

Travel to Morocco during your visit to Herradura, Spain! Have an experience on two continents in two cultures rather than just one!

The person in charge has over 21 years experience in organizing tours and excursions for one of Spain 's leading language schools which has provided him with the experience and background necessary to run successful tours for “students” of all ages from all over the world.

Itinerary Overview

FRIDAY

- Departure for Algeciras (the time depends on your departure point)
- Arrive in Algeciras (meeting point) and catch ferry
- Arrive in Ceuta (Spanish possession in Morocco)
- Departure for Tetouan (Morocco)
- Arrive at our hotel
- Dinner in the hotel (Included)
- Free time

SATURDAY

- 08:00 Breakfast (Included)
- 09:00 Leave for visit to the historic Medina bazaar of Tetuan
- Guided tour of the bazaar
- A typical Moroccan lunch (Included)
- Leave for Tangier
- Sightseeing tour of Tangier, Cabo espartel and the historic centre
- Return to the hotel
- Dinner in the hotel (Included)
- Free Time

SUNDAY*

- 07:00 Breakfast **(Included)**
- 08:00 Leave for Chef-Chaouen
- Arrive and visit Chef-Chaouen
- Free time
- Lunch **(Included)**
- Leave for Ceuta
- Arrive at Ceuta and board ferry
- Arrive in Algeciras (Return to meeting point)

Itinerary Details

First day

Depart from La Herradura we continue to the port of Algeciras where we will board the ferry for Ceuta taking approximately 1 hour. On arrival in the port of Ceuta, a bus will be waiting for us with an official guide. We then depart to the border of Morocco where the passports are stamped and currency can be exchanged. It is important to bear in mind that we are in Africa, a completely different world; everything is different from the Spanish way of life.

After stamping and distributing the passports we continue the trip towards the first Tetouan city. It is important to remember the time difference with respect to Spain. During the spring, summer and beginning of autumn the time difference is two hours behind Spain. On the journey from the border to Tetouan, a guide will accompany us giving general information about the country, culture, religion and customs.

Arrival at the hotel in Tetouan at 21:00 hours (Moroccan time). Welcome greetings are given in the reception area along with mint tea. Entrance to the dining room where supper is served, during which the forms for the rooms will be handed out and filled in.

The rooms are generally double, although it is possible in some cases to book a triple or individual room accompanied by a pre-payment supplement of 12€ per person and night. The Chams hotel is located to the outskirts of Tetouan, it is recommended that the students take advantage of the time after the supper to rest and prepare themselves for the following day.

Second day

Saturday morning breakfast is served in the hotel at 08:00 and at 09:00 we leave to begin the tour of the Medina. "Medina" means "the old city" and it is found in the higher part of the city surrounded by an ancient wall with 7 "gates". It is a fantastic labyrinth of small alleyways, full of noise, smells, flavors, colors and the hustle and bustle of people going about their daily lives. Here we find people from the Rif Mountains dressed in their typical straw hats with coloured tassels and "futas" or striped blankets, which the women use as a type of shawl. These are people who come down to the market each day to sell their produce such as vegetables, fruit or poultry and to buy the other essentials they cannot find in the mountains such as tea, sugar, oil and fuel.

Throughout the tour of the Medina, which takes about 3 hours, we will be accompanied by a local guide who provides a commentary in both Spanish and English. In addition we also have other local staff to look after the group. At the end of the tour of the Medina there is a display of crafts and carpets during which the different weaving techniques and types of carpets and rugs are explained. Lunch is in a typical Moroccan restaurant where you have the chance to taste the most typical local dishes such as "harera", couscous, kebab and mint tea accompanied by cakes and other sweet desserts. After lunch we leave for Tangier accompanied by a local guide. The journey time is about one hour and is followed by a sightseeing tour of the city. Tangier is a cosmopolitan city where cultures mingle together and where you can still see evidence of the Spanish colonial period as well as other

distinctive influences, which, over the centuries, have helped to create the atmospheric city you see today. After the city tour we go to cape “Espartel” from where we can easily see the Spanish coastline and the fantastic beaches of Tangier. From here we can see where the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean sea meet.

On the way back we pass through a prestigious residential area where we pass villas and palaces of the famous, including those of his Majesty Mohammed VI, the king of Morocco and of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. We then visit the historic old town.

Third day

On Sunday breakfast is served in the hotel from 6:00 and we set off for Chef-Chaouen at 07.00. After a journey of about one hour during which we pass through beautiful mountainous countryside we arrive at Chef-Chaouen, a peaceful and welcoming village with its traditional white-washed and blue streets and houses. A local guide takes us through the village to the old “medina”. After the tour you have approximately one and a half hours of free time to wander around and enjoy the atmosphere. We then have lunch in the Padador hotel. After lunch we return to Ceuta and the Spanish border: passports are stamped again, we arrive at the harbour and you can change leftover dirhams into Euros before catching the 18:30 ferry and returning to the meeting point.