

The Deal Includes

- Round trip flights New York-Casablanca, Casablanca-New York
 Other departure cities available. Click on date of departure for selection and prices
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 11 nights accommodations
 - o 2 nights Rabat
 - o 2 nights Fez
 - o 2 nights Erfoud
 - 1 night Ouarzazate
 - o 3 nights Marrakesh
 - 1 night Casablanca
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel porterage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates[†]
- 16 meals: 11 breakfasts, 5 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary

Special Features

- Visit the ancient Roman ruins of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Take a short bus tour of the imperial city of Fez
- Enjoy a special home hosted dinner by a local family in Fez
- In Rissani, tour the lively souk and visit the 18th-century ksar
- Explore Ait Benhaddou, an ancient desert village on an old caravan route
- Enjoy the circus atmosphere of Marrakesh's Djemaa el Fna Square, busy with acrobats, performers, and snake charmers
- Admire the 12th century Koutoubia Minaret, used as the prototype for Seville's La Giralda Tower
- View the exterior of Hassan II Mosque, built to commemorate the former king's 60th birthday

†Transfers are available for purchase for land only or on alternative flight dates



DAY 1, Monday - Depart for Morocco

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DAY 2, Tuesday - Arrive in Casablanca & Travel to Rabat

Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to your hotel in Rabat where you have the rest of the day at leisure. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 6 PM. We recommend that you select flights which arrive no later than 3 PM

Overnight: Rabat

DAY 3, Wednesday - Rabat Morning City Tour

This morning, take a city tour of Rabat, Morocco's capital. Rabat, which means "Fortified Place" displays all of the fine architecture one might expect to see. View the Royal Palace, then visit the Oudaya Kasbah, the Oudaya National Museum of Ornaments, and the Hassan Tower. Spend the afternoon at leisure

Overnight: Rabat Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Thursday - Travel to Fez

Today, depart for Fez. En route, stop and visit the ancient ruins of the Roman city of Volubilis where you will get a chance to see the well-preserved original mosaics, Roman Road, and city layout. As you travel through the Moroccan countryside, pass by the holy city of Moulay Idriss for a photo opportunity. Upon your arrival in Fez, admire panoramic views of the ancient city of Fez from a hill overlooking the medina. Take a short bus tour of the imperial city, conducted by your Tour Manager, on the way to the hotel. This evening, enjoy a special dinner* hosted by a local family and learn about Moroccan culture and traditions

*Home hosted dinner in Fez may be moved to another day, according to your host's availability

Overnight: Fez

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Friday - Full Day in Fez

Spend a full day at leisure to wander the old medina yourself or choose to take to guided *optional* tour where you will visit the many hidden treasures of the medina that only a Moroccan guide will know. Fez is particularly famous for its tanneries and the Fes el Bali Medina. A short visit to the surrounding leather shops gives you the best view of the tanneries. See the Attarine Medersa, Moulay Idriss Mausoleum, and visit the Nejjarine Fountains and Museum. Finally, view the exterior of the Royal Palace and walk through the famed Jewish quarter of the medina

Optional: Full Day Fez (AM)

Overnight: Fez Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Saturday - Sightseeing en route to Erfoud

This will be a long touring day. After breakfast, depart for Erfoud via the montane cedar woods of the middle Atlas Mountains, passing by Ifrane, a charming ski resort. Continue to Erfoud via Errachidia and the lush Ziz Valley. Arrive to your Erfoud hotel in the early evening

Overnight: Erfoud **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Sunday - Rissani City Tour

Depart to explore the small city of Rissani, on the edge of the Sahara. En route, stop at a fossil factory to learn more about this unique activity which is famous in the region. Upon arrival in Rissani, tour the lively souk and visit an 18th-century ksar. Next, pass by the ancient ruins of Sijilmasa on the River Ziz, once a Berber city and medieval trade depot. Return to Erfoud for an afternoon at leisure or join the *optional* tour of the Sahara, including a camel ride into the desert. After sunset, return to your hotel for dinner and overnight



Optional: Sahara Excursion

Overnight: Erfoud Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8, Monday - Sightseeing en route to Ouarzazate

This morning, continue your journey to Tinghir via the Tinjdad Road. Stop to visit the Todgha canyons, which rise to a towering 800 feet. After a brief stop in the Dades Canyons, continue to Ouarzazate via the road of the thousand Kasbahs, and the Dades Valley, famous for its roses and the yearly Rose Festival. Arrive at the hotel in Ouarzazate later this evening in time for dinner

Overnight: Ouarzazate **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9, Tuesday - Ouarzazate City Tour, Travel to Marrakesh

Take a city tour of Ouarzazate, a desert city at the gates of the Sahara. Walk in the Taourirt village, which was constructed in the 12th century and still inhabited today. Your tour also includes the Kasbah Taourirt, an impressive structure that was built to house hundreds of people. Finally, visit Ait Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon travel to Marrakesh via the highest road point in Morocco, the Tichka Pass, offering an impressive landscape in the heart of the Atlas Mountain range

Overnight: Marrakesh Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Wednesday - Marrakesh City Tour

After breakfast, take a morning tour of the city. Visit the Saadian Tombs, dating back to the 16th century, where Saadian royalty found their final resting place. Your tour also includes the Koutoubia Minaret, as well as the beautiful Bahia Palace. End the tour by walking through the medina before arriving at the Djemaa el Fna Square. Spend the afternoon at leisure or, join the *optional* Cooking Class with Carriage Ride. Participate in a cooking class and learn how to prepare traditional Moroccan tajine and salads. After dinner, take a horse-drawn carriage through Djemaa el Fna Square and the lively streets of Marrakesh by night

Optional: Cooking Class with Carriage Ride

Overnight: Marrakesh Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11, Thursday - Full Day in Marrakesh

Arise before dawn to participate in today's *optional* Hot Air Balloon Ride.* Take off in a hot air balloon as you watch the sunrise over Marrakesh. Drift above the beautiful landscape, before returning back to earth to enjoy a traditional Moroccan breakfast. Explore the city on your own today or perhaps join the *optional* tour to Essaouira,* whose medina is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an excellent example of a fortified North African town. Walk along the city's ramparts just north of Moulay Hassan Square where local artists sell their paintings. Continue on to the Skala de la Ville, which is a fortification built along the cliffs that defended the city from sea attacks. Explore the many souks in the medina, including the spice and jewelry souks. Visit a jewelry shop, renowned for its quality and design. Browse the extensive collection of uniquely handcrafted silver jewelry and watch artisans create beautiful silver pieces

*The Marrakesh Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Ride with Breakfast and Full Day Essaouira operate simultaneously.

Passengers may opt to participate in only one of these tours **Optional:** Marrakesh Sunrise Balloon Ride & Breakfast (AM)

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Overnight: Marrakesh Meals: Breakfast



DAY 12, Friday - Depart Marrakesh, Travel to Casablanca

This morning, travel to Casablanca, the commercial heart of Morocco. Upon arrival, join a half day sightseeing tour of Casablanca, which includes the exterior of the Hassan II Mosque* and the Corniche seaside. Continue on a short drive through the residential areas of Casablanca to the city center to visit the Mohamed V Square, the Habous quarter and the Notre Dame de Lourdes Cathedral. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant *Hassan II Mosque is subject to unexpected closures for local religious observances. Details will be provided locally

by your Tour Manager.

Overnight: Casablanca

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 13, Saturday - Depart Morocco

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast