



## Itinerary

### 14 Day Memorable Morocco Small Group Tour

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

#### Day 1: Arrive in Casablanca

Upon your arrival in Casablanca, our designated driver will be waiting for you at the airport. They will then escort you to your accommodation. The remainder of the day is yours to explore the city's renowned landmarks, including the impressive Hassan II Mosque—ranking as the world's third-largest mosque with a capacity for 100,000 worshippers. Take in the scenic Ain Diab Corniche, delve into the historic Old Medina, and visit the vibrant Place des Nations Unis. This day offers a chance to immerse yourself in the rich cultural and architectural tapestry of Casablanca.

MEALS: None

OVERNIGHT: Gray Boutique Hotel Casablanca

#### Day 2: Casablanca ~ Marrakech ~ City Tour

After indulging in a satisfying breakfast at your accommodation, we set forth on a journey to Marrakech. Upon reaching the vibrant city, your local guide will lead you through the captivating attractions. Our exploration begins with visits to the renowned Saadian Tomb and the opulent Bahia Palace. The day unfolds with a comprehensive tour, including a stop at the famed Majorelle Gardens, a haven filled with captivating sights.

Continuing our cultural odyssey, we explore the historic Badi Palace and the traditional tanneries, where skilled artisans use original leather to craft clothing, bags, and shoes. Our next destination is the serene Menara, a cherished spot among tourists, offering a peaceful retreat surrounded by olive groves and a reflective pool.

The journey unfolds with a visit to the iconic Koutoubia Mosque and a stroll through the lively Jemaa el-Fna square, where a myriad of activities awaits, from snake charmers to musicians and storytellers. Following this, a brief wander through the bustling souks and historic sites of the ancient Medina of Marrakech adds a touch of local authenticity to your experience.

As the day draws to a close, relish a spectacular sunset from a panoramic viewpoint, providing a breathtaking panorama of Marrakech. Finally, we return you to your hotel, allowing you to unwind and reflect on the day's enchanting discoveries in the heart of the red city.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Bahia Salam or Riad Merzouga

### Day 3: Marrakech ~ Ait Ben Haddou ~ Ouarzazate ~ Dades Valley

In the morning, you'll be collected from your accommodation in Marrakech, marking the commencement of an unforgettable journey from Marrakech to the Dades Gorges via the High Atlas Mountains. Ascend through the scenic Tizi N'Tichka pass (2,260m), treating yourself to breathtaking views of picturesque villages nestled on the mountainsides.

Continuing our adventure, we travel to Ouarzazate, often referred to as the Hollywood of Africa, traversing the rugged stone desert landscape. Our first stop is the remarkable Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou, a fortified village recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage site and a backdrop for renowned films like *Gladiator*, *Game of Thrones*, and *Lawrence of Arabia*. Explore its narrow alleys and intricate architecture that tell tales of cinematic history. Following this, discover the historic Kasbah of Taourirt and the renowned film studios.

After a satisfying lunch, embark on a scenic journey through the Dades Valley along the famous Road of a Thousand Kasbahs. Pass through the charming town of Skoura, celebrated for its myriad Kasbahs, and continue to Kelaat Magouna, renowned for its fragrant roses. Upon reaching Boumalne Dades, savour a delightful dinner before returning to your hotel.

This day's exploration promises a rich tapestry of landscapes, cinematic history, and cultural treasures as you venture from Marrakech to the enchanting Dades Gorges.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Kasbah Didis

### Day 4: Todra Gorges ~ Merzouga Sahara Desert

Embark on a morning journey through ever-changing landscapes en route to the captivating dunes of Merzouga. Traverse the Tinghir oasis, meandering through palm groves that lead to the awe-inspiring Todra Gorges. Here, limestone cliffs create a stunning rift between the majestic mountains of the Todra Massif, descending into the flat riverbed below. Peaks soar up to 320 meters above the winding Todra Gorge, originating in the High Atlas Mountains. Leisurely explore the gorges and palm groves at your own pace. Following a hearty lunch, the tour continues through Tinjdad and Erfoud, both adorned with flourishing palm groves.

