

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 01 | SAT 14TH JUNE . Madrid - Arrival.- (D)

Welcome to Madrid! Upon arrival at the airport, we'll be ready to transfer you to your hotel. You'll have some free time until the tour begins. Please check the information signs in the hotel reception area for details about the welcome meeting with your guide and fellow travelers. In the evening, we'll provide a transfer to Plaza Mayor and La Latina, Madrid's most famous neighborhood for nightlife and tapas restaurants. You can choose to dine at a restaurant of your preference—options include Indian, Chinese, Spanish, and Middle Eastern cuisines.

DAY 02 | SUN 15TH JUNE. Madrid.- (B)

The morning will begin with a **comprehensive tour** of central Madrid, featuring highlights like Paseo del Prado, Cibeles, Neptuno, Puerta de Alcalá, Plaza de Colón, and Plaza Mayor. We'll then visit Retiro Park, a beautiful oasis in the city center, where we'll see the lake and the Palacio de Cristal. Admission is included to the **Santiago Bernabéu Stadium**, the home of Real Madrid—considered by many to be the best football club in the world. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure. In the evening, we'll provide a return transfer to the hotel.

DAY 03 | MON 16TH JUNE. Madrid - Granada.- (B,L,D)

We will depart from Madrid early in the morning, heading south through La Mancha. Our first stop will be in **Puerto Lápice**, a charming Manchego village evocative of Don Quixote. We will then continue into Andalusia via Despeñaperros, arriving in **Granada**, where **lunch will be included**. In the afternoon, if you have chosen the option that includes a visit to the Alhambra, we will explore the magnificent **Alhambra Palace** and its beautiful **Generalife Gardens**, both built during the Arab period, with a local guide.



VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: The number of visitors allowed into the Alhambra is strictly regulated by law. To ensure your admission, tickets will be issued upon confirming your tour reservation. It's essential to provide accurate personal details (full name and passport/ID number) at the time of booking. Please be aware that ticket costs are non-refundable in case of cancellation. In rare cases where the Alhambra visit is not possible, we will instead tour the Royal Alcázar of Seville, which offers similar historical and architectural significance.



DAY 04 | TUE 17TH JUNE. Granada - Asilah - Rabat.- (B,L,D)

Departing from Granada, we'll traverse the Costa del Sol. Upon reaching Algeciras or Tarifa, we'll board a modern ferry to cross the Strait of Gibraltar. Passengers will need to carry their own luggage as the bus typically does not make the crossing. Upon arrival in Morocco, we'll journey through breathtaking landscapes. Our first stop will be Asilah, a charming walled city nestled on the Atlantic coast, once a historic port and pirate stronghold, now bustling with vibrant life. There will be time for lunch before we head to Rabat. Upon arrival in Rabat, dinner will be included.



DAY 05 | WED 18TH JUNE. Rabat - Casablanca - Marrakech.- (B,D)

We'll go on a **panoramic tour of Rabat** to visit the immense Royal Palace, the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and the mighty Kasbah of the Udayas. At midday, we'll head to **Casablanca**, where we'll go on a short **city tour with a local guide**. The tour will include a visit to the exterior of one of the most important mosques in the Arab world, the magnificent Hassan II Mosque. Later, we'll go to **Marrakech**. After arriving at the hotel, you will be able to experience a **traditional Kalesa ride** up to the famous Jemaa el-Fnaa square. **Dinner will be included.**







DAY 06 | THU 19TH JUNE. Marrakech.- (B,L)

Today, we'll explore one of the most fascinating places in the world, the city that gave Morocco its name. Our **city tour** will take us through its strong walls, the bustling Jemaa el-Fnaa square, the Medina, the Koutoubia Mosque, and the **Bahia Palace** (tickets included). Afterward, you'll have free time for lunch (included) and to relax by the pool or in the hotel garden, or to shop in the souks. In the evening, you can join the Fantasy Party, an optional excursion offered by Europamundo.

