

Spain – Portugal (12 Days)

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Discover the best of Iberia — Barcelona’s design and beaches, Madrid’s museums and tapas, and Portugal’s soulful Lisbon, Porto’s riverside charm, and the Algarve’s sunlit coast. A perfect balance of city culture, coastal escapes, and culinary delights.

Full Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival Barcelona

- Check in at a central Barcelona hotel (Eixample / Gothic Quarter).
- Stroll La Rambla and the Gothic Quarter; tapas evening in El Born.

Day 2 – Barcelona Highlights

- Sagrada Família, Park Güell, Passeig de Gràcia (Casa Batlló, La Pedrera).
- Afternoon at Barceloneta beach or a seaside stroll.

Day 3 – Barcelona to Valencia (optional) / Travel to Madrid

- Morning AVE high-speed train to Madrid (~2.5–3 hrs) or stop in Valencia for paella.
- Evening in Madrid – Puerta del Sol, Gran Vía.

Day 4 – Madrid Museums & Parks

- Prado Museum, Reina Sofía (Guernica), Retiro Park.
- Tapas in La Latina, rooftop drinks at sunset.

Day 5 – Day Trip: Toledo or Segovia

- Half-day to historic Toledo (1 hr) or Segovia (1 hr) — Roman aqueduct, medieval streets.
- Return to Madrid.

Day 6 – Madrid → Lisbon (flight / overnight train)

- Fly to Lisbon (~1h20) or overnight train/flight.
- Evening in Alfama district: Fado and dinner.

Day 7 – Lisbon Highlights

- **Jerónimos Monastery, Belém Tower, Tram 28 ride, Miradouros** (viewpoints).
- Pastéis de Belém for dessert.

Day 8 – Lisbon → Porto (train, ~3 hrs)

- Arrive Porto; Ribeira, Dom Luís I bridge, port wine cellars in Vila Nova de Gaia.
- Sunset riverside dinner.

Day 9 – Douro Valley Day Trip (from Porto)

- Wine tasting, vineyard views, optional river cruise in the Douro Valley.
- Return to Porto.

Day 10 – Porto → Algarve (flight or train + drive)

- Travel to the Algarve (Lagos or Albufeira).
- Relax on beaches, visit Benagil Cave if time permits.

Day 11 – Algarve Coast

- Coastal hikes, boat trip to sea caves, seafood by the beach.
- Sunset on Ponta da Piedade (Lagos).

Day 12 – Departure (from Faro or Lisbon)

- Check out and transfer to Faro Airport (~30–60 min from Lagos) or return to Lisbon for departure.
 - Departure flight.
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Practical Travel Info

- Airports: Barcelona (BCN), Madrid (MAD), Lisbon (LIS), Porto (OPO), Faro (FAO).



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- Main Stations: Barcelona Sants, Madrid Atocha/Chamartín, Lisbon Oriente, Porto Campanhã.
- Trains: Spain AVE high-speed network; Portugal Alfa Pendular between Lisbon & Porto.
- Transfers & Driving: Renting a car recommended for Algarve; city centers best by metro/taxi.
- Currency: Euro (€)

Travel Tips & Essentials

- Book Sagrada Família and Alhambra (if visiting) in advance.
- Try regional specialties: tapas, cocido, paella (Spain); bacalhau, pastel de nata, and port wine (Portugal).
- Comfortable shoes for cobblestones; carry a small umbrella in shoulder seasons.
- Summer (Jun–Aug) is busy on coasts; Apr–Jun & Sep–Oct recommended.

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Spain – Morocco – Portugal – 18-Day Luxury Itinerary

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A grand Mediterranean and North African journey — from Spain’s architecture and tapas to Morocco’s desert magic, ending with Portugal’s coastal charm. Expect art, culture, luxury hotels, private transfers, and unforgettable dining across three countries.

Full Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival in Barcelona

- Arrive at Barcelona El Prat Airport (BCN); private transfer to your hotel. Suggested: Mandarin Oriental or Majestic Hotel & Spa.
 - Afternoon: Visit Sagrada Família and stroll the Gothic Quarter.
 - Lunch: Tapas at Ciudad Condal or El Nacional.
 - Dinner: Rooftop cocktails at Terraza Ayre and fine dining at ABaC or Nobu Barcelona.
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Day 2 – Barcelona Highlights & Madrid Transfer

- Morning: Park Güell, Casa Batlló, and La Pedrera.
 - Lunch: Brunch & Cake or Tapa Tapa for light local fare.
 - Afternoon: High-speed AVE train to Madrid (≈2.5 hrs).
 - Evening: Check in at The Principal Madrid or Four Seasons. Tapas walk around Plaza Mayor and Mercado de San Miguel.
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Day 3 – Madrid Culture & Cuisine

- Morning: Prado Museum and Retiro Park.
 - Lunch: Botín (world’s oldest restaurant) or Mercado de San Ildefonso.
 - Afternoon: Royal Palace and Gran Vía shopping.
 - Dinner: Ramón Freixa or DiverXO for Michelin-starred dining.
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Day 4 – Madrid → Seville

- Morning train to Seville (≈2.5 hrs). Check in at Hotel Alfonso XIII.
- Afternoon: Visit Alcázar Palace and Seville Cathedral.
- Dinner: Tapas at El Rinconcillo or rooftop dinner near Plaza de España.
- Optional evening flamenco show in Santa Cruz district.

