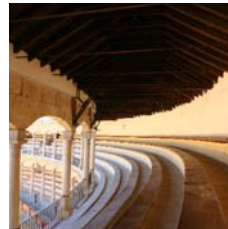
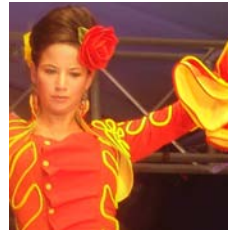




## excursions



# Introduction

Bland Travel would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Gibraltar. Our aim is to offer you an excellent service for all your travel requirements.

We are confident that together we will create memorable moments whichever excursion(s) you choose.

The Bland Group was established in 1810 and today has a large new modern fleet of 22 and 55 seater air conditioned luxury coaches, with seat belts for your added safety.

Our professional staff are always at your disposal and will be happy to help you in any way. The experienced uniformed drivers and representatives are all qualified by the Gibraltar Tourist Board.

Bland Travel represents most of the UK Tour Operators featuring Gibraltar and is the only operator in Gibraltar offering an all year round excursion programme.

We hope you enjoy your time with us!

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# Tarifa Experience

*Tarifa a remote modern fishing town where The Med meets The Atlantic*



With abundance of history and its 10 kms of white sandy beaches, Tarifa is highly placed as a top visiting destination. Tarifa today, still maintains its charming Andalucian atmosphere. The Old Town protected by its fortress displays richness of architecture like its churches, monuments and vast number of courtyards and patios. With a gracious climate and its natural parks, Tarifa is a reference of eco-tourism in Europe.

## Itinerary

### Visit Old Town:

A walk visit around its charming narrow cobbled lanes and colourful blossomed courtyards, meeting with its cosmopolitan locals and getting the chance to purchase its unique souvenirs and crafts. This will enable us to understand the lifestyle and cohesion of the people of Tarifa.

### Whale Watching:

Departing from Tarifa's port (2 mins walk from the town), we will embark on the boat heading to the "Natural Park of The Straits of Gibraltar" in search of Whales and Dolphins that habit our waters. Once at sea, it becomes apparent the short distance between Europe and Africa. The connection between land, sea and the seven species of cetaceans that symbolise The Straits of Gibraltar.

### Ruins of Bolonia:

The 10 min drive to Bolonia is a pleasant journey along the beautiful sandy beaches of Tarifa, capturing the outstanding flora and fauna that The Costa de La Luz has to offer. Once in Bolonia, we will visit the ever famous Roman ruins "Baelo Claudia". It is site of one of the three most important Roman archaeological excavations in Andalucia, along with Italica outside Sevilla and Acinipo outside Ronda. This historical visit will be followed by lunch at one of the ever famous Beach Restaurants of Bolonia.



**Pick-up time: 0815**  
**Return time: 1800**  
**Price Adult: £72/90€**  
**Price Child: £68/85€**  
**Day: Wednesday**  
**Languages:**  
**English/Spanish/  
Dutch/German**  
**Restrictions: None**  
**Clothing: Comfortable**

*"I have found out that there aren't no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them"* Mark Twain

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# The Majestic town of Ronda and Beyond



*Behind the busy coast of Malaga, standing tall between dramatic landscapes resides the town of Ronda. Despite being a fast-growing town, Ronda remains rich in history and culture. With countless of emblematic places of interest, Ronda offers a spectrum of activities and experiences.*

## Itinerary

### Old Town and "El Tajo"

A brief walk will lead us to La Iglesia de Santa Maria la Mayor, symbolic church with diverse sense of architecture. The visit will also bring us to Casa Don Bosco, picturesque establishment with patios adorned with colorful tiles and scented flowers. The pleasant walk towards "El Tajo" gorge that carries the rio Guadalevin through its centre is Ronda's focal point. The views are breathtaking and situate oneself in the heart of the town.

*"A man does not belong to the place where he was born, but where he chooses to die"*

Orsen Welles

### The Wine Museum

The winery "La Sangre" offers you the opportunity to get to know, smell and tastes a tradition in Ronda that has at least 6.000 years of history. Situated in the old town of Ronda, the museum boasts history, charm and romanticism. When exploring the museum, it is apparent the importance of elaborating good wines. Years of tradition and impetus displayed throughout the house. You will be able to indulge on its three wines available, Red, White

and its prize winning Espinel Rosé followed by tapas served in its enchanting patio. A browse through its quaint shop will enable you to purchase a gift, wine of your choice and accessories to compliment it.