DAY 07 | FRI 20TH JUNE. Marrakech - Ait Benhaddou - Ourzazate - Boumalne Dades.- (B,D) We'll set out to cross the Atlas Mountains, where lofty peaks often covered in snow bid us farewell as we leave the palm groves of Marrakech. You'll see small Berber villages clinging to the edges of deep gorges. Our journey includes a stop at the fortified village of Ait Benhaddou, renowned for its appearances in numerous movies. As we travel through landscapes reminiscent of biblical scenes, we'll pause in Ouarzazate, known for its impressive Kasbah. Continuing through the Valley of

Roses, we'll reach **Boumaine Dades** where **dinner will be included**.

Note: Occasionally in winter, roads may close due to snowdrifts. If necessary, this part of the itinerary will be rescheduled according to our alternative plan. (Access to the Sahara Desert depends on road conditions).

DAY 08 | SAT 21ST JUNE. Boumaine Dades - Todgha - Khorbat - Erfoud.- (B,L)

Embark on an exhilarating journey through the **Sahara Desert**: traverse the Valley of the Kasbahs, river valleys surrounded by thousands of palm trees, rocky plains merging into lush oases and adobe villages, and formidable fortresses guarding ancient thoroughfares. Our visit includes the aweinspiring **Todgha Gorge**, a majestic canyon with towering walls rising more than 100 meters on both sides. En route, we'll stop at a small adobe town near **Khorbat**, where you can learn about the desert community supported by the Europamundo Foundation (access may be affected by weather conditions such as river flooding). We'll proceed towards **Erfoud**. For those interested, an off-road excursion to the Sahara Desert sand dunes offers a breathtaking sunset experience. **Lunch will be included**.

DAY 09 | SUN 22ND JUNE. Erfoud - Midelt - Azrou - Bhalil - Fez.- (B)

We'll depart early from Erfoud, crossing the **Atlas Mountains** amidst impressive gorges and stunning landscapes. We'll traverse a high, cold plateau inhabited by nomadic shepherds. Our first stop will be in **Midelt**, located at the heart of this region. After lunch, we'll continue our journey towards the Middle Atlas, where the scenery changes dramatically to a region characterized by forests and frequent winter snowfall. Near **Azrou**, in the National Park, we'll visit "**The House of Cedars**", a small museum providing insights into the region. Here, we'll also see the colonies of monkeys that inhabit the area. We'll continue to **Bahlil**, a small and quiet village home to Berbers of the Middle Atlas. Its old center is very picturesque, with colorful streets. Traditionally, the population lived in caves, which have now been integrated into the houses. Continuing onward, we'll head to **Fez**. Before reaching our hotel, we'll take in the panoramic view of the city from the Marinid Tombs. **Dinner will be provided**.

DAY 10 | MON 23RD JUNE. Fez - Tangier.- (B,L,D)

We'll go on a **tour of Fez**, entering through the Bronze Gates of the Royal Palace and exploring the Jewish quarter, its lively souks, and the Tanners' Quarter. The cultural capital of the country is renowned for its impressive Medina, which preserves the traditional Arab atmosphere like no other. We'll conclude our visit with an **included lunch** at a historic palace in the Medina.

In the afternoon, we'll journey north through **Morocco** on a modern highway, reaching **Tangier** by evening. **Dinner will be included.**

DAY 11 | TUE 24TH JUNE. Tangier - Seville.- (B,D)

Free time in **Tangier** – do you feel like doing some last-minute shopping? We'll take a **ferry** back to **Spain**. The bus will not be on board, so each passenger must take their luggage on the ferry. We'll arrive in Algeciras or Tarifa and continue to **Seville**. Arrival will be in the evening.

