

STAR FLYER
6-NIGHTS SPAIN & MOROCCO
 May 6, 2018

**Lisbon – Portimao – Cadiz – Tangier –
 Gibraltar – Puerto Banus – Malaga**

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.

Fitness requirements vary according to the chosen activity. Physically demanding activities such as hiking, bike riding, snorkelling and boating require an average to good level of fitness.

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 69**

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 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 home-made local liqueurs 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.



CADIZ, SPAIN

A Day in Seville

Transport by air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 15 participants, no maximum

Duration: 7h30

Euros 99

Departure after an early lunch on board

Seville the capital of Andalusia is surely one of the most beautiful and atmospheric of Spanish cities, with countless architectural and artistic treasures to be discovered; it is also famed for its rich cultural heritage and was once a symbol of religious tolerance with Christians, Jews and Muslims co-existing peacefully.

The drive from the port of Cadiz to Seville will take you along the highway through cotton fields and olive groves. The excursion includes an inside visit of the Alcazar a marvellous Moorish style fortress built in the 14th century by the Christian King, Peter the Cruel also known as Peter the Just.

You will be dazzled by the wonderful architecture, intricate decorations, fragrant gardens and sparkling fountains. You will also enjoy an inside visit of the cathedral which has been listed as a UNESCO world heritage site since 1987. It is the third largest church in Europe and the largest Gothic structure on the continent, built to showcase Seville's wealth.

The bell tower of the cathedral stands 343ft (105m) high and is called the Giralda; it started life as a minaret adorning the mosque that once stood on the site of the cathedral.

At the heart of the city lies the Barrio de Santa Cruz, the old Jewish quarter, a labyrinth of narrow streets, white washed buildings with wrought iron grilles on the windows and tiled patios.

The excursion will end with a panoramic tour of Plaza de America, Plaza de Espana and Maria Luisa Park; your guide will point out other interesting sights on the way.

- The drive from Cadiz to Seville takes approximately 1h30 each way.

- You will spend about 3 hours in Seville.
- Inside visits include the cathedral (about 45 minutes) and the Alcazar (approximately one hour).
- The cathedral visit requires modest clothing.
- The tour involves a lot of walking.
- The time schedule of the tour may be altered to suit requirements on the spot.
- The Alcazar is a royal residence. This means it may, for official reasons, be closed to the public without prior notice. In such case an alternative visit will be made to the "Casa de Pilatos".



Feria de Caballo in Jerez**Transfer by air-conditioned motor coach****Minimum 15 participants, no maximum****Duration: 4 hours****Euros 45****Departure after an early lunch on board ship****This is not a guided tour**

A unique opportunity to participate in the yearly Jerez Horse fair and experience authentic Andalusian culture at first hand.

The remarkable purebred horses on show here are the pride of Andalusia and are famed throughout the world. The fair started in 1284 and was originally a cattle market; it has continued to evolve and develop from these humble beginnings and is now a full blown festival which is held in the Gonzal Hontoria Park. The park is chock a block with riders in traditional Andalusian attire and beautiful horses as well as horse drawn vehicles.

This prestigious equestrian event is an animated and colourful affair which draws the whole population to the Gonzalo Hontoria fairground. You will have ample time to immerse yourself in Andalusian culture as you wander around admiring the gleaming carriages, and seeing the locals decked out in colourful flamenco dresses, clapping their hands in time to the fabulous "Sevillanas" dance music. You can visit the various "casetas" or kiosks which are open to the public. Food and drink are also part of the fun and you can try a glass of sherry from Jerez, or a refreshing "Rebujito" a mix of fine sherry and lemonade which is produced specially for the Feria.

- There is a 45 minute drive to Jerez.
- The tour starts with a panoramic guided tour before you are dropped off at the main entrance.
- A guide will be waiting for you at a fixed spot, in case you need them.
- You will have approximately 2 hours at leisure to wander round the fair on your own and soak up the atmosphere.
- This is a very popular event so be careful of your belongings in the crowd.
- The Jerez feria starts every day at 13h00 with a pa-

rade of purebred horses and beautiful carriages. The horses are on parade all afternoon until 17h00

- You will see many of the locals in traditional attire: swirling flamenco dresses for the ladies and "Tio Pepe" outfits for the men.
- There are over 200 "casetas" where you can sit and watch the horses and enjoy a glass of sherry.
- Weather in May is usually very hot.