At the end of the guided tour there will be plenty of time to leisurely walk the town, purchase souvenirs or sit down for refreshments and snacks.



**Pick-up time: 0800**  
**Return time: 1800**  
**Price Adult: £55/69€**  
**Price Child: £48/62€**  
**Day: Tuesday**  
**Languages:**  
**English/Spanish/**  
**Dutch/German**  
**Restrictions: None**  
**Clothing: Comfortable**

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# Experience Africa - Our Hospitable Neighbours



Tangier is the country's most cosmopolitan city; - a city that has everything you'd expect from Morocco. Tangier has no formal Mellah, but has instead an unprotected Jewish quarter dating from the second half of the 19th Century.

## Itinerary

### TANGIER

Enter the medieval Medina, a vast, picturesque, vibrant souk - the "Grand Socc". Walk around the many tea houses and the Mendoubia Gardens with their eight-hundred-year-old trees. The Sidi Bounabid Mosque, its minaret decoration with multi-hued faïences dominating the Medina, the Kasbah Square with its portico of white marble columns and the great Méchouar where the pashas once granted audiences.

### Caves of the Oracle of Hercules

Leaving Tangier, we set out towards the west on a zigzag road passing through the wealthy residential district of the Marché aux Boeufs. Along the new mountain road edged

with elegant, sumptuous villas, ornate gates and beautiful gardens, the Governor's Residence and the King's Summer Palace comes to light. We follow the mountain road towards the seaward extremity of Jbel el Kbir at Cape Spartel, set on the Atlantic Coast, considered by political convention to be the most north-western point of Africa, the African intersection of the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. Just before reaching the striking, square shaped lighthouse the scenic drive comes upon long golden ocean beaches and the blue Atlantic Ocean. Here we shall stop briefly to marvel at the panoramic view. In the 17th century, this wooded hill area provided cover for the Moors in

their battles against the Portuguese and the English. We carry on to enjoy a visit of the Caves of the Oracle of Herakles, where legend has it this Greek demi-god, son of Zeus, breathed his last breath after separating Europe from Africa.

### Lunch

We will drive back to the old medina of Tangier for lunch at a traditional Moroccan cuisine restaurant. Here we will be able to experience the hospitality of the Moroccan culture in its full glory. At the end of the guided tour there will be plenty of time to leisurely walk the town, purchase souvenirs or sit down for refreshments and snacks.



**Pick-up time: 0730**  
**Return time: 1800**  
**Price Adult: £75/94€**  
**Price Child: £72/91€**  
**Day: Monday/Friday**  
**Languages:**  
**English/Spanish/**  
**Dutch/German**  
**Restrictions: None**  
**Clothing: Comfortable**

*"To my mind, the greatest reward and luxury of travel is to be able to experience everyday things as if for the first time, to be in a position in which almost nothing is so familiar it is taken for granted"*

Bill Bryson

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# Historical Rock Tour



Welcome to "The Spirit of The Med", perfect balance in a busy world. Notorious for its dramatic landscape, robust culture and profound history, Gibraltar remains top destination for the adventurer and explorer.

## Itinerary

### Scenic Drive

It all begins on the east side of Gibraltar - the beach side. Where not only we can appreciate the picturesque village of Catalan Bay, but admire the facade of The Rock from this angle. Just above the old water catchments, we can admire the open entrance of the many caves present in Gibraltar. Later on the tour we will be able to view one in its full glory.

On route to Europa Point, we can observe the diverse architectural display of buildings Gibraltar encompasses. Its fortress walls' protecting the inner city underlines the importance of our heritage; over 800 years of Moorish, Spanish and British history. Arriving at the Light-House it becomes apparent the closeness between us and our neighboring continent 'Africa'. Standing at the southernmost point of Europe,

explains the geographical significance of Gibraltar.

