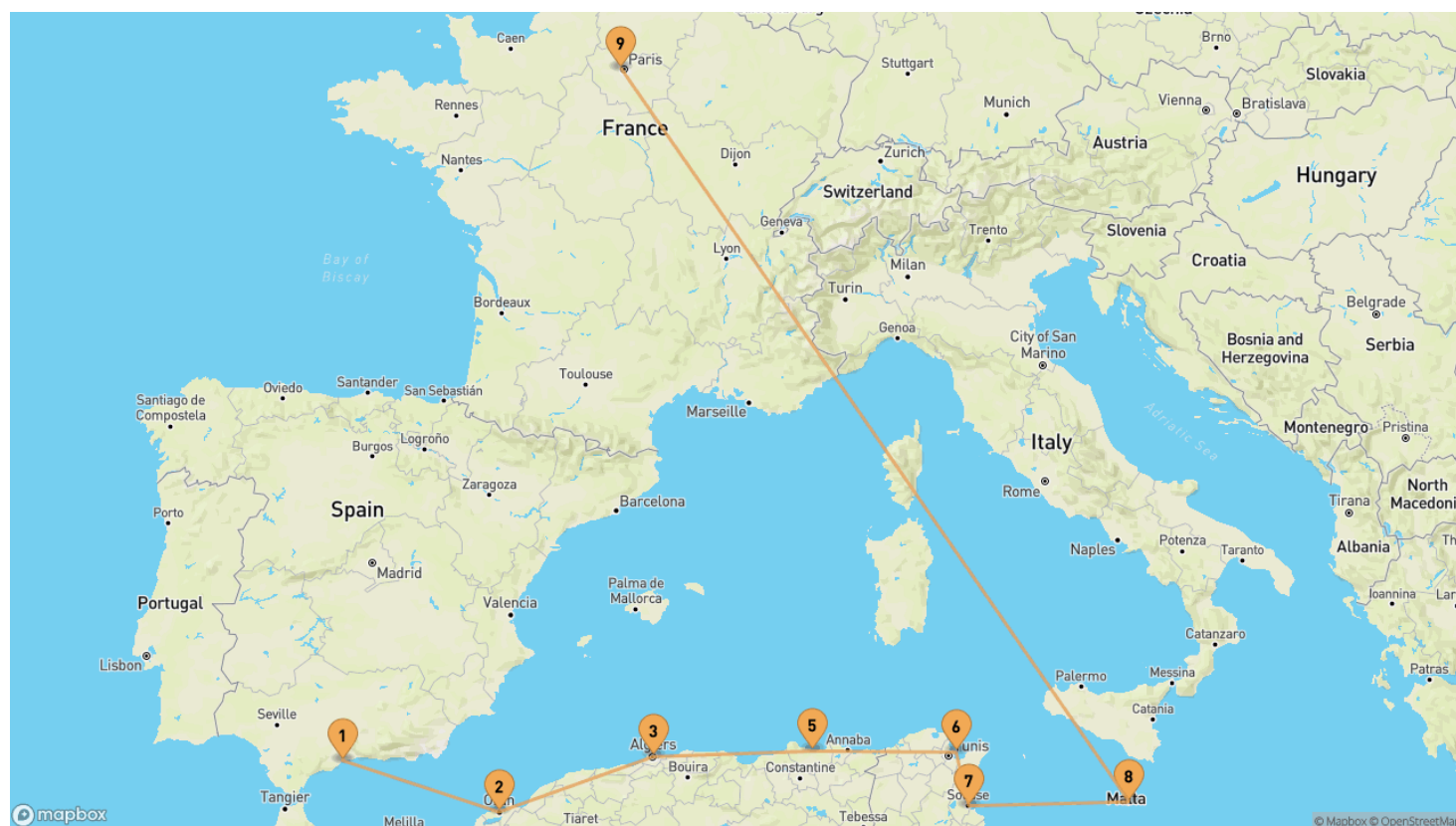


⦿ REGIONS / COUNTRIES: 🇪🇸 Spain 🇩🇿 Algeria 🇹🇳 Tunisia 🇲🇹 Malta 🇫🇷 France

⦿ DURATION: 9 Days / 8 Nights

⦿ TAGS: Mainland port, City, Nightlife, Popular, Sports, Town, Island, Romantic

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Day 1



Spain / Malaga

📍 Mainland port, City, Nightlife, Popular, Sports

Malaga, situated on the southern coast of Spain, is a vibrant port city with a rich history and modern charm. The port serves as a hub for both cargo and passenger traffic, offering ferry connections to North Africa and the Balearic Islands. Visitors can explore the city's numerous museums and galleries, stroll through the charming old town, and indulge in delicious Andalusian cuisine. The surrounding beaches and mountains provide ample opportunities for outdoor activities, making Malaga a popular destination for travelers of all types.

