

Itinerary – CST Morocco & Spain 2022

Day 1/ Fri. Aug. 19/2022 Depart IAD for Morocco

Tonight we depart from Dulles Intl. Airport on Air Morocco for our overnight flight to Casablanca, Morocco. (Est. departure time 9:15PM- Arrive Morocco 9:20AM next day) details to come...

Day 2/ Sat, Aug. 20/22 - Atlas Medina & Spa

Upon arrival at Casablanca airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Marrakech (about 3-hour drive). Check-in at your hotel for dinner and an overnight. **Casablanca - Arrival - Marrakech D Marrakech: (D)**

Atlas Medina & Spa is surrounded by a 12 acre garden in the heart of Marrakech's Hivernage Square. It offers rooms with private bathrooms, a spa and free parking. The air-conditioned rooms at Atlas Medina & Spa come with a TV and private bathroom. All rooms have free Wi-Fi internet. Guests have access to Atlas Medina's swimming pools and garden with palm trees, as well as spa access available for an additional fee. A fitness center is also offered at the hotel.

Day 3/ Sun, Aug. 21/22 - Atlas Medina & Spa Marr

Today, enjoy a tour of historical Marrakech. See El Bahia Palace where you will find a sentry of nesting storks standing guard. Visit the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah, and see the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Pass by the Royal Palace during a tour of the ancient city wall. Then, visit one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in Morocco, Jardin Majorelle, a colorful oasis in the center of Marrakech with exotic plants, fountains and palm trees designed by French artist Jacques Majorelle. Then, enter the 9th-century walled Medina and enjoy time to mingle with locals and artisans as you shop at the ancient market. This evening, enjoy a nice typical Moroccan dinner with your group. Overnight at your hotel in Marrakech. **Explore Marrakech (BD)**

Day 4/ Mon, Aug. 22/22 - Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace

After breakfast and check-out, proceed to Rabat. Enjoy a tour of the capital of Morocco and one of the Imperial Cities. Visit the Medina built by Moorish refugees from Spain, the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, and explore the Oudaya Kasbah. Continue to Meknes, another Imperial City, with its rich architectural legacy. See the Victory Gate (Bab-el-Mansour), the Royal Palace with its underground stables, and Bab El Khamis Flea Market. Travel to Fes, the oldest Imperial City and the spiritual and cultural center of Morocco. In the evening, savor a nice dinner at your hotel. Overnight at your hotel in Fes. **Marrakech - Rabat - Meknes - Fes (BD)**

Immersing you in stylish luxury, Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace is a five-star respite for discerning travelers. Unpack your bags in elegantly appointed accommodations, enhanced by refined design elements and bathed in natural light. Delight your palate with diverse international dining and creative cocktails at our restaurants and bar. After an eventful day of business or sightseeing, refresh in our sparkling outdoor pool or energize in our cutting-edge fitness center. A beacon of luxury, our Fes hotel is the perfect place to center your experience in an uncommon travel destination.

Day 5/ Tue, Aug. 23/22 - Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace

Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a center of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion during a fascinating panoramic tour that includes the Medersa Bou Inania, built in 1325. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the Palace. Then, set out on a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to the world's oldest continuously functioning university. Amid the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market, you'll find donkeys and mules laden with goods walking alongside buyers. Spend time at the famous leather tanneries that date back to the 11th century and are considered to be among the oldest tanneries in the world. View the honeycomb of vats exploding in brilliant colors. (B) Remainder of the day is at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a savory dinner at your hotel followed by an overnight stay. **(BD)**

Day 6/ Wed, Aug. 24/22 - Hilton Tangier City Center

After breakfast, depart for Tangier. En route, stop at Chefchaouen - the "Blue City" of Morocco. Take in the beauty of the surrounding mountains, enhanced by the contrast of the brightly painted Medina. Enjoy free time to explore the famous indigo-blue streets of this small town, and stop in one of the many handicraft shops that are known for the wool garments and woven blankets that are unique to this region. Free time for lunch (on your own) then continue on to Tangier. This afternoon, arrive in Tangier and enjoy a tour to see Spartel Cape Lighthouse, the place where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Mediterranean Sea. Then visit Hercules caves. According to the Greek methodology, the Hercules rested here after digging the Strait of Gibraltar. Transfer to your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay. **(BD) Fes - Chefchaouen – Tangier BD Tangier:**

