



Treasures of Travel

Treasures of Morocco Tour ~ 16 days /14 nights *2024*

This tour gives you the opportunity to explore and take with you the unforgettable memories of the country, beautifully located at the meeting point of Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, home to the world famous, incredible Sahara Desert and its oases, the Atlas mountains and its settlements, the imperial cities renowned for their Moorish architecture, fascinating and romantic coastal towns, as well as charming bazaars and friendly people.

Day 1 ~ Depart the USA

Day 2 ~ Casablanca

On your arrival in Casablanca, at Mohammed V airport, after going through the passport and security formalities, you will be met and **transferred** to the hotel in downtown Casablanca. **Overnight in Casablanca**

Day 3 ~ Chefchaouen

We will head to **Rabat**, the administrative capital and one of the four imperial cities, which are Fes, Marrakech, and Meknes. We will walk through the imperial quarter to see beautiful gardens and many interesting Moorish royal buildings, including the Royal Palace. We will drive by impressive **necropolis** going back to the Roman times and visit the complex of **Hassan Tower and Mosque**, as well as the famous **Mohammed V Mausoleum**, the masterpiece of modern architecture in Morocco. We will end our day with the visit to the walled village, so called **Oudaya Kasbah** overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Our final stop for today is Chefchaouen.

Overnight in Chefchaouen

Day 4 ~ Chefchaouen

Chefchaouen is certainly one of Morocco's most delightful spots. The blue and white town appears at a turn on the road, with its two-story houses and round roof tiles, as well as twenty odd mosques and sanctuaries. The holy town of Chefchaouen breathes an atmosphere of profound serenity. It is a delight to stroll through these cobblestone streets and idly dream in a peaceful, shaded square as you sip your coffee in a Moorish café! The old city is one of the loveliest in Morocco, it would be a shame to visit this charming city in a rush visit; it needs to be experienced and enjoyed. **Overnight in Chefchaouen**

Day 5 ~ Fes

Our final destination today is Fes with some stops on the way. First we will reach **Volubilis**, site of the most important and extensive Roman ruins in Morocco, which was annexed by Rome in 45 AD. Next we will head to **Meknes**, another one of the four imperial cities, famous for its beautiful gates. We will visit the palace of the ancient **Ismailian rulers and Royal Granaries**, and **Museum Dar Jamai**. In the evening we will arrive in **Fes for overnight**

Day 6 ~ Fes

Fes is the spiritual and cultural center of the country; besides being the most prestigious of all imperial cities, it also is the first founded one in Morocco's history. We will drive to the **citadel** for a magnificent panoramic view of the old and new city followed by fascinating **Tanneries**. Our next stop is **Mellah**, Jewish quarter with Jewish Cemetery and Synagogue.

Overnight in Fes

Day 7 ~ Fes

We will be exploring this world-famous, fascinating ancient city (medieval Medina) with its over a million alleys, number of madrassas, mausoleums, residential and handicraft quarters. In the old city of Fes we will visit **Kairaouine Mosque** built in 859 which probably is the most spiritual mosque in Morocco, followed by **Medersa Bou Inania**, **Medersa el-Attarine**, **Nejjarine Museum of Wood & Art Craft**, **Dar Batha Museum** and **Belghazi Museum**.

Overnight in Fes

Day 8 ~ Erfoud

Today we will have one of the most interesting and scenic drives through the Atlas Mountains. We will pass by the Berber villages and towns to see their pastured animals and colorful costumes. We will make a short stop to enjoy **Ifran** which is an Alpine little town in the middle of cedar trees. Our next stop is **Midelt**, which is famous for its fossils and local Berber handicrafts. Next we will continue to drive along Ziz River and its oasis where more than a million date palm trees are growing. Our final destination is Erfoud, the capital of dates in Morocco. **Overnight in Erfoud**

Day 9 ~ Merzouga (Desert)

We will visit the souk in Erfoud before we drive with **4WD** to spend the entire day in the **Sahara desert at private luxury 5 tent camp**, taking an optional camel ride or other camp activities, climbing the sand dunes for a spectacular sunset. Afterwards we will have a special dinner with local entertainment. We will overnight in tents to experience a beautiful sunrise over the sand dunes in the morning, and then go back to civilization. **Overnight in Merzouga-Desert**

Day 10 ~ Boumalen Dates

After morning sunrise experience and breakfast we will join our **4WD to Rissani**, a former major caravan center remains a major commercial center in the region, with a large souk, it is noted for its leather and goat skin trading. While in Rissani we will see the mausoleum of Moulay Ali ash-Sherif, the ancestor of the Alaouite dynasty which still rules today. Passing through Tinejdad we will stop at **Todgha Gorge** for a spectacular view and continue to Dades Gorge, one of the highlights in south Morocco. At both Gorges we have the option to walk as much as we want or just view the spectacular natural wonders created by water over millennium, there will be numerous Berber villages on the way, so we could stop in any of those villages to experience Berber life, and maybe we'll visit their local markets.

