

# Arts & Garden Tour to Spain, Portugal & Morocco

*It's time to work the bucket list!*

## THE ARTS AND GARDENS TOUR TO SPAIN, PORTUGAL AND MOROCCO

*with artist Jacqueline Coates & Trafalgar Tours*

Arranged by Elite Conference Management & Travel's Karen Caba and in conjunction with Trafalgar Tours.

Intoxicate your senses in Morocco, be inspired in tranquil palace gardens in Spain, see the past through the eyes of Goya and Velasquez, get acquainted with a camel, spend a night in a Berber tent amid rose coloured dunes and a spectacular sunset, feel the fire of flamenco and soulful Fado music, and enjoy authentic paella in Andalusia. Then be awed by the cathedrals of Portugal.

If you haven't done anything on the bucket list recently then WAKE UP YOUR SENSES as you experience a tour ALIVE with colour, inspiration, a peppering of art, history and some of the world's most beautiful gardens, thoughtfully researched by artist Jacqueline Coates so you can experience the most inspirational and beautiful. Fully guided by an experienced Trafalgar tour leader. Beauty and grandeur is in abundance in all forms.

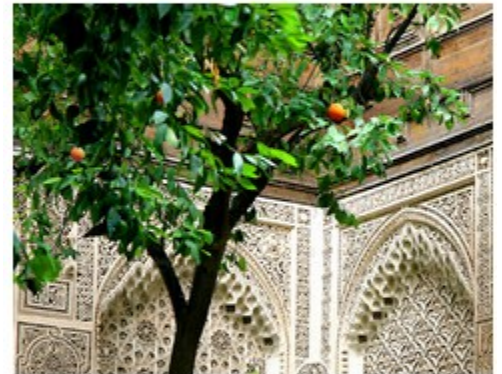
I hope you can join us!

**22 day tour commences October 10 2013 from Barcelona.**

Maximum of 24 people.

Price \$8390 (twin share) includes an allowance for airfares and depending on where you fly from it could be less than the stated price.

Optional easy to do Art included.



I will be including some easy to do while we travel art tuition (optional) along the way at no charge which will be lots of fun. And giving you a copy of my ebook before we go showing how to turn your travel snaps into masterpieces. ( Be the first to see it!)

To get an idea of the totally exotic and delicious itinerary best to read what Karen has prepared for yourself. Her email and skype are at the end of this email. As all travel arrangements are made by Karen, please contact her directly to enquire or reserve a place. Details below. Single supplements available. Fasten your seat belt and get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

## **ARTS & GARDENS TOUR**

### **SPAIN, MOROCCO AND PORTUGAL**

*Commences 10 OCTOBER 2013*

#### **DAY 1: 10 OCTOBER 2013**

##### **ARRIVE BARCELONA (2 NIGHTS)**

Welcome to the start of the tour in Barcelona , Spain's most dazzling cosmopolitan city. Settle into your hotel till we meet for an arranged dinner . Soak up the atmosphere and meet Jacqueline and your new travel companions and our travel director. Relax and unwind after check-in or take to the streets and explore the vibrant capital of Catalonia. Welcome dinner.

Hotel: U232 Hotel or similar

#### **DAY 2: 11 OCTOBER 2013**

##### **BARCELONA – SIGHTSEEING & FREE TIME**

Today, do some sightseeing with your expert Local Guide. Visit the spectacular Gaudi's 'La Sagrada Familia', an ongoing church project emulating medieval spires. There is a working studio underneath the church where you can see the original Gaudi models. Climb the towers, marvel at the nativity facade, and the passion facade. Gaudi used real people and animals for the sculptures and even bodies from the morgue such was his attention to detail.

After we visit another Gaudi project, Park Guell, where we see the master has turned his hand to his distinctive style of landscape gardening. Then on to the twittering bird market of Las Ramblas. Fantastic shopping along Las Ramblas and quite a few small art galleries worth exploring. Then visit the Picasso Museum. You are free this afternoon to shop in the trendy boutiques of Sitges. You might also consider visiting Museo d'art contemporani.

