

Lisbon – Portimao - Safi – Tenerife – Bridgetown

All tours are offered with English speaking guides.

The length of the tours is given as an indication as it may vary depending on the road, weather, sea and traffic conditions and the group's pace.

Minimum number of participants indicated per coach or group.

The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication without any knowledge of our passenger's individual abilities. Broadly speaking to enjoy activities such as hiking, biking, snorkelling, boating or other activities involving physical exertion, passengers should be fit and active. Passengers must judge for themselves whether they will be capable of participating in and above all enjoying such activities.

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PORTIMAO, ALGARVE COAST, PORTUGAL

Algarve discovery tour

By Jeep Safari with an English speaking driver guide

Duration 3h30/4h

Minimum 6 participants, maximum 80

Euros 70

We invite you to discover the real Algarve and the little villages that time forgot.

Join our convoy of four wheel drive jeeps, complete with English speaking drivers/guides, and cross the great Monchique Mountains, admiring breath-taking views along the way. In Monchicao the cork oak flourishes like nowhere else on earth and you will get the opportunity to learn something about its cultivation and the age old traditions of the cork industry. There will be a stop at a typical local shop in Monchique, where you will find some of the best examples of local handicrafts: baskets and items in wood or sisal, and have some time to wonder off by yourselves and experience the unique atmosphere of the village. We will also visit the home of the "Scissor chair", one of the oldest forms of seating. This is the one and only place where these unique wooden chairs are made in the traditional way.

The excursion continues with a visit to a private farm. Here you will see a still and savour the home-made local liqueur the "Medronho", brewed on the premises, as well as tasting the owner's freshly gathered honey. The last stop before returning to the ship is Caldas (Southern Sintra) a place redolent with history and traditions; the local people have not forgotten the ways of their forefathers and still bake their bread in traditional wooden ovens. We will also visit the "Source of Love"; this is a natural spring where inhabitants from all over the mountains come to draw fresh water. The name derives from the beauty and romance of the locality, which has always been a favoured spot for young lovers to plight their troth and is now a popular setting for wedding day photos. We hope you enjoy your trip to the Algarve, southernmost province of Portugal, and have a host of pleasant memories to take back on board.

SAFI, MOROCCO

Marrakech

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 20 participants, no maximum

Approx. duration 11hours

Euros 114

Lunch included

The Pearl of the South, also known as the "Pink City" for the ochre colour of its walls, Marrakech has long been host to international personalities and jet-setters. Since time immemorial, Marrakech has been an important crossroad of Arabic, Berber and Sudanese civilizations. The city itself was founded by a mysterious warrior from the Sahara, Yusef ben Tachfine over 900 years ago. Its wonderful dry climate and its unequalled setting in the midst of a 3,500 acre palm grove at the foot of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains make it one of Morocco's most popular travel destinations.

The excursion starts with a visit to the aristocratic Bahia Palace with its magic Moorish gardens surrounding its buildings with their remarkable finely wrought ceilings. You will continue toward the ancient Medina, guarded by its numerous battlements, there to admire the famous Koutoubia minaret, a gem of Islamic architecture, which is practically visible anywhere in Marrakech. After a typical Moroccan lunch with traditional folklore, you will continue to Marrakech's main attraction, the famed Djamaa el Fna Square with its snake charmers, tooth-extractors, story tellers and acrobats who perform daily around sunset. The cool, shaded medina houses dozens of handicrafts guilds from wool dyers to copper smiths and spice vendors. From Djamaa El Fna, there are several entries to the souks. You will enjoy some time at leisure at the end of the tour.

This tour includes a long drive: 3 hours between Safi and Marrakech

Lunch is included and will be served at a local restaurant. You will have the opportunity to taste delicious specialities as Moroccan salads, tagine of chicken with lemon, couscous of meat with seven vegetables, fruits, and mint tea with pastries.

¼ wine, ¼ mineral water and tea are included during lunch



Marrakech & Majorelle gardens

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 15 participants, maximum 30

Approx. Duration 11hours

Euros 119

Lunch included

Marrakesh, the Red City, is the most important of the four Imperial Cities and indeed from medieval times until around the beginning of the 20th century, the entire country of Morocco was known as the "Kingdom of Marrakesh".

The city boasts a long and eventful history spanning some one thousand years. Powerful monarchs have fought over the territory, which has seen the rise and fall of successive dynasties each leaving its mark in the form of magnificent palaces straight out of the "Arabian Nights", fabulous gardens, mosques and koranic schools. Home to intellectuals and writers as well as talented craftsmen, this bustling trading centre is an exotic blend of Arab, Berber and sub-Saharan influences and is the undisputed capital of Southern Morocco.

The drive to Marrakesh takes approximately 3hours, but there will be a 10 minute comfort stop on the way.

