon)	Drive Pinhao to Fatima (2hr 45 min) Visit: the famous pilgrimage site & cathedral Continue 1hr 15min to Lisbon Dinner in Lisbon
Thursday, 26 July	Morning: Guided tour of Lisbon Afternoon: Free time Dinner own arrangements
Friday, 27 July (1 night Casablanca)	Fly from Lisbon to Casablanca (2 hours) After arrival : excursion around city (Medina old city/ Hassan II mosque)
Saturday, 28 July (2nights Marrakech)	Morning : Free time Afternoon : Drive from Casablanca to Marrakech (2.5 hours) Sights enroute
Sunday , 29 July	Morning: spent visiting the famous Marrakech markets & shopping Late Afternoon/Evening: Visit the Medina and Dinner (Music & Dance show)

Monday , 30 July 1 nights Ouarzazate	<p>Travel day: Drive from Marrakech to Ouarzazate (3hr 30min) Visit: Ait Ben Haddo (UNESCO: fortified town, earthen clay architecture)</p> <p>Ouarzazate: Gateway to the Sahara Desert Dinner in Ouarzazate</p>
Tuesday, 31 July (2nights Zaharra de la Sierra)	<p>Travel day: Drive from Quarzazate to Marrakech(3hr 30min) Fly from Marrakech to Seville (Spain): 1hr 30min flight Flight leaves Marrakech at 16:35 & arrives Seville 19:05 (time zone change) Important: Ryan Air Direct Flight to Seville only Saturdays and Tuesdays Drive 1.5hr Seville to Zahara de la Sierra nestled in the hills (We will have a Snack Box for all guests on arrival at Seville Airport)</p>
Wednesday, 01 August	<p>Morning: Optional Multiple Excursions Available Paragliding: Algodonales OR Hybrid bike ride</p> <p>Afternoon & Evening: Visit Ronda the gem of Andalusia & Dinner (includes walking to the bottom of the Tajo gorge, visiting Spain's oldest bull ring)</p>
Thursday, 02 August (2 nights Granada)	<p>Drive from Zahara de la Sierra to Granada (2hr 45min)</p> <p>Afternoon : Free time for shopping/rest in Granada Evening: Flamenco show in Sacromonte Caves</p>
Friday , 03 August	<p>Morning: Optional Multiple Excursions Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiking tour in Guejar Sierra region OR • Hybrid bike ride <p>Late Afternoon: Visit of La Alhambra fortress (one of Spain's major tourist attractions) Evening: Tapas Crawl through famous Granada</p>
Saturday, 04 August (1 night Cordoba)	<p>Drive Granada to Cordoba (2hr 30min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes Visit to Montilla – Olive Oil & Sherry Tastings • Guided Visit of La Mezquita (World's 3rd biggest Mosque) • Farewell dinner in Jewish quarter of Cordoba
Sunday, 05 August	<p>Morning: Wander through the old city of Cordoba Late Afternoon: Fast train experience back to Madrid (2hr) Hotel in Madrid</p>
Monday, 06 August (2 Nights Madrid)	Sightseeing / at Leisure in Afternoon
Tuesday, 07 August	Sightseeing/ at leisure in afternoon
Wednesday 08 August	Transfer to airport

COST:

Based on 18 guests (as minimum number) \$5400.00 per person

INCLUSIONS:

- 4 x Airport Transfers (2 x Madrid, 1 x Lisbon, 1 x Marrakesh),
- 19 night's accommodation with breakfast
- 10 gourmet dinners, 1 tapas dinner, 1 gourmet lunch & 2 x wine tastings
- 1 x Fast Train from Cordoba to Madrid,
- 1 x River Duoro Boat Cruise (Portugal)
- 1 x Portugal Train Ride
- 35 seater luxury autobus with professional driver
- Expert local tour guide for entire trip
- Additional tour guide for Morocco
- 3 x laundry hotel service for clients
- Excursions to :
 1. Burgos & Fatima Cathedrals
 2. Pedraza medieval walled town,
 3. Segovia Fortress & 1st Century Roman Aqueduct,
 4. Kasbah of Ait Benhaddou and
 5. Marrakesh (old city Morocco visits),
 6. Atlas Mountains (Tizi n´Tichka pass 2260m, Morocco),
 7. Marrakesh markets shopping tour
- Guided visits to
 - La Alhambra fortress (Granada),
 - La Mezquita (Cordoba Grand Mosque),
 - Lisbon walking tour,
 - Casablanca tour
 - Flamenco show (Granada)
 - Morocco Arabain Nights Dance & Music show (Marrakesh)
- Personalised travel wallet and fully detailed itineraries
- Escorted by experienced PMC tour director Sharyn Bojczenko

Exclusions:

- International fares from Australia
- Local flights Lisbon-Casablanca/ Marrakech-Seville
- Travel insurance

Optional tours: Cost available

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