



# MOROCCO EXPLORED TOURS

Private Guided Morocco Tours

## 10 Days - Marrakech to Marrakech

Slow down, relax and let your guide show you the depths of mysterious Morocco. On this tour you'll stay in two uniquely different imperial cities, Fez and Marrakech, discover Roman ruins at Volubilis, overnight in the Sahara Erg Chebbi desert camp on camel trek, experience the unearthly blue light of Chefchaouen, visit Morocco's largest city - Casablanca, and learn about Berber and Saharan tribal history. And we're just getting started!

Our tours include off road routes to visit nomads, tea with local families, and hiking with a local guide if days are added to this itinerary.

Throughout this tour you will be immersed in Berber and Arab cultures flavored with African ways and ancient traditions. You'll visit souks (markets), imperial cities, world heritage sites, kasbahs, palaces, Berber villages, Roman ruins, local families and nomads, and more. Stay in medina riads and ancient kasbahs, a Sahara camel trek camp, and small local inns. Transport is with our expert driver-guides in safe, late model vehicles.

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## 10 Day Tour



### Day 1 (A) Marrakech

Your driver will meet you at the Marrakech airport, take you to your medina riad, and check in. The riad (old house) is in the old medina part of the city, a world heritage site. Breakfast is served everyday with coffee and tea, freshly baked bread, an omelette and orange juice. Evening drums will draw you to the Djemaa El Fna (main city square) where a festival atmosphere awaits. Plunge past the snake charmers and have your fortune told, listen to Berber and Gnawa musicians, or storytellers, or watch the "exotic" dancers illuminated by lamplight and wreathed in smoke. Food stall meals range from a bevy of fresh salads, harrira (lentil and bean soups) fried fish and chips (Moroccan style) to kebabs and even sheep's head (a specialty that has its own dedicated stalls). Stay Marrakech medina riad in the heart of the old city. Hotel includes breakfast.



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A walking tour is included either today or Day 8 or 9 depending upon your flight arrival time.

## **Day 2 (B) Ait Benhaddou - Todra Gorge - Tinehir**

After breakfast depart Marrakech crossing the Tichka pass of the High Atlas mountains. Have lunch before visiting the World Heritage Site of Ait Benhaddou. This ancient village of clustered Berber Kasbahs has been used as a backdrop for more than 20 films and was one of the most important fortress strongholds on the old Salt Road where caravans as brought slaves, gold, ivory and salt from Saharan Africa to Marrakech and beyond. Passing through Ouarzazate, your journey continues through Skoura and the Rose Valley, to arrive in Tinehir. Stay in an historic kasbah. Hotel includes breakfast and dinner.



## **Day 3 (C) Sahara desert camp**

After breakfast and a short drive take a walk through the massive fault dividing the High Atlas mountains. Sheer red rock walls rise in Todra gorge to 300 m in the narrowest part. Back in the car you'll drive to Morocco's sand sea called the Erg Chebbi. You can stop to visit the fossil sites along the way. After lunch in Rissani your destination is the desert camp beyond the town of Merzouga, far from the many hotels lining the dunes. Have tea or a drink by the pool in the desert inn before meeting your camel guides to ride to the camp. Dinner is served (vegetarians welcome) under the evening stars. Climb the dunes and watch the moon rise before retiring to your bed in your tent. Seasonal luxury camp options are available. Includes breakfast and dinner.



## **Day 4 (D) Fez**

Rise to watch the sunrise and ride your camel back to the desert hotel for breakfast and a shower. Depart for long days drive (8 hours



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with lots of stops) to Fez, traveling from the desert through Midelt and the Ziz gorges of the Atlas mountains. The bustling desert town of Midelt has an interesting shop that sells carpets made with striking abstract designs by the women of the region. Stop to see Barbary apes in the cedar forests of Azrou before descending to the hilly lowlands where the ancient city of Fez is situated. Stay in a medina riad in the heart of Fez. Hotel includes breakfast.

## Day 5 Fez

After breakfast meet your guide\* and explore this fascinating storybook medina. The endless labyrinth of narrow streets is like no other, with hundreds of tiny shops, a dyers souk and craft manufacturers who ply their trade in narrow medieval grottoes. Visit the famous leather tanneries still using techniques from ancient times to produce fine leather in beautiful colors. Fez is also famous for its robust and beautiful pottery, brass and copper trays and tea services, regional cuisine and ancient medersa (schools of Islam). Stay riad as above.

