

SPAIN AND MOROCCO


A NINE NIGHT HOLIDAY INCLUDING A SEVEN NIGHT CRUISE ON BOARD THE STAR FLYER | 20 - 29 SEPTEMBER 2012

Whilst the rest of Europe is starting to turn cooler, the southern reaches of Andalusia and its neighbour Morocco are the perfect antidote to the winter blues. The warm autumn sunshine is a wonderful rejuvenator, but that is far from the only attraction of this part of the world. The cultural heritage of the Moorish caliphate which ruled both on sides of the Straits of Gibraltar for hundreds of years is still clearly visible in the architecture of cities from Cordoba to Casablanca. The city of Malaga itself is a wonderful undiscovered gem and a great way to start your holiday; with its Roman ruins, vibrant art scene, and wide sandy beach, it really has something for almost every visitor. The elegant Star Flyer takes passengers on a voyage of exploration, across to the African coast and some of the highlights of Morocco, back to the Costa de la Luz, through the Straits of Gibraltar in the shadow of the famous Rock, and along the coast of Moorish Al-Andalus.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Fly from London to Malaga.
- Private car transfer from the port to the Hotel Posada del Patio.
- Two nights' accommodation, with breakfast, staying in a double room at the boutique 5* hotel Posada del Patio in the centre of Malaga. The old city of Malaga dates back over two thousand years and is an underappreciated cultural gem. As testament to this long history the city is home to archeological remains from the 1st century BC (including a Roman theatre), the well-preserved Moorish castle, and the imposing Baroque Cathedral. More recently, the city celebrated its rebirth as a cultural destination with the opening of a new Picasso Museum.
- Entrance tickets to the Picasso Museum.
- Private car transfer from the hotel to port.



-  Board the Star Flyer on 22 September for a seven night cruise. The first ports of call are Casablanca and Tangier in Morocco, before returning to Spain with a stop in Cadiz from where there is the option to visit Seville. The ship stops in Gibraltar for the day, and finally Motril, the launching point for a day trip to Granada; home to the Moorish masterpiece the Alhambra Palace.
- Private car transfer from Malaga port to airport.
- Fly from Malaga to London.

RECOMMENDED HOTEL

Posada del Patio *****, Malaga

Opened in 2010 and located in the heart of the historic centre, within easy walking distance of the Cathedral, the Picasso and the Thyssen Museums, it has a wonderful rooftop swimming pool with views over the city and 109 bedrooms, furnished in a contemporary style. Important archaeological remains were discovered during construction, including part of the city's Arabic walls and these are on display along with other historical objects.

This is our favourite hotel in Malaga, however we feature a range of hand picked hotels throughout Andalusia, please ask for further details.

PRICE INFORMATION

Holiday price, based on sharing a double room from: £1,798 per person. Prices based on staying at our recommended hotels, alternative hotels and regional airport departures available on request.



EXTEND YOUR STAY

Why not extend your holiday further with a few days in Andalusia. The historic Moorish cities of Granada and Cordoba are both within an hour and a half of Malaga, with their wealth of fascinating architecture and history. If you would prefer something less strenuous, take the opportunity to spend a week relaxing at one of our recommended hotels in the countryside or on the famously sunny coast.

For example: travel out on 13 September and stay for one week at the Grand Hotel Elba in Estepona before returning to Malaga by private car on 20 September.
Supplement from £960 per person.



Alhambra



Cordoba

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