### Upper Rock Nature Reserve

This leads us on to the Upper Rock Nature Reserve, the home to Gibraltar's extensive flora and fauna and its unique emblematic resident - The Barbary Macaques. We will stop at The Pillars of Hercules to encapsulate its ancient presence and continue to St. Michaels Cave for a display of stalagmites and stalactites. The acoustics and ambiance of the cave creates the perfect venue for concerts and events. Time to meet the apes in its environment. As we drive along their presence is predominant and the attraction to visitors is remarkable. It is advised not to feed the apes as they are kept on a very strict veg and nuts diets, please respect the signage. After our visit to the apes we shall make our way down towards Princess Caroline

Battery and then continue to Moorish Castle, a distinguished tower building, conquest of Tarik Ibn Ziyad in 711. The Great Siege Tunnels adjacent to The Moorish Castle represents an impressive part of Gibraltar's military heritage. These tunnels were built during the war of American Independence 1779-1783 under requests from The Governor, General Elliot. The structure of these tunnels can still be appreciated today, as a genius piece of engineering.

### Shopping

Main Street, Gibraltar's shopping district is a cosmopolitan lively area where to indulge in retail therapy or enjoy an Al Fresco lunch. Within Main Street and its adjoining lanes, there are many places of interests such as the Cathedral of Saint Mary the Crowned, Gibraltar Museum and The Convent (Governors Residence) to mention a few.



**Pick-up time: 1300**  
**Return time: 1645**  
**Price Adult: £16/20€**  
**Price Child: £13/16€**  
**Day: Mon/Weds/Sat**  
**Languages:**  
**English/Spanish**  
**Restrictions:**  
**Medium effort**  
**Clothing: Comfortable**

*"The use of traveling is to regulate imagination by reality and instead of thinking how things may be, to see them as they are"* Samuel Johnson

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# Jerez Land of Grape and Flamenco



*The province of Cadiz is renowned for its diversity in landscape, gastronomy and activities. These three aspects of Cadiz embody the city of Jerez. Well-known as the capital of sherry wine, horses and flamenco, Jerez stands out in Andalucia for its uniqueness.*

## Itinerary

### The Vineyard

XVIII century cortijo, built around what could have been an old Arab watch tower and situated on Macharnudo soil; renowned for its superb quality in producing the Palomino Grape. From the cortijo standpoint, we can appreciate the elevation of the landscape, dominating the extensive surface of perfectly aligned vines. Our visit will initiate with a typical country breakfast spread followed by a reflective tour of the cortijo and an educative visual of the various phases and process of the grape. We will then continue towards the centre of Jerez to visit Bodegas Fundador.

*"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page"*  
St. Augustine

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### Bodegas Fundador

During our visit to Bodega Fundador PEDRO DOMECCQ, we will explore the various cellars from XVIII and XIX century. The cellar 'El Molino', one of the oldest cellars in Jerez stores barrels holding autographs of visitors such as Alexander Fleming, Nicolas Sarkozy and King Alfonso XVIII to name a few. The distinctive aroma penetrating from the cellars reveals the age and history within its vaults.

The tour of the cellars will be followed by an elaborate tasting of the house wines, Terry Fino, Harveys Bristol Cream, Fundador and Terry Centenario. We will be able

to purchase the wines, accessories and gifts from the Bodega shop at the end of the tour.



**Pick-up time: 0815**  
**Return time: 1800**  
**Price Adult: £65/75€**  
**Price Child: £50/63€**  
**Day: Thursday**  
**Languages:**  
**English/Spanish/  
Dutch/German**  
**Restrictions: None**  
**Clothing: Comfortable**

# Dolphin Trip



*Discover our resident Dolphins, see and hear them in their natural habitat.*

*Great way to enjoy the beauty of The Straits of Gibraltar.*

Experience a great day out on sea in company of our local friendly dolphins. Great family trip where we get close to Gibraltar's diverse marine life. The views of The Rock and the Spanish Coastline are stunning, providing the perfect

backdrop to the perfect holiday picture. Watch out for the young dolphins playing underneath the boat!



**Pick-up time:**

**Return time:**

**Price Adult: £25/35€**

**Price Child: £12.50/18€**

**Day: Frequent**

**Languages:**

**English/Spanish**

**Restrictions: None**

**Clothing: Casual**

*"The happiness of the bee and the dolphin is to exist. For man it is to know that and to wonder at it"* Jacques Yves Cousteau

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