#### **DAY 3: 12 OCTOBER 2013**

##### **BARCELONA – MADRID (3 NIGHTS)**

Early morning we will leave Barcelona for a full day of travel to Spain's capital, Madrid. With a population of 5.5 million, this city throbs with life, and was the seat of culture, wealth and imperial

glory. It was also Spain's most artistic centre during the Golden Age. These days it's the city of opportunity for Spaniards. Shiny skyscrapers rise from ancient plazas. Let us begin our tour of this fascinating city.

City tour on the way to the hotel including the Cibeles Fountain, the Gran Via, the Peurta del Sol and the monument to Cervantes at Plaza de Espana. Enjoy an arranged dinner.

#### DAY 4: 13 OCTOBER 2013

##### MADRID - SIGHTSEEING

Visit the Botanical Garden (Real Jardin Botanico) with a collection of over 30,000 different species of plants from South America followed by a visit to the famous Prado Museum. Museo del Prado is home to a large collection of works by Velasquez and works by Titian, Botticelli, Goya, and Rubens. It's 7,000 art pieces are the result of hundreds of years of Bourbon art collecting famous for its 12-17th century collections.

This evening, you might be tempted by Madrid's nightlife, where the locals dine late and enjoy the open-air cafés and vibrant atmosphere until the early hours!

#### DAY 5: 14 OCTOBER 2013

##### MADRID – SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

This morning visit Buen Retiro Gardens, a second home for the people of Madrid. Here is a large public park full of life. Parque del Buen Retiro, once the preserve of kings and queens is now a popular place to stroll, relax, and take in the marble monuments, elegant greenery, and ornamental structures. Grab a coffee and write your postcards or engage in a contemplative water colour with Jacqueline. The rest of the day will be yours to enjoy.

#### DAY 6: 15 OCTOBER 2013

##### MADRID – VALDEPENAS - GRANADA

Your journey continues through the wine producing centre of Valdepeñas, where you will visit a bodega and taste some of the local wines. Then its across La Mancha, where your Travel Director tells the tale of Don Quixote. Finish the day with wonderful views of the Sierra Nevada Mountains while enjoying dinner at your hotel.

Hotel: Alhama Hotel or similar

#### DAY 7: 16 OCTOBER 2013

##### GRANADA - MARBELLA

This morning your Local Guide takes you on a visit to the incredible Alhambra Palace, built in the 14th century and a magnificent example of Moorish architecture. Enjoy the water gardens of Generalife the

royal summer palace as well as the Lion Court. The view over the surrounding hills and town is spectacular.

Admire the ancient filigree, quiet courtyards and colossal walls. In the afternoon, arrive on the famous Costa del Sol.

Hotel: NH Marbella

### DAY 8: 17 OCTOBER 2013

MARBELLA – FEZ (2 NIGHTS)

We travel along the Mediterranean coast to Tarifa, then cross to North Africa by ferry. A memorable drive past the Rif Mountains brings you to the Imperial city of Fez, the country's second-largest city in Morocco. Expect great sights, food and history. Fez connects the old caravan routes of the Saharan Empires like Timbuktu and Takrur with the Atlantic and the Mediterranean shipping lanes.

Hotel: Riad Sheherazade (confirmed)

### DAY 9: 18 OCTOBER 2013

FEZ – SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Your expert Local Guide takes you on a morning sightseeing tour of Fez, the former capital of Morocco. Explore the médina, one of the largest thriving medieval centres in the world, (old Fez) with its warren of narrow streets, lanes and covered bazaars bursting with aromatic food stands, craft workshops, mosques, and an endless parade of people. We visit Bab al Makina where some of the finest carpet weavers in Morocco work, then we visit the Souk Al Henna, which has the finest display of pottery. Spend the rest of the day seeing the sights of your choice, Dar Batha Museum, Bou Jeloud Gardens, The Attarine Spice markets with the dainty fragrance of musk, henna, and oil soap, visit a Hammam (hot baths) or dine later at the La Maison Bleue.

