

An Historical Journey to Andalusian Spain and Morocco

SEPTEMBER 9 – 28, 2011
WITH DR. JOHN HUMPHREY



Hassan II Mosque, Casablanca, Morocco

For almost eight centuries, beginning in 711, the lands on either side of the Strait of Gibraltar shared religions and cultures, and created a level of civilization unparalleled in the region. Before this time, southern Spain had been the prosperous Roman province of Baetica with its capital at Córdoba, and Morocco was a kingdom of Berbers with close ties to the Roman Empire. All this changed dramatically in the early 8th century with the arrival of Arab armies, who in less than a century spread their conquests—and their Islamic religion—from Mecca and Medina to Fès in Morocco and Granada in Spain.

Join us on our 20-day historical and cultural journey to Andalusia and Morocco in search of the roots of one of the most multicultural and religiously varied periods in Mediterranean history. We begin with nine days in Morocco, visiting the archaeological remains of Roman towns, and the Kasbahs (fortified Arab citadels), mosques, and museums of four important cities and their environs: Rabat, Fès, Marrakech, and Tangier. For another nine days in southern Spain, we'll explore the Roman theatres, aqueducts, houses, and temples of Mérida and Córdoba, the Moslem Alhambra in Granada, the Jewish quarter of Córdoba, and museums of archaeology and ethnography.

Our pace will be leisurely, usually spending two or three nights at each hotel, with plenty of free time for you to shop for carpets in the traditional souqs of Morocco and for original fashions in the shops of Seville; to find your own perfect café for lunch or a drink; to search out a flamenco performance or simply relax by the pool over a good book.

ORIENTATION

The orientation course will consist of three Wednesday evenings, August 10, 17, 24, 7 – 9 pm and one Saturday, August 26, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, held at the University of Calgary campus. Topics for discussion will include the history and culture of Morocco and Spain, civilization of the region, and background information on the sites we will be visiting. The itinerary, travel arrangements, and health matters will be discussed in detail.

ITINERARY

SEPTEMBER 9 – 10 Fly from Calgary to Casablanca, then board our private coach for the short journey to Rabat. (D)

SEPTEMBER 11 A full-day tour of Rabat, the pleasant capital of Morocco. We'll explore the cliff fortress of the Kasbah (citadel), the monumental gate of Bab Oudaïa, the souqs in the Medina, and the Archaeological Museum. If we have time, we'll drive to the fortified Chellah necropolis, where we can see remains of the ancient Roman city of Sala. (B, D)

SEPTEMBER 12 Enroute to Fès, we'll make stops at two Roman towns: Thamusida, a Roman city originally laid out in the regular form of a military camp with a praetorium (generals quarters, later the forum), baths, and temples; and Volubilis, founded by Mauretanian kings but expanded by the Romans in the early Empire and given the usual accoutrements of Romanization: a forum, basilica, triumphal arch, and elegant houses with floor mosaics. (B, L)

SEPTEMBER 13 A full-day tour of Fès, founded by the Arabs in 789 and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll explore the souqs, a restored caravanserai, the Andalusian quarter, the Karaouiyine Mosque (built in 859, and housing one of the world's oldest universities), and the almost-modern (13th-century) citadel of Fès El-Jedid. (B, D)

SEPTEMBER 14 From Fès we drive to Beni Mellal in the Middle Atlas, a border town between the two hostile territories of Fès and Marrakech, attractively located in the midst of orange groves; then on to Marrakech for three nights. We'll have much of the afternoon and evening free for shopping and wandering. (B, L)

SEPTEMBER 15 – 16 In Marrakech (founded in 1062) we'll visit the ramparts, souqs (rumoured to be the best in North Africa), and the 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque with its spectacular minaret and huge prayer hall. If time and weather permit, we'll take a short drive into the almost-impenetrable High Atlas Mountains, passing villages of mud-brick houses. More free time for exploring on your own. (B, L or D)

SEPTEMBER 17 We drive from Marrakech to Tangier, visiting enroute one or two attractive whitewashed towns: the port of Chefchaouan, a happy mix of the European west and Arab east; and Tetouan, home to the Jews who were expelled from Spain after the expulsion of the Arabs in 1492. (B, L, D)

SEPTEMBER 18 Today we go sightseeing in the cosmopolitan port of Tangier, our last stop in Morocco, visiting the Kasbah, Museum, and ramparts. We'll walk along the Rue Es-Siaghine, originally the Roman decumanus, stop in at the 'poor people's bazaar' (the Fondouk Chejra), famous for its weaving, and perhaps linger for a coffee in the Café Hafa, the early-20th-century hangout of expatriate artists and musicians. (B, D)