DAY 1: PARIS or MARSEILLE - MALAGA (Spain)

Departure from Malaga on a special or regular flight. Upon arrival, transfer to the port, boarding and installation on board the World Explorer. Dinner on board.

Day 2



Algeria / Oran

City

DAY 2: ORAN (Algeria)

Oran, the pearl of western Algeria, is distinguished by its Mediterranean atmosphere and rich cultural heritage. The heart of the city reveals a fascinating architectural assemblage, elegantly combining colonial buildings inherited from the French period and Moorish structures. Nicknamed "the radiant", Oran is famous for its contagious energy, its vibrant music scene and its lively atmosphere. A city founded by the Moors, it has harmoniously combined its rich past with an attractive modernity, thus raising itself to the rank of the most popular cultural and seaside destinations in Algeria. Participation in the optional excursion. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursion

ORAN THE RADIANT

Visit the Santa Cruz fort located on the heights of the city, then the chapel of Our Lady of Santa Cruz, built from 1850 and classified as a national monument. Discovery of the Sidi El Houari district in the old city and visit of the Hassan Pacha Mosque whose octagonal minaret is a jewel of Arab-Andalusian architecture. Walk in the historic center: the Place du 1er-Novembre where the statue of Emir Abdelkader stands, the eclectic style town hall from the end of the 19th century guarded by two bronze lions, the regional theater inspired by the Italian Renaissance... Finally, passage by the famous promenade on the seafront, a lively artery which overlooks the large port.

Half day - Price per person from: €75

Day 3



Algeria / Algiers

DAY 3: ALGIERS

An emblematic capital stretching majestically along the bay, Algiers captivates with its dynamism and unique charm, harmoniously coexisting Moorish heritage and contemporary architecture. The casbah, a jewel listed as a World Heritage Site, reveals its labyrinth of narrow streets full of authenticity. The architectural jewels and diverse museum collections of the city are a brilliant reflection of an extraordinary heritage wealth. Participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursion

ALGIERS THE WHITE

Departure towards the heights of Algiers to visit the Notre-Dame d'Afrique basilica built in the Romano-Byzantine style, consecrated in 1872 and which offers a magnificent panorama of the bay. Continue with a walk in the Casbah, the exceptional historical heart of the city listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, passing in front of the Ketchaoua mosque and the popular district of Bab El Oued. Continue with the panoramic discovery of the emblematic places of the city: the large boulevards, the national theater, the prefecture in neo-Moorish style, the Grande Poste... Finally, visit the Bardo National Museum which houses magnificent ethnographic collections.

Half day - Price per person from: €75

Day 4



Algeria / Algiers

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Optional excursion

TIPAZA AND THE ROYAL MAUSOLEUM OF MAURETANIA (day with lunch)

Located west of Algiers, Tipaza is surrounded by archaeological sites forming a group classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and remarkably illustrating the contacts between indigenous civilizations and the waves of Punic and Roman colonization. Stop en route to visit the Royal Mausoleum of Mauretania. This funerary building combines a local architectural tradition with contributions from Egyptian and Greek antiquity. Continue with a visit to the museum, then discovery of the ancient site located on the slopes of the western hill marked by the Roman period and bringing together a prestigious group of buildings, some of which are decorated with very beautiful mosaic pavements illustrating daily scenes or geometric patterns: theater, circus, thermal baths, etc. After lunch, return to Algiers.

Day with lunch - Price per person from: €130

Day 5



Algeria / Skikda

DAY 5: SKIKDA

Skikda is located in the Gulf of Stora. A former Phoenician trading post, its port still plays a crucial role in the local economy. It is the gateway to Constantine, one of the oldest cities in the world and an important city in Mediterranean history. Founded by the Phoenicians, it became, under the name of Cirta, the capital of the Numidian kingdom before coming under Roman domination. Participation in the optional excursion Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursion

DISCOVERY OF CONSTANTINE (day with lunch)

Departure for Constantine (approximately 1h30), one of the oldest cities in the world founded by the Phoenicians under the name of Cirta and which was the capital of the kingdom of Numidia. Constantine takes its name from the emperor Constantine I (4th century). Its geographical location, at altitude on a plateau split by deep gorges where the Rhummel wadi flows, earned it the nickname of "city of suspension bridges". Discovery of the city between spectacular panoramas and historic buildings: the regional theater of Italian inspiration, the war memorial... Visit of the Ahmed Bey palace, hero of the anti-colonial resistance. In Moorish and Baroque style, the palace, organized around three gardens and three courtyards, is one of the most important historic buildings in the city.

