



Portugal, Spain & Morocco with YOLO Explorers Inc.

16 days | 19 days with Madrid & Barcelona extension | Oct 01 2021—Oct 16 2021

Relive the Age of Discovery, when explorers brought treasures from around the world—now on glorious display in Portuguese palaces and Spanish cathedrals. See the Moorish influences in exotic Andalusia, travel into the heart of Morocco, and explore the maze-like medinas of the imperial cities.



Your tour package includes

- 14 nights in handpicked hotels
- 14 breakfasts
- 8 dinners, some with beer or wine
- 1 tasting
- 12 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 1 ferry transfer
- 1 on-tour flight

Included highlights

- The church at Jerónimos Monastery
- Seville Cathedral
- Olive oil tasting
- Alhambra
- Chauen
- Fes Medina
- Djemaa el Fna market in Marrakech
- Prado Museum

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 3.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills and stairs.

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Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Lisbon today.

Day 2: Arrival in Lisbon

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Portugal! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner tonight.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Lisbon

Included meals: breakfast

Get to know the Portuguese capital on a tour with a local guide.

- Admire views of the city from Eduardo VII Park and pass the Praça Marquês de Pombal as you travel along Avenida da Liberdade
- Stop at the waterfront to discover the city's maritime heritage at the Monument to the Discoveries and Tower of Belém
- Enter the church at Jerónimos Church, built to honor voyagers
- Walk from Time Out Market through the heart of the city to Praça do Comércio

Enjoy a free evening in Lisbon or add an excursion.

+ Lisbon Home-Hosted Dinner

Day 4: Seville via Évora

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel through the unspoiled countryside of Portugal en route to Spain. Before crossing the border, stop in the UNESCO-listed city of Évora. Join your Tour Director to view the Roman temple and visit the Church of St. Francis, known as the "Chapel of Bones."

Continue on to Seville and sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Seville

Included meals: breakfast

Uncover the beauty of Seville, the historic Andalusian capital, on a guided sightseeing tour.

- View the tiled pavilion of the Plaza de España and step inside the Gothic Seville Cathedral, the third-largest church in the world
- Pass the whitewashed homes of Barrio de Santa Cruz

Enjoy a free evening in Seville or add an excursion.

+ Seville Tapas & Wine Tasting Tour

Day 6: Granada via olive oil farm & Córdoba

Included meals: breakfast, tasting, dinner

Make several stops as you travel to Granada today.

- Stop at an olive oil farm and join a local guide for a tour of the olive groves, mill, and cellar
- Sample some orange-infused olive oil drizzled on top of chocolate gelato
- Enjoy free time to shop
- Stop in the town of Córdoba, which was once home to 700 mosques, 900 public baths, and 70 libraries
- Enter the Mezquita, a UNESCO World Heritage site built in the eighth century as a mosque and then transformed into a cathedral during the Christian Reconquista of 1236

Continue on to Granada and sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of the Alhambra

Included meals: breakfast

Take a guided tour of the UNESCO-recognized Alhambra, the Moorish sultans' last stronghold in Spain.

- Walk along the Cypress Promenade to view the upper and lower gardens of Generalife Palace, once the Nasrid dynasty's summer home
- Enjoy panoramic views overlooking Granada and the surrounding countryside
- View the unique curved, Roman-style courtyard inside the Palace of Charles V
- Admire the blend of Western art and Islamic design as you stroll through ornamented courtyards
- Enter the Nasrid Palaces and see the Mexuar, where the Council of Ministers met
- See where the royal family lived during visits to Comares Palace and the Palace of the Lions

Please note: The order of activities is subject to change.

Spend a free evening in Granada or add an excursion.

+ Granada Flamenco Show

Day 8: Ferry to Tangier

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel to Tarifa to board your ferry to Tangier, Morocco. *(Please note: Travelers may need to handle their own luggage on the ferry.)*

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Tangier, Chaouen & transfer to Fes

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Begin your day with a guided tour of Tangier, a city celebrated by Western writers like Paul Bowles and William Burroughs.

- Explore the stately French plaza and Boulevard Pasteur
- Traverse the maze-like passageways through the medina

Then, stop in Chaouen, a hilltop town famous for its blue-painted buildings. Admire panoramic views of the city, then stroll through the streets to soak in Chaouen's unique character.

Continue on to Fes and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Fes

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Take a guided tour of Fes, the spiritual and cultural center of Moroccan life.

- See the ornate brass doors of the Royal Palace and visit the Mellah Jewish Quarter
- View the Bab Bou Jeloud, a blue-tiled gate that exemplifies the Moorish architectural style
- Attend a ceramics demonstration, where you'll learn how the intricate and colorful art pieces are created and have free time to pick up a souvenir
- Explore the UNESCO-listed Fes Medina on a walking tour through the colorful souks
- Stop at a tannery to learn about the traditional method of dying clothes and enjoy free time to shop
- Visit the Mausoleum of Moulay Idriss and the University of al-Karaouine, the world's oldest continually operating institution for higher education

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

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Day 11: Casablanca via Rabat

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

As you make your way to Casablanca, stop to tour Morocco's capital city of Rabat.

- Enter the white and green Mausoleum of Mohammed V, which houses the tombs of the 20th-century king and his two sons
- View Hassan Tower, intended to be the world's largest mosque until construction halted in 1199
- Make a photo stop at the Royal Palace
- Walk through the Kasbah des Oudaias to see the mouth of the Bou Regreg river and the Andalusian gardens

Continue on to Casablanca and sit down for an included dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Casablanca & transfer to Marrakech

Included meals: breakfast

Discover the highlights of seaside Casablanca, a city with a modern-day legend that was established by Old Hollywood, with a local guide.