Hotel includes breakfast.

\*Includes a private walking tour of Fez.

## Day 6 (E) Volubilis - Chefchaouen

Transfer from Fez to Chefchaouen. Along the way visit the 3rd C ruins of Volubilis. The Romans built this city as a trading doorway into Africa and it was the furthest outpost of the Roman Empire. Mosaic floors and classic columns can still be seen in the original houses. The surrounding land is prized for its olive trees. Nearby town was where Moulay Idriss started a new dynasty. In addition to founding the town, he also initiated construction of Fez. In Meknes visit the 17th-century imperial city-within-a-city of Moulay Ismael, palaces, mosques, dungeons and gardens. The highlights are the dungeons; the



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royal stables containing grain silos that used to hold enough food for the city residents for a year, as well as a stable big enough for 12,000 horses; and the Moulay Ismael Mausoleum.

Continue north into the Rif mountains until reaching Chefchaouen.

Hotel includes breakfast.

## Day 7 (F) Casablanca

The Chefchaouen medina is small enough to wander and explore on foot. The narrow streets that wind throughout this charming town are famous for blue houses and mosques. The custom dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century when Jewish refugees settled here and brought their tradition of painting things blue to mirror the sky and remind them of god. The photographic opportunities are endless, especially fascinating in the mid day sunlight. When you are ready you will transfer to Casablanca, a large modern city where it's French colonial past and art deco architecture can still be seen.

Casablanca hotel includes breakfast.

## Day 8 (G) Marrakech

Visit the King Hassan II mosque by the ocean, a must see. The Derb Ghallef (Joutya) is a market where you can buy almost anything. Rick's Cafe replicates the scene from the movie and shows Casablanca on a continuous loop. Transfer to Marrakech after finishing your visit in Casablanca. Rest of your evening is free in Marrakech.

Stay in medina riad,

Hotel includes breakfast.

## Day 9 Marrakech

Explore the back street maze of Marrakech with your guide, visit Ben Youssef Medersa, the Koutoubia mosque, or the Saadian Tombs. Afternoon free to explore the vast souk (market). The Souk is comprised of many



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specialist areas e.g. metalwork, where crafters ply their trade; dyers workshops are strung with colorful skeins of wool; carpets, and carpet sellers entice you into their shops with a cup of mint tea; search tiny shops selling Berber jewelry, old silver, and African beads; or spices, olives, fresh herbs; or traditional apothecaries where you can buy all manner of potions to heal or cast spells of love or revenge. Stay Marrakech riad as above. Hotel includes breakfast.

## Day 10 Depart

Transfer to depart Marrakech.



## What's Included

- taxes
- private transport
- experienced driver guide
- door to door service
- breakfasts (vegetarians welcome)
- en suite unique hotels with heating and air conditioning
- English speaking walking tours in Marrakech and Fez
- overnight camp in the sand dunes
- mattresses, blankets, sheets and pillows are provided in desert camp
- camp also has solar lighting and toilets, kitchen and dining tent
- camel guides and friendly camels... and lots of sand.



## What's Not included

- cost of lunches - this leaves you free to be anywhere along your route for lunch every



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- day
- personal purchases
- tips
- camel guides and drivers are paid but also welcome tips
- other optional guides (beyond what we include) at sites (100 dirhams per hour)
- optional museum entrance fees (may range from 10 dirhams = \$1.25 to 60 dirhams = \$7.50 each person)
- for lunch, snacks and drinks budget to spend about 150 dirhams (\$20.) or more on average each day, for each person.



## Options

All tours are custom made and can start any day. We can add or reduce the number of days to match your budget or flights.

We use small hotels that are of interest because of location, good food, and unique traditional architecture.

Options to upgrade to luxury desert camp and hotels.

Options to add on [day tours](#) from Marrakech to Cascades Ouzoud, and/or High Atlas villages.



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## How Do I Create a Custom Private Tour?

Contact us with what you might like to do in Morocco (we can help with lots of advice), how many days you'd want to tour, as well as how many explorers will be in your group. We'll send a sample tour itinerary with trip ideas that match your requests and a price. When you have decided, we will confirm the tour and the price.

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