

# YOUR JOURNEY TO MAGICAL MOROCCO AWAITS



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TRIP OF A LIFETIME.  
A LOOK AT YOUR DAY TO DAY





## DAY 1

# WELCOME TO MOROCCO

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by our VIP representative and escorted through passport control to avoid long lines and airport hassle. After you retrieve your luggage, you will meet your guide and driver who will be waiting for you right outside the airport.

Our team will stay with you throughout the duration of your trip.

You will have a luxury Mercedes vehicle equipped with Wi-Fi and chilled bottled water.

Your journey to Marrakech begins. Driving time from Casablanca Airport is about 2.5 hours.

Check into the Mandarin Oriental - enjoy lunch at the property - and relax poolside at your private villa after a long day of travel.



**DINNER** | 7:30pm at La Maison Arabe, an iconic Moroccan restaurant, set in a beautiful riad.

**OVERNIGHT** | Mandarin Oriental





## DAY 2

# EXPLORING THE SOUKS



Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

At 10:00am your guide will meet you in the lobby at the Mandarin Oriental for your day exploring the souks.

Start your day at the beautiful Dar Bacha Palace. From there you will head into the old city known as the medina. You will have time to explore the beautiful Secret Garden, a majestic property hidden behind beautiful doors in the heart of the medina.

Get ready to explore the spice market, the leather market, straw market, visit with local artisans and some of our favorite shop keepers along the way. You will learn about the traditions of Moroccan rugs and meet with artisans as you explore the many different crafts Morocco is known for.

Before lunch, visit a public bakery and a Berber pharmacy to learn about the traditional healing practices of the Moroccan culture.



**LUNCH** | 1:00pm at Le Jardin, a favorite little garden oasis tucked behind closed doors in the medina with a lovely lunch menu and fresh juices.

This afternoon, more time to stroll the souks and shop at our favorite insider spots. Back to the hotel to relax poolside before dinner.

**DINNER** | 8:30pm at Jardin du Lotus, a gem hidden down a secret alleyway in the medina.

**OVERNIGHT** | Mandarin Oriental



## DAY 3

# ICONIC DESIGN & DANCING UNDER THE STARS



Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

At 10:00am your guide will meet you in the lobby at the Mandarin Oriental.

This morning, tour the iconic Jardin Majorelle – a garden that was a gift to Marrakech from Yves Saint Laurent. Purchased from the painter Jacques Majorelle, the property is adorned with Majorelle blue (color named for Yves). You will then explore the Berber Museum and continue to the YSL Museum which highlights the life work of the designer and his love affair with the city.

Before lunch, visit a few of our favorite concept shops in the Majorelle area.



**LUNCH** | 1:00pm at El Fenn, a stunning riad in the medina. Back to the hotel to relax before your desert experience.

At 6:00pm a caravan of 4x4s will pick you up at the Mandarin Oriental to whisk you off to the Agafay Desert. Travel time is about 1 hour.

Upon arrival, you will go deep into the dunes for a sunset camel trek followed by a delicious traditional Moroccan meal in a private Berber tent.

4x4s to escort you back to Marrakech after you dance under the stars.

**OVERNIGHT** | Mandarin Oriental



## DAY 4

# VINTAGE SIDECARS, HAMMAMS AND JEMAA EL-FNAA SQUARE



Early breakfast at your leisure at your hotel.

At 9:00am your guide will meet you at Mandarin Oriental for your side car tour which will start promptly at 9:30am.

After sidecars you will have time to explore the Jewish quarters of the medina known as the mellah and visit the first synagogue in Marrakech.



**LUNCH** | 1:00pm at +61 in the new city of Gueliz.

After lunch, explore a few of our favorite shops in the new city.

Before dinner, visit the iconic Jemaa el-Fnaa square in the medina – where the heartbeat of Marrakech is felt among lively entertainers and storytellers who line the square with locals from all over enjoying the food and fresh juice stalls.

**DINNER** | 7:30pm at La Maison Arabe, an iconic Moroccan restaurant, set in a beautiful riad.

**OVERNIGHT** | Mandarin Oriental

## DAY 5

# JOURNEY TO THE MOUNTAINS



Breakfast at your leisure at your hotel.

At 9:30am, your guide will meet you in the lobby at the Mandarin Oriental.

This morning you will drive to the High Atlas Mountains and explore the beautiful region of Imlil.

Travel time is approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes.

Along the way, visit a small weekly market that takes place every Tuesday to see the inner workings of rural village life and experience how locals shop for their weekly produce. You will see a parking lot full of donkeys, as locals travel from miles away to stock up on their necessities for the week.

