

# Topdeck

## WINTER SPICE



TRIP CODE:

EEWPMZ-8

## Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Spice up your life on this trip to Marrakech. Travelling from Madrid to Marrakech, you'll get a dose of sun, a taste of Spanish and Moroccan culture and plenty of opportunities for pics and memories. Highlights include the food in Madrid, the pastel blue Chefchaouen and a local guide in Fes. Let's do this.

### WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Hostel Plus



Nights



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This is a sector trip.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

### ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

+ Local guide in Fes & Marrakech

### MORE INCLUSIONS

+ Walking tour of Fes with local guide  
+ Walking tour of Marrakech with local guide

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Madrid  
Europe

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Marrakesh  
Middle East & North Africa

## *Trip currencies*

+ Spain - EUR  
+ Morocco -

# Your Itinerary



AWESOME TRIP  
LEADER

## DAY 1 | MADRID, SPAIN

Reset your body clock: you're on Madrid time now. Meet your crew and get fired up for the trip like a bull seeing red. After a group welcome dinner you can practice flamenco, eat your weight in olives or get passionate about Real Madrid. They're all bound to keep you entertained well into the early hours of the morning.



**MEALS:**

+ Dinner

## DAY 2 | MADRID TO GRANADA

Siesta as we make our way to the base of the Sierra Nevada, aka the land of free tapas (Google it). After 2,500 years you figure out that free food = a good time. Join in the celebrations with a glass of tinto de verano.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast

## DAY 3 | GRANADA

Winter = no crowds. Get schooled in Islamic architecture - the city of Granada has seen over 800 years of Muslim rule in its time (longer than any other Spanish city). Then head to the Albaicín to find secret gardens full of rose bushes, the San Nicolas viewpoint and oodles of tapas restaurants.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast

## DAY 4 | GRANADA TO CHEFCHAOUEN, MOROCCO

Wave Andalusia goodbye and be awash in blue as we enter Chefchaouen, known for its blue pastel colours. Instagram at the ready!



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner

## DAY 5 | CHEFCHAOUEN TO FES

Check out the rolling Rif Mountains and snow-strewn Middle Atlas Mountains playing out the coach window today. We're heading to Fes, so it's time to learn some basic Arabic phrases, none more important than "Balak! Balak!". It pretty much means "get out the way, there is a huge donkey carriage about to run you over". Write that one down.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast

## DAY 6 | FES

Tick 'em off with a local guide: Royal Palace, Jewish neighbourhood, UNESCO World Heritage listed medina and leather tannery. Then, there's free time to explore. Hunt down a hammam and lose yourself in the labyrinth of souks and cobblestone streets. Bring your bargaining pants and embrace the centuries-old tradition of paying what you want for things, not what you're told they cost. Bargains can be had if you're willing to put in the lip service.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Fes with local guide

## DAY 7 | FES TO MARRAKECH

Bend it like the Berbers back 'round the Middle Atlas towards Marrakech and soak up the colours, smells and vibes of the Red City. Or if you're in the mood to be pampered, book yourself into a traditional hammam where #robelife has never felt better.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner

## DAY 8 | MARRAKECH

See the Bahia Palace, Koutoubia Minaret and mosaic amazingness that is the Saadian Tombs, then work your way past snake charmers in the Jemaa el Fna square. Have your hands decorated in henna patterns, sip on a freshly squeezed orange juice or stock up on leather goods, spices and flashy souvenirs.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Marrakech with local guide



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Dinner & local show in Marrakech

## DAY 9 | MARRAKECH

Your trip may come to an end after breakfast but that doesn't mean you have to stop exploring. Who's keen for round two?



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

## Meals

Breakfasts are included every day (except on the first morning). Included meals will be a combination of those prepared by Topdeck On-Site Chefs, local restaurants and places in which we stay.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book, or make note of this in the Topdeck app when you check in (refer below). However, please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs, particularly in Eastern Europe. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu

# Topdeck Travel App

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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## Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

## OTHER INFORMATION



**THAT'S IT!**