### DAY 10: 19 OCTOBER 2013

FEZ – MIDELT - ERFOUD

Follow the old caravan trail south. Stop in Midelt, a market town set in the high plains between the Middle and High Atlas mountain ranges. Here we will visit Kasbah Myriem, a carpet and embroidery workshop run by Franciscan nuns and the Monastery of Our Lady of the Atlas. Continue along the palm-fringed Ziz Valley, famous for date cultivation, to the Tafilalt oasis on the edge of the Sahara Desert.

Your day ends in Erfoud, where beautiful views across the shimmering Sahara have made this a popular location with filmmakers.

Hotel: Chergui Kasbah or similar

### DAY 11: 20 OCTOBER 2013

ERFOUD – SKOURA - OUARZAZATE

Via Skoura, see mudbrick kasbahs built into the cliffs and the incredible oasis of 1,000 palms where under a green canopy produce a 15 mile patchwork of garden plots are watered by a centuries old watering system involving locks, levers, and canals. Our guide brings us stories of the ancient spice and gold caravans route bringing the past to life.

We continue through part of the Todra Gorge and cut through the mountains - this is one of the most dramatic views in the country! Follow the route of a thousand Kasbahs to Ouarzazate. (BB)

Hotel: Le Berbere Palace or similar

### DAY 12: 21 OCTOBER 2013

OUARZAZATE

Today see the sights during your orientation tour of this city, which has been the setting for a number of famous movies including Lawrence of Arabia, Cleopatra and Gladiator. Rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 13: 22 OCTOBER 2013

OUARZAZATE - AIT BEN HADDOU – MARRAKESH (3 NIGHTS)

This morning visit the Atlas Film Corporation Studios, where a string of movies have been filmed and Kasbah Taourirt, one of the most impressive of its kind in Morocco classified as a historical monument giving tribute to the Glaoui.

Visit Ait Ben Haddou in the High Atlas Mountains, Continue through the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass to Marrakesh - the 'Red City'.

Like many other former imperial cities in Morocco, Marrakesh is comprised of an old fortified city - the médina - and an adjacent modern city. Marrakesh is home to Morocco's largest traditional market ('souk') where you might like to do some shopping. This evening experience traditional Moroccan cuisine.

Hotel: Riad Batoul (confirmed)

### DAY 14: 23 OCTOBER 2013

MARRAKESH - SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Your expert Local Guide takes you on a morning sightseeing tour to Jardin Majorelle a gem of a museum dedicated to original owner Frenchman and landscape painter Jacques Majorelle who also cultivated the garden in 1924. The garden is home to 300 plant species from 5 continents whilst the museum houses Majorelle's elegant southern Moroccan paintings plus rotating exhibitions. The art deco villa exhibits benefactors Yves Saint Laurent's collection of Moroccan decorative arts. Spot the colorful African

songbirds in the garden. Enjoy the surrounding decorative garden with its tiled features. The art Deco Villa exhibits benefactors Yves Saint Laurent's collection of Moroccan decorative art.

See Menara Gardens with its reflective pools and royal olive groves and a 19th century pavilion.

### DAY 15: 24 OCTOBER 2013

MARRAKESH – SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Today you will visit the Bahia Palace, its grand and petitcot yards, and the harem that once housed 4 wives and 24 concubines. Afterwards visit the Museum of Moroccan Arts – Dar Si Said – Later enjoy a drink at Terasse Des Epices before returning to your hotel.

### DAY 16: 25 OCTOBER 2013

MARRAKESH - CASABLANCA - RABAT

Perhaps most famous for the film bearing its name, Casablanca is Morocco's largest city as well as a major port. View the Hassan II Mosque during your informative sightseeing tour with an expert Local Guide. See the maze of twisted streets around the Kasbah. Continue to the capital city Rabat, where you see the Mausoleum, Mosque and Royal Palace.

Hotel: Golden Tulip Farah Rabat Hotel or similar

### DAY 17: 26 OCTOBER 2013

RABAT – SEVILLE (2 NIGHTS)

See Cape Spartel on your cruise across the Straits of Gibraltar to the Spanish mainland. Note the breathtaking scenery on your drive through the vineyards of Jerez, the world capital of sherry. This evening experience the fiery Spanish passion at a flamenco show!