Upon arrival you will discover the glorious Majorelle Gardens, created by the French painter Jacques Majorelle over a forty year period. Majorelle, who was an avid plant collector, assembled specimens from the five continents, using his artistic sensibility to compose and colour his garden like a painting. The garden walls, fountains and villa itself are painted a very intense shade of blue which is known as Majorelle blue, inspired by the decorative tiles often seen on Moroccan buildings. The villa and gardens were bought by Pierre Bergé and Yves Saint Laurent in 1980 and lovingly restored. The building used by Majorelle as an artist's studio now houses a magnificent collection of Islamic art belonging to Pierre Bergé and Yves Saint Laurent and when Saint Laurent died in 2008 his ashes were scattered over the rose garden.

Next you will see the Koutoubia Mosque, the largest mosque in Marrakesh. This landmark building can be seen from almost everywhere in the city. Its iconic minaret, topped by four copper spheres, is as much a symbol of Marrakesh as the Eiffel tower is of Paris. Legend has it that the spheres were originally three in number, and made of gold. The fourth sphere was added by the wife of the ruler Moulay Yacoub who melted down all her jewellery as a penance for breaking her fast during Ramadan. Non-Muslims are not allowed to enter the mosque, but you will be able to visit the surrounding gardens.

You will then take a break to enjoy a typical Moroccan lunch (including wine, mineral water and tea).

The next stop will be the Dar El Bacha Confluences museum. This newly opened museum, dedicated to Islamic art, is a work of art in itself. The fabulous building was once home to Thami el Glaoui, named Pasha of Marrakech by Sultan Moulay Youssef in 1912.

El Glaoui, also known as Lord of the Atlas, was at one point the most powerful and influential figure in Morocco, as well as being one of the world's richest men. He enjoyed a very glamorous lifestyle and entertained lavishly playing host to many of the world best known personalities : Winston Churchill, General De Gaulle, Charlie Chaplin and Jacques Majorelle among others. Naturally his palace was in keeping with his status. Built at the start of the 20th century is it one of the most beautiful palaces in the Red City featuring exquisite cedar wood panelling and coffered ceilings, painted walls and the famous morrocan Zellige , traditional hand crafted mosaic tiles in geometric and floral motifs. Feast your eyes on the opulent décor and imagine the magnificent receptions, sumptuous banquets and extravagant celebrations that once took place here; the walls echoing with laughter and brilliant conversation as the cream of international society enjoyed the pasha's generous hospitality.



After a visit to the old town and the many different souks selling carpets, metal work, clothing, spices and leather goods, you will walk to Djammaa El Fna Square, which is the heart of Marrakesh. In 1050 the square was the scene for many public executions and the name Djammaa El Fna, translates as "Assembly of the dead". These days however the square could not be more alive and is teeming with snake charmers, water sellers, fortune tellers, acrobats, musicians, henna artists and story tellers as well as a constant stream of locals and tourists. You will have one hour at leisure to soak up the amazing atmosphere before the journey back to the ship.

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Essaouira

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 15 participants, maximum 30

Duration approx. 8h/8h30,

Euros 99

Lunch Included

Essaouira is one of Morocco's most enjoyable and attractive towns on the coast. It's charm is undeniable with its white washed and blue shuttered houses, art galleries, wood workshops, fishermen and colourful boats- all enclosed by ancient red walls. The town faces a group of rocky islands and is surrounded by an expanse of empty sandy beaches and dunes. Everything in the small centre is within walking distance and the beaches are quite clean.

The tranquillity and traditional aspect of Essaouira belie its rich history and the many international influences that have surged through this ancient trading and fishing port at one time or another. Apart from its charming mix of Portuguese, Berber and French architecture, and its beautiful setting, it is this unique sense of tolerance, coupled with a laid-back atmosphere, which makes Essaouira so appealing.

2hours drive each way!

You will visit Bab Marrakech square, La Scala, the Old town and "le vieux port"

You will have some time at leisure after the guided tour

Lunch is served in a Sea Food Restaurant

Time at leisure after lunch



SANTA CRUZ, TENERIFE

Mount Teide National Park

By air conditioned

Minimum 20 participants, no maximum

Duration 4hours

Euros 44

The tour starts with a drive towards the old colonial capital of Laguna located in the Aguere Valley amidst beautiful surroundings. From La Laguna, your route turns along the base of the mountains range, through the Esperanza pine forests and foothills to the Teide National Park. Declared a National Park in 1954, the Canadas del Teide National Park includes an enormous volcanic crater of 48 km in circumference, out of which rises Mount Teide, a legendary volcano of 3.718 meters that can be seen from many points around the island. The park itself lies at around 2000 meters above sea level and in winter snow falls, gale winds blow and the roads are sometimes closed off. During the summer months this arid landscape, which gives the impression of having walked into a moon landscape or a cowboy movie, can reach temperatures above 40C. Enjoy the breath-taking views of lava plains of "Unaca" and admire the famous wind eroded stone formations. Have the chance of walking to the "Parador Hotel" for coffee or tea at your own expense before reboarding the coach for a return journey.

