



Spain & Morocco with Premier Lodging

A Cultural Journey on Foot from Granada to Fes

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Unrivalled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

Since 1969, MT Sobek has pioneered guided hiking adventures around the world, pairing decades of expertise with seamless logistics, trusted local relationships, and a deep respect for the places we explore.

REASON 2

This rare two-continent journey connects Andalusia and Morocco through their shared Moorish story—linking palaces, pueblos blancos, Mediterranean crossings, Rif Mountain hikes, ancient Roman ruins, and imperial Fes.

REASON 3

Expert local guides bring Southern Spain and Morocco's Moorish legacy to life through architecture, food, history, and daily culture, adding context and color at every palace, village, vineyard, souk, and trail.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Walking tours through historic quarters, hiking through karst landscapes, river canyons, and village-to-village. Wine tasting, flamenco performance, and UNESCO site visits.



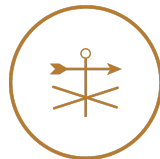
LODGING

A stylish mix of historic Spanish Paradors and palace hotels, a luxury Tangier stay, boutique Chefchaouen riad, and contemporary hotel in Fes.



CLIMATE

Expect warm, generally dry Mediterranean and North African weather, with cooler mountain evenings.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

Itinerary: Alhambra tickets are limited and often sell out months in advance. To secure your entry, we require passport details and a trip deposit. If your passport is expired, we can use that information to book your permit—just bring both your expired and new passports on the trip. Permits are non-transferable. If no permits are available for your dates, your deposit will be fully refunded.



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Trace the intertwined Moorish legacy of Spain and Morocco on a 12-day culture and hiking adventure spanning two continents. For nearly eight centuries, legendary Al-Andalus bridged Southern Europe and North Africa in a historic period of scientific and cultural advancement. From the Alhambra's rosy Moorish arches to white-walled villages, karst landscapes, and the azure Mediterranean coast, follow storied trails through southern Spain's Andalusian history. Cross the Strait of Gibraltar to Morocco, where Chefchaouen's blue Moorish architecture, Rif Mountain trails, and the labyrinth lanes of Fes medinas continue the story of this remarkable time. Along the way, savor flamenco, paella, wine tasting, tagines, and expert-led cultural immersion on both sides of the sea.

12 Days

Start: Granada, Spain

End: Fes or Rabat, Morocco

Departing: April, May, June, September, October

Activities: Hiking & Trekking, Cultural Discovery

Lodging: Luxury Hotels, Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 6-16 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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“We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek.”

- Dennis G.

The Itinerary

DAY
01

Arrive in Granada

Welcome to Spain! Arrive in Granada and meet your guides at the train station or airport. Transfer to your hotel where you'll have time to settle in and relax or do a little exploring on your own. Meet up with the group and guides for a welcome dinner this evening, and an introduction to Andalusia. This southernmost region of Spain was the last remnant of legendary Al-Andalus, and its legacy remains in the distinctive architecture, cuisine, and culture you will discover along the journey.

MEALS: Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 25-minute private van transfer

DAY
02

Marvel at the Alhambra Palace & Albayzin

Spend an unforgettable morning at the Alhambra, the magnificent Nasrid palace-fortress that crowns Granada. Built as a fortress and transformed into a royal city, this UNESCO-listed masterpiece dazzles with intricate stonework, carved arches, reflective pools, and elegant courtyards. Wander the terraced Generalife gardens, once the grounds of the summer palace, inhaling the scent of orange blossoms under arched lookouts. In the late afternoon, explore the Albayzin, the historic Moorish quarter that was home to everyday life beyond the palace walls. Walk its hilly medieval lanes to picturesque Sacromonte, an old Romani neighborhood known for its cave houses. End the day with dinner and a passionate flamenco performance in one of the caves—a tradition rooted in Southern Spain's Al-Andalus period.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 20-minute private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 5 hours walking tours with 450' elevation gain and 200' elevation loss

DAY
03

Explore Frigiliana, Hike & Enjoy the Mediterranean

Leave Granada this morning and transfer to Frigiliana, one of Andalusia's most beautiful *pueblos blancos* (white-painted towns), a gleaming gem that still preserves its Moorish layout. After exploring its patterned cobbled lanes, flower-draped balconies, and steep stairways, prepare to get your feet wet on a refreshing walk into the Rio Higueron canyon. Hike along—and in—the river as it winds through narrow rock walls, small waterfalls, and lush vegetation. Transfer to Nerja, a classic beach town known for cliffside coves and the Balcon de Europa, its iconic sea-view promenade. Savor a special wood-fired paella lunch at a beachfront *chiringuito*, then enjoy a flexible afternoon and evening to swim, stroll, and choose your own delicious dinner spot.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 2 hours/3-4 miles hiking with 1,050' elevation loss