Day with lunch - Price per person from: €140

Day 6



Tunisia / Carthage

Town

DAY 6: TUNIS - LA GOULETTE - CARTHAGE (Tunisia)

The port of La Goulette, the gateway to Tunis, is located near ancient Carthage. The capital of Tunisia, Tunis is a vibrant political and economic center, rich in history and culture. Its medina, a treasure listed as a World Heritage Site, is distinguished by the preserved authenticity of its lively souks, winding streets, historic homes, meticulously carved doors and mosques, forming one of the best-preserved complexes in the Islamic world. At the heart of this exceptional heritage, the Great Mosque of Zitouna, built in the 8th century, occupies a special place. Although it is now strictly oriented towards Mecca, it retains traces of its military past with two control towers, testifying to its historical role as a defensive post facing the sea. This architectural jewel, both the oldest and largest in Tunis, reflects the evolution of the art of building in Tunisia since the early Middle Ages. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursions

TUNIS, THE SITE OF CARTHAGE AND SIDI BOU SAÏD (day with lunch)

Discovery of the medina of Tunis, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In this labyrinth of lively alleys, a whole world rubs shoulders: greengrocers, weavers, leatherworkers, artisans... Continue with a visit to the Bardo National Museum. This jewel of Tunisian heritage is the largest museum in Africa after the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. It houses a very beautiful collection of mosaics. After lunch, visit the site of ancient Carthage, Rome's great rival: the Roman baths, the amphitheater, the Punic port... Finally, walk in Sidi Bou Saïd, one of the prettiest villages in Tunisia, to enjoy its small streets lined with white houses with blue shutters, covered with bougainvillea.

Day with lunch - Price per person from: €120

THE MEDINA OF TUNIS AND BIZERTE (day with lunch)

Departure for the medina of Tunis, the historic heart of the city with a bustling atmosphere and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to Bizerte, a former Phoenician trading post, founded in the 12th century BC. Stroll through the medina with its houses painted in white and blue and its bustling activity. Then, discover the old port with its basin lined with charming houses and cafes. The quay stretches in an arc along the sienna ramparts of the Casbah and large, brightly colored boats offer a delightful contrast. Bizerte offers the familiar spectacle of a small Mediterranean port: a modest boat painted in red and green cuts through the calm water, a fisherman unloads his fish for the nearby market, another weighs anchor...

Day with lunch - Price per person from: €120

Day 7



Tunisia / Sousse



City

DAY 7: SOUSSE

With its magnificent beaches and lively atmosphere, Sousse is a must-see destination in the Tunisian Sahel. The city shines with its historic medina, a World Heritage Site, a maze of narrow streets, lively souks and whitewashed houses. The Great Mosque and the Ribat, a small fortress, stand proudly at the entrance to the medina, testifying to the city's thousand-year history. The Archaeological Museum, home to the largest collection of mosaics in Tunisia, offers a fascinating dive into the region's past. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursions

SOUSSE AND MONASTIR, THE PEARLS OF THE SAHEL

Discovery of the medina of Sousse, classified as a UNESCO world heritage site. This exceptional architectural ensemble typical of the first centuries of Islam is remarkably well preserved: the ramparts, the Casbah, the great mosque, the Ribat... Visit the archaeological museum housing a very beautiful collection of Roman mosaics. Continue to Monastir and visit the mausoleum of Bourguiba, father of Tunisian independence. The white marble monument is framed by two minarets and dominated by a golden dome. Finally, visit the Ribat of Monastir, an 8th century fortress considered one of the oldest and most important in the Maghreb. From these high towers, signals could be transmitted to the minaret of the Ribat of Sousse which also served as a lookout.

Half day - Price per person from: €70

KAIROUAN, A MILLENNIAL HOLY CITY

Located in the desert, Kairouan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the religious center of the country. Discover the Aghlabid Basin, named after the dynasty of the same name. This 9th century hydrographic work was intended to supply the city with drinking water. Then, visit the Sidi Sahab mausoleum, also known as the Barber Mosque. This complex, comprising courtyards, a mosque and the mausoleum of the Prophet's companion and barber, is remarkable for the quality of the building materials used and the richness of its decoration. Continue through the medina of Kairouan and visit the Great Mosque. Initially founded from 670, it is considered the ancestor of all the mosques in the region, and a jewel of Islamic art.