The 14-Day Morocco Tour progresses to its enchanting climax – the Merzouga Desert. Immerse yourself in the experience of a camel ride through the mesmerising, undulating dunes of Erg Chebbi. Pause to witness a breathtaking sunset, illuminating the vast golden sand dunes that sculpturally shift in the twilight. Observe the colours transforming with the shifting light intensity, resembling living desert walls,

with the tallest dunes reaching an impressive 150 meters.

The journey concludes with a magical night under the stars in nomadic tents, creating an unforgettable ambiance. Indulge in a delicious dinner accompanied by a musical feast featuring Berber drums played by locals. Undoubtedly, this night in the heart of the desert will stand out as one of the highlights of your 14-day adventure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Jannat Luxury camp or Amskou Luxury camp

### Day 5: Tour around Merzouga dunes ~ Visit Nomad Families

After enjoying breakfast at the camp, embark on a camel ride back to the dune line where your driver awaits. Begin your exploration of the high dunes of Merzouga with a comprehensive tour of the surrounding area. Visit key points including Hassi Lbeid, Tanamoust, and Khamlia, where you can immerse yourself in African music. Continue your journey towards the nomads, gaining insights into their lifestyle and unique way of life, and savour the taste of a traditional Berber pizza.

Following this cultural excursion, head to Merzouga for a delightful lunch. Explore the enchanting Hassilbeid Oasis, and relish a panoramic view of Merzouga, capturing the beauty of the landscape. As the late afternoon unfolds, your driver will transport you to your accommodation, where you will spend the night, concluding another day of immersive experiences in the mesmerizing Merzouga region.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Riad Dar Hassan or Cafe Du Sud

### Day 6: Merzouga desert ~ Erfoud ~ Ziz Valley ~ Midelt

Following breakfast at your riad in Merzouga, your 14-day desert journey unfolds as we head to the city of Midelt. En route, we pass through Erfoud, renowned as the capital of dates and celebrated for its fossil treasures. Immerse yourself in the city's cultural richness by exploring some museums before continuing towards Errachidia. Pause to appreciate the breathtaking view over the village of Aoufous.

Our journey then takes us to Errachidia, where a well-deserved lunch break awaits. Afterward, we proceed towards Midelt, traversing the Tizi N Talghamt pass. As we arrive in Midelt, known as "the apple capital," in the late afternoon, we'll accompany you to your chosen accommodation. This marks the continuation of your exploration, adding another layer to the diverse experiences of your 14-day desert tour.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Kasbah Asmae or Taddart

### Day 7: Midelt ~ Zaida ~ Cedar Forest ~ Ifrane ~ Fes

As the morning unfolds, our journey towards Fes begins, punctuated by delightful stops along the way. Our first pause is in Zaida, where you'll relish a barbecue and rejuvenate with a cup of refreshing mint tea. From there, we continue to Azrou, a charming Berber village nestled in the Middle Atlas Mountains. Here, a visit to the cedar forest of Azrou offers an opportunity to witness Barbary Monkeys in their natural habitat.

Continuing our scenic route, we reach Ifrane, often referred to as the "French village" or the "little Switzerland of Morocco." Take a moment to appreciate some of the most stunning views of the Atlas Mountains before our final stretch towards Fes. This leg of the journey promises a blend of cultural and natural wonders, adding to the richness of your travel experience.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Houyam Palais or La Cle De Fes

### Day 8: Fes City Tour

Following breakfast, your day in Fes commences with a meeting with your local guide. Embark on a full-day tour, beginning with a visit to the illustrious Golden Doors of the Royal Palace. From there, we traverse the labyrinthine streets of the old medina, immersing ourselves in its vibrant atmosphere.

Next on the itinerary is a visit to the Tanneries, providing a glimpse into the traditional leather-making process. You'll then explore the Mosques and Madrassas of Al Qarawiyyin, the oldest university in the world, steeped in historical significance. Continuing the journey, we proceed to visit Mellah, the historic Jewish quarter, and the iconic Bab Boujloud, an impressive city gate that serves as a symbol of Fes.