Hike the Karst Formations of Antequera

Today you swap sand for stone, heading inland to El Torcal de Antequera Natural Park, a part of the UNESCO-listed Antequera Dolmens Site. This extraordinary karst landscape began as seabed more than 150 million years ago, then rose and eroded into a maze of sculpted limestone towers, stacked slabs, narrow passageways, and otherworldly natural forms. Hike one of the park's scenic trails, keeping an eye out for wildflowers, birds, and ibex moving across the rock. Continue to the town of Antequera, where the afternoon is free to relax or explore before dinner. We recommend checking out the nearby Bronze Age megalithic tombs called dolmens at the eastern edge of town.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 2 hours/4 miles hiking with 700' elevation gain and loss



Follow the Path of the Mills toward Ronda

After breakfast, travel to a pueblo blanco in neighboring Cadiz Province, where you will embark on a gentle village-to-village hike to Setenil de las Bodegas. Follow the river along the Sendero de los Molinos, a medieval cattle route that connected fourteen Al-Andalus water mills with the city of Ronda, passing olive groves, wheat fields, and remnants of ancient mills. Have lunch in Setenil de las Bodegas, built directly beneath the overhanging ledge of a gorge. The village's houses and lanes tuck into the rock itself, creating cave-like streets with natural stone roofs. Continue by vehicle to Ronda, a dramatic clifftop city split by the deep El Tajo gorge and linked by its famous arched bridge, Puente Nuevo. The old Moorish quarter and newer town stand on opposite sides, creating one of Spain's most striking urban landscapes.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 1-2 hours/4 miles hiking with 300' elevation gain



Hike Through Ronda Olive Groves & Taste Wines

Enjoy an invigorating hike this morning in the rugged hills around Ronda. Departing from the Parador, walk through one of Ronda's most historic neighborhoods before descending to a trail surrounded by olive groves just outside the old town. The upward views of the gorge and the iconic Puente Nuevo are stunning. Later, travel by vehicle further into Ronda's countryside for a guided tour and tasting at a local winery, followed by lunch. The vineyard setting is beautiful, with views of rolling hills and rugged limestone outcrops. Return to Ronda for time to explore independently—cross the bridge, wander the old town, or relax on the Parador's terrace overlooking the gorge before dinner on your own.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 40-minutes private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 2 hours/4 miles hiking with 800' elevation gain and loss



Cross the Strait of Gibraltar to Tangier

Set out early for Tarifa, the southernmost point of mainland Spain and the closest European gateway to Morocco. On a clear day, the Rif Mountains rise across the Strait of Gibraltar—a thrilling preview of the journey ahead. This is the fabled location of the “Pillars of Hercules,” the mythic gateway between the known world and the unknown. Board the ferry and cross the legendary waterway where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean and Europe meets Africa, an ancient conduit between cultures. Arrive in Tangier and transfer to your hotel, then head out on an optional guided walk through the medina, the walled old city whose lanes, gates, markets, and sea-facing position have drawn travelers for centuries. Tonight, enjoy your first Moroccan dinner of the trip.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2.5-hour private van transfer + 1-hour ferry ride



Discover Chefchaouen’s Blue Walls

Deep in the Rif Mountains, Chefchaouen is known worldwide for its spellbinding blue walls. Andalusí architectural influences that echo Granada’s Albayzín quarter were brought here as people migrated after the fall of Granada in 1492. Arrive in the “Blue City” in time for a delicious lunch and settle into your riad before exploring the beautiful medina on a guided walking tour. Follow winding lanes past blue stairways, artisan shops, and quiet courtyards up to the Spanish Mosque for an iconic sunset view over the city, mountains, and radiant blue walls below.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 3-4-hour walking tour with 500' elevation gain and loss



Hike in the Rif Mountains

Gear up for a scenic hiking adventure in Talassemtane National Park, a protected landscape of russet limestone cliffs, forested pine valleys, and clear mountain water in the Rif Mountains. Follow shaded trails along the river toward the first of the tumbling Akchour Waterfalls, keeping an eye out for birds and other wildlife and lush views of the valley. Pass emerald pools and limestone formations, having worked up an appetite by the time you reach the main falls. Savor a tagine lunch with a view of the cascade and perhaps dip your feet in the water. Return to Chefchaouen for a second evening at your charming riad, with time to relax, revisit favorite lanes, or discover new ones.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 5 hours/7 miles hiking with 1,650' elevation gain and loss



Visit Roman Volubilis & Continue to Fes

Depart for Fes, Morocco's cultural heart, but first stop at Volubilis. A walk through this UNESCO-listed Berber-Roman archaeological site reveals mosaics, columns, arches, and remnants of grand villas on a wide open plain. Passing through the remarkably well-preserved ruins with your guide, imagine the once-thriving city at the edge of the Roman Empire. After a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, continue to Fes and check in to your hotel, with time to freshen up before dinner. Fes is a centuries-old imperial city of tangled medina alleys, bustling souks, artisan workshops, and exquisite Moorish architecture where Morocco's history unfolds. Enjoy a relaxed evening before tomorrow's adventure.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4.5-hour private van transfer (via Volubilis)

