

MOROCCO – SPAIN “KNOW-B-4-U-GO”

Passport & Visa: You must have a valid passport with at least four (4) blank pages and must not expire before 6 months after the date of return. **Visas** are not **required** for US Citizens for visits lasting less than 90 days. We recommend you carry a copy of your Passport with you and leave one home with your loved ones.

COVID-VACCINE: REQUIRED- A MANDATORY COVID-VACCINATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TOUR. For 2021 travelers entering Morocco & Spain must present a negative test result from a PCR test carried out less than 72 hours before boarding. This may not be required for 2022. FULL information on all travel requirements will be issued in advance.

Packing: Average Morocco temperatures in February can range from low 70's to high 80's with possible temperature drop or increase by 4-degrees. We recommend you pack your clothing in layers, for easy peel off or put on! Woman, make sure to pack a scarf or two for visits to Mosques where woman are required to have their heads & arms covered. Clothing type recommended is warm & cool; hand-sanitizer & hand wash, comfortable walking shoes, sandals, sunglasses and hat. For flying, we also recommend you bring any medication and or medical supplies needed. A “Neck-Roll” may make your flight more rewarding! Pack smart so that you are not over-burdened with lugging too many pieces of luggage. We want you to have an easy-breezy journey! PLEASE ALERT CST OF ANY DIETARY NEEDS AND OR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT YOU MAY NEED TO CARRY AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION!

Country Time Zone: Morocco 5 hours ahead of US-EST <-----> Spain 5 hours ahead of US-EST

Carrying Money: It is the personal choice of each traveler to carry the amount of money you wish for meals not mentioned in itinerary, shopping, etc.; recommendation- minimum \$50 per person per day should be sufficient, only a suggestion; you may wish to spend more or less. *Most major credit cards are accepted in establishments.*

Money Exchange: The Currency in Morocco is the Dirham. Because it's a closed currency you'll most likely need to exchange cash upon arrival in Morocco. When exchanging money upon arrival, make sure that you have clean, crisp bills. Exchanging traveler's checks **can** be difficult in **Morocco**. Make sure to keep the receipts so that you can exchange any leftover Dirhams back at the end of your trip. Or even better, spend everything while you're there so you can avoid being hit twice for fees. The currency in Spain is the Euro; the US-\$ is weak in Europe. The same above rules apply when exchanging money in Spain.

Using your Credit Card in Morocco & Spain: When it's possible to pay for goods and services by **credit card**, MasterCard and Visa are accepted, but rarely **American Express**. Diners Club and Discover **cards** are not accepted in **Morocco**. *Morocco* is still very much a *cash* society. Throughout the country, it's very difficult to *cash* traveler's checks or *use* credit cards. Euros are by far the easiest foreign *currency* to exchange, and are often accepted as payment if you don't have any dirham on hand. Europe welcomes most payment types; however, we recommend staying away from Travelers Checks and Discover Credit Card.

Gratuity: It is customary as a group to offer gratitude for our Tour Guides, Drivers & Land handlers. The recommended amount for tipping is \$11 per person per day (12-days on ground & handling = \$132 per person... we ask that you place your \$US-Dollars in a sealed envelope with your name and amount on the outside of envelope for collection upon arrival OR you are welcomed to pay in advance.

Eating food & Drinking water in Morocco: Most all foods in Morocco are safe to eat, especially their cooked foods, peeled fruits & vegetables. Uncooked foods, like salads are not recommended, due to it being washed in their tap water. Street foods are very delicious, however be selective in your choices. Drink only bottled water. Bottled water is widely available throughout Morocco and is relatively very cheap. You can brush your teeth with their tap water; however we suggest using bottled water.

Do I need Vaccinations?

Immunizations are not a requirement for US Citizens traveling to Morocco & Spain and you are up to date with routine vaccines. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot. Also recommended; Hepatitis A & B. Please follow your own medical needs. You may also have had the Hep. A&B and others... consult with your physician.

Phone Adapters & Power Converters: Do I need Power Adapters (USA to Morocco & Spain)?

Yes, Electrical Power Adaptors are needed for Morocco & Spain; the power sockets are of type C and E. The standard voltage is 220 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.



International Adaptor Samples:



Make sure to invest in a Universal Adaptor; can be purchased online, Walmart, Staples and or most electronic stores. The cost is minimal.

How do I dial an International Phone Number from the USA? (This information is best left for your family at home)

Morocco Country Code: +212, then the number provided / Spain + 34, then the number

Your Cell Phone: You may be able to use your own cell phone while in Morocco. Check with you cell phone provided for international usage, activation and per minute rates. Purchasing a rental phone in this country may be expensive. FYI: there is a new “AP” that is also FREE, called WhatsApp Messenger. It lets you message and call friends and family. Switch from SMS to WhatsApp to send and receive messages, calls, photos, videos, documents, and Voice Messages. Cell phone to cell phone... you and your loved ones will have to download this app to your cell phone to communicate... check it out.

What do I dial in an Emergency?

Morocco Police: dial 190 or 112 from mobile phones – **Spain Police:** dial 092. See also US Embassy phone numbers below

Imperial Air Morocco: N. American passengers in economy class can check two pieces of baggage at no charge; business class travelers are allowed three. Bags cannot exceed 50 pounds, 8 ounces in weight; the sum of the length, width and height cannot exceed 79.9 inches. <https://www.royalairmaroc.com/us-en/Travel-Info/At-the-airport/Check-in>

Morocco Hotel Information:

Atlas Medina & Spa: <http://www.atlasmedinaspamarrakech.com/rooms.htm>
Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/fezmc-fes-marriott-hotel-jnan-palace/>
Tangier Hilton <https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/morocco/hilton-tanger-city-center-hotel-and-residences-TNGCCHI/index.html>
Kenzi Tower Hotel <https://www.guestreservations.com/hotel-kenzi-tower/booking?msclkid=34c3f2cc68161790a9a9af5e1638cfc4>

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Spain Hotel Information:

Hotel Melia Seville <https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/seville/home.htm>
Hotel Melia Granada <https://www.guestreservations.com/melia-granada/booking?msclkid=805a8d7c47231807322ed0ea03cd6820>
NH Collection Madrid <https://www.nh-collection.com/hotel/nh-collection-madrid-gran-via>

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Extra Spending Money:

- Meals not included in itinerary, average \$15 & up depending on selection and location
- Shopping & personal purchases are at your own discretion
- Extra pieces of luggage outside of the allowed included, cost is subject to change per airlines discretion
- Bottled water & selective beverages outside of what will be provided to us in the country on our tour and dining days.

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WEATHER CHART FOR MOROCCO & SPAIN AVERAGE >>>>>>>>
(Average temps for both are 70’s & 80’s)