This full-day tour promises an enriching exploration of Fes, delving into its rich history, vibrant culture, and architectural marvels under the guidance of your knowledgeable local guide.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Houyam Palais or La Cle De Fes

### Day 9: Fes ~ Volubilis ~ Meknes ~ Chefchaouen

In the morning, our journey from Fes begins, heading towards the city of Meknes. Along the way, we make noteworthy stops at the Roman ruins of Volubilis and the sacred city of Moulay Idriss I. After a satisfying lunch, our path leads us to Meknes, established in the late 17th century by Moulay Ismail and renowned as "The Moroccan Versailles." Here, explore key sites such as Moulay Ismail's Mausoleum and the grand Bab Mansour Gate.

Continuing our venture, we set our sights on the blue city of Chefchaouen, relishing the picturesque landscapes along the route. Pause for exceptional photographs capturing the beauty of the Riff Mountains. As we traverse the charming city of Ouazzane nestled in the Riff Mountains, our journey unfolds towards the enchanting Chefchaouen.

Upon arrival in Chefchaouen, the renowned blue city, take a local tour through its azure-hued alleys. Visit local cooperatives producing handmade crafts. For lunch, we guide you to the scenic Akchour waterfall. In the late afternoon, we accompany you to your chosen accommodation, where you'll spend the night, concluding a day filled with cultural exploration and natural wonders.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Riad Dar Hicham or Dar Mounir

### Day 10: Chefchaouen ~ Tangier

Following breakfast at your accommodation in Chefchaouen, embark on a scenic drive towards the city of Tangier, indulging in the breathtaking landscapes along the way. Pause amidst the stunning Riff Mountains to soak in the unparalleled beauty of the surroundings.

Upon reaching Tangier, delve into the city's captivating attractions. Begin with a visit to the Cave of Hercules, a natural wonder with historical significance. Continue to Cape Spartel, where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Mediterranean Sea, offering panoramic views that are nothing short of spectacular. Conclude your exploration with a visit to the enchanting old Medina of Tangier, immersing yourself in its rich history and vibrant atmosphere. This day promises a delightful blend of natural beauty and cultural exploration.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Tangier Fridj Hotel & Spa

### Day 11: Tangier ~ Rabat

Following breakfast at your Tangier accommodation, we set forth on a journey to Rabat, the capital city of Morocco. Traverse the captivating Riff Mountains, immersing yourself in the mesmerizing scenery that unfolds along the route. Upon arrival in Rabat, explore key landmarks such as the iconic Hassan Tower, the historic Oudaya Kasbah, and the revered Mausoleum of Mohamed V, among other attractions that contribute to the city's cultural tapestry.

As the day concludes, we take you to Rabat beach to witness a breathtaking sunset, offering a picturesque view that adds a touch of magic to your experience in Morocco's capital. This day promises a perfect blend of historical exploration and natural beauty.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Riad Lkalaa or Riad Zyo

### Day 12: Rabat ~ Safi

After breakfast at your hotel in Rabat, our journey unfolds towards Safi city, allowing you to revel in the splendid scenery en route. We make picturesque stops at charming villages along the way, immersing you in the local atmosphere. Upon reaching Bouznika, take in the city's finest attractions, particularly its pristine and breathtaking beaches, known for their cleanliness and beauty.

Following a delightful lunch, our journey continues toward Safi, where you will spend the night. This leg of the trip promises a blend of scenic exploration and coastal tranquility, offering a serene experience in the charming city of Bouznika and the historical richness of Safi.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Riad Safi

### Day 13: Safi ~ Casablanca

In the morning, we embark on a journey to Casablanca, with a stop at Mohammedia for a delightful exploration of the city. Roam the historic walls of the Mohammedi kasbah, discover the beauty of Parc des Ville, and visit the city's finest beach. As the afternoon unfolds, we make our way to Casablanca. Upon your arrival, you will be escorted to your chosen accommodation, where you will spend the night. This day offers a perfect blend of cultural exploration and coastal relaxation, providing a unique experience in both Mohammedia and the vibrant city of Casablanca.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Gray Boutique Hotel Casablanca

### Day 14: Depart Casablanca

Today marks the farewell to Morocco. Depending on your flight schedule, our driver will provide a transfer service to either Casablanca Airport or Marrakesh, ensuring a smooth and comfortable journey as you bid farewell to this captivating destination. Safe travels and we hope you carry cherished memories from your time in Morocco!

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: N/A