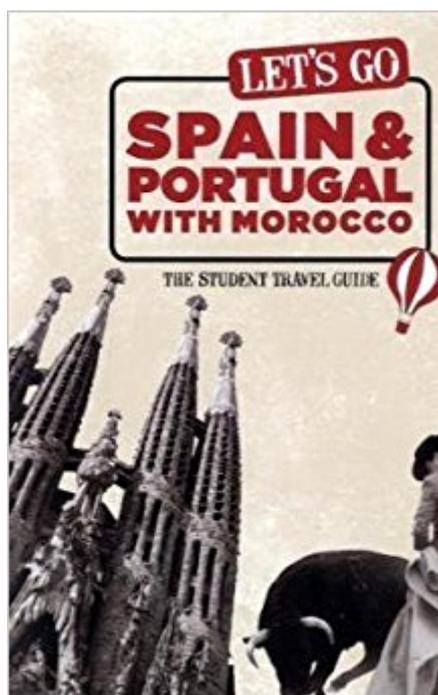


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# Let's Go Spain & Portugal With Morocco: The Student Travel Guide



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Are you ready for Spain, Portugal, and Morocco? Let's Go style? Our intrepid student researchers have canvassed the Iberian Peninsula to outline dizzying adventures in the Pyrenees, prepare a pilgrim's passage across northern Spain to the soaring cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, and tour every last bit of world-renowned art in Madrid's museums. With extensive coverage of Portugal and Morocco, we've left nothing to chance. Pack your bags and get ready for exotic culture, delicious tapas, lazy beach siestas, and nonstop nocturnal revelry as you set off on an adventure that you'll never forget with Let's Go Spain & Portugal with Morocco. Let's Go publishes the world's favorite student travel guides, written entirely by Harvard undergraduates. Armed with pens, notebooks, and a few changes of underwear stuffed in their backpacks, our student researchers go across continents, through time zones, and above expectations to seek out invaluable travel experiences for our readers. Let's Go has been on the road for 50 years and counting: We're on a mission to provide our readers with sharp, fresh coverage packed with socially responsible opportunities to go beyond tourism.

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## Customer Reviews

"For independent travelers on a budget, with an emphasis on whatever's hip, fun, or free." —Associated Press --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Every summer for the past 50 years, Harvard students have gathered together the bare necessities and set off with nothing but a backpack and some old-fashioned grit. Budget-conscious gourmets, nimble transit-takers, and die-hard bar-hoppers; Let's Go Researchers have the time of their lives, so you'll know exactly how to have the time of yours. As our veterans like to say, it's more a lifestyle than a job. We've done it all; the good, the bad, the ugly, and the unforgettable; to bring our readers the most candid, witty, and irreverent travel advice available. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This guide was very factual, but now, the information it provides (hotel listings) can mostly be found on the internet. I also bought Rick Steves' guide, and found it to be a real value-add because it included walking tours-which saved me money! I would highly recommend Rick's guides for anywhere in Europe!

I bought this book for my son who will be studying in Spain for a semester. It has good information for travelers on a tight budget. It is not a flowery picture travel book, more of a reference book. I think it will serve him well as he travels around Spain and surrounding areas.

I purchased this book because I was going to Spain, Portugal and Morocco and thought I'd save space and weight by getting this book instead of 2 or 3 others. I spent 6 weeks combined in these countries and was very dissapointed in the coverage of this book. Before I continue with this review I should tell you about myself. I am 26 and my travel style is to take longer trips, stay in cheap hotels and travel slowly. My travel companion had "Lonely Planet Spain" and "Lonely Planet Morocco," which for us were much better books. Things I didn't like about the book: 1. After several days it became apparent that the maps in "Let's go" are harder to follow. For example, in Lonely Planet all hotels, restuarants and sights are described and the corresponding number-letter coordinates to the map are given so finding them on the map is a breeze. "Let's Go" does not usually do this so scanning the map to find your landmark can take some time. 2. There were a few times things were on the wrong spot on the map and only after walking in the neighborhood around where they were supposed to be did we find them. 3. The "Let's go" crew did not have maps for many medium and smaller towns which makes you dependent on finding the tourist info center (assuming there is one) in said mapless towns. 4. The coverage on Portugal was spotty. 5. I can not hold this against "Let's Go" as there is the qualifier of "with Morocco" in the title, but if you have not previously been to

Morocco and don't speak french or arabic the coverage for Morocco is not adequate. Morocco is very different and overwhelming. A supplementary guide book for Morocco is a must. Things I liked about the book: 1. The cheap accomodation listings were slightly better than "Lonely Planet's." 2. The coverage of Madrid was good. If your plans for Spain, Portugal and Morocco are to visit the large cities only and want to go to dance clubs every night, and sleep in cheap hotels this book is for you.

This book does help in terms of general information and helps develop itinerary. Though it always feels that something is missing.

I hate to add to the list of reviewers who keep saying that "It used to be better", but I'm afraid that it is true. When I backpacked around Europe in the 1990s, my companions and I used to call Let's Go "The Bible". The 2011 edition, however does not deserve such a lofty title. Many of the reviews and information I used were accurate and helpful, especially in Madrid and Sevilla. However, there was very little information on the smaller cities in Spain. I know Spain pretty well, but was looking for places to stay in Segovia, for example, which was not listed at all. These are the very cities where local Spanish culture and history is likely to be found. If you do not speak Spanish, however, nor intend to leave the major cities, I would still recommend this title, which provided great locations to stay and visit. The information on admission fees to various sites was generally accurate. Best supplemented with Lonely Planet and frequent stops at the information desks at most train stations, which have proven to be helpful.

This was the most useless travel guide I have ever tried. If you want to know where to go to party and eat, it's all there. If you actually want to know how to get around, and what to see, good luck. The maps were poor to nonexistent. There was not even any information about how to get between Spain and Morocco. The coverage on anything that was not in a big city wasn't there.

I found Let's Go: Spain & Portugal with coverage of Morocco to be indispensable during my recent trip to Spain. Seville in particular offers tourist traps around every corner - and Let's Go helped me navigate to find THE authentic flamenco bar in a town full of overpriced "authentic flamenco." Let's Go S&P helped me find hostels and nightlife where I met other students - both locals and travelers. The guide is light and pack-able, full of excellent maps, and the listings are honest with a touch of sarcasm. I cannot recommend Let's Go highly enough to young backpackers or those studying abroad in Spain.

Very disappointing. Let's go team has been sitting on their laurels. They don't even bother to check if the information they publish is still valid year after year. I was in Seville in 2008 and the book mentions a campsite near the airport, well according to the gypsies who took over the site, the campsite has been closed for more than three years. How come the information hasn't been revised. Let's go team is asleep at the switch. There are many many errors and inaccuracies, don't buy !!!

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