



The Plaza de España, Seville

20 nights

📍 **\$7,995\*** p.p.

Departs: Feb. 29, 2020

Toronto - **\$7,995\*** p.p.

Vancouver - **\$8,495\*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

**🚗 Visits to:**

Madrid - Porto - Coimbra - Fatima -  
Lisbon - Cordoba - Casablanca -  
Marrakech - Fez - Granada - Toledo -  
Seville - Rhonda

**📌 What's Included:**

- \* *Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- 20 nights 4-star hotel accommodation (three nights in Madrid, two nights in Porto, one night in Fatima, two nights in Lisbon, one night in Cordoba, two nights in Seville, four nights in Costa del Sol, one night in Casablanca, one night in Marrakech, two nights in Fez and one night in Granada)
- Private motor coach transportation
- Local English speaking tour guide
- 20 breakfasts and 12 dinners
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- All taxes and gratuities

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO

Round-trip by land: Madrid

Discover the magic and charm of Spain, Portugal and Morocco on this complete hosted tour! Pass through Lisbon where you can be mesmerised by Fado music, in the oldest districts of the city. Visit the famous monasteries and pilgrimage sites of Fatima and explore Porto, home of the Douro Valley and port wine production.

In Spain roam along the luxurious ports and mosey through white-washed villages. Visit Seville, the birthplace of Flamenco dancing, and admire UNESCO-listed Cordoba and its historic quarter. Wander around beautiful Granada, home to the Alhambra, the flagship of the city's diverse historical heritage. Spend time in Spain's cosmopolitan capital, Madrid and see original art by Spanish painters such as Picasso, Dalí and Miró.

Continue to Morocco, where epic mountain ranges, ancient cities, sweeping deserts and warm hospitality combine. Visit the winding medina maze of Fez to the carnivalesque street-theatre of the Djemaa el-Fnaa in Marrakech and the glitzy urban city of Casablanca.

**Single supplements available!**  
**Call your local Merit Travel expert.**





ACTIVITY LEVEL:  
**SIGHT-SEEING**

#### APPROPRIATE FOR:

Travellers who are physically fit and comfortable with longer days of touring by transport and by foot and do not require mobility aids.

## Your Itinerary | Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner = (B, L, D)

### DAY 1 | Feb. 29, 2020 | Toronto/Vancouver - Madrid

Board your overnight flight to Madrid.

### DAY 2 | Mar. 1, 2020 | Madrid

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check in.

Remainder of the day is at leisure.

*Accommodation at Courtyard Marriott Madrid Princesa (2 nights)*

### DAY 3 | Mar. 2, 2020 | Madrid (B)

Get a taste for the top attractions in Madrid on a panoramic tour of the city by coach.

Along the way you'll tour historic plazas like Plaza Mayor and Plaza de la Villa and see intriguing neighbourhoods like the district of Salamanca, Plaza Castilla and Parque del Oeste. View the city's grand boulevards, as your guide shares details on their history and significance. Your afternoon is free for shopping or exploring.

### DAY 4 | Mar. 3, 2020 | Madrid - Avila - Salamanca - Porto (B)

After breakfast, depart for Avila, a city with a well-preserved medieval

wall surrounding the old town. Continue on to Salamanca, a university city featuring various World Heritage listed architecture and art. Afterwards, we journey on to Porto in Portugal.

*Accommodation at Tryp Porto Expo (2 nights)*

### DAY 5 | Mar. 4, 2020 | Porto (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. With the knowledge of a local guide, visit Porto's best Gothic, Romanesque, Baroque, and Neo-classical style monuments and learn the intricacies of them all. Admire top attractions including the Stock exchange building, Santa Clara church and the famous Porto Cathedral.

Your afternoon is at leisure. You may wish to visit a famous winery and taste the world-famous port wine.

### DAY 6 | Mar. 5, 2020 | Porto - Coimbra - Fatima (B)

After breakfast we depart for Coimbra known as the birthplace of Fado and the city with one of the oldest universities in Europe.