TANGIER, MOROCCO

Secrets of Tangier

Transfer by coach to the Kasbah and on foot

Minimum 15 participants, Maximum 30

Duration: 2h30

Euros 33

The coaches will drop you at the Kasbah, the ancient medina with its narrow streets and bazars. Accompanied by your guide, you will walk down to the Grand Socco (meaning "Big Square"), which divides the medina from the Ville Nouvelle area of Tangier and pass by the Mendoubia Gardens with its large marble fountain and park benches. The square is particularly active during the evenings when vendors put up their extensive displays and sell a diversity of second-hand goods and fruits and spices in the square. The market is particularly colourful, and the female peasant sellers are known for their striped foutas and wide brimmed straw hats.

The tour continues to the Petit Socco (meaning "Little Square"), also known as the "Souk Dakhli". Petit Socco was once one of the greatest souks in all of Morocco and people would flock from miles around to buy food and clothes. In the nineteenth century the area grew wealthier and trading between Europe accelerated. By the early twentieth century, businessmen, diplomats and bankers had their offices located around the square and cafes, hotels and casinos were testament to the area's wealth. However, by the 1950s, the hub of city life had moved to the Ville Nouvelle. We will offer you some refreshment consisting of mint tea and local pastries before passing by Tangier Grand Mosque, built on the site of a former Portuguese cathedral which in turn stood on a Roman temple dedicated to Hercules. The mosque dates back to the Moulay Ismail period and was expanded in 1815 by Moulay Sliman. Mohammed V visited the mosque on April 11, 1947, going on to make a historic speech at Mendoubia Gardens. After some time at leisure you will either have the opportunity to take the coach back to the port or walk back at your convenience.

- It is about 1,5km all downhill
- Mint tea and a local pastry will be offered to you

Cookery Class

Transfer by air-conditioned motor coach and on foot

Minimum 15 participants, Maximum 30

Duration: 3h30

Euros 80

Lunch included

Get an authentic taste of Morocco on our fabulous culinary outing and have fun creating traditional Moroccan dishes during your cookery class.

After a short drive you will arrive at the Medina, the old walled city inside Tangiers dating back to the 14th century. You will wend your way down narrow alleyways chock a block with shops and stalls displaying such tempting wares as silks and precious spices, rugs, flowers and trinkets. Like the locals you will do some shopping at the colourful market stalls and buy all the necessary agreements for your Moroccan meal before arriving at the Marhaba a typical Berber restaurant in the heart of the Kasbah. It is here that you will learn how to make a delicious Tajine. The chef will give you step by step instructions which will be translated by the tour guide.

- One soft drink and mineral water included.



GIBRALTAR

World War II and Fortress Tour

Transport by air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 18 participants, maximum 44

Duration: 2 hours

Euros 49

Driver guide and local guide for the inside visits.

The tour will start at the port and take you past the WWII Evacuation monument before following the “British Defence Wall” built during the 18th and 19th centuries from white Portland limestone. To your left you will see “King’s Bastion” where General Elliott defended Gibraltar during the last Great siege. You will notice a visible difference in the fortifications as the British Defence wall gives way to the King Charles V wall, built in the 1500’s. The first stop will be at the site of the 100 Ton Gun, a 17.72 inch 100 ton Rifled Muzzle Loader, the Super gun of the Victorian era. Only 4 guns of this type were built in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in England. This stop will include an exhibition at the Napier of Magdala battery.

The tour continues up a winding road to the summit of Gibraltar standing 1398 ft. (426m) above sea level, the site of O’Hara’s Battery. From here you get wonderful panoramic views of the mainland and the straits of Gibraltar and Africa and can admire the original infrastructure and equipment.

The next stop will be a courtesy visit to the Barbary apes (without which no tour would be complete); the Apes have historical links with the military and, as Churchill once famously said, “As long as the apes remain on the rock, Gibraltar will be British”.

Afterwards we will visit the Northern Defences, Second World War tunnels where thousands of military personnel live and worked, at the heart of the Rock. There is also a photographic display documenting the work of the troops.