SEPTEMBER 19 We begin the day with a two-hour ferry crossing from Morocco to Spain, and a short drive to Cadiz, on a promontory surrounded by ocean and river. This is perhaps the oldest city we'll visit, founded by Phoenician traders from modern Lebanon around 1100 BCE. In the afternoon we'll walk along the harbourfront and explore the old town. (B, L, D)

SEPTEMBER 20 Enroute to Seville, we'll stop at Jerez de la Frontera to visit the centre of sherry production and a world-famous equestrian centre as well. Late afternoon free. (B, D)

SEPTEMBER 21 A full-day tour of Seville: the 13th-century Torre del Oro, a tower built to protect the harbour; the Gothic cathedral with a unique Moorish bell-tower; and the royal palaces of Real Alcázar. (B, L)

SEPTEMBER 22 This morning we visit the rather sad remains of the Roman colony of Italica, founded in 206 BCE by the Roman general Scipio Africanus during his campaign against Hannibal to drive the Carthaginians from their territory in Spain. It was also the birthplace of the 2nd-century Roman Emperor Hadrian, and includes streets, baths, a theatre and amphitheatre, and some attractive mosaic floors. After lunch we drive on to Mérida. (B, D)

SEPTEMBER 23 A full-day tour of Mérida, founded by the first Roman Emperor, Augustus, in 25 BCE; we'll visit the best-preserved Roman theatre of our trip, the nearby amphitheatre, the arch of Trajan, temples, and Roman houses with well-preserved frescoes. (B, L)

SEPTEMBER 24 This is a relaxing day: after some free time in Mérida in the morning, we drive to Cordoba, with nothing organized for the afternoon. (B, D)

SEPTEMBER 25 A full-day tour of Cordoba, including the Jewish quarter, the Great Mosque (Mezquita) of 785, and the Archaeological Museum. (B, L)

SEPTEMBER 26 After breakfast we drive to Granada, where you'll have the afternoon free to enjoy our splendid hotel or do some last-minute shopping for souvenirs. (B, D)

SEPTEMBER 27 A full-day tour of Granada, including the incomparable late-Moorish Alhambra (an earthly paradise), the town's Arab quarter of Albaicín, and the Archaeological Museum. Tonight we have our farewell dinner. (B, D)

SEPTEMBER 28 An early wakeup call will get us on the road from Granada to Malaga airport for our flights back to Calgary. (B)

ACCOMPANYING RESOURCE PERSON

Dr. John Humphrey is a professor of history and archaeology in the Department of Greek and Roman Studies at the University of Calgary. He has excavated at sites in Greece and Turkey, and now specializes in the history of ancient technology, on which he has published two books. Since his first in 1977, he has planned and accompanied more Continuing Education trips than he can remember, to Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, and Cyprus.

COST

AIRFARE	\$2,150
LAND, TUITION AND OTHER COSTS	6,500
GST	75
TOTAL	8,725
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	+1,660

COST INCLUDES Tuition and three-week orientation course, airfare, accommodation, transfers, all surface travel, and meals as listed in the itinerary. The tuition portion of \$1,500 will be shown as a tax deduction on the final payment receipt. A deposit of \$500 is required with the registration form. There is a \$200 withdrawal fee prior to the final payment date. Final payment is due on April 1, 2011. Please see the Refund Policy section for withdrawal/refund procedures and liabilities. Fees are based on the information available at the time of print and are subject to change to reflect any changes in currency rates, airfares, or land costs. There are possibilities of decreases or increases, and any changes will be reflected on the final payment and passed on to the participant. All fees are based on double occupancy.

Registration Form

INDICATE THE TRAVEL STUDY PROGRAM(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERING...

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DISCOVER CUBA

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WILD BRAZIL: PANTANAL WETLANDS AND IGUAZÚ FALLS

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MOORISH SPAIN

April 18 – May 1, 2011, with John Gilchrist

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HIMALAYA KINGDOM: A JOURNEY THROUGH TIBET AND NEPAL

September 6 – 25, 2011 with Dr. Valery Efimenko

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September 9 – 28, 2011 with Dr. John Humphrey

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January 13 – February 2, 2012 with Dr. Valery Efimenko

TRAVEL STUDY INFORMATION SESSION

October 28, 2010: \$10

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Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Address _____

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Official name (as it appears on your passport) _____

Will you be travelling with another person? Yes No

Name _____

Would you like to have a roommate? Yes No

Please note that if you wish to share, every effort will be made to find you a suitable roommate. However, if this is not possible, a single supplement will be applied.

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