Hotel: Melia Lebreros or similar

### DAY 18: 27 OCTOBER 2013

SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING

Meet your Local Guide for a sightseeing tour of Seville. Our guide will unveil the fascinating history of Seville, as we explore the fabulous winding streets. View the Bell Tower of the Giralda, see the tiled fountains, pavilions and lush palms in the Maria Luisa Park, centre piece to the 1929 World Fair. It was built in a Moorish style and is famous for its landscape design including half a mile of fountains, ponds and pavilions and lush plantings. Walk through the imposing Plaza de España. Then visit Alcazar, the oldest royal palace still in use in Europe. And a Moorish and Catholic fantasy palace once the residence of the king and queen of Spain set in richly scented gardens including Jardines de Murillo.

Why not try Seville's famous tapas along with a Tinto de verano ( red wine and orange soda) or a sangria?

Seville's pulse and passion can be felt in the Flamenco dance , guitar and songs expressing the lives of the Andalusian people. It originated with the gypsies and you will know it by the rhythmic clapping, intricate fretwork on the guitar, throaty wailing, rapid foot tapping, and swirling dancers.

This evening is at leisure.

La Marcha or bar hopping could be fun afterwards to gain an insight into why Seville has a reputation for hot nightlife. The action gets going around midnight. Jac's curfew for happy travelers is 1 am! If not, shhhh and make sure you have a good alarm clock!

### DAY 19: 28 OCTOBER 2013

SEVILLE - LISBON

Lisbon is a city that glows with its history via bronze statues, roman arches, a towering 12 th century castle , red roofed houses , time worn walls and charming cobblestone streets. Contrast his with cutting edge fashion, flourishing art and music scenes, and a pounding nightlife and we have a magnificent sensory cocktail on our hands.

Lisbon is also a colourful city with a rich maritime history. Visit the Monument to the Discoveries, commemorating the maritime expansion of Portugal and the men who sallied forth fearlessly in search of fame and fortune, including Henry the Navigator, Vasco da Gama and Pedro Álvares Cabral, who discovered Brazil. Enjoy a nice evening dinner in the fascinating Bairro Alto, with its narrow streets and lively restaurants and bar atmosphere followed by a moving and soulful performance of the world famous Fado. (BB HD)

Hotel: Olissippo Marques de Sa or similar

### DAY 20: 29 OCTOBER 2013

LISBON – SINTRA – OPORTO (2 NIGHTS)

This morning visit Berardo Collection Museum, where a fine arts collection of the 20th century and early 21st century, especially European and American art is housed surrounded by a beautiful garden. Say good bye to Lisbon as we spend the rest of the day at Sintra, home to the ancient castles and fairy tale palaces. Sultans, monarchs, and wealthy noblemen were drawn to its mystic beauty over the centuries and have left a trail of opulence and grandeur. Prepare for the most delightful sensory overload. We continue to Porto where we will spend the night.

Keats once wrote an ode to the splendid sprawling vineyard vistas of Porto, Portugal's second largest city overlooks the Douro river. Porto is famous for its port. and today we visit a cellar door and taste the local product from the vats and enjoy a local explaining the history.

Then head to Oporto.

## DAY 21: 30 OCTOBER 2013

### Oporto - Sightseeing and Free Time

See the remarkable bridges across the Douro River, the Vila Nova de Gaia wine stores and the Baroque Church of St. Francis. Visit the Stock Exchange with its Arabian Hall then experience a wine tasting at a port cellar. Later visit Museum Serralves. This world-class museum displays cutting-edge international contemporary art. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a

Farewell Dinner.

## DAY 22: 31 OCTOBER 2013

### Oporto – Depart Lisbon

Group transfer to Lisbon International Airport for your flight home.

**Tour price \$8390 see inclusions below as provided by Elite Travel**

Single Supplement available.

ALL COSTS & TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS AND AVAILABILITY.