Hilton Tangier Hotel offering a terrace and views of the city, Hilton Tangier City Center Hotel & Residences is located in Tangier in the Tangier-Tetouan Region. Rooms include a TV. You will find a kettle in the room. Each room comes with a private bathroom. There is a 24-hour front desk, a business center, concierge service and shops at the property. Cap Malabata is 3.7 mi away from Hilton Tangier City Center Hotel & Residences. Tangier Ibn Battouta Airport is 8.1 mi from the property.

Day 7/ Thu, Aug. 25/22 – Melia Sevilla

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Tangier Pier to board the high speed ferry over to Tarifa, where you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Seville. En route, stop at a bodega in Jerez de la Frontera for a tour and tasting before sitting down for locally-curated tapas. After this light lunch, continue on to Seville for dinner and an overnight stay. **(BLD) Tangier - Tarifa - Jerez de la Frontera –**

Modern, central and with all the magic of the south with a privileged location next to the historic centre, the recently refurbished Melia Sevilla is the ideal hotel for your leisure or work trip. Get to know our exclusive level service, an experience that will make your stay unforgettable. Spacious, bright, comfortable and outward facing rooms, all completely refurbished, magnificent international breakfast buffet and a stunning outdoor pool... you will feel at home.

Day 8/ Fri, Aug. 26/22 – Melia Sevilla

After breakfast, join your guide in discovering the city's historic Mudéjar architecture, and uncover the intriguing myths, stories and legends of Seville. Tour the Royal Alcázar (UNESCO), and walk through its beautifully decorated courtyards featuring columns and exquisite plasterwork. Then, stroll the sprawling and colorful Alcázar gardens to find one glorious garden after another. Next, see the Giralda Bell Tower and the majestic Seville Cathedral (UNESCO). Continue on to the winding narrow streets, quaint courtyards, bright flowers, and whitewashed buildings of Barrio Santa Cruz, the old Jewish Quarter of Seville. Remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. In the evening, take your reserved seats for an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers and a savory dinner. Transfer back to your hotel after this special evening. **(BD) Seville BD Seville**

Day 9/ Sat, Aug. 27/22 – Melia Granada Hotel

Breakfast, then head to Granada. Join your guide for a tour of the Moorish-influenced city of Granada. Explore the city's main sights; see the hilltop palace of the Alhambra, and enjoy a visit to the Royal Chapel. Get a glimpse of what life was like when the Moors occupied the city during a short walk through the Albayzín neighborhood; full of rich color and the aroma of spices. Check-in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. **(BD) **Passports are required for Alhambra visit as a form of identification *** Seville - Granada BD Granada**

***Melia Grand Hotel:** An unforgettable stay in a unique city; trying the tapas, browsing the shops, visiting the Alhambra... Enjoy all the city's attractions by staying right in the centre, at Meliá Granada, a stylish hotel with a friendly service. Excellent access to the entire city of Granada; 10 minutes from the **Congress Centre** and near the most exclusive shopping areas, boutiques and fashionable places. This is the best choice for cultural visits and shopping. Our **Rooms** combine modernity and elegant, classical design, some with **spectacular views** of the Alhambra and Sierra Nevada.*

Day 10/ Sun, Aug. 28/22 - NH COLLECTION MADRID GRAN VIA

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Córdoba. On arrival, embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita, UNESCO World Heritage site. Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. Stroll the historic Jewish Quarter. Free time for lunch (on your own) then you will be transferred to Cordoba Train Station to board your AVE high-speed train to Madrid (2nd class). ****Take what you need for the train ride and hotel check-in because your luggage will stay on the bus that will get to Madrid later in the day.**** Enjoy your train ride (about 2 hours) to Madrid. Upon arrival at Madrid train station, you will be transferred to your hotel in Madrid. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to explore Madrid on your own. In the evening, savor a nice dinner at your hotel. **(BD)**

