



January Term 2018: From Marrakesh to Malaga Morocco & Andalusia, Spain



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Price Includes:

- Round-trip airfare and airport taxes
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- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time bilingual tour guides
- Special tours led by licensed local guides
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- Daily lectures and debriefs led by Dr. Mohamed Esa & Dr. Thomas Deveny
- Visits to special attractions: Traditional Moroccan shows and live dancing musical performances; Traditional Flamenco shows
- Tips for the travel guides and bus drivers
- Basic insurance

Not included in the price are:

- Transport to and from Dulles airport in Washington, D.C.
- All lunches and drinks



A view of the Alhambra Castle with the beautiful Sierra Nevada in the background.

Day 1 Transatlantic Flight

Overnight flight to Morocco • Spend the night flying across the Atlantic.

Day 2 Casablanca • Marrakesh

Arrival in Casablanca • Touch down in Casablanca, Morocco's largest and most beautiful. The original name of the town was from the 7th until the 15th centuries Anfa. The Portuguese who tried for a few decades to take over the city, destroyed it in 1468 and in 1515 then built a military fortress in its place. A small town developed around the fortress, which the Portuguese called Casa Branca (white house). After the integration of the Portuguese Crown into the Spanish Crown, the city was renamed in the 17th century to Casablanca. In Arabic, the city is also called *al-Dār al-bayḍā'* (الدار البيضاء). Transfer to Marrakesh



Day 3 Marrakech

Guided tour of Marrakesh • Standing for close to a thousand years, Marrakech is a city of history and culture. One of the most evocative places in the world, it is a cultural melting pot of sandstone buildings, dusty streets and towering minarets. The vibrant souks are a whirlwind of color and noise, where throngs of people weave between stalls exhibiting brightly colored spices, richly woven rugs and other exotic goods. It is filled with architectural wonders, from exquisite gardens to intricately carved archways to ornate mosques. Jemaa El-Fnaa, the busiest square in all of Africa, is packed with fire-eaters, belly dancers, amazing acrobats, astrologers, and many other street entertainers.



Day 4 Casablanca • Rabat

Transfer to Rabat via Casablanca • Casablanca is one of Morocco's most famous cities, only rivaled by Marrakech, but you can put all black and white thoughts of Bogart and Bergman aside; this is a living, breathing city that will draw you to its heart. It's a cosmopolitan place packed with art galleries, fine restaurants, top fashion designers and cutting edge nightlife. At the same time, it's full of striking architecture such as the Hassan II mosque and the Mahkama du Pacha. Casablanca is a cultural melting pot, a progressive city that welcomes visitors with open arms.



Day 5 Rabat • Meknes • Fez

Guided tour of Rabat • Imperial city, cosmopolitan center of commerce and capital of Morocco, Rabat is a delight. It's a grand city, full of fine buildings and welcoming people, with plenty to see and plenty to do. Over the centuries, Rabat has been owned by the Phoenicians, Romans, and Almohads you'll find plenty of monuments in the city to these past cultures, not least in the ancient medina. Drive to Fez via Mekhnez where you will view the Bab Mansour Gate.

Day 6 Fez •

Transfer to Fez via Mekhnez • Fez is an Imperial City that has stood in the north of Morocco for a thousand years. Within its sturdy walls, you'll find the place where old Morocco still exists – in the elaborate architecture, the historic medina and the throngs of people that make their home here. Walk through high walled streets, watch the daily procession of mourners entering the tomb of Fez's founder Moulay Idriss II, and see the ornate carvings and mosaics on every surface; it's easy to understand why Fez is called the spiritual heart of Morocco. Time seems to have stopped in large parts of this city, nowhere else can you find such a strong link to the kingdom's past.



Day 7 Fez • Larache • Tangier

Transfer from Fez via Larache to Tangier where you will have free time. Overnight in Tangier and take the ferry the next day to Seville.



Day 8 Tangier • Seville

Arrival in Seville • Enjoy a flamenco show at the Tablao Flamenco Los Gallos. The show will be preceded by dinner at a local restaurant in Seville.



Day 9 Seville

Guided tour of Seville • Situated on the banks of the Guadalquivir River, Seville has a rich Moorish heritage, and used to be a prosperous port that carried out trade with the Americas. The streets and squares in the historic quarter of the capital of Andalusia are lively and busy. They treasure many constructions that have the World Heritage designation, and many districts are full of traditional culture, like Triana and La Macarena. Paella Dinner at a local restaurant.



Day 10 Seville • Cordoba • Granada

Guided tour of Cordoba • Visit the famous Mezquita and the old Synagogue of Cordoba. Visit to the ruins of the historic town of Medina Azahara. Transfer to Granada. End the day with a Cuevas Los Tarantos Dinner and Flamenco Show in the Sacramento Caves in Granada.



Day 11 Granada

Guided tour of Granada • At the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains, between the rivers Darro and Genil, lies one of the most interesting cities in Eastern Andalusia. As well as its impressive Al-Andalus heritage, there are Renaissance architectural gems and modern facilities, fit for the 21st century. Granada has an unmistakable Moorish essence. The gastronomy, craftwork and urban planning are influenced by its glorious past. It is no surprise that one of its old neighborhoods, the Albaicin, has been awarded the World Heritage designation, together with the Alhambra and Generalife. Free time in the afternoon for your own tour of Granada.



Day 12 Malaga • Costa Del Sol

Guided tour of Malaga • The Gibralfaro castle casts a watchful eye over this warm-hearted and lively city full of attractive sites such as the Picasso Museum, Alcazaba, the Alameda Principal avenue and the La Farola seafront promenade. Its status as the capital of the **Costa del Sol** has made it one of Spain's foremost holiday destinations, thanks to its mild climate and beaches.



Day 13 Costa del Sol • Malaga Airport

Return home • Transfer to Malaga airport for a flight to Paris and then return flight home to Washington, DC.



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13 Days, 11 Nights
Price: ~\$3,299

The price is an estimate and it is based on 24-30 participants.

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Payment Schedule

- \$1,300 by September 22 (\$300 non-refundable)
- \$1,999 by November 1 (balance)

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Detailed Itinerary

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| Jan 2 (Tue - Day 1) | Transatlantic Flight Overnight to Morocco |
| Jan 3 (Wed - Day 2) | Arrival in Casablanca - Transfer to Marrakesh |
| Jan 4 (Thu - Day 3) | Guided tour of Marrakesh |
| Jan 5 (Fri - Day 4) | Transfer to Rabat via Casablanca |
| Jan 6 (Sat - Day 5) | Guided tour of Rabat - Drive to Fez via Meknez |
| Jan 7 (Sun - Day 6) | Guided tour of Fez - Transfer from Fez via Larache to Tangier |
| Jan 8 (Mon - Day 7) | Guided tour of Tangier - Overnight in Tangier |
| Jan 9 (Tue - Day 8) | Ferry to Seville - Arrival in Seville |
| Jan 10 (Wed - Day 9) | Guided Tour of Seville |
| Jan 11 (Thu - Day 10) | Seville • Cordoba • Granada - Guided tour of Cordoba Transfer to Granada. |
| Jan 12 (Fri - Day 11) | Guided tour of Granada |
| Jan 13 (Sat - Day 12) | Guided tour of Malaga • Costa Del Sol – Overnight in Costa del Sol |
| Jan 14 (Sun - Day 13) | Depart for home from Malaga Airport |



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