### INCLUSIONS:

- Trafalgar's 22 day guided holiday as per the itinerary below.
- Return Economy class airfares Australia/Spain/Australia to the value of A\$2,200 (THIS ALLOWS FLEXIBILITY WITH YOUR FLIGHTS AND THE BENEFIT OF BOOKING BEST AIRFARE OF THE DAY TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS)
- Touring by air-conditioned coach.
- Arrival airport transfer is based on one group transfer from Barcelona Airport to hotel (Day 1) and one group departure transfer from Oporto hotel to Lisbon Airport (Day 22). If individual or additional transfers are required then supplements will apply.
- Accommodation in twin bedded rooms with private facilities based on First Class hotels (European Standard).
- All hotel service charges, local taxes, baggage handling and hotel tips. Portage of one suitcase only per person at hotels.
- Meals as stated in the itinerary.
- Services of a professional, English speaking Trafalgar Travel Director, Coach Driver and local guides.
- Entrance fees as stated in the itinerary.
- Audio Headsets where available.
- Trafalgar wallet included with documentation



## EXCLUSIONS:

The following are not included:

- Visas
- Tips for Trafalgar Travel Director, Driver and Local Guides.
- Portage at airports.
- Expenses of personal nature.
- Any items are not listed above.

## **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- A minimum of 20 full paying passengers are required to operate this trip and No individual passenger trip deviations are allowed.
- Guided Holiday pricing not guaranteed until Trafalgar sends final confirmation. The final number of full paying passengers will determine the final per person trip cost. Individual cancellations may necessitate an adjustment in the per person trip rate.
- All accommodations are subject to confirmation and subject to change. Should these specific hotels be unavailable, we reserve the right to seek alternative accommodations. We will advise you immediately if such a situation occurs. Under certain conditions, hotels or special services may require a SPECIAL ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT to reserve the space. If this becomes necessary, you will be notified you right away. If the additional deposit is non-refundable once received, or becomes non-refundable at a certain date, you will be advised.
- Tickets to Alhambra Palace are subject to availability and confirmation at time of booking.
- There will be no refund for any unused travel services, such as accommodation, meals, transfers, sightseeing tours, trains, cruises, or any other travel services. This condition overrides all refund policies of suppliers who provide any of the above-mentioned services.
- Single & triple rooms are limited. If you require more than three of either, please inform us as soon as possible, as a supplement may need to be charged.
- Hotels are subject to confirmation up to 30 – 60 days prior to departure.
- When booking triple rooms please note that the third bed may be a roll-away bed but not guaranteed. Availability of triple rooms is limited.
- Single rooms in European hotels are generally smaller than twin-bedded rooms and European hotel standards, facilities and services provided may vary from those in other parts of the world and are often local in style.
- Guaranteed room share is not available on custom trips.
- No discounts are applicable to custom trips, if you wish to have discounts these will need to be costed in.
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- Children under 5 years of age are ineligible on coach trips.
- Gold Seal Protection is not applicable to this departure.
- Trafalgar constantly strives to improve trip itineraries and features. If such improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary - we reserve

the right to vary itineraries and to substitute hotels in which case hotels may vary from those stated on the itinerary but will be of the same standard. Trade fairs or other events occasionally cause changes from scheduled hotels. In these and in other cases substitute hotels may be used and will be of a similar standard and location whenever possible.

## About Karen

Karen Caba is a licensed Australian travel agent based in Chicago where her husband works. She has an Australian based business with an Australian Travel agent's license registered with the Travel Compensation Fund;

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She has arranged several group tours for Our Internet Secrets whom I have been doing a course with this year, Paul Blackburn and other groups. She arranged travel for my family trip to Europe last year which went seamlessly well which included flights and last minute bookings and changes and a cruise. The great thing about Karen is you can skype her in the mornings or at night so she is very accessible and loves a chat.

Karen arranges all aspect of the travel so please contact her to notify your interest, ask travel questions or to reserve a place. A deposit is required to confirm your place.

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I hope you enjoy the itinerary!

Best regards,

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*PS Karen has the full range of information regarding Terms and conditions as per any travel agent. The above is the tour outline only. Please ask her for those at time of booking.*