Continue to Fatima the centre of the Christian faith with its impressive Basilica and the Cova da Iria place where the Virgin Mary appeared. We will see the Chapel of the Apparitions, heart of the sanctuary, with the tombs of the three shepherds, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta.

In the evening there is a possibility to attend the procession of the candles.

*Accommodation at Aurea Fatima Hotel (1 night)*

### DAY 7 | Mar. 6, 2020 | Fatima - Nazaré - Alcobaca - Lisbon (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart to the Batalha Monastery, a masterpiece of Gothic and Manueline style and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the picturesque fishing town of Nazaré and on to Alcobaca another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit a 12th century church and admire the tombs of Pedro and Inés de Castro. We then continue to Lisbon and check into our hotel.

*Optional night tour to attend a typical Fado show with Portuguese songs and music.*

*Accommodation at Tryp Lisboa Oriente (2 night)*

### DAY 8 | Mar. 7, 2020 | Lisbon (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Lisbon and explore the city. The rest of your afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 9 | Mar. 8, 2020 | Lisbon - Caceres - Cordoba (B, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart at 7:30 a.m. for Caceres a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk through the Plaza Mayor and the Medieval Old Town. Afterwards, continue towards Cordoba.

Enjoy dinner at your hotel.

*Accommodation at NH Cordoba Guadalquivir Hotel (1 night)*

### DAY 10 | Mar. 9, 2020 | Cordoba - Seville (B, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a tour of the city, the Mosque and the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, we reach Seville. Enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening.

*Accommodation at NH Collection Sevilla (2 nights)*

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**DAY 11 | Mar. 10, 2020 | Seville (B, D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a panoramic city tour of Seville with your local guide. Your afternoon is at leisure for you to discover this delightful city. Enjoy dinner at your hotel.

*Optional tour to see a Flamenco show.*

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**DAY 12 | Mar. 11, 2020 | Seville - Ronda - Costa del Sol (B, D)**

After breakfast at the hotel you will drive south and pass through typical villages until you reach Ronda. Enjoy free time to admire this town of Celtic origin and the marvelous view of the valley and mountain range. In the afternoon continue on to the Costa del Sol, surrounded by luxurious ports, white-washed villages and impeccable beaches that dot the southern coast of Spain.

Enjoy dinner at your hotel.

***Accommodation at Hotel Melia Costa del Sol (2 nights)***

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**DAY 13 | Mar. 12, 2020 | Costa del Sol (B, D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today enjoy your entire day at leisure and explore the wonderful beaches of the Costa del Sol and surrounding areas.

Enjoy dinner at your hotel.

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**DAY 14 | Mar. 13, 2020 | Costa del Sol - Rabat - Casablanca (B, D)**

After breakfast you will drive along the picturesque tourist route of Costa del Sol and arrive at Tarifa where you will board a ferry boat for a short crossing of the strait of Gibraltar towards Africa.

Arrive in Tangier, Morocco, and disembark, clear customs and then drive southwards via Larache to Rabat. Enjoy a panoramic city tour and see the Royal Palace from outside, the Mohammed V Mausoleum, and the unfinished Hassan Tower, all important examples of the Almohade architecture.

Afterwards, continue to Casablanca, the economic capital of Morocco. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore this European-flavoured, sophisticated, Arabic city.

Enjoy dinner at your hotel.

***Accommodation at Oum Palace Hotel (1 night)***

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**DAY 15 | Mar. 14, 2020 | Casablanca - Marrakech (B, D)**

Breakfast at the hotel and then enjoy a panoramic city tour.

Then continue towards Marrakech. Marrakech is a city steeped in ancient artistry that continues to thrive, kept alive by the modern craftspeople of the souqs and the contemporary art and design scene of the ville nouvelle. Savour the Majorelle and Menara botanical gardens and discover the stalls and entertainment of Djemaa el Fnaa square, before enjoying dinner at your hotel.