Overnight in Boumalen Dates

Day 11 ~ Marrakech

From Boumalen we'll leave for Ouarzazate through Kelaa Mgon, famous for its roses and the Skoura palm grove where we'll visit the beautiful Kasbah **Amridil & Kasbah Taourirt**. **Quarzazate** area is a noted film-making location, with Morocco's biggest studios inviting many international companies to work here.

Today we will head towards Marrakech with a stop at the **UNESCO World Heritage site Ksar Ait Benhaddou**, the most spectacular fortified city in Morocco, which was an important stop along the former [caravan](#) route between the [Sahara](#) and [Marrakech](#). On the way we will also pass Taddert village and Tizi n'Tichka mountain pass (6,800 ft) offering a wonderful view of the Atlas range.

Overnight in Marrakech

Day 12 ~ Marrakech

Marrakech, the second oldest imperial city and definitely the "Pearl of the South", founded by the Almoravids at the end of the 11th century. Marrakech is home to most famous square in Morocco- the Jemaa el-Fna Square, mosques, madrassas, palaces and gardens.

We will start our day with the **famous Jemaa el-Fna Square** which is the most entertaining place in all Morocco, it is the place where the magicians train cobras and of many other fascinating happenings as you walk through.

Next we will enter **medina/souk**, the old city with so many interesting shops, craftsmen, diverse with all kinds of imaginable goods, we continue to visit the **Koutoubia Mosque** with its 210 feet tall minaret, which is visible from miles away. We will also tour **Ali ben Youssef Madrassa**.

Overnight in Marrakech

Day 13 ~ Marrakech

We will start our day by visiting **Majorelle garden and museum**, followed by famous **Saadian Tombs** and **Bahia Palace**. There will be time for exploring more shops and/or Shopping/Hamman option!

Overnight in Marrakech

Day 14 ~ Essaouira

After a relaxed breakfast, this morning we are heading to **Essaouira** (pronounced Esa-weera), the most popular of the coastal towns, with magnificent beaches and relaxed atmosphere. The fortifications of the old city are a mixture of Portuguese, French, and Berber military architecture, and their massiveness lends a powerful mystique. Before arriving in Essaouira we will visit the famous Argan oil factory.

We will spend the rest of the day exploring this delightful place, taking time to absorb the unique flavor of the old town, the harbor, and the friendly people. You'll see narrow lanes, whitewashed houses with painted blue doors, tranquil squares, pleasant cafes, and artisans in tiny workshops carving on fragrant thuya (thuja) a dense hardwood, renown in the area. Essaouira is full of the irresistible angles and picturesque sights that are attractive to photographers.

Overnight in Essaouira

Day 15 ~ Casablanca

After breakfast we will head to Casablanca to have a **city orientation** tour, known for its unique architecture.

Overnight in Casablanca

Day 16 ~ Home

We'll **transfer** you to the airport for the flight home.

Travel Dates:

March 15 ~ 30

October 11 ~ 26

Tour Price:

\$3,200.00 per person in double room and 9 ~ 12 guests traveling together.

\$3,400.00 per person in double room and 6 ~ 8 guests traveling together

\$3,800.00 per person in double room and 3 ~ 5 guests traveling together

\$4,500.00 per person in double room and 2 guests traveling together

\$1,300.00 single supplement

Services Included:

- Accommodation for 13 nights at a hotel and Riads based on HB as indicated in the itinerary.
- One night at private 5 tent luxury desert camp as HB
- A camel ride at the private 5 tent desert camp
- Music by local musician at private 5 tent luxury camp
- Breakfast daily at hotels/riad as indicated in the itinerary
- Daily private A/C transport by 7 seats minivan with English speaking driver from 2 up to 6 guests.
- English speaking professional side guides from 2 up to 6 guests and his/her expenses
- Daily private A/C transport by 16 seats minivan with driver from 6 up to 12 guests
- English speaking professional guide from 7 up to 12 guests throughout the tour and his/her expenses
- Entrance fees to the sites indicated in bold on the itinerary.
- Excursion with 4 X 4 land cruise in desert (Erfoud-private 5 tent luxury camp)
- All arrival and departure transfers
- Baggage handling
- Complete information package with itineraries, travel and visa information, and luggage tags