

Escorted Tours



Italy



Andalusia



Aquitaine



Iceland



Normandy



Greece



Join in, and enjoy one – or more – of Carefree's popular escorted tours. It's a great way to visit a new country, or to give you a refreshing new look at a country you have previously visited. All of these tours are with your own unit, meaning that you have all of the comforts of home whilst enjoying travelling in a different country. All you have to do is be on the first site on the first day of the tour and you'll be met and welcomed by your Tour Escorts. You'll do and see far more than you would manage alone. Leisure days are built in too, so whether you want to return to a favourite place, explore further or just relax on site, you have the freedom to choose. Whichever tour you choose, you can enjoy the adventure in the good company of other Club members.

What are tours like?

Club Escorted Tours are NOT about a big convoy of vehicles all bunched together. You do what you want, go where you want, see what you want, on the way each day. Experienced Club Tour Escorts and other fellow tour members are then with you each evening and at any pre-booked group activities along the way.

More details

See Carefree's Summer Camping brochure for more information on our escorted tours, or go to the Club website:

www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/travelabroad/europeantours



Escorted Tours 2013

Morocco

1 - 24 April 2013

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Andalucía

May 2013

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Iceland

15 June - 17 July 2013

Turkey

May 2013

Greece

2 September - 6 October 2013

Italy

2 - 18 September 2013

Upcoming Club Escorted Tours for the Club's Motorcaravan Section

Aquitaine

28 August - 14 September 2012

Holland

15 - 25 April 2013

Normandy

8 - 16 June 2013

Dates for all the tours above are subject to final confirmation.

Andalucía

NEW

Discover the 'real' Spain

We are very excited to offer members a brand new Escorted Tour of Andalucía, in May 2013.

This tour will take you off the tourist trail – and into the heart of one of the most loved, beautiful and culturally rich regions in Europe. Come and discover the scenery, gastronomy and hidden places that make Andalucía such a treasure and a delight.

Three campsites, carefully chosen to showcase the character of the region, are ready to welcome tour members, each one providing a delicious meal on arrival in their restaurants, all of them offering authentic Andalusian hospitality, scenery and surroundings.

This new adventure for Club members promises to leave you with a wonderful and memorable



*Escorted tour
of Andalucía*

insight into the very special region that is Andalucía.

The tour details are still provisional, intended to give you a taste of what to expect, but you can book your place now. The full itinerary and price will be available from Carefree at the end of July 2012. You can then download it at www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/travelabroad/europeantours or call Carefree on 0845 130 7701 or 024 7642 2024.

What's included

- The Patio festival in historic **Córdoba**, when residents open up their cool courtyards and patios to visitors, and display their colourful flowers, ceramics and mosaics – a real treat.
- The Moorish medina **Azahara** – the remains of the Caliph's stunning city palace, built at the foot of the Sierra Morena mountains, were excavated and reconstructed after 900 years of slumber beneath the Andalusian soil.
- A visit to local producers of some of Andalucía's finest cheese, as well as a local wine **bodega** – with both encouraging you to sample!
- The medieval town of **Antequera** – the old winding streets lead to the Royal Collegiate Church of Santa Maria, and then to the historic citadel of the Alcazaba fortress, with its commanding views of the surrounding mountains, steeped in legend.



El Torca



Osuna



Morocco

Ancient world in the
sands of time

MOR01

1 - 24 APR 2013

From £2,555

Motorhome up to
6.5m + 2 adults

From £2,595

Motorhome up to 8m or a
Car and Caravan + 2 adults

*24 Day escorted tour
of Morocco*

Imagine a country that could, during just one visit, offer you... Imperial Cities presenting wonder and splendour... Ancient ruins of an age long since past... Lasting monuments dedicated to learning and knowledge... Bustling markets trading spices ... 20th century living and tented Berber camps... The rush and bustle of a modern street and the sound of disturbed sand under a camel's foot step... A rapidly disappearing culture and way of life, dispensed with the most welcome of smiles...

Imagine... MOROCCO

Tour highlights

- **22 nights** accommodation at handpicked Moroccan campsites.
- **Beautiful mountain city** of Chefchaouen and overnight stay in the Rif Mountains.
- **Guided tour** of the Roman Ruins at the UNESCO World Heritage site in Volubilis.
- **Souks and markets** in the Imperial city of Fez.