Upon arrival in Imlil you will be greeted by our amazing mountain guide who will take you on a very special hike where you will spend time with his family for tea and experience the true essence of Berber hospitality.



**LUNCH** | Mid-hike, enjoy a local lunch in the mountains. Some

Hiking time will be however long you like and will be catered to the fitness and comfort level of your family.

Back to Marrakech to relax before dinner.

**DINNER** | 8:00pm at Le Palace, a chic supper club that oozes glamour and style.

**OVERNIGHT** | Mandarin Oriental





## DAY 6

# SUNRISE HOT AIR BALLOON, A SPECIAL VISIT TO DAR ATLAS AND ATV RIDES



Early morning rise and shine for your sunrise hot air balloon excursion.

This morning (exact pickup time is TBD), 4x4s will be waiting for your family in front of the Mandarin Oriental and head to the campsite where your private balloon will launch. Soak in this once in a lifetime experience as you watch the sunrise from the clouds.

After your ride, head back to the Mandarin Oriental for a lovely breakfast.

Free time until the Hamam experience otherwise will be a shopping opportunity for your before the spa time.

Back to the Mandarin Oriental to relax poolside before dinner.



**DINNER** | 7:30pm Ling Ling at Mandarin Oriental

**OVERNIGHT** | Mandarin Oriental



## DAY 7

### YOUR GUIDE WILL MEET YOU

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

At 9:45am Hamid will meet you in the lobby at the Mandarin Oriental.

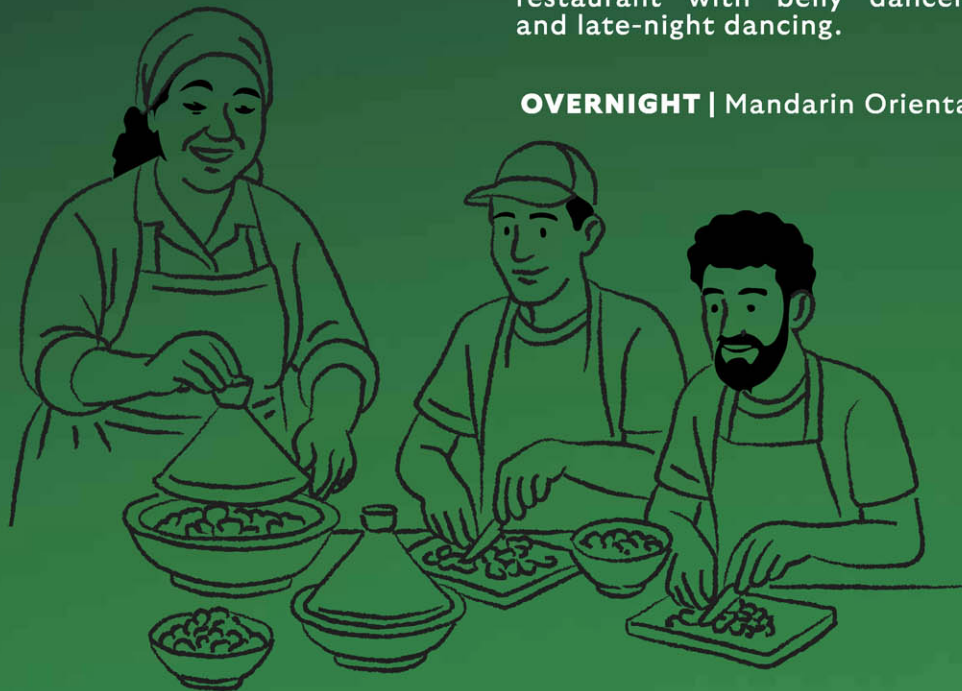
This morning you will take a private cooking class at Marrakech's most prestigious cooking school and learn the culinary secrets of traditional Moroccan cuisine. With the help of your female chef, called a "dada" you will prepare some classic Moroccan salads and a traditional tagine and then enjoy the fruits of your labor over lunch.

After lunch, take an Insiders Design Shopping Tour with Keri from Morocco by Design to visit some of our most coveted shops and unknown ateliers around the city.



**DINNER** | 8:00pm at Comptoir Darna, a fun and lively Moroccan restaurant with belly dancers and late-night dancing.

**OVERNIGHT** | Mandarin Oriental



## DAY 8 DEPARTURE



Enjoy a final breakfast at your hotel before you checkout.  
With a full heart and an enlightened spirit, you will begin your journey home.  
At 10:30am, your driver will be waiting to escort you to the airport. Driving time to Casablanca s about 2.5 hours  
/ Marrakech Airport is about 25 min.  
Upon arrival, you will be met curbside by a VIP representative who will escort you through  
passport control and bring you to a lounge to relax before your flight.