DAY 12 | WED 25TH JUNE. Seville.- (B)

In the morning, we'll embark on a **city tour of Seville**, where you'll visit the cathedral with its famous Giralda, explore the banks of the Guadalquivir River, and wander through the popular neighborhoods of Santa Cruz and Triana. After the tour, enjoy a relaxing **boat ride on the Guadalquivir River** offering stunning panoramic views (included). In the evening, you'll have the option to attend a popular flamenco tablao.

DAY 13 | THU 26TH JUNE. Seville - Mérida - Évora - Lisbon.- (B,D)

We'll leave Seville, traveling through pleasant landscapes of rolling hills and expansive pasturelands as we head towards Extremadura. In **Mérida**, admission is included to the **Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida**, which features a Roman Theater and Amphitheater. This site is renowned for its excellent preservation and its designation as a World Heritage Site. You'll have time for lunch and a stroll through the vibrant pedestrian historic center, filled with restaurants and local charm. We will then continue to Portugal, stopping in **Évora**, another World Heritage Site, known for its whitewashed streets, Renaissance palaces, and cathedral. We'll arrive in **Lisbon** in the evening.

DAY 14 | FRI 27TH JUNE. Lisbon.- (B,D)

free time to explore at your leisure.

In the morning, we'll embark on a **sightseeing tour of Lisbon**, exploring the Portuguese capital of the seven hills, with its charming alleys, iconic tiles, the feeling of "saudade," and the beautiful Atlantic light. We'll also visit the Belem neighborhood, from where the great Portuguese navigators set sail to cross the oceans in the 15th century. Free time in the afternoon to walk and go to the Bairro Alto and its viewpoint; if you'd like to, you could take an optional trip to the towns of Sintra, Cascais and Estoril. In the evening, we'll return to the hotel from the lively Restauradores Square, filled with vibrant bars and cafes.



DAY 15 | SAT 28TH JUNE. Lisbon - Fátima - Porto.- (B) We'll head to the north of Portugal to visit Fátima, a revered sanctuary. Our journey will then take us to Porto, Portugal's second largest city. We'll have free time for lunch before embarking on a panoramic tour of this charming coastal city at the mouth of the Douro River. Known for its cobblestone streets, colorful houses, imposing bridges, and delicious wines, Porto promises a delightful experience. We'll also include a visit to one of its historic cellars. After the tour, you'll have



DAY 16 | SUN 29TH JUNE. Porto - Bom Jesus Sanctuary - Cambados - Santiago de Compostela.- (B)

Today, we'll travel through stunning landscapes. In **Braga**, we'll take a **ride on the world's oldest water-operated cable car** to reach the **Sanctuary of Bom Jesus**, where breathtaking views await. After exploring the sanctuary, we recommend descending via its picturesque staircase. Our journey continues into Galicia, where we'll visit the historic town of **Cambados** in Rías Baixas. Here, we'll embark on a glass-bottom **boat trip** along the Ría de Arousa, learning about mussel and oyster production. Enjoy **wine and mussel tasting** onboard. At lunchtime, we'll arrive in **Santiago de Compostela** for a **city tour led by a local guide**, exploring its medieval streets and renowned pilgrimage sites dating back to the Middle Ages.

DAY 17 | MON 30TH JUNE. Santiago de Compostela - Lugo - O Cebreiro - León - Oviedo.- (B)

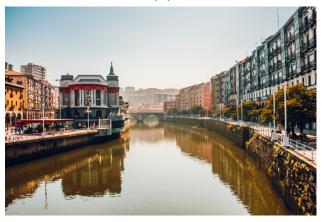
We'll travel along the Way of St. James, beginning with **Lugo**. Here, we'll have time to explore the historic town center and its Roman walls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Next, we'll visit **O Cebreiro**, a charming Galician stone village. Our journey will continue to **León**, where we'll arrive at lunchtime. In León, we'll visit the magnificent Gothic cathedral, renowned for its stained-glass windows, and enjoy a stroll through the historic town center.

