



MOROCCO EXPLORED TOURS

Private Guided Morocco Tours

8 Days - Tangier to Marrakech

This tour includes the best Morocco has to offer, from the lush northern shores of the Mediterranean, down to the southern desert city of Marrakech. Your driver guide will meet you at the ferry or airport or your hotel. From Tangier you'll pass through the Rif mountains to the city of Chefchaouen. Tour ancient Roman ruins on the way to Fez, then traverse the Middle Atlas mountains to the Sahara desert for an overnight camel trek in the high dunes near Merzouga. You'll explore Todra gorge, Dades Valley, Ait Benhaddou kasbahs and after crossing the High Atlas mountains, enter the vibrant ancient city of Marrakech.

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.

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

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8 Day Tour



Day 1 (B) Chefchaouen

Your driver will be waiting your arrival in Tangier. Transfer to **Chefchaouen** and check into your hotel in the heart of the medina. 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 15th 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.

Stay in medina hotel. Includes breakfast.

Day 2 (C) Fez

Free morning in Chaouen (it's local name), and when you are ready transfer to Fez. Along the way you can visit the ancient city of **Volubilis**, the furthest outpost of the Roman Empire



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used as a trading doorway into Africa for 200 years in the 2nd and 3rdC. It's beautiful mosaics and carved columns are notable, and a working olive press can be seen operating exactly the way it did in Roman times. Arrive in Fez in time for dinner. Stay **Fez** medina riad. Includes breakfast.

Day 3 Fez

After breakfast meet your guide*, and explore the fascinating storybook **Fez** 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 colours. Fez is also famous for its robust and beautiful pottery, brass and copper trays and tea services, regional cuisine and ancient medersas (schools of Islam). Stay medina riad as above.

*Fez walking tour is included.

Day 4 (D) Desert Camel Trek Camp

Your driver will meet you at your riad or hotel at 8:00a.m., he'll take you to the 4x4. Depart Fez and transport (8 hours with stops) over the Middle Atlas mountains through the cedar forests of Azrou, Ifrane, Midelt and the Ziz gorge towards **Sahara**, until the Erg Chebbi dunes appear on the horizon. Your destination is the auberge (small inn) where you'll meet your camel guide and ride 1.5 hours into the dunes to the desert camp. A traditional tagine dinner is served under the evening stars. Climb the dunes and watch the moon rise before retiring to your bed in the nomad wool tent.

Our desert camp in the north of **Erg Chebbi** big dunes is far from the crowds coming from Merzouga. It consists of a circle nomad tents that sleeps 2 people on each side. They are



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equipped with carpets, foam mattresses, wool blankets, freshly washed cotton sheets and pillows - camp also has solar lighting and toilets, kitchen tent and dining tent, and carpeting around the fire. All camel guides are local nomads working to support their family. Luxury camp options available in season.

Day 5 (E) Tinehir

This morning you'll wake very early to have tea and get ready to ride the camels by a different route back to the auberge. Stop to watch the sunrise before returning for a leisurely big breakfast and hot shower before going to **Tinehir**. Along the way you can visit the fossil workshops for a closer look at Sahara's amazing variety of ancient sea life. Stop to hunt for fossils in the rocks, explore any local markets at your leisure, and visit a small museum about Berber life in an ancient mud village. **Rissani** has a lively thrice weekly souk selling many goods, animals and spices brought in from the surrounding villages, and it's fun to explore and people watch. Before arriving in Tinehir, you'll visit the Todra gorge then after a short drive back to town, settle into your room in an old kasbah. Includes breakfast and dinner.



