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Exclusive Motorcycle Tours in Spain, Portugal and Morocco

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Morocco...“Mountains, Deserts and Oases”

Main features:	
Start/Finish:	La Herradura, Granada
Duration:	15 days (including arrival and departure)
Total distance:	ca. 3000 km
Number of participants:	6 - 8 persons
Tour character:	Mountain roads, exotic scenery
Accommodation:	Selected hotels, Kasbahs
Highlights:	Fes, Marrakech, Erg Chebbi

Our services:

- ✓ Transfer in Andalusia
- ✓ Ferry costs
- ✓ Rental motorbike BMW F 650 GS or BMW R 1200 GS
- ✓ Accommodation in selected 3* - 4* hotels
- ✓ Breakfast and dinner
- ✓ Escort vehicle (luggage transport + spare bike)
- ✓ Tour guide
- ✓ Camel trek
- ✓ Information package/maps
- ✓ Souvenir

Not included:

- ✓ Drinks
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Fuel

MOTORBIKE TYPE	MOTORBIKER	PASSENGER
BMW F 650 GS ABS	3.400 Euro	2.500 Euro
BMW R 1200 GS ABS	3.870 Euro	2.500 Euro
Additional fee for single room:		Euros 350
Motor biker with his own bike in a double room:		Euros 2.800



Tour Description

Morocco, a fascinating North African country, characterised by endless ocean, deserts and refreshing, green oases as well as enormous mountain ranges and its impressive cities.

Join us on a unique motorbike tour to this exotic world. Experience the feeling of being on the trail of an ancient secret, a life long before our time.

The tour takes us from the Mediterranean Sea along the fantastic beaches of the Atlantic coastline to Marrakech, the "Pearl of the South". Over the mountain ranges of the "High Atlas", past the canyons of Todra and Dades we encounter Morocco's largest sand dune region, the Erg Chebbi. We will spend two days in the sand dunes, just enough time to explore the secrets of the desert and its inhabitants. Leaving the desert behind us, we cross the "Middle Atlas" and head via Midelt to Fes, one of Morocco's 4 imperial cities. The next and final stage in this fascinating country takes us to Chefchaouen which we reach by riding through the Riff mountains.



The tour offers motorcycling pleasure along small, winding mountain roads as well as through stunningly beautiful, exotic landscapes. Gravel and sand sections are driven only on request. The comfort of a 3* to 4* hotel awaits us after negotiating the mountain and desert stages of the tour.

The Motorbikes:

BMW F650 GS (ABS)



BMW R1200 GS (ABS)



Our motorbikes are always maintained and serviced to the highest standards and kept in Faultless technical condition.

Day 1: Arrival in Malaga



La Herradura beach



Arrival at Malaga airport and transfer to La Herradura. Your motorbike will be waiting for you directly at the hotel. If there is still time before dinner, La Herradura's superb beach is a great place for a stroll.



There are many beach restaurants offering delicious fish specialities along the 2 km long beach.

Introductions over dinner with Spanish wine while giving us an opportunity to discuss our tour.



Our hotel is located directly on La Herradura beach



Day 2: La Herradura – Ronda



En route to Ronda.



We start off on the Costa del Sol heading towards Malaga. Riding up to the El Chorro gorge on long-sweeping, winding roads in the Sierra de las Nieves we head to Ronda. The town of Ronda is situated on a rock plateau and is split in two parts by a 160 m deep canyon. The canyon is dominated by an impressive bridge structure, offering breathtaking views.



Ronda is also famous for its bullring. The oldest and largest bullring in all of Spain is worth a visit as it is the birthplace of bullfighting so typical for Spain.



Our hotel for the night is located in the centre of Ronda close to the bullring.



Day 3: Ronda – Algeciras – Ceuta – Larache (280 km)



Off to Morocco!



To the south of Ronda there are numerous small mountain chains offering an ever changing, spectacular landscape and roads that are simply made for our motorbikes. Bend after bend on asphalt surfaces for perfect bike control and spectacular views such as the Rock of Gibraltar. We take the ferry from Algeciras in expectation of the "Black Continent" and after travelling for only half an hour we reach Ceuta, one of the two Spanish enclaves on the African mainland.