Half day - Price per person from: €60

THE EL JEM AMPHITHEATER

Departure for El Jem (approximately 1h15) located at the gateway to the Sahel. El Jem was founded on the ruins of the ancient Roman city of Thysdrus. Visit its amphitheater, the largest in the Roman Empire after that of Rome and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was built under the governance of the proconsul Gordian, who was also a very brief emperor in 238, and could accommodate 35,000 spectators. Continue with a visit to the archaeological museum which houses a rich collection of objects from ancient Thysdrus, as well as the archaeological park including the remains of an ancient patrician residence.
Half day - Price per person from: €60

Day 8



Malta / Valletta

Island

Visit charming golden sandstone Valetta, the smallest capital city in European Union and a living open air museum. Built by Knights Hospitaller in the 16-th century for defense against the Ottomans and named after Jean Priscot de Valette, it strikes you with its special charm of ornate churches, bastions and fortifications, glorious palazzi, magnificent squares and shaded alleyways.

DAY 8: VALLETTA (Malta)

Founded in 1566 by Jean Parisot de la Valette, Malta's tiny capital is bursting with vitality and attractions. A World Heritage Site, Valletta is surrounded by imposing ramparts, protecting a multitude of Baroque buildings and winding streets carved into golden limestone. The city is brimming with notable monuments such as the 16th-century St. John's Co-Cathedral, the Grand Palace, the Upper Barrakka Gardens and the National Museum of Archaeology, housed in a former hospital inn. Free time or take part in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursions

MDINA, THE ANCIENT CAPITAL

Departure for Mdina, an exceptional fortified city and former capital of Malta. A remarkable and fascinating medieval city, Mdina is best explored on foot. Nicknamed "the city of silence", Mdina is literally full of cultural and religious gems. Walk through a maze of charming alleyways marked by its yellow limestone buildings and visit the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul. Completed in 1702, the richness of its interior decoration is grandiose and its marble slab floor bears the coats of arms of the great families of Malta. Continue to the Palazzo Falson, named after a wealthy Maltese family, a 17-room house-museum containing historical household objects and collections of antiques. Half day - Price per person from: €60

VALLETTA AND THE THREE CITIES

Discovery of Valletta starting with the magnificent Upper Barrakka Gardens which offer a unique view of the port and the city. Walk through the historic centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which houses many Baroque buildings in an admirable state of preservation. Pass in front of the Co-Cathedral of St. John (exterior), designed as a landmark visible from almost the entire island. Then, departure by coach to Mosta and visit the Rotunda of St. Mary. This splendid church has the third largest unsupported dome in the world. Continue to Vittoriosa, Senglea and Cospicua, known as the "Three Cities of Malta". Discovery on foot of these small fortified towns full of charm and exceptional architectural heritage. Visit the Inquisitor's Palace, also known as the Sacred Palace, which was the seat of the Maltese Inquisition from 1574 to 1798. Finally, return aboard a traditional Maltese boat admiring the splendid panorama of the bay and the city's fortifications.

Half day - Price: €70

MALTA AND THE MEGALITHIC TEMPLE OF HAGAR QIM (day with lunch)

Departure for Marsaxlokk, a small, colorful fishing village with authentic charm and a lively atmosphere around its large market, the most popular on the island. Continue to Hagar Qim, a remarkable megalithic temple listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and located at the top of a hill overlooking the sea. Stop at the Dingli Cliffs and their exceptional panoramas, then continue to Mosta and visit the St. Mary's Rotunda known for its grandiose dome. After lunch, return to Valletta. Discovery of the Upper Barrakka Gardens, from where the view is splendid. Walk in the heart of the old town passing in front of the St. John's Co-Cathedral (exterior), built by the Knights of the Order of St. John. Finally, visit the Archaeological Museum which houses a spectacular collection of artifacts dating from Malta's Neolithic period to the Phoenician period.

Day with lunch - Price per person from: €120

Day 9



France / Paris

📍 City, Mainland port, Popular, Romantic, Nightlife

DAY 9: VALLETTA - PARIS or MARSEILLE

Breakfast on board. Disembarkation and transfer to the airport. Flight to Paris or Marseille on a special or regular flight.

