

WINGS OVER THE WORLD

# Wings Over Spain & Morocco 2019

13 days

# Limited to 13 guests

Explore two countries forever linked to the great Moorish culture that ruled them from the eighth to the 15th century, discovering how the Moors shaped the region's iconic architecture and incredible cuisine on a luxury journey that features several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, a stay at A&K's Exclusive Desert Tented Camp, and a private flamenco performance at a palace in Seville.

Aircraft: Bombardier Challenger 850 or comparable

Aircraft and seating configuration subject to change.

Flight Details: Granada-Fez (55 min) | Fez-Erfoud (40 min) | Erfoud-Marrakech (50 min) | Marrakech-Seville (1 hour 20 min)

# **A&K Advantages**

Explore the best of Spain and Morocco on a spectacular journey that reveals the Moors' enduring influence on the entire region

Enjoy the ease of private charter flights, saving hours or even days over commercial air routes

Visit the fortress-like Alhambra Palace, a fine example of Islamic architecture in Granada

Experience the Sahara's Erg Chebbi dunes in style at an A&K Exclusive Desert Tented Camp

Discover the well-preserved mosaics of Roman villas at Volubilis and the medieval-era Medina of Fez, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Behold the mastery of Yves Saint Laurent at the new museum devoted to his works in Marrakech

Customize your travel experience on an afternoon in vibrant Marrakech, taking advantage of A&K's diverse Design Your Day feature

Privately enter Seville's monumental Royal Alcázar palace on a special after-hours visit

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# Itinerary

Wings Over the World itineraries feature private charter flights between destinations, allowing you the convenience of visiting remote places with less time spent getting there.

#### DAY 1 ARRIVE GRANADA, SPAIN

Arrive in Granada, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for a cocktail, followed by a welcome dinner at your hotel.

Hotel Alhambra Palace | Meals: Dinner

### DAY 2 GRANADA | THE INCOMPARABLE ALHAMBRA

Discover the Alhambra, a medieval Muslim palace and UNESCO World Heritage Site, led by a top local guide. See the delicate beauty of the Nazaries Palace, the Court of Myrtles and the intricately decorated Court of the Lions. Then, discover the gardens of the Generalife, a palace from the days of Granada's last Arab kings.

Hotel Alhambra Palace | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



#### DAY 3 FEZ, MOROCCO | LAND OF RICH HERITAGE

Enjoy a private visit to the Fundación Rodríguez-Acosta Museum before boarding your privately chartered flight to Morocco, landing in Fez. Transfer to your hotel, a refurbished former palace, where you enjoy lunch. This afternoon, tour Fez el-Jedid (modern Fez). See the Royal Palace, *madrasas* (school-mosques), the city wall and the *mellah* (Jewish quarter). Tonight at your hotel, enjoy a special cocktail reception and dinner, joined by a guest speaker who reveals fascinating aspects of Moroccan culture.

Palais Faraj Suites & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 4 FEZ | TIMELESS MEDIEVAL CITY

Explore Fez el-Bali (Old Fez), the cultural heart of Morocco. Stroll the labyrinthine old quarter, with its 9,000 narrow lanes, alleys and *souks*. Enter the intricately detailed 14th-century Karaouine — one of the oldest universities in the world, and then visit Nejjarine Square.

Palais Faraj Suites & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 5 VOLUBILIS & MEKNES | ROMAN RUINS, SUNNY VINEYARDS

Journey overland to explore the Roman ruins of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site brimming with iconic architecture and mosaics depicting mythical scenes. Proceed to a local winery outside of Meknes, for a special Chef's Table experience set among the region's sun-bathed vineyards and olive groves. Enjoy a gournet meal made from locally sourced, organic ingredients.

Palais Faraj Suites & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

# DAY 6 ERFOUD | CAMEL RIDE TO YOUR DESERT CAMP

Fly to Er-Rachidia Moulay Ali Cherif, and then transfer overland to Erfoud. Enjoy lunch before rolling out into the Sahara Desert, between the towering red sand dunes of Erg Chebbi, in a 4x4 vehicle. Change modes of transport, mounting a camel to complete your journey to A&K's exclusive nomadic tented camp. As the sun sets over the dunes, toast your desert sojourn with a Scenic Sundowner. Later, enjoy authentic Moroccan entertainment beside a campfire, before adjourning to a nearby tent for a dinner of regional dishes with wine. Slumber tonight in comfort, in the silent Sahara.