***NH Collection - Madrid BD Madrid,** The newly opened **NH Collection Madrid Gran** hotel is in a central location on one of Madrid's best-known and most bustling streets. Guests staying at this city center hotel can enjoy the Gran Vía's shops, restaurants and coffee houses, as well being within easy reach of Madrid's major attractions. The hotel has 94 stylishly decorated rooms. Accommodation includes Superior rooms, Premium rooms and Jr. Suites. Guests at the NH Collection Madrid Gran Vía can enjoy a buffet breakfast with local specialties. The hotel restaurant and sky bar, Picalagartos, takes over the top two floors of the hotel and serves Spanish cuisine with a twist created by Manuel Berganza, as well as cocktails by barman Joel Jamal. This unique terrace is looked over by the Titan god, Atlas, the latest celestial addition to Madrid's skyline.*

Day 11/ Mon, Aug. 29/22 – NH COLLECTION MADRID GRAN

Breakfast at your hotel. Then join your tour guide in a tour of Madrid's historic center, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, the site of many an event since the 17th century. An expert-led tour of the monumental 18th-century Royal Palace reveals lavish halls and banquet rooms; the throne room, the royal armory, and the palace's impressive courtyard. Afternoon is free at leisure to explore Madrid on your own. Dinner at a local restaurant within walking distance of your hotel. Walk back to your hotel after dinner and overnight. **(BD) Madrid - AM Tour Madrid**

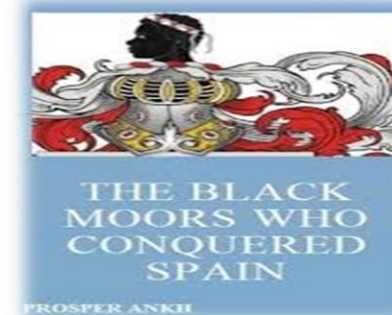
Day 12/ Tue, Aug. 30/22 - Kenzi Tower Hotel

Breakfast at your hotel and check-out. Then meet your tour guide, and climb aboard a comfortable, air-conditioned bus and head to Toledo. While admiring the scenic Catalan countryside, receive an interesting introduction to the history of each region before arriving in the UNESCO World Heritage-listed city of Toledo. Take a walking tour of the medieval city's arresting landmarks and serpentine streets, visiting the Mirador del Valle, the Cathedral of Toledo and the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes. After thorough exploration, return to your vehicle, and stop for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, you will be transferred to Madrid airport to board your flight to Casablanca (Air Maroc 971 at 07:30 PM.). Upon arrival at Casablanca airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for an overnight stay. **(B L) Madrid - AM. Toledo - Casablanca**

***Kenzi Tower Hotel** is one of Casablanca's Twin Center Towers; this 5-star hotel offers panoramic views of the city, port and Hassan II Mosque. Guests have free access to the hot tub, hammams (public baths) and an indoor heated swimming pool. Magnificent views of Casablanca and an LCD TV with video games are available in the rooms at the Kenzi Tower. All rooms are furnished with luxury fabrics.*

Day 13/ Wed, Aug. 31/22

After breakfast, experience a short tour of Casablanca to see the central market, the Habous district, the Royal Palace, the Mohamed V square, the residential area of Anfa and the outside of the mosque Hassan II, then enjoy some free time at leisure for last minute shopping. The center of Casablanca is the hub of a series of spacious avenues spreading out in a star formation, each lined with elegant buildings that are an admirable blend of Art Deco and Neo-Moorish styles, featuring cupolas, columns, cedar-wood balconies and turrets. Casablanca is the most European city of Morocco, though it retains many of its traditional aspects. Then you will be transferred to the Casablanca airport for your return flight home. (Your departure transfer is included only if you depart on the actual day the tour concludes. For customers departing later an individual transfer can be organized at an additional cost.) **(B) Casablanca - Return**



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