The tour continues past the Tower of Homage, part

of a Moorish castle built in 1333 at the time of the 2nd Moorish conquest. It is the oldest free standing building in Gibraltar.

Finally the tour ends at Casemate square for shopping and leisure time or at the port terminal.

- The tour of the World War Two Rock & Fortress is by six to eight seat mini bus due to size restrictions on the upper rock.
- The transfer from the WWII tunnels to the city centre or port will be by 22 seat mini bus.



Dolphin Watching Tour

By motor boat

Minimum 15 participants, maximum 44

Duration: 1h45

Euros 30

This tour is simply the best way see Gibraltar's dolphins, wild and free, living in their natural habitat. The Bay of Gibraltar is famous for its resident population of dolphins, with transient dolphins adding to their number when they visit the bay in their hundreds, to search for food, shelter or to breed. The Dolphin Adventure Captain and his crew have many years of experience under their belts and know the dolphin's habits and their favourite playgrounds. You will have a 360° view of the dolphins as they swim and gambol in the waves "surfing" and showing off their acrobatic prowess; it is really quite spectacular and an unforgettable experience to take home with you. Depending on the season you may even see whales, turtles, sunfish or shoals of bright blue flying fish, trying to escape the jaws of the dolphins.

There is always a great atmosphere on board, the crew is friendly and ever willing to help and the vessel is large enough to allow participants to move around freely.

- There is a five minute drive to the boat.

PUERTO BANUS, SPAIN

Located on the Costa del Sol in south east Spain, Puerto Banus is a textbook Mediterranean playground with its white washed buildings and marina filled with yachts. The marina was built in 1970 and since then it has become increasingly popular with jet setters around the world, attracted by its beauty and simplicity. It is now famous for its celebrity visitors, night life and luxury boutiques. This jewel of the Costa del Sol is very much the place to see and be seen.

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 20 participants, no maximum

Duration: 4 hours

Euros 40

Set against a backdrop of mountains, Casares is a gorgeous whitewashed village with panoramic views down to the Mediterranean Sea, across to Gibraltar and the North African coastline. This picture perfect village with its dazzling white houses and narrow winding streets is typical of the region. Historians say that Julius Caesar stayed here with his troops and was cured of a liver complaint thanks to the restorative powers of the sulphur rich waters of the local spring. A grateful emperor then granted the village of Casares the privilege of minting its own coins.

At the top of the village, 1400ft above sea level, stands an old fortress, an ideal look out post to guard against pirate attacks and invasion. The village streets climb steeply upwards so be prepared for an energetic visit rather than a leisurely stroll. In contrast to the rest of the coastline, the pace of life is much slower and gentler in Casares; enjoy a coffee at one of the small bars and just watch the locals going about their daily life.

On the way back to Puerto Banus there will be a stop at Estepona which has developed into a flourishing beach resort while still retaining its pueblo charm and character.

The narrow streets of the old town are now strictly for pedestrians only. Most of the houses were built



in the 18th and 19th centuries, and since then the streets have been repaved and the plazas embellished with flowers. The local residents are very proud of their attractive streets, each with its own colour scheme; it's a photographer's dream.

After some time at leisure you will be driven back to the ship.

- The tour involves a good deal of walking so please wear comfortable, sturdy shoes.
- To visit the fortress you will have to walk up a very steep street. Guests who prefer not to walk to the top can relax at one of the bars or cafés on the main square.
- The panoramic drive to Casares takes one hour.

MALAGA, SPAIN

Mijas & Wine Museum

Transport by air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 10 participants, no maximum

Duration: 4h30

Euros 55

This tour ends at the airport.

We will leave the town of Malaga behind us and head west along the coast road to Fuengirola, before driving inland to reach the village of Mijas. Mijas, perched 1500 ft. above sea level is a hill top village with a maze of little white washed streets.

It is beautifully clean and very well organized for tourists. Explore the narrow cobbled streets away from the crowds and enjoy fine views of the surrounding countryside.

Before leaving Mijas we will visit the wine museum and sample a glass of Spanish wine.

You will return to Malaga airport by a different route

- The drive to Mijas takes about 1 hour.
- After a one hour guided tour you will have some time at leisure to explore the village before the transfer to the airport.