A&K Exclusive Desert Tented Camp | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# DAY 7 MARRAKECH | ARABIAN HORSES & MOROCCAN CUISINE

Fly by private charter to Marrakech, saving hours of over-the-road travel time. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch and a horse show featuring stunning Arabian stallions. Then, check in to your hotel — and your elegant *riad* room. Tonight, gather for a traditional Moroccan dinner prepared by an award-winning chef at the hotel's restaurant

Royal Mansour Marrakech | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 8 MARRAKECH | EXPLORING THE RED CITY

Explore Marrakech, starting at the 19th-century Bahia Palace. Then, visit the Dar El Bacha Palace. After several years of heavy rehabilitation work, the palace was reopened by his Majesty King Mohamed VI in 2017. The colorful, geometric tiles, painted ceilings and carved cedar wood are an exhibition on their own, but the palace also boasts an area for the Art of Islam, an international collection of Patty Cadby Birch that represents the four continents as well as a private, temporary, exhibition space. Savor lunch in the lively medina, followed by an opportunity to discover the labyrinthine *souks* and Djemaa El Fna Square.

Royal Mansour Marrakech | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

# DAY 9 MARRAKECH | HISTORIC GARDENS & DESIGN YOUR DAY

Ride by horse-drawn carriage to Jardin Majorelle, a picturesque garden created by French painter Jacques Majorelle and later restored by design legend Yves Saint Laurent. Tour the on-site Berber Museum and the newly opened Yves Saint Laurent Museum nearby, which reveals his vast portfolio. This afternoon, personalize your travel experience to suit your own interests by choosing from three Design Your Day activities. DESIGN YOUR DAY | Select from these options Learn to Cook with Moroccan Spices

Perhaps no place on earth is more associated with fine spices than Marrakech, which you discover during a hands-on cooking class with a top local chef. Explore the Souks of Marrakech

Venture with an expert guide into the souks, narrow winding streets lined with shops that have been plying locally grown food and handicrafts for centuries. Walk the Historic Jewish Quarter

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Visit the *mellah* — a once-thriving center of Jewish life in Marrakech that shone as an example of religious freedom and tolerance — for a guided walking tour. Later, gather for a special dinner featuring entertainment by a *gnaoua* band.

Royal Mansour Marrakech | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 10 SEVILLE, SPAIN | AFTER-HOURS AT THE ROYAL ALCÁZAR

Board a privately chartered flight to Seville, Spain, where you check in to your hotel, and then walk with your guide to the Royal Alcázar — a monumental palace — for a special after-hours visit. Finish the evening with a tapas dinner.

Hotel Alfonso XIII | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 11 SEVILLE | PRIVATE VISIT TO HOSPITAL DE LA CARIDAD

Today, enjoy a guided tour of the Seville Cathedral, followed by a guided visit to the Casa de Salinas, where you meet a member of the family that owns this small, private 16th-century palace. Tonight, after dinner at a local restaurant, make a private, after-hours visit to Hospital de la Caridad, to hear Gregorian chant performed live.

Hotel Alfonso XIII | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 12 CÓRDOBA & SEVILLE | A VIBRANT FLAMENCO FINALE

Venture by train to Córdoba, in Spain's Andalusia region, for a walking tour of its whitewashed medieval streets. Stroll to its heart: the old Jewish quarter, part of the historic center of Córdoba, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, discover the magnificent Mezquita, viewing its 10th-century splendors, and continuing to Medina Azahara, one of the main archaeological sites in Spain, before returning to Seville. Later this evening, ride by horse-drawn carriage to a private reception and farewell dinner, followed by a performance of flamenco dancing and singing — a fitting coda to your amazing Moorish adventure.

Hotel Alfonso XIII | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 13 DEPART SEVILLE

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart.

# Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 12.

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