Day 5 – Seville → Granada

- Private transfer to Granada (≈3 hrs). Check in at Parador de Granada or Hospes Palacio de los Patos.
- Afternoon: Explore Alhambra and Generalife Gardens.
- Dinner: Carmen de Aben Humeya — terrace dining with Alhambra views.

Day 6 – Granada → Tangier (via Malaga or Tarifa)

- Morning transfer to Malaga or Tarifa; ferry across the Strait of Gibraltar.
- Arrive Tangier; private transfer to your riad. Suggestion: Villa Josephine or Fairmont Tazi Palace.
- Evening walk through the medina and sunset at Cap Spartel.
- Dinner: Fine Moroccan cuisine at El Morocco Club.

Day 7 – Tangier → Chefchaouen

- Private drive to Chefchaouen (≈3 hrs).
- Explore the “Blue Pearl” — medina, Kasbah, and mountain views.
- Lunch: Café Clock or local rooftop terrace.
- Dinner: Riadh Lina or Casa Hassan — traditional Moroccan flavors.

Day 8 – Chefchaouen → Fes

- Morning transfer to Fes (≈4–5 hrs). Stay at Riad Fes or Palais Amani.
- Afternoon: Fes el-Bali medina tour with private guide.
- Dinner: L’Amandier or rooftop dining in old town.

Day 9 – Fes → Sahara Desert (Merzouga)

- Early departure to Merzouga via Ifrane & Erfoud.
- Afternoon: Camel trek into the dunes.
- Overnight in luxury desert camp — candlelit dinner under the stars.

Day 10 – Sahara → Ouarzazate → Marrakech

- Sunrise over dunes, breakfast at camp, and drive via Aït Benhaddou.
- Continue to Marrakech; check in at Royal Mansour or La Mamounia.

- Dinner: Fine dining at Comptoir Darna or Nomad.
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Day 11 – Marrakech Highlights

- Morning: Bahia Palace, Koutoubia, Jardin Majorelle, Yves Saint Laurent Museum.
 - Lunch: Café des Épices in the medina.
 - Afternoon: Spa & hammam at Royal Mansour.
 - Dinner: Rooftop restaurant with Medina views.
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Day 12 – Marrakech → Lisbon (Flight)

- Fly to Lisbon (direct flights available). Check in at Four Seasons Ritz or Bairro Alto Hotel.
 - Evening: Alfama stroll and Fado music dinner in a local tavern.
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Day 13 – Lisbon Discovery

- Morning: Belém Tower, Jerónimos Monastery, Pastéis de Belém.
 - Lunch: Time Out Market.
 - Afternoon: Tram 28 ride, Miradouros viewpoints.
 - Dinner: Michelin tasting menu at Belcanto or Prado.
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Day 14 – Lisbon → Porto (Train)

- Morning train (≈3 hrs). Check in at The Yeatman or Torel Palace Porto.
 - Explore Ribeira district and Dom Luís I Bridge.
 - Dinner: Modern Portuguese cuisine at DOP or Cantinho do Avillez.
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Day 15 – Douro Valley Day Trip

- Private car to Douro Valley vineyards.
 - Wine tasting and lunch overlooking the river.
 - Return to Porto for evening.
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Day 16 – Porto → Algarve

- Morning flight or train + private transfer to Algarve.
- Stay at Vila Vita Parc or Conrad Algarve.

- Relax at beaches, explore Benagil caves.
 - Dinner: Ocean Restaurant (Michelin 2-star).
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Day 17 – Algarve Leisure

- **Morning: Coastal walk or private yacht excursion.**
 - Lunch: Beachside seafood restaurant.
 - Afternoon at leisure.
 - Farewell dinner by the sea.
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Day 18 – Departure

- **Transfer to Lisbon or Faro Airport (FAO) for departure.**
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 - Transfers: AVE trains in Spain, ferry to Morocco, short flights between countries
 - Currency: Euro (€) and Moroccan Dirham (MAD)
 - Power Plugs: Type C/F (220V)
 - Best Time: April–June & September–October
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Travel Tips & Essentials

- Prebook Alhambra, Sahara camps, and top Lisbon/Porto restaurants.
- Pack layers for coastal breeze and desert nights.
- Carry passport for Morocco border crossings.
- Consider private driver from Fes to Marrakech for comfort and scenic views.

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