Immediately after our arrival in Ceuta we cross the border into Morocco. On a winding, yet brisk section of road through the foothills of the Riff mountains we reach Larache, our destination for the first night.



Our hotel boasts a beautiful park.



Day 4: Larache – El Jadida (310 km)



South along the Atlantic



Today we have to ride greater distances so we cover the first part of our route on the motorway. But even on this section there is plenty to see as we pass the cities of Rabat and Casablanca .



At Rabat we leave the motorway on a detour into the interior of the country. Here in northern Morocco green is still the dominant colour as we take winding roads to pass endless fields and forests. At Casablanca we return to the Atlantic coastline where we follow a quiet road to our accommodation for the second night.



El Jadida boasts a 17 km long beach and has the best-preserved Portuguese-built town centre in Morocco.

Our hotel is situated only one minute from the resort.



Day 5: El Jadida – Qualidia – Safi – Marrakech (320 km)



On our way to Marrakech



At this point our tour remains faithful to the Atlantic coastline with the coastal road becoming ever more spectacular.



Our next destination for today is Safi, renowned for the production of kiln-fired earthenware of all kinds and the well-preserved medieval old town. After stopping to regain our strength, we visit the medina and experience the fascinating way these earthenware vessels are produced.



Our trip continues in the interior to "Morocco's largest oasis", Marrakech! Known as the "Pearl of the South" many consider Marrakech to be Morocco's most beautiful city.

Our hotel is situated in the centre of Marrakech



Day 6: Marrakech



At the Djemaa el-Fna

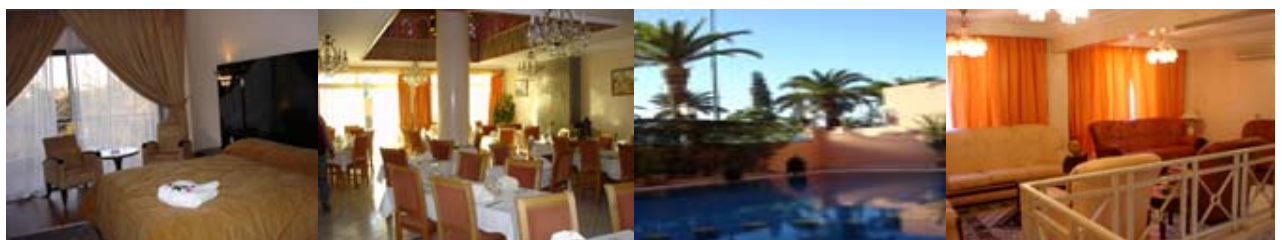


Today is actually designated a "rest" day although there will be very little time for actually "resting". After breakfast our guide in Marrakech will show us round to help us appreciate the history of this fascinating city. We delve into the city of Marrakech to experience its charm - and the imperial city has a lot to offer such as the Djemaa el-Fna, which apparently has kept its name from the fact that here formerly the heads of hanged persons were impaled for public display.

We, of course, visit the medina with its host of shops and traders, enjoy the performances of snake charmers and storytellers and simply observe this fascinating, oriental hustle and bustle.



Our hotel is situated directly in the centre allowing us to discover the city on foot.



Day 7: Marrakech – Quarzazate



Asphalt or no asphalt; today that is the question!



Our aim today is to conquer the "High Atlas". Our motorbikes take in the mountain air as we ride the fantastic panoramic road over Taddert and the Tizin-n-Tichka pass, accompanied by the spectacular views of snow-capped peaks at 4000 m on this unique stage of our tour.



We also have the opportunity of covering a part of our route on rather more demanding roads – of course, only if you are willing! Both stretches of road can scarcely be equalled in terms of scenic beauty and even off the main routes there is still plenty to see and experience in this fascinating mountain region.



Fantastic gardens and a refreshing swimming pool invite us to relax after a hard day's ride through the mountains.