We'll then cross the Cantabrian Range on our way to **Asturias**, arriving in **Oviedo** by evening. We'll include a **tour of the city with a local guide**, either upon arrival or the following morning. During this hour-and-a-half tour, we'll visit the 9th-century cathedral, the Calatrava Congressional Palace, Campoamor Theatre, and Calle de la Rua.



DAY 18 | TUE 1ST JULY. Oviedo - Covadonga - Santillana - Santander.- (B)

We'll travel to the **Picos de Europa** (Peaks of Europe). Our journey will begin with a visit to the **Basilica of Covadonga**. From there, we'll follow the coastline to **Santillana**, one of Spain's most beautiful towns with an intact medieval quarter. We'll also visit the **Altamira Cave Museum** (tickets included), located nearby. Later, we'll head to **Santander**, the capital of the region, a coastal city offering stunning views of both mountains and beaches. A panoramic tour with a local guide is included, allowing us to explore this elegant coastal city and its beautiful bay.



DAY 19 | WED 2ND JULY. Santander - Bilbao - Madrid.- (B)

We'll follow the motorway along the Cantabrian coast, passing through stunning landscapes where mountains meet the sea. Our journey will lead us to **Bilbao**, the largest city in the Basque Country. There, we'll embark on a brief **city tour** with a local guide, exploring highlights such as the Guggenheim area, the old quarter, and the Cathedral. Following the tour, you'll have free time to savor authentic "pintxos". We'll continue towards **Madrid**. Arrival in the evening, around 08:00 p.m.

Note: Depending on the number of passengers, the journey from Bilbao to Madrid may be conducted by either regular coach or train service.

DAY 20 | THU 3RD JULY. Madrid.- (B)

After breakfast, our journey will come to an end, leaving you with wonderful lasting memories.

TERMS & CONDITIONS - IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Please note that the above prices are subject to change without prior notice.
- Rates are as per current tariffs and are subject to change without prior notice.
- ➤ All rates are calculated as per current rates of exchange and will be subject to change in case of any increase.
- Airfares and reservations (if you book through SOBI) are always subject to change until paid in full.
- > Cancellation charges will apply.
- > Group travellers will incur different cancellation policies, please inquire at the time of confirmation.
- Most rooms and washrooms in European hotels are small.
- ➤ Breakfast would be continental and Local buffet type offering a variety of Breads, Jams, Milk, Cereals, Eggs, etc.
- Tea/coffee making facilities are generally not available in the rooms.
- In most cities coach Parking is allocated in specific locations. Hence passengers will have to walk from the bus parking area to tour starting points and restaurants.
- This tour is not suitable for wheelchair passengers or anyone with difficulty in walking

INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE RATES:

- **01. Hotels** Please refer separate document for the list of partner hotels https://sobiconsulting.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Spain-Portugal-Morocco-Jun 2025-Hotel List.pdf
- 02. English Speaking Guide
- 03. Airconditioned Coach with Wifi
- 04. Airport Transfers on arrival & departure in Madrid (one each way)
- **05.** Basic Travel Insurance Cover
- 06. Meals 19 x Breakfasts, 5 x Lunches and 10 x Dinners
- **07. Boat Rides :-** Guadalquivir River in Seville, Wine& Musseltasting on a boat trip in Ria da Arousa.
- **08.** Ferry:- (Spain Morocco)- Strait of Gibraltar Algeciras Tangier, Strait of Gibraltar Tangier Algeciras
- 09. Funicular:- to Bom Jesus Sanctuary in Braga.
- 10. City Tours with local guide in;
 - Spain :- Madrid, Granada, Seville, Santiago De Compostela, Oviedo, Santander, Bilbao.

Portugal:- Lisbon, Porto

Morocco:- Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakesh, Fez.

- **11. Evening Transfer**: Plaza Mayor and la Latina in Madrid, Horse-drawn carriage ride in Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, Marrakech, Historic center of Seville, Return from Restauradores Square in Lisbon.
- **12. Ticket admission**: Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens in Granada, Bahia Palace in Marrakech, House of the Cedars in Azrou, Roman Theatre of Merida, Wine cellars in Porto, National Museum of Altamira Caves in Santillana.
- **13. Key Tour Sites, Attractions & Experiences** please refer complete list by tour day that are hyperlinked to provide additional and useful information.

14. Tipe for Guides and Drivers

15. Drinking water 1 Lt per person per day

Tour Package Ground Handling Cost: AUD 5,350 per person Twin share

Please note the above price is calculated based on a group size on minimum 40 full fee- paying passengers and it doesn't include return international airfares to Madrid and any other services and related costs that are not stated in the above inclusion section.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE RATES

- 1. Visa fees subject to passport type.
- 2. Additional transportation costs between Madrid airport and hotels
- 3. Comprehensive Travel insurance customised for your specific needs Please hold a valid travel insurance policy (Compulsory)
- 4. Transportation to / from any other airports in AU / NZ / your home country
- 5. Excess baggage charges.
- 6. Liquor
- 7. Expenses of a personal nature
- 8. Any other taxes that may be implemented by any of the countries included int this tour including Visa formalities in Sri Lanka.
- 9. Meals other than those mentioned in the program
- 10. Drinks with meals
- 11. Additional Tips for waiters and other staff.
- 12. Laundry services
- 13. Entry fees for optional excursions

PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS -

Passport should be valid for more than 6 months from the date of departure (13th Jun 2025). Any passengers travelling on non-Australian / New Zealand passport may require additional documentation and advance notice to process their visas. Please e-mail <u>info@sobiconsulting.com</u> for any further details

PAYMENT

Sobi Consulting will coordinate the entire travel bookings for clients travelling from Australia and New Zealand on behalf of **Jetwing Holidays** and partners with reputed agents in Australian capital cities who handle the flight bookings from any city to provide a packaged travel solution.

Flights can be arranged from any city in Australia and New Zealand to connect with tour groups departing from Colombo with the stop-over holidays in Sri Lanka / Maldives or join the group directly in Madrid, Spain.

An advance payment of AUD 2,000.00-per person payable at the time of booking. Balance payment must be made in full before end of Jan 2025.

Bank Account details for EFT - AUD Account

Name of beneficiary:- Sobi Trading & Consulting Pty Ltd

Bank :- National Australia Bank

BSB :- 083-802 Account Number :- 83-442 4758

Bank Account details for EFT - USD Account

Name of beneficiary:- Sobi Trading & Consulting Pty Ltd

Bank :- National Australia Bank

BIC / SWIFT Code :- NATAAU3303M Account Number :- SOBITUD01

Credit card payments (Billing in AUD)

The following surcharge will be applied for any payments made by credit card:

Visa and Master 1.80% Amex: 3.5%

CONDITIONS GOVERNING VOLUNTARY CANCELLATION OF TOUR

In the event you cancel your tour, following charges will be applicable:

From the date of payment to 28^{th} Feb 2025 USD 500 / AUD 850.00 Per person 01^{st} Mar to 31^{st} Mar 2025 USD 700 / AUD 1,200.00 Per person 1^{st} Apr to 30^{th} Apr 2025 - USD 1,400 / AUD 2,400.00Per person

1st May 2025 to date of departure - Non-refundable

Please e-mail <u>info@sobiconsulting.com</u> or contact on (61) 0438 900 755 for any further details.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: It is a condition for booking with us that you take out insurance at the time of or prior to making your booking. It is the responsibility of the passenger to ensure that the insurance cover they purchase is suitable and adequate for their needs. Please note that you would have a direct contractual relation with the insurer. You shall directly submit claims to your Insurance Company. The Insurance Company shall directly pay the entitlement amounts to you and any disputes regarding any rejection of claim or adequacy of settlement amount shall be settled by you directly with the Insurance Company.

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