

HIGHLIGHTS OF MOROCCO



26 March -11 April 2028 Casablanca to Casablanca

17 days/16 nights: 5545 Euros

Just four guests – ladies only – private rooms (no single supplement)

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- See the highlights of Rabat, the capital of Morocco
- Wander the streets of the blue-painted town of Chefchaouen, known as 'The Blue Pearl'
- Immerse yourself in the history and culture of the ancient medina of Fes
- Enjoy tea with the owner of a traditional Berber cave house and other local experiences
- Learn about Moroccan spices in the local market in Rissani
- Relax in a luxury camp in the Sahara, ride a camel and enjoy African drumming around the fire
- Explore the ancient kasbah of Ait Benhaddou, a UNESCO site and location of the Gladiator movie
- Shop for textiles, jewellery and other handicrafts in the many souks of Fes and Marrakech

Cost: €5545. Tour is priced in Euros and converted to Australian dollars, or other major currency, at time of final payment. Cost is per person, based on four guests travelling, single occupancy room. Travel with a friend and enjoy a discount of €1280 per person for twin-share. Non-refundable deposit of €600 (AU\$965) will secure your booking. * Terms and conditions apply – see website for details.*

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Inclusions

- All land-based travel in Morocco
- 16 nights' accommodation in carefully chosen boutique riads and hotels, including a night in a luxury desert camp (ensuite bathroom and overnight air-conditioning)
- 16 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners and an evening food tour in Marrakech
- Local guides in Volubilis and Fes
- Entry to Hassan II Mosque, Volubilis Roman site, Kasbah Amridil, Le Jardin Majorelle
- Tea in a Berber cave house, goat's cheese tasting, bread-making workshop with local village women, visit to a rustic local potter
- Private transport with a local English-speaking driver
- Casablanca airport pick up and drop off at scheduled arrival and departure times on first and last day of the tour
- Transfers between Merzouga and desert camp by camel or 4x4

Exclusions

- International flights
- Transfers to and from your local airport in Australia or home country
- Travel insurance – mandatory
- Meals and activities, other than those specified in the itinerary as included
- Personal items such as drinks, laundry
- City tax, where charged separately by hotels/riads
- Tips (widely expected in Morocco – we will provide guidance and organise a group kitty)

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***Casablanca – Rabat –Chefchaouen – Fes – Erfoud – Merzouga – Dades Gorge –
Skoura – Ait Benhaddou – Marrakech – Casablanca***

Day 1: 26 March 2028, Casablanca

Arrive into Casablanca international airport early afternoon, where you'll be met by our local driver for transfer to the hotel. Take time to relax at the hotel before our welcome dinner tonight. (B, D)

o/n Casablanca

Day 2: 27 March 2028, Rabat

Before leaving Casablanca, we'll visit the spectacular Hassan II Mosque, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. This is one of the largest mosques in the world and the only functioning mosque in Morocco open to non-Muslims.



It's just over an hour's drive to Rabat, the capital of Morocco. We'll visit the Kasbah of the Udayas, with its Andalusian Garden, and other key sights, including the Hassan II tower and Mohamed V Mausoleum. (B)



o/n Rabat

Day 3: 28 March 2028, Chefchaouen

From Rabat, we drive through the Rif Mountains to Chefchaouen, 'the Blue Pearl', famous for its beautiful, blue-painted buildings in the medina. It's a small, friendly town, easy to explore: the perfect place to wander the pretty streets of the medina. (B)



o/n Chefchaouen

Day 4: 29 March 2028, Chefchaouen

A free day in Chefchaouen to explore the cafes and shops of Chefchaouen medina, Place el Haouta, the main square, the kasbah and several viewpoints above the town. This evening, before dinner, there is an optional 30-minute walk to the Spanish mosque outside Chefchaouen to watch sunset over the town. (B)



o/n Chefchaouen

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Day 5: 30 March 2028, Volubilis, Fes



Morocco was at the outer edge of the Roman Empire and today, on our drive south to Fes, we'll visit the Roman city of Volubilis, where a local guide will explain the history of the Romans in Morocco and bring to life the ancient ruins and wonderful mosaics. From Volubilis, we continue to Fes, our home for the next three nights. (B)

o/n Fes

Day 6: 31 March 2028, Fes

Fes is synonymous with ceramics and leather, so we start the day with a visit to a ceramics workshop and the famous Chouara tanneries, which are quite a sight (and smell!). Then a guided walking tour of the medina, with its labyrinth of lanes and alleyways, the world's oldest university, stunning architecture and, of course, the souks, jam-packed with anything you might want to buy. (B)



o/n Fes

Day 7: 1 April 2028, Fes

Enjoy a free day in Fes – there are lots of options today: learn how to prepare a classic Moroccan meal in a cooking class; have a hamman (traditional Moroccan spa); join a craft workshop (activities subject to availability and at extra cost); go shopping in the many souks, wander in the medina where there is something new around every corner or take time to relax at the riad. (B)



o/n Fes

Day 8: 2 April 2028, Erfoud

South towards the Sahara! We have a long drive today but with stops along the way, including a goat's cheese farm tour and tasting and tea with the Berber owner of a traditional cave house. Passing through Ifrane, known as the Switzerland of Morocco, we'll look out for the barbary apes that live in the nearby cedar forests.