Day 8: Quarzazate – Merzouga (360 km)



The South



On our trip along the rivers Dades and Draa we see more and more Kasbahs (clay fortresses of the Berbers) so typical for this part of Morocco. Here in the Sahara there are scarcely any green areas, the land is dry and sparse. In the palm groves everything revolves around the date that is the staple food for the inhabitants and animals of this region.



We take a break in the astonishing Todra canyon which provides shade virtually all day long as the cliff walls that jut upwards for hundreds of metres are only a few metres apart. We continue our trip heading towards Erfoud and Merzouga where we will spend the next two days in the sand dunes of Erg Chebbi.



Our hotel is located directly in front of the sand dunes.



Days 9 and 10: Merzouga (120 km) (discovering the sand dunes)



"Jimmy Hendrix" ready to ride out.



We have organised a full and fascinating program for our days spent in the desert.

We will explore and experience the desert and its sand dunes in all possible ways.

For instance, a camel trek through the sand dunes with the opportunity of staying over. A trip in a 4x4 through the sand dunes to a fossil quarry, the "black villages", oases etc.

We will also visit the traditional market at Risani with its awesome and amazing sights.

If you wish you can even spend the night out in the open under desert skies (Berber tent) in the sand dunes.

The evening is for lively music – typical Berber drums and dancing and if you like you can, of course, also join in the drumming and dancing.



Day 11: Merzouga – Midelt (270 km)



Canyon of Ziz



Slowly but surely we leave Morocco's South behind us and we can already recognise the first mountain peaks on the horizon. Again we prepare ourselves for an amazing crossing of the "High Atlas".



Although the mountains here are no longer quite so high we will be riding on roads that are simply made for motorcycling as we pass stunningly beautiful scenery such as the canyon of Ziz and the magnificent Talgam pass (1907 m).



Today's destination is the town of Midelt that is situated at an altitude of 1500 m between the "High Atlas" and the "Middle Atlas".

Our hotel in Midelt



Day 12: Midelt – Fes (220 km)



Through the "Middle Atlas"



Also today astounding mountain roads await us and our motorbikes, heading on a panoramic route through the "Middle Atlas". Our journey passes Azrou and Ifrane and several smaller passes (approx. 1500 m) still need to be conquered before we arrive at our accommodation in Fes.



Fes, one of the 4 imperial cities is particularly famous for its old town. We visit the medina and have the opportunity of having a look round a working tannery. The tannery still works the skins or pelts employing the same methods as used in the Middle Ages, however, the smell in the tannery takes more than a little getting used to



Our hotel is one of the "top addresses" in the city.



Day 13: Fes – Chefchaouen (210 km)



In the Rif mountains



We leave the imperial city of Fes and head in a northerly direction. Again winding mountain roads and magnificent scenery await us on our journey through the Rif mountains.



Via Quarzane we reach the former Spanish city of Chefchaouen where we spend our last night in the mountains of Morocco.

Chefchaouen, also known as "Chaouen" literally means "look at the peaks". That is exactly what everyone says when they see the magnificent peaks for the first time that rise next to the town



Our hotel is the Parador in Chefchaouen.



Day 14: Chefchaouen – La Herradura (325 km)



In the North



Riding briskly, we pass Tetouan and head directly for the border. After the border formalities, we cross the straits to Algeciras bringing our Morocco adventure gradually to a close.



We ride along the Mediterranean coastline back to the starting point of our tour – La Herradura.



Over a farewell dinner we look back at some of the fantastic impressions of the past two weeks.



Day 15: Return journey

Note: We reserve the right to make minor changes to the tour.

Accommodation:

All the hotels we use are located in extraordinarily beautiful, unspoilt natural countryside or in culturally historic cities and towns.

Selected 3* - 4* hotels or hotels that fall into this category (in Spain one star lower is often chosen due to the more favourable taxes).

Dining:

After the experiences and impressions of the day, we let ourselves be spoiled with delicious Moroccan cuisine. Tachine und Cous Cous, Seafood and many other delicious dishes will wait.



Tour map Morocco:

