

# SPAIN AND MOROCCO ADVENTURE

17 DAY • TRIP CODE: ESMA • TRIP STYLE: CLASSIC

SERVICE LEVEL STANDARD PHYSICAL DEMAND ●●○○○

**Included Highlights:** Alhambra tour, City tours of Seville, Tangiers, Chefchauen, City tours of Meknes, Rabat, Casablanca, Fez and Marrakech, Ruins tour in Volubilis, traditional dinner in Jemaa El Fna.

Explore the fascinating countries of Spain and Morocco on this 17-day adventure. Enjoy the rhythms of Andalusia, the home of flamenco and the birthplace of the guitar. Relax on the beaches, explore the fascinating history and drink up the local culture. Move on to Morocco and learn about the country's evolution from the Phoenicians to the Berbers. Travel from Tangiers over to Fez through Casablanca and end in the lively city of Marrakech.



**ITINERARY ESMA - Day 1 Arrive Madrid** - Arrive at any time. **Day 2 Madrid** - Madrid has it all—history, architecture, museums, galleries, beautiful parks and a wild nightlife. **Day 3-4 Seville** - Seville is one of the most exciting and beautiful cities in the country. Muslim monuments, and a large lively student population maintain its energetic pulse. Orient yourself with a city tour, then explore at your leisure. **Day 5 Ronda** - It's impossible to miss the town's most unique feature - a 100m deep gorge splitting the town in two. The spectacular gorge is bridged by the magnificent Puente Nuevo. **Day 6-7 Granada** - Head to the traditional Andalus city of Granada. Explore the ancient palace of Alhambra, one of the greatest accomplishments of Islamic art and architecture. **Day 8 Malaga** - With beautiful Moorish architecture, fabulous nightlife and incredible seafood, don't miss out on Malaga. **Day 9 Tarifa** - Relax and take a break from your urban adventures to explore the beautiful Spanish coastline and its beaches. **Day 10 Tangiers** - Enjoy a relaxing ferry ride to Tangiers, Africa. **Day 11 Tangiers/Chefchauen (B)** - Start the morning with a guided tour of Tangiers, including the Kasbah with the Grand Socco and its myriad of small shops and artisans, the Hercules Caves and the Cape of Malabata. **Day 12-13 Ouessane/Fez (2B)** - Journey over the Rif Mountains to Fez. In the afternoon, go treasure-seeking in the souks' various quarters and endless maze of alleyways. Visit the Nejjarine Fountain, Bou Inania Medersa, Meliah and the Jewish cemetery. **Day 14 Volubilis/Meknes (B)** - Explore the Roman ruins of Volubilis, the exteriors of the Moulay Idriss Mausoleum. Continue your journey to Meknes, which includes the Bab Mansour, the Roua Stables and the Moulay Ismail Mausoleum. **Day 15-16 Casablanca/Marrakech (2B,D)** - We stop en-route to wander the famous streets of Casablanca. Enjoy a morning historical visit of Marrakech including the Koutoubia Minaret, the Bahia Palace, the Mellah and the Saadian Tombs. Wander the souks and bargain for trinkets before having a farewell dinner. **Day 17 Depart Marrakech (B)**

## \*Looking just for Spain?

Try the Highlights of Spain ESMP • Visit our website for details

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotels (16 nts) **TRANSPORT:** Private and public bus, train, ferry. **GROUP SIZE:** Max 15, Avg 10 **GROUP LEADER:** Tour leader throughout, local guides **MEALS INCLUDED:** 7 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner. **BUDGET:** Allow EUR250 for meals not included. For additional expenses, see trip details. **COMBINATION:** This tour combines with our Imperial Cities DCIC.

**PRICE: 1159 EUR**

**LOCAL PAYMENT: 300 EUR**

**OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM PRICE: 249 EUR**

Guaranteed Departures available. Please see website for dates and details.

\*exclusions apply. please see website for details.

17 DAYS MADRID TO MARRAKECH • DEPARTS SELECT THURSDAYS (MAY-OCT), THU-SAT

START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH
2 APR 23	0 MAY 09	0 MAY 23	9 MAY 21	0 JUN 06	9 JUN 18	0 JUL 02	9 JUL 16	0 JUL 30	9 AUG 13	0 AUG 29	9 SEP 11



Chefchauen, Morocco

Pilgrim's way, Spain



# EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

15 DAY • TRIP CODE: ESEC • TRIP STYLE: ACTIVE

SERVICE LEVEL STANDARD PHYSICAL DEMAND ●●●○○

**Included Highlights:** 12 days of trekking along the Pilgrimage route of Santiago de Compostela, city tour of Santiago de Compostela.

Follow the ancient pilgrimage route to the Galician city of Santiago de Compostela, which houses the tomb of the Apostle St. James. We cover 260 km of the Spanish portion of this spectacular trail, visiting ancient churches and quaint mountain villages along the way.



**ITINERARY ESEC - Day 1 Arrive Leon** - Arrive in Leon at any time. **Day 2-5 Rabanal del Camino / Ponferrada / Villafraanca del Bierzo/ Las Herrerrias** - Begin trekking from Astorga, a short bus ride away from Leon. Over the next few days pass through the towns of Rabanal del Camino, Ponferrada and Villafraanca del Bierzo, spending nights in quaint family inns and guesthouses typical of these Spanish villages. Day 5 is a relaxed, easy walk to Las Herrerrias. Leave early to arrive in time for a siesta. **Day 6-8 Viduedo/O Cebreiro/Sarria/Portomarin** - Continuing along the "pilgrim's way", visit the quaint village of Viduedo and traverse the mountain pass of O Cebreiro (1109m) where you officially cross into Galician territory. Days are filled with stunning scenery as you pass Christian temples, rural scenery and cross dramatic mountain passes along the way. **Day 9-11 Palas de Rey/ Melide** - After Portomarin, the path gets a bit more challenging with several upward slopes. The region of Palas de Rey, once of great importance during the Middle Ages, rewards us with breathtaking views and mountainous landscapes that are synonymous with this part of northern Spain. Day 11 is much easier, with only a few light upward slopes. **Day 12-14 Arzua / Santiago de Compostela** - The last leg of our pilgrimage takes you from Palas de Rey, through Arzua, and on to the end of our journey, Santiago de Compostela. Sit back and celebrate your journey. On Day 13, we aim to leave early to get to Santiago in time for the pilgrim's mass. **Day 15 Depart Santiago de Compostela**

## \*Interested in extending your active holiday in Spain?

Try our Catalonia Walking Adventure ESCW or Catalonia by Bike ESCB, see pg 78.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Small family-run inns (14 nts). **TRANSPORT:** Walking, local bus. **GROUP SIZE:** Max 15, Avg 10 **GROUP LEADER:** Tour leader throughout, local guides. **MEALS INCLUDED:** No meals included. **BUDGET:** Allow EUR400 for meals not included. For additional expenses, see trip details **NOTES:** Night stops may vary depending on weather conditions, daily group progress and availability.

**PRICE: 639 EUR**

**LOCAL PAYMENT: 250 EUR**

**OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM PRICE: 189 EUR**

Guaranteed Departures available. Please see website for dates and details.

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15 DAYS LEON TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA • DEPARTS SUNDAYS MONTHLY (MAY-OCT), SUN-SUN

START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH
2 MAY 10	0 MAY 24	0 JUN 7	9 JUN 21	0 JUL 12	9 JUL 26	0 SEP 6	9 SEP 20	0 OCT 4	9 OCT 18