Tour itinerary

Here's a brief walk through this glorious 24 day tour. To download the full itinerary visit www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/travelabroad/europeantours or call Carefree on 0845 130 7701 or 024 7642 2024.

T Day 1

Meet up with your fellow adventurers and get to

What's included

- **Open return Algeiras - Ceuta ferry crossing** for your unit and passengers – you have the option to continue your stay in Morocco after the tour (within three months).
- **Site fees** during the tour, including taxes and electricity (where applicable).
- **Services** of Tour Leader, tour crew and support vehicle.
- **Services** of Club Tour Escorts.
- **Michelin map** of Morocco.
- **Loan** of Moroccan Daily Road Book Guide.
- **Loan** of Moroccan currency.
- **Berber style breakfast.**
- **Informal camp style meal.**
- **Sightseeing programme** and entrance fees as described in the itinerary.



know your Tour Leader and crew.
Overnight in Algeiras, Spain.

T Day 2 - 3

Drive to Algeiras ferry port before the crossing to Ceuta, entry point to North Africa.

Overnight campsite at Martil on the seafront with restaurant and pool.

T Day 4 - 5

Stunning drives over the Rif mountains staying in campsites at Chefchaouen and amongst the Eucalyptus trees at Moulay-Idriss.

T Day 6 - 8

A guided tour of the Roman Ruins at nearby Volubilis then two nights in Fez. Then a night in the Great Cedar Forest south of Azrou.

T Day 9 - 10

Drive to Meski for a two-night stay in an oasis

location on the very edge of the Sahara, with traditional meals and entertainment.

T Day 11 - 13

Drive to Erg Chebbi, the Sahara desert location for two nights amongst the dunes.

T Day 14 - 15

Two nights at Tinerhir campsite plus a visit to the epic Todra Gorge.

T Day 16

Drive to Ouarzazate and visit a kasbah market and dine at some authentic eating houses in the area. This town has been used in many films, including *The Mummy* and more recently *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*.

What's not included

- **Sea crossings** from the UK (book these with Carefree and receive a £25 discount on the tour price).
- **Expenditure** of a personal nature (including fuel, food, tolls and tips).
- **Optional extras** at some locations.
- **Personal insurance** (compulsory). Please see pages 96-101 for insurance available through Europ Assistance and important information on cover for existing medical conditions.
- **Vehicle breakdown insurance** (Supercover). Europ Assistance rules that this must be taken out prior to leaving the UK. Sorry but vehicles over 10 years old cannot be covered for Morocco through Europ Assistance.

T Day 17 - 19

Cross the High Atlas mountains via the winding and very spectacular Tizzi n Tichka pass. Three nights (two full days) at a campsite six miles from Marrakech allow plenty of time to explore this wonderful city.

T Day 20 - 23

Drive to the magical Atlantic town of Essaouira for a three-night stay. Fabulous beach plus a fishing and shipbuilding harbour. **Farewell dinner** At a Riad-style restaurant.

T Day 24

Your tour finishes here but you have the choice as to what you do next. Some members may plan for an extended stay in Morocco, while others may wish to remain at Essaouira a little while longer. You could of course continue your homeward journey with the Tour Leader and support vehicle, which would necessitate an early start for the long, slow drive back up the coast. Most members will probably prefer to make their own way back, either alone or with other members of the tour or the Tour Escorts. Any and all options and needs can be discussed fully and individually with the Tour Leader.

The drive along the Atlantic Coast and back to Ceuta is mainly motorway (465 miles). The preferred route is the road to El Jadida and the Atlantic Motorway via Casablanca, Rabat and Larache. Any overnight stop is unscheduled and at your own expense and will depend on your own preferred progress, but could be around the Moulay Bousellham area. Options include extending your stay or journey back to Ceuta with the Tour leader or Tour Escorts. Please note, general travel costs are at your own expense.

For more information visit our website or call us on 0845 130 7701.

There is a maximum unit length of 8 metres on this tour.

Members are not permitted to take pets with them on this tour.