This tour is not suitable for heart patients or people with breathing problems, due to altitude that will be reached (about 2.200 mts).

Warm clothing is recommended

It is forbidden to remove any stones or plants from the National Park

This excursion travel up some mountain roads to approx 2000 meters above sea level

This panoramic tour includes a lot of driving

Stitches and wine

By air conditioned

Minimum 15 participants, maximum 45

Duration 4h15

Euros 50

The beautiful Orotava Valley, whose luxuriant vegetation was admired by Alexander von Humboldt, one of the fathers of the modern ecology, hold charming villages surrounded by vineyards and banana plantations.

The first stop of that excursion will be at Alexander von Humboldt viewpoint before continuing to the valley. The village of La Orotava itself, one of the most beautiful in the Canary Islands, takes you back in time with its balconied houses, quaint cobbled streets, its characteristic well-shaded Canarian patios, squares and ancestral mellow houses. The old historic centre is declared monument of artistic national interest. The Casa de los Balcones ('balconies' house) is a jewel of the Island's traditional architecture. The house offers a big variety of typical canarian handicrafts such as embroideries, pottery, regional costumes, and souvenirs.

After some time in the village, you will get back on the coach to continue the excursion towards El Sauzal.

Vineyards appeared in the Canary Islands just after their conquest in the 15th century. The new settlers brought grape varieties from their homelands in Spain, Portugal, Italy and mostly from France. Vine-growing really expanded between the 16th and 18th centuries when it became the prime source of revenue for the islands. The MALVASIA wines were often traded and exported to European courts and to the colonies in America and Africa under the name of CANARY or SACK by merchants who called in the Canary during their long voyages. In the area of El Sauzal, 500 metres above sea level, you will visit the Monje wine cellar. The vineyard stands on rocky ground and lava. Although the wine cellars were built in 1983, the family tradition of these Monje Wine cellars date back to 1750. You will taste some of their wines (DRAGOBLANCO and BIBIANA) before returning to the ship.

This tour involves 60 minutes walking over cobblestones and steep streets



BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

Flavour of Barbados (Island Tour discovery ending at the Airport)

By air-conditioned vehicle

Minimum 20 participants, Maximum 64

Duration: approx. 5 hours

Euros 80

Your tour starts along the famous West Coast of Barbados which will allow you glimpses into the lives of the rich and famous who have their villas here. Along the route you will pass through two quaint towns, Hometown and Speightstown with their typical local charm. Next you will head inland and your first stop will be at Farley Hill National Park with its Great House ruins and vibrant gardens with various plants and trees and a spectacular view of the East Coast. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through this park before going to discover the East Coast up close.

Moving on from here you continue along the coast for a while with another picture stop at Bathsheba, the famous surfing spot in Barbados. From here you will head up the hill again to your next stop at St. John's Parish Church which offers incredible views of the picturesque East Coast. Enjoy this breathtaking scene from 800 feet above sea level one last time. The church building and grounds are a treasure of the Barbados National Trust.

A short scenic drive will take you to your lunch stop at Sunbury Plantation. This Great House was originally built over 300 years ago and it is magnificently furnished giving you a glimpse of the life of a planter. Discover all the treasures before enjoying a sumptuous buffet lunch in the courtyard.

From here a short drive will take you to the Airport where you will find your luggage ready to be checked in.

This tour can only be done by guests that have flights leaving Barbados after 3 pm. You will be transferred to the airport just after lunch.

You will be at the airport at latest 1.30pm

Lunch is included during the tour but the drinks will be at your own expense.

Your luggage will be loaded on a separate luggage truck and it will be delivered at the airport at the end of the tour.

Beach Break at Copacabana

Transfer by air-conditioned vehicle

Minimum 10 participants / maximum 25

Euros 75

How about enjoying your last hours in the Caribbean on a beautiful beach in Barbados, soaking up the warm sunshine before heading back home?

The beach facility is a 15 minute drive from the Harbour. Your luggage will be stored on site and you can just relax in a sun lounger on the beach.

Transfers to the Airport will be provided at two pre-arranged times in order for the guests to make the most of their last day (1st one at 12.45 pm, second one at 2.15pm, the airlines require guests on international flights to be at the Airport at least 2 ½ hours prior to their flight departure)

The rate includes all transfers (Port / Beach / Airport) the storage of luggage assisted by luggage attendant

Light lunch at the bar and 2 drinks are included

One beach chair and a shared umbrella, shower facility and washrooms are available

Copacabana is not a hotel or a resort but strictly a Beach Bar

2 towels will be provided per guest – 1 for the beach and one to dry off after the final shower

