

# Two Continents, Three countries, and Four Cultures

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**Thursday. December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**O'Hare International Airport – Chicago**

Depart Chicago.

**Friday. December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Málaga Airport – Granada (D)**

Arrive airport, Malaga; travel to Granada. Spend the day in this fascinating and historical city and get a hint of Africa in the air.

- learn about the city's urban planning
- explore the Albaycin, the most authentic part of Granada
- experience the Andalusi cultural legacy

**Saturday. December 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Granada – Tangier (B,D)**

Explore The Alhambra, one of the most widely known of all Islamic works of art.

- visit the Alhambra Palace, home of the Nasrid Sultans (1238-1492)
- ferry nine miles to Africa
- arrive in Tangier, part of which is enclosed within medieval walls.
- breathe in the warm air of Morocco

**Sunday. December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Tangier – Fes (B,D)**

Relax as you view lovely whitewashed houses with blue doors and discover more traces of the Spanish past.

- travel down the Moroccan coast to Larache
- drive to the interior on the way to Fes

**Monday. December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Fes (B,D)**

Enjoy touring and learning about the largest and oldest medieval city in Africa.

- visit Fes, which some call The Soul of Morocco
- explore the labyrinth of streets inside its city walls
- discover numerous shops
- wonder at the Qaraouiyyine, a mosque and university founded by a Tunisian woman in the ninth century
- view the Attarin Medersa, a great sample of local architecture

## **Tuesday. December 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Fes – Chaouen – Puerto de Santa Maria (B,D)**

Explore this city—a small fortress built by Moorish exiles from Spain—and wander through this holy city's 20 mosques and sanctuaries.

- depart for the city of Chefchaouen in the mountains
- enjoy the sight of many bright low houses roofed with tiles
- discover the significance of the Medina, a 15th century relic from Muslim civilization
- walk through winding streets lined with blue-white walls
- travel on to Tangier
- ferry to Spain, night at La Linea

## **Wednesday. December 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **Puerto de Santa Maria / Cadiz (B,D)**

Enjoy the picturesque town of La Linea, which lies on the eastern isthmus of the Bay of Gibraltar, on the border with the British overseas territory of Gibraltar, with which it has close economic and social links.

- enjoy British culture in Andalucia
- interact with the last free-ranging monkeys left in Europe—the tailless Barbary monkeys of Gibraltar.
- refresh yourself in this area, famous for bright, sparkling sunshine
- tour a local wine cellar in honor of The Sherry Triangle
- hear about this area's major industry—sherry production
- take a ship to Cadiz—an “American” Spanish city

## **Thursday. December 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **Puerto de Sta Maria – Faro (B,D)**

Be awed by Roman walls, and traces of an Arab occupation; make memories by celebrating a traditional Spanish New Year's.

- stop in Puerto de Palos and La Rabida to view replicas of the Columbus ships
- tour Faro, a city still surrounded by Roman walls
- experience standing in an open square, once a Roman forum
- visit a 13th-century cathedral
- observe the architecture of an 18th-century palace
- learn first-hand about the Arab occupation of Portugal on a museum tour
- partake in the New Year's tradition of eating 12 grapes for good luck!
- celebrate with an ancient ritual of “three wishes” in this city, known for its New Year's reveling

## **Friday. January 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Faro – Lisbon (B,D)**

Immerse yourself in early navigation and science with a visit to the old School of Navigation founded by Prince Henry to further world exploration in 1418.

- explore Punta de Sagres and Cabo de San Vicente
- drive down a modern highway to Lisbon
- become inspired by one of the most fascinating bridges in the world

### **Saturday. January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **Lisbon (B,D)**

- get acquainted with the Roman, Germanic and Moorish history of the political, economic and cultural center of Portugal.
- take the morning to explore beautiful Lisbon
- discover the city's hidden wonders on your own in the evening
- celebrate the end of our voyage with a special farewell dinner!

### **Sunday. January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Airport Lisbon (B)**

Depart Portugal.