ACTIVITY: 1-hour walking tour



Experience the Magic of Ancient Fes

Today your guide takes you deep into Fes el-Bali, the sprawling medieval walled medina and one of the great cultural treasures of Morocco. Navigate labyrinthine lanes chock full of souks, artisan workshops, mosques, madrasas, fountains, and centuries of craft tradition in this ancient UNESCO-listed quarter. Visit the iconic Chouara Tannery, one of the oldest tanneries in the world, and explore the intricate tilework and carved arches of Bou Inania Madrasa, a theological school and mosque built in the 14th century. Continue into Fes Jdid, established in the 13th century as an extension of the old city by the Marinid Dynasty. Tonight, gather for a special farewell dinner and toast the journey from Granada's Al-Andalus palaces to Fes's Andalusian quarter.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 20-minute private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 4-hour walking tour



Depart from Fes or Rabat

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in Fes or Rabat for your onward flight. Leave Morocco with vivid memories of two continents connected by history and geography, from the Alhambra glowing above Granada to white villages tumbling down Andalusian hillsides, across the Strait of Gibraltar to Chefchaouen's blue Moorish lanes, Rif Mountain waterfalls, and the unforgettable energy of Fes. The Al-Andalus journey ends today, but its architecture, flavors, landscapes, and stories travel home with you.

MEALS: Breakfast

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour private van transfer to the Rabat airport



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Hotel Alhambra Palace

A Granada landmark since 1910, Hotel Alhambra Palace brings Moorish-inspired elegance to a spectacular hillside location close to the Alhambra and a short walk into town. Step inside to intricate tilework, carved archways, and stained-glass windows. Spacious rooms are decorated in rich earthy hues with traditional details and Moorish-tiled bathrooms. The terrace offers drinks and snacks with sweeping views over Granada, the Albayzin, and the surrounding mountains.

Parador de Nerja

Overlooking the Mediterranean from a cliff above a golden beach, the Parador de Nerja offers a relaxed coastal stay. Bright modern rooms, sea views, gardens, and easy beach access create a breezy Andalusian retreat. Take a swim in the pool or relax under an umbrella on the lawn. The hotel is well placed for strolling to Nerja's Balcon de Europa, enjoying seafood by the water, or simply unwinding above the coves.

Parador de Antequera

The Parador de Antequera is a modern, comfortable hotel set in the garden district within easy reach of Antequera's historic center. Clean-line design continues into bright, neat rooms with comfy bedding. Grab a sun lounger by the pool and soak up views of the Andalusian landscape, with warm sunsets over the Antequera plain and the UNESCO-listed rock formation, Peña de los Enamorados on the horizon.



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Parador de Ronda

The Parador de Ronda is dramatically positioned at the edge of deep El Tajo gorge just steps from Puente Nuevo, the stunning bridge that connects Ronda's two halves across the gorge. Formerly the town hall and food market, the hotel retains its original architectural details. Guest rooms offer contemporary comfort, and the swimming pool and terrace look across cliffs, countryside, and the old town.

Fairmont Tazi Palace Tangier

The grandeur of Moroccan architecture meets the glamour of the 1920s in the regal and historic Fairmont Tazi Palace Tangier. Lush gardens and eucalyptus forest, courtyards, pools, and a spa—everything you need to live like royalty. Plush, spacious rooms that blend Moroccan and Mediterranean design open onto private terraces. From high tea in the Rose Room to breathtaking views of the city, your stay is the perfect introduction to Morocco.

Lina Ryad & Spa

In the blue-washed medina of Chefchaouen, Lina Ryad & Spa is a boutique experience in traditional Moroccan style. Elegant rooms offer peaceful retreat, and a rooftop terrace is the perfect spot to wind down from the day with views over the city. The spa, hammam, and indoor pool make wellness a must while here. The warm hospitality and intimate atmosphere offer welcome relaxation in one of Morocco's most photogenic mountain towns.

Hotel Sahrai

Perched on the hilltop site of a former French colonial residence, above the ancient medina of Fes, Hotel Sahrai commands excellent views of the city. Designed with a refined blend of Moroccan craftsmanship and modern style, the contemporary hotel offers elegant light-filled rooms with marble bathrooms. Take in the view from the rooftop bar or the infinity pool or indulge in a treatment at the spa or soak in the Jacuzzi.

Riad Fes

Riad Fes brings refined Moroccan elegance to the ancient city, blending carved wood, zellige tilework, soft light, and Andalusian-Moorish design in a warm, intimate atmosphere. As a Relais & Chateaux property, it offers a polished riad experience with beautiful courtyards, elegant rooms, and serene spaces for unwinding after time in the medina. A contemporary pool area adds a refreshing contrast to the traditional architecture, creating a luxurious retreat in historic Fes.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: April, May, June, September, October

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

April 22-May 3, 2027

May 13-24, 2027

September 16-27, 2027

October 7-18, 2027

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
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