Day 6 (F) Marrakech

Onwards into the Dades valley you'll stop at an overlook at the Monkey fingers rock formations. Your next destination is **Ait Benhaddou**. Villages sprinkle the Skoura oasis famous for producing elegant Persian rose oil, and the Valley of the 1000 kasbahs until **Ouarzazate**. Tour the kasbahs, a UNESCO world heritage site. The village 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 brought slaves, gold, ivory and salt from Saharan Africa to Marrakech and beyond. After touring the site you'll follow the



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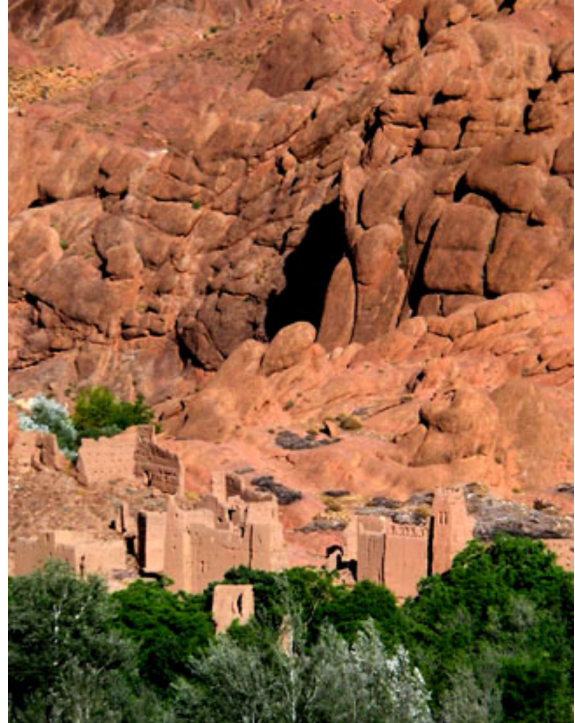
old caravan route toward **Telouet**. Visit the old Glaoui kasbah. This kasbah has an amazing story behind it, that is intrinsically linked to the formation of Morocco as a country. This once beautiful kasbah now stands crumbling to ruins because no one wants to remember "the vulture" sultan and his son who lived here until the 1950's. Back in the car, head for Marrakech descend the Tichka Pass (2260m) across the High Atlas mountain range. You will stay in a **Marrakech** riad this night. Includes breakfast.

Day 7 Marrakech

Explore the back street maze of **Marrakech** with a guide,* visit the Saadian Tombs and the Bahia Palace, or the Ben Youssef Medersa and Quebba, the Koutoubia mosque, or the Marrakech Museum. Afternoon is free to explore the vast souk (market). The Souk is comprised of many specialist areas e.g. metalwork, where crafters ply their trade; dyers workshops; carpets, and carpet sellers entice you into their shops with a cup of mint tea; tiny shops selling Berber jewelry, old silver, and African beads; spices, olives, fresh herbs; visit traditional apothecaries where you can learn about all manner of potions to heal or cast spells of love or revenge. Stay Marrakech medina riad as above.
*walking tour included.

Day 8

Transfer for tour departure.



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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.

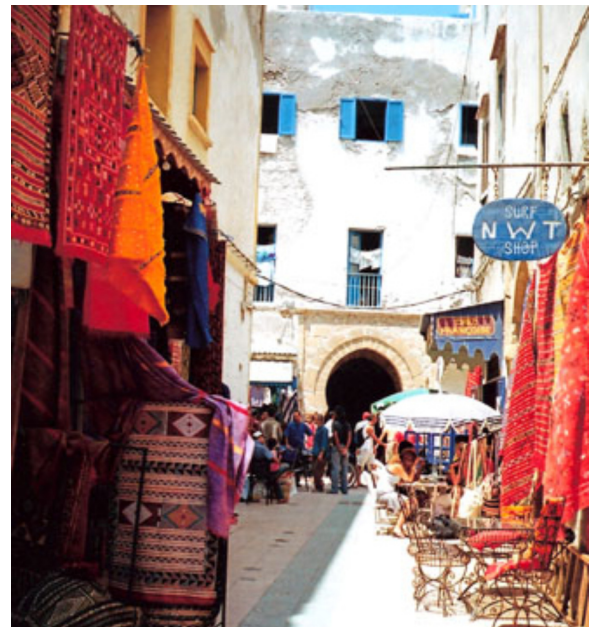
What's Not Included

- free to have lunch any where, any time
- dinners
- personal purchases,
- tips,
- camel guides and drivers also welcome tips

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. Tours can depart from Fez, Casablanca or return to Tangier.

We have luxury hotel and desert camps too.



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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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