Forested hills gradually give way to an arid, more barren landscape before we reach today's destination - the oasis town of Erfoud, famous for its date palms and the many fossils found in this area. Our overnight stop before the desert. (B)

o/n Erfoud

Day 9: 3 April 2028, Merzouga/Sahara

Today we visit Rissani, known for its authentic spice market. After trying the local speciality of 'Berber pizza' for lunch, we'll meet our camels on the edge of the dunes for the transfer to the desert camp. Or, if you prefer, you can go in a 4x4.



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Tonight, after dinner, enjoy a performance of African drumming around the campfire. (B, L, D)



o/n Sahara Luxury Camp

Day 10: 4 April 2028, Dades Gorge

The early risers this morning can watch the sunrise over the vast expanse of Erg Chebbi, the 'Sea of Dunes'.



Back to Merzouga by camel or 4x4, to meet our transport for the drive along the 'Road of a Thousand Kasbahs.' We'll stop near Jorf to see some centuries-old irrigation systems and in Tinghir to visit a Berber weaving co-operative before continuing to Boumalne Dades.



Then we're in Dades Gorge, with spectacular views at every turn. Our hotel for tonight is in the gorge. (B, D)

o/n Dades Gorge

Day 11: 5 April 2028, Skoura

Before leaving Dades Gorge this morning, we will do a short walk in the community gardens alongside the Dades River, with a local guide.



This afternoon, we continue to the oasis of Skoura, where we'll visit Kasbah Amridil, one of the best preserved kasbahs in southern Morocco. (B)



o/n Skoura

Day 12: 6 April 2028, Skoura

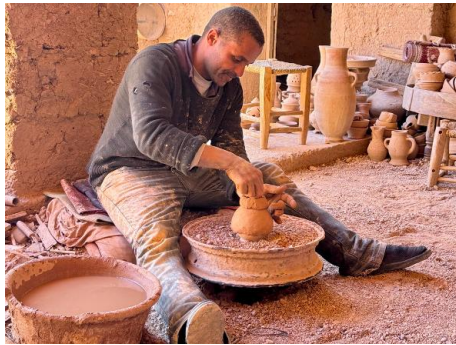
A day in Skoura and a chance to catch a glimpse of daily life in Southern Morocco.

After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, we'll join a local family to learn how to make bread, the staple of every Moroccan meal. We'll enjoy our freshly baked bread with some local produce for a light lunch.



And then it's off to meet Mohamed, a local potter who works from his rustic studio at his home in Skoura. (B, L)

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o/n Skoura

Day 13: 7 April 2028, Ait Benhaddou

It's a short drive today to the regional town of Ouarzazate, and on to Ait Benhaddou, an 11th century ksar (fortified village), UNESCO World Heritage Site and filming location for many famous movies, including Gladiator and Games of Thrones. We'll spend some time exploring the kasbah, with its cute shops, art studios and cafes and a viewpoint at the top, overlooking the valley and High Atlas Mountains beyond. (B)



o/n Ait Benhaddou

Day 14: 8 April 2028, Marrakech

From Ait Benhaddou, we have a scenic drive over the High Atlas Mountains to the 'red city' of Marrakech, arriving in the early afternoon. This evening, enjoy strolling in the main square, Jemaa el Fnaa, and a street food tour with a local guide. It's a fun and informative evening that takes care of dinner. (B, D)



o/n Marrakech

Day 15: 9 April 2028, Marrakech

We begin the day with a visit to Le Jardin Majorelle, a beautiful garden in the Ville Nouvelle that was bought and restored by Yves Saint Laurent. We'll have lunch in the New City before returning to the medina.



Back in the medina, the afternoon is free to explore. (B)



o/n Marrakech

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Days 16: 10 April 2028, Marrakech

A free day in Marrakech. You may want to do an early-morning hot-air balloon ride, shop 'til you drop in the medina, enjoy some spa treatments or explore some of Marrakech's many historical buildings. Tonight, we'll have a farewell dinner together. (B, D)



Day 17: 11 April 2028, Depart

All good things must come to an end and this morning we transfer back to Casablanca airport (3 hours), arriving between 12 and 12.30pm, in time for an afternoon or early evening flight. Or you may prefer to fly from Marrakech airport which is a short fifteen minute transfer from the medina (at extra cost). Please ensure you allow at least three hours at the airport before your international flight. Safe onward travels!



Read a review from a recent guest on a Moroccan Escapes women-only tour
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Having recently returned from my second Moroccan Escapes tour with Heather, I can honestly say every box was ticked and my expectations were exceeded. I travelled on her small (four people), women-only trip in Oct/Nov 2025 and cannot recommend it highly enough. Heather's experience and thorough research shine through in every aspect of the tour, from the carefully curated itinerary to the beautiful, well-located accommodation. The Moroccan riads were magical - each one welcoming us with traditional Moroccan tea and warm, attentive staff. The authentic experiences truly set this tour apart.



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