Preparing to go

- Your vehicle should be fully serviced (essential for breakdown insurance cover) – ask your service agent if different filters etc. are needed for desert use.
- It is VITAL that you have all your ORIGINAL vehicle documents with you for processing in Morocco. Vehicle insurance (Green Card) must show "Morocco" or "MA" and that you are covered. UK Driving Licences are accepted and your passport should have at least six months left to run before the actual expiry date.
- The paperwork needed to travel is quite extensive, but is dealt with by your Tour Leaders.
- It is not possible to purchase dirham (Moroccan currency) prior to arrival in Morocco. ATMs are available throughout Morocco.

Travel insurance

If you're planning to take part in our tour of Morocco and apply for a Carefree Motoring Supercover policy*, you can apply for a free endorsement that will extend your policy to cover Morocco provided your vehicle is under ten years old. The endorsement is only valid on tours which have been organised through The Camping and Caravanning Club and cannot be used to cover private trips to Morocco. Although an endorsement is required for vehicle breakdown cover in Morocco, please be advised that Carefree's Personal Travel

insurance automatically includes assistance in Morocco. For more information and to purchase insurance please call Carefree on 0845 130 7701.

The cover provided for Morocco differs from that of Europe, but still offers the following benefits:

- If your vehicle breaks down or is involved in an accident within seven days of your planned departure date, providing you purchased your cover at least 10 days prior to your planned departure, Europ Assistance will pay up to £750 in



Extending your own motorhome and caravan insurance to include travel to Morocco

Club Care offers specialist motorhome and caravan insurance for members travelling throughout Europe, as well as for those members wishing to travel to Morocco (on this tour only). For further details please call Club Care on 01277 243 000.

Extensive pre-tour preparatory guidance and advice will be available after booking.

Tour Leader

As well as your Club Tour Escorts, the Morocco tour has a Tour Leader, Ray Monteith-Smith. Ray and his full-time support team are very experienced in leading caravan and motorhome tours in Morocco.

- This tour is subject to a minimum of 10 units/20 people booking. It is expected to book up very quickly, so we recommend booking early.
- The itinerary needs to be flexible. It is subject to change to take into account likely additions to the itinerary, local weather, road conditions or other circumstances. The itinerary should be taken as a guide rather than a daily schedule.

Carefree says...

If you have been on previous Carefree escorted tours, you'll find this one different. Morocco is a fascinating place to discover and with the experience of our Tour Leader you will visit places that you wouldn't normally find if going on your own. On this tour you will stay at a variety of places, which range from full facility campsites, simple informal sites with or without hook-ups or washblocks, to the parking area of a hotel. Campsites are basic by European standards and you may prefer to use your own on-board facilities, rather than those provided on the campsites. The itinerary for the tour is to be viewed as an overall guide and a not a firm day-to-day programme. The tour needs to be flexible to take into account factors such as weather and other circumstances that may necessitate changes to the schedule.

Members say...

'People going on this tour need to appreciate that much of Morocco still rates as a third world country and not be put off by poor campsites. It is also necessary to have an open mind with regard to the itinerary, which may not turn out quite as specified in The Camping and Caravanning Club literature. Tour Leader was very experienced and knowledgeable about Morocco and inspired confidence to deal with any emergencies.'

Richard and Sheila Jones, West Sussex

'It was a fantastic tour which was not to be missed. Ray is an excellent tour leader, he really knows his stuff!'

Brian and Chris Pearson, Bournemouth

Travel insurance (continued)

total towards the additional cost of rebooking any sea crossing missed as a result of an insured incident and if your vehicle is useable within 24 hours after your planned departure time.

- Up to £250 roadside assistance.
- Repatriation up to the market value of the vehicle.
- Replacement driver, if the only driver becomes ill and is unable to drive your vehicle home.

Please note that certain restrictions apply because of

difference in network coverage provided by garages and repairers in the area. As network coverage is less comprehensive than in Europe, assistance could take longer to reach you and roadside assistance and/or repairs could be limited. Many UK and Spanish hire car companies will not allow customers to take vehicles to Morocco and as such no cover is provided under their hire policy for such a situation.

*Please see pages 96-101 for further details of Carefree's motoring and personal travel insurance.