- Pass the fashionable Corniche waterfront area and Casablanca's ancient medina, the bustling heart of the city
- Enter the Hassan II Mosque, the largest in Morocco

Then, travel to Marrakech and spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.

+ Moroccan Evening & Sunset Camel Ride

Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Marrakech

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free morning in Marrakech or add an excursion.

Then, get a feel for the history of the city on this afternoon's guided tour.

- Pass through the sophisticated Gueliz district
- Marvel at the massive Koutoubia Mosque, which features a minaret that reaches nearly 200 feet high and dominates the city's skyline
- Enter the UNESCO-listed Medina of Marrakech to see the Bahia Palace
- Step inside the evocative Saadian Tombs, the mausoleum for the 16th-century ruling princes
- Walk through the city's vibrant souks, stopping at a spice market where you'll have free time to shop
- Visit Djemaa el Fna, a festive, open-air market where musicians, snake charmers, and clowns perform

+ Moroccan Cooking Class & Dinner

Day 14: Flight to Madrid

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Madrid, Spain this afternoon.

Day 15: Sightseeing tour of Madrid

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Get acquainted with Spain's cosmopolitan capital city with the help of a local guide.

- Pass by the Temple of Debod, a reassembled temple from ancient Egypt
- View the Royal Palace, Spain's largest royal residence
- View the city's many squares, including Plaza de España and the bustling Puerta del Sol
- Explore the Prado, a world-class art museum that began as the private collection of the Spanish monarchy and is home to the works of Goya, Velázquez, and more

Celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner tonight.

Day 16: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport to board your flight home or continue on to Barcelona.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: <https://groups.goaheadtours.com/tours/bobborowski> | 516-967-8447

Day 3: Lisbon Home-Hosted Dinner

From \$89.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Join a local in their home in Lisbon to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Lisboa. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Portuguese culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: Your Tour Director will not attend this excursion.

Day 5: Seville Tapas & Wine Tasting Tour

From \$105.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (4 hours, departure time varies)

Head to central Seville and meet up with a local guide. You'll set off on a food-themed walking tour of the charming Triana neighborhood, mixing history, tradition, and gastronomy along the way. As you stroll along the Guadalquivir River, learn the history of tapas and about Andalusian gastronomy before entering your first tapas bar. From the birth of flamenco to the origin of the beautiful ceramic tiles found throughout town, you'll be sure to gain a new insight on this amazing city while you feast on delicious tapas.

Day 7: Granada Flamenco Show

From \$75.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (3 hours, departs in the evening)

Flamenco is a unique and colorful Andalusian art form that combines expressive singing, moving instrumentals, and passionate dancing. UNESCO declared flamenco to be a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, and tonight, you'll get a taste of this one-of-a-kind tradition in the region where it was created. Make your way to a cave dug into a hillside, where you'll sip an included drink as you take in the evening's performance.

Day 12: Moroccan Evening & Sunset Camel Ride

From \$135.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Experience a taste of Moroccan life on tonight's excursion. First, set out to enjoy a sunset camel ride in a lush desert oasis. Nicknamed "ships of the desert," camels have been a traditional mode of transport for centuries. You'll learn about this history as you follow your guide through the palm grove, stopping to admire the stunning sunset. Enjoy mint tea and pastries as you learn about the indigenous Berbers. Afterward, head to a nearby restaurant to enjoy a family-style meal of regional specialties such as chicken or lamb tagine, a North African stew cooked in an earthenware pot.

Day 13: Moroccan Cooking Class & Dinner

From \$109.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (4 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner included)

Visit a local cooking school and learn how to make Moroccan cuisine during a hands-on class. You'll prepare chicken tagine, mint tea, two types of Moroccan salad, and a dessert. Then, enjoy the traditional meal you've made for dinner.

Extension excursion options

Day 16: Toledo

From \$105.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (8 hours, departure time varies)

Today, discover Toledo, the clifftop settlement often referred to as La Ciudad Imperial ("The Imperial City"). Upon arrival, you'll have some free time to explore. Later in the afternoon, you'll kick off a guided tour at Toledo Cathedral: a massive Gothic structure possessing a treasure trove of stained glass windows and golden artifacts. Gaze upon its sacristy, containing masterpieces by the likes of Van Dyck, El Greco, Rubens, and Titian. After exploring the labyrinth of medieval alleyways in the heart of the city, you'll visit the Church of Santo Tomé—a former mosque, dating to the 12th century, graced by one of El Greco's finest works, "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz." End your day with a stop at Santa María la Blanca, a museum housed in one of the oldest synagogues in Europe. Please note: This tour involves some walking over uneven terrain. Also, depending on the day of the week, the sites you visit may change.

Day 17: Park Güell & La Pedrera

From \$115.00 . Visit the link above for pricing info. (4 hours, departure time varies)

On today's excursion, discover the magnificent works of Antoni Gaudí, the famed Spanish architect known for his bold, distinct designs. Casa Milà is the first stop. Take a guided tour of this building, popularly known as "La Pedrera," which was built between 1906 and 1912. Everything about it is visually unique, from its wave-like stone structure to the grandly designed roof. Next, you'll head to Park Güell, also designed by Gaudí. Your guide will lead you through the park, which contains stunning buildings, intricate stonework, and colorful mosaics. At the top of the park, marvel at the brilliant views of Barcelona.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. Go Ahead Tours accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at <https://www.goaheadtours.com/about/terms>.