*Optional show at Chez Ali Fantasia.*

***Accommodation at El Andalous Lounge and Spa Hotel (1 night)***

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**DAY 16 | Mar. 15, 2020 | Marrakech - Meknes - Fez (B, D)**

After breakfast depart northeast to Meknes, a walled, once imperial city, located in the heart of the Mid Atlas. Enjoy a panoramic city tour and admire the famous Bab Al Mansour Gate. Afterwards depart for

Fez, the most monumental of the Imperial Cities, and known for its University of "Al-Karaouine" the largest Islamic sanctuary in Morocco.

Enjoy dinner at your hotel.

***Accommodation at Royal Mirage Hotel (2 nights)***

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**DAY 17 | Mar. 16, 2020 | Fez (B, D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a morning city tour of the most ancient and monumental attractions before joining a walking tour of the Medina or Old City, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your afternoon is free at leisure before enjoying dinner at your hotel.

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**DAY 18 | Mar. 17, 2020 | Fez - Costa del Sol (B, D)**

After breakfast depart for Tangier, board the ferry to return across the strait of Gibraltar back to Spain. Upon arrival in Spain continue towards Costa del Sol before enjoying dinner at your hotel.

***Accommodation at Hotel Melia Costa del Sol (2 nights)***

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**DAY 19 | Mar. 18, 2020 | Costa del Sol (B, D)**

Start with breakfast before enjoying the remainder of your day relaxing at wonderful beaches or exploring your surroundings.

Enjoy dinner at your hotel.

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**DAY 20 | Mar. 19, 2020 | Costa del Sol - Granada (B, D)**

After breakfast depart for Granada, a city both gritty and compelling. Visit the world-famous Alhambra complex and Generalife Gardens that have inspired several authors with its sounds and sights, such as the "Tales of the Alhambra" by W. Irving.

Your afternoon is at leisure. Enjoy dinner at your hotel.

***Accommodation at Hotel Melia Granada (1 night)***

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**DAY 21 | Mar. 20, 2020 | Granada - Toledo - Madrid (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive northward towards Castilla, by the Tagus River, until you reach the impressive Imperial city of Toledo. Toledo is a UNESCO World Heritage city where Christians, Moors and Jews, have lived together over time. Enjoy a panoramic city tour of this historical old town through its narrow streets. Next, visit a "damasquinado" (gold and silver inlaying in iron) factory.

Continue to Madrid. Few cities boast an artistic pedigree quite as pure as Madrid's. Many art lovers return here again and again. For centuries, Spanish royals showered praise and riches upon the finest artists of the day, from home-grown talents such as Goya and Velázquez to Flemish and Italian greats. Masterpieces by these and other Spanish painters such as Picasso, Dalí and Miró now adorn the walls of the city's world-class galleries. Madrid has evolved into one of the richest culinary capitals of Europe. From tapas in sleek temples to all that's new to sit-down meals beneath centuries-old vaulted ceilings, eating in Madrid is a genuine pleasure.

***Accommodation at Courtyard Marriott Madrid Princesa (1 night)***

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**DAY 22 | Mar. 21, 2020 | Madrid - Toronto/Vancouver (B)**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Merit Travel Group Inc. doing business as Merit Travel, acts solely as agents for the Travel Service Suppliers such as hoteliers, airlines, ground service operators, bus operators, etc. who are providing their facilities as described in this brochure. We do our best to select such suppliers but exercise no control over them and cannot be held responsible for the failure of these suppliers to carry out any obligations. Any and all bookings made with these suppliers by us, for you, are subject to the terms and conditions of each and every such supplier. Supplier liability may also be limited by law, tariffs, or conditions set forth in their documentation, tickets, etc.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Merit and its directors, officers, employees, affiliates, successors, assigns, agents and other representatives are not responsible for any and all claims for losses, damages (whether direct, indirect, special, punitive, or other consequential damages, lost profits or opportunities) delays, illness, injuries, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, or anxiety (whether based in contract, tort, negligence, strict liability or otherwise, and even if Merit and the Travel Service Suppliers have been advised of the possibility of damages to such party or any other party) arising from:

- a. Fault or negligence or omissions on the part of the said travel service suppliers;
- b. Illness, theft, strikes, mechanical problems, quarantine, governmental intervention, weather conditions, acts of hostility or violence, and any other grounds beyond our control;
- c. Your failure to obtain passport, visas, other travel documents or inoculations
- d. Your failure to advise us the name of the traveller exactly as it appears on the passport;
- e. Your failure to report on time at an airport or ground transfer facility;
- f. Material damages, theft or other mysterious disappearances of your goods;
- g. Personal injuries or death;
- h. Force Majeure - an event(s) beyond our, or our supplier(s), reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of God, strikes, lockout or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts of restraints imposed by governmental authorities.

