



Portugal & Morocco (Group Tour)

Lisbon – Sintra – Marrakech – Ait Benhaddou - Ouarzazate

October 14th-23rd, 2022 (tentative)

10 Days

Cost: \$2495 total (based on double occupancy)

Includes: all international flights, nightly 3-star accommodations, shuttle service from West Michigan to Chicago airport, all ground transportation in Portugal & Morocco, roundtrip train to Sintra, full time travel director, & all listed admissions & tours. Other expenses **not included** are: most meals, checked baggage, optional excursions, and travel insurance.

Travel Insurance available through our affiliate program at World Nomads. More information at <https://percussive.org/portugal>

Signup Deadline: June 14, 2022 - checks made payable to Percussive, LLC – Cash, Venmo (@percussive), & Credit Card also accepted. 3.5% processing fee added to all credit card transactions



DAY 1, Friday, Oct 14 - Depart for Portugal

Transfer from West Michigan area to Chicago O'Hare airport for your transatlantic flight this evening to Portugal's historical capital city, Lisbon. Your flight will include all meals, beverages, and entertainment.

DAY 2, Saturday, Oct 15 – Arrive in Portugal

Arrive in Lisbon this morning and transfer to your centrally located hotel to relax and unwind. Later, join your local Portuguese tour guide as they take you on an in-depth walking tour of this beautiful capital. Visit sights such as:

- Praca do Commerce (Commerce Square)
- Augusta Street
- Alfama
- Sao Domingo Church
- Monastery of Carmo
- And much more!

Afterwards, enjoy free time in the area!

Overnight: Lisbon

DAY 3, Sunday, Oct 16 – Tour Lisbon

This morning, our group will visit one of Lisbon's top sights: the Jerónimos Monastery! Built in 1495, this is one of the most well-preserved examples of Portuguese Gothic Architecture with delicate mullions and sweeping arches.

Afterwards, we will be treated to Lisbon's most popular dessert: Pastéis de Nata! This velvety custard tart is a real treat! The recipe was developed by monks at Jerónimos Monastery in the 1830's and they are served all over Portugal, however they are the most popular next door to the monastery at Pastéis de Belem.

Afterwards, you are free to explore the city for the rest of the day or opt for one of our many optional excursions.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- ***Sunset Sailing on the Tagus River***

Cruise in style aboard a sailboat gliding along the Tagus river and take in the city of Lisbon as it twinkles to life in the glowing sunset.

- ***10-Tastings Food & Wine Tour***

Come hungry! Your gourmet guide will take you snacking through the best restaurants and bars that the city has to offer, sampling 10 gourmet delicacies along the way.

Overnight: Lisbon

DAY 4, Monday, Oct 17 – Day Tour to Sintra

Today we will climb aboard a train and head to the fantastic village of Sintra. This historic town looks like a fairytale with a vividly colored fortress and majestic palaces. Walk through cobbled streets passing cafes and shops painted in brilliant colors.

One this day trip we will see many sights such as:

- The Palacio da Pena

- The Quinta da Regaleira.
- Palacio National de Sintra
- Monserrate Palace

We will spend the entire day here and later take the train back to Lisbon

Overnight: Lisbon

DAY 5, Tuesday, Oct 18 – Free day in Lisbon

Today enjoy a free day in Lisbon, or opt for one of our many optional excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- ***Electric Bike Tour***

Feel the wind in your hair and pedal at your own pace. Scaling this coastal city is no problem aboard an electric bike. See the most popular landmarks like the Sé de Lisboa Cathedral, panoramic views from the National Pantheon, & St. George's Castle.

- ***Oceanário de Lisboa***

Cool off and explore the wonders of the seas in Lisbon's largest aquarium. With 8000 animals and 500 species thriving in 7 million liters of saltwater, you will be amazed at the size of this place!

- ***Fátima, Nazaré, & Óbidos Day Trip***

Experience the rich heritage and stunning countryside of

Portugal on this small-group guided day trip to Fátima, Óbidos and Nazaré. On this tour, discover one of the Christian religion's most significant pilgrimage sites, Fátima. Here, learn about the children who, in 1917, saw an apparition of the Virgin Mary (Our Lady of Fátima). You will also visit the small medieval town of Óbidos, glimpse into a fisherman's life in the seaside village of Nazaré and marvel at the ornate architecture of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Batalha Monastery. During your journey, savor landscapes that boast beautiful Atlantic coast views, verdant hills and impressive bluffs

Overnight: Lisbon

DAY 6, Wednesday, Oct 19 – Arrive in Morocco

This morning, we will board a short flight to exotic Morocco and its most famous city: Marrakesh!

Marrakesh is known as the "red city" because most buildings are made from adobe stucco that comes from the red Atlas Mountains of this region. The old town is filled with a maze of skinny alleys filled to the brim with souks selling spices and treasures.

After checking into our hotel near the historic Medina to drop off luggage, it is time to join our local guide to explore narrow alleyways and learn about the history and culture of this amazing, bustling city. We will explore sites such as:

- Majorelle Gardens
- Jamaa El-fnaa Square
- Koutoubia Mosque
- The Old Town Medina

- Bab Agnaou
- And so much more!

After, you have free time to relax, shop, and explore this wonderful city!

Overnight: Marrakech

DAY 7, Thursday, Oct 20 – Free Day in Marrakech

Today, enjoy a free day relaxing in Marrakech, or opt for one of our fabulous optional excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- ***Hot Air Balloon Flight over Marrakesh***

Watch the sun rise over red dust, palm groves, and majestic open landscapes from a hot air balloon. Flying with a small group of travelers and live commentary from your veteran pilot, soak up the sights as you glide through the air, then refuel with an authentic Berber breakfast in a Moroccan tent

- ***Moroccan Cooking Workshop***

Eating at a traditional Moroccan restaurant in Marrakesh lets you experience Moroccan cuisine, but this Moroccan cooking workshop at La Maison Arabe teaches you how to make the traditional dishes, so you can have them again and again. Use your personal workstation to prepare a meal using fresh local ingredients as you follow a Moroccan cook's instructions. Then, afterward, you can taste what you've made.

Overnight: Marrakech

DAY 8, Friday, Oct 21 – Ait Benhaddou & Ouarzazate

This morning, we will travel to Ait Ben Haddou and Ouarzazate through the scenic Tizi n'Tichka pass in the Atlas Mountains. These UNESCO world heritage sites feel like a scene taken out of the movie Indiana Jones!

Ait Ben Haddou is the oldest inhabited fortified village in the world dating back to the 11th century! It is the best example of pre-Saharan, earthen architecture.

Ouarzazate was a prominent resting place for weary travelers and traders crossing through the desert on their way to Europe. The city has expanded and is now the largest town in the Sahara and is a prominent filming location for some of today's favorite films like *Gladiator*, *The Mummy*, and *Game of Thrones*.

Overnight: Marrakech

DAY 9, Saturday, Oct 22 – Free Day

Today, enjoy one last free day in Marrakesh or opt to escape the busy city and adventure out into the Atlas Mountains to explore the Three Valleys and discover a waterfall on this optional excursion.

You and your camel will gently amble across the Imlil Valley for breathtaking views before meeting a Berber family at their home in the village of Ait Souka. Enjoy a traditional lunch and sip Moroccan mint tea while the local people educate us about their lifestyle and culture.

End the day in the little village of Moulay Brahim for unforgettable views of the mountains.

Overnight: Marrakech

DAY 10, Sunday, Oct 23 – Fly Home

Enjoy one last Moroccan breakfast before heading to the airport for your flight back to the USA.

*Percussive Tours reserves the right to modify this itinerary if certain activities become unavailable