## PRICING

All prices are per person in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. GST, HST and provincial taxes are applicable on tours as noted.

## INCREASE IN TOUR COSTS

Merit reserves the right to increase tour prices in the event of an increase in government and airport authority imposed taxes and fees, fuel and currency surcharges, supplier price increases, or any other cost increase. If the increase is greater than 7% of the tour cost, the client may cancel the booking within seven days of notification and obtain a full refund.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A deposit of \$750 per person is required at the time of booking. Full and final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

**Please note, some of our suppliers may require additional deposit or full payments at time of booking, pending seasonality. You will be advised of additional requirements at time of booking.**

## LIABILITY

Merit cannot assume responsibility for any costs incurred for any travel arrangements purchased separately from the Merit tour. Merit's responsibility shall extend only to the provisions of advice as to industry-standard or supplier recommended connections and check-in times. Provided Merit supplies such advice, they shall not be responsible for missed connections or departures, regardless of the cause.

## TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (INSURANCE)

Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, medical and hospital insurance, baggage insurance, and various additional insurances are available and

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. If you choose not to purchase insurance, you are required to sign an Insurance Waiver Form. Note that if you choose not to purchase insurance, you are fully liable for any and all penalties imposed as stated under Cancellation Policy on this page. Please speak to your representative at the time of making reservations about insurance.

## REFUNDS

The nature of travel involves risks and unpredictable weather and thus Merit cannot assure any departure or arrival times at any point of an itinerary. Your right to receive a refund is limited. There will be no discounts or monies refunded for any missed or unused services. Merit reserves the right to cancel the tour for any reason. Should this occur, a full refund will be made to the traveller.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

While Merit will do its utmost to minimize any penalties charged, there are irrecoverable costs associated with your tour. The following penalties will be considered the costs incurred with cancellation:

- a. 90 days or more prior to departure: Loss of total deposit.
- b. 89 – 60 days prior to departure: Loss of 50% of total tour cost.
- c. 59 days or less prior to departure: Loss of 100% of total tour cost.

**Cancellation penalties for some tours will vary and there may be additional penalties associated with the airfare. If so, these policies will be noted separately at time of booking and will prevail.**

## TOUR CHANGES

We reserve the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines or vessels due to conditions beyond our control. In such cases we will do everything possible to ensure the locations visited, the excursions taken and the hotels offered are similar to the ones originally planned. Any change to itineraries will not result in eligibility for a refund.

## REVISION FEE

Changes to your tour reservation might not be possible. Should you request a change and we are able to accommodate it, you will be subject to any charges imposed by the airline or tour suppliers. In addition, we reserve the right to charge a \$50 revision fee for any change made after the deposit is paid. A change in name or departure date may constitute a cancellation, and the corresponding penalties may apply.

## PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION

All passengers travelling internationally must travel with a passport. Many countries require the passport to be valid for 6 months beyond the traveller's return date. Visas may be required for some destinations. It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain at the passenger's expense, all documentation required by all relevant authorities. In the event that the passenger does not possess the correct documentation, the air carrier has the right to refuse passage.

## DESCRIPTION

Every effort has been made to describe and produce the travel services and photographs as accurately as possible in the printed tour description. However we reserve the right to correct errors and we will make all reasonable efforts to inform you should any significant changes occur.

**Please note that the living standards and local conditions during your tour may be different from what you are accustomed to at home.**

## CONSENT

Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute your consent to the above terms.

If you encounter any concerns during your tour, please inform your local travel service provider. If the matter cannot be resolved, please inform Merit Travel in writing upon your return.