



Sketch Morocco

13 - 22 April 2026

10 days/9 nights, Marrakech to Marrakech

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the ancient kasbah of Ait Benhaddou, filming location of the Gladiator movie
- Spend three nights in the medina of Marrakech, the vibrant, bustling heart of Morocco
- Visit the stunning Jardin Majorelle, the garden of Yves Saint Laurent
- Explore the coastal town of Essaouira, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean
- Shop for textiles, jewellery, rugs and other handicrafts in the many souks and markets
- Create lifetime memories through your personalised travel journal of colourful sketches

Cost is €3917 Euros, per person twin share. Single supplement €420 Euros. Terms and conditions apply – see website for details. Price is in Euros and is converted to Australian dollars, or other major currency, at date of final payment. Minimum/maximum group size: four/six. Non-refundable deposit of €450 Euros, or equivalent in other major currency, will confirm your booking.

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Inclusions

- *Daily sketching opportunities and tuition by Tricia Sullivan*
- *9 nights' accommodation in carefully chosen boutique riads and villas*
- *9 freshly cooked breakfasts*
- *Welcome dinner on our first evening together in Marrakech and farewell dinner on our last evening in Essaouira*
- *Entry to the famous Yves Saint Lauren designed garden, Le Jardin Majorelle, Marrakech*
- *An evening food tour through the souks of Marrakech*
- *Private transport with a local English-speaking driver*
- *Airport pick up on arrival day and drop off on departure day at Marrakech airport*

Exclusions

- *International and domestic flights*
- *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 organise a kitty for tips*

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Marrakech – Ait Benhaddou – Essaouira – Marrakech

Day 1: arrival 13 April 2026, Marrakech

Welcome to Morocco! Arrive into Marrakech airport where you'll be met by our local driver, for the short transfer to our accommodation in La Ville Nouvelle. This evening, we'll meet our fellow sketchers and have a tour briefing with Tricia before our welcome dinner. If you're arriving into Casablanca, we can assist with a transfer to Marrakech (three hours' drive), at additional cost. (D)

o/n Marrakech

Day 2: 14 April 2026, Ait Benhaddou

Our drive this morning brings us to Ouarzazate, where we'll stop to see some traditional brass and copper work and silver jewellery and have lunch. Then 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 the afternoon exploring the kasbah, with its cute shops, art studios and cafes and a viewpoint at the top, overlooking the valley and mountains beyond. (B)



o/n Ait Benhaddou

Day 3: 15 April 2026, Ait Benhaddou

A full day in Ait Benhaddou, sketching in the kasbah, exploring and shopping. There are several resident artists inside the kasbah - we will stop to watch them at work. We can share our stories of the day over dinner tonight in this truly exotic part of the world. (B)



o/n Ait Benhaddou



Day 4: 16 April 2026, Marrakech

After breakfast this morning, we have a scenic drive over the High Atlas Mountains to the 'red city' of Marrakech. The vibrancy of Marrakech cannot be found anywhere else in the world! We will explore, sketch and soak in the atmosphere. This evening, we'll wander through the main square, Jemaa el Fnaa, with snake charmers, entertainers and musicians - it truly comes alive after dusk (B).



o/n Marrakech

Day 5: 17 April 2026, 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.



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We'll spend time sketching the fountains, exotic plants and striking buildings of this beautiful garden.



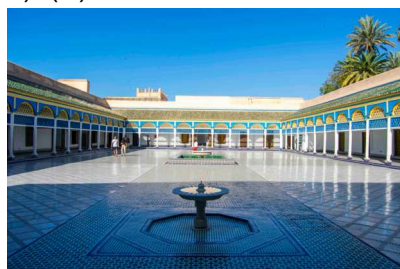
Then in the early evening we will be taken on a walking food tour with a Marrakechi local, sampling a range of Moroccan specialities. It's a fun and informative evening that will tantalise your taste buds and awaken your senses – and you won't need dinner! (B)



o/n Marrakech

Day 6: 18 April 2026, Marrakech

The Bahia Palace is our destination this morning, a beautiful 19th century palace on the edge of the medina. There is free time this afternoon for a traditional Moroccan spa (hamman), or to relax at the riad, go shopping or admire the incredible colours of the Marrakech medina. Dinner tonight will be a feast for our senses, in the famous Al Fassia, an all-female managed restaurant (own expense). (B)



Day 7: 19 April 2026, Essaouira

This morning, we drive to the laid-back coastal city of Essaouira, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, stopping en route at an argan

oil co-operative. Famous for its seafood, handicrafts and thriving arts scene, it's the perfect place to unwind. This afternoon, we will sketch and explore and, if riding a camel along a beach at sunset is your dream, then this is the evening we can do it. Dinner tonight will be in a local restaurant inside the medina. (B)



o/n Essaouira

Day 8: 20 April 2026, Essaouira

Our sketching subjects in Essaouira today might include ancient walls, blue fishing boats, colourful spices in the market, or children playing in the street. Our options are endless.



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This evening, we'll get together for a cocktail on a rooftop restaurant, to watch the sunset over the Atlantic Ocean (B).

o/n Essaouira

Day 9: 21 April 2026, Essaouira

Another day of sketching in Essaouira and an opportunity for any last-minute shopping or perhaps another hamman.



Tonight, we will have a special farewell dinner together to celebrate the end of a memory making trip. (B, D)

o/n Essaouira

Day 10: 22 April 2026, Essaouira

Today is departure day. It's a three-hour transfer back to Marrakech airport so, if you are flying out of Marrakech, please allow enough time for check-in (the recommended time in Morocco before an international flight is three hours). If you prefer to fly out of Casablanca, we can organise a private transfer for you from either Essaouira or Marrakech (at extra cost). Please check with us on timing before booking your flight. Safe travels!



Morocco is a truly unique country, where you can step back in time to experience centuries old culture, that is a mix of Berber, Arabic, Andalusian, Mediterranean, French, Moorish and African. These influences are seen in everything from the architecture to the food, the culture and the Moroccan people.

Moroccan Escapes and I will take you on a journey to safely explore this wonderful country - to experience the warmth of its people, the ancient trades, the cuisine, the markets, the tiled palaces, the history, culture, music, handicrafts, current artists and so much more.

I will help you to capture your memories through quick, simple, vibrant travel sketches. We will capture the feeling and essence of Morocco that a photograph can't always do. Your sketches (like your memories) will be unique to you. We will sketch every day, and I can guide you in the creation of your sketch as much or as little as you want. Sketching gives us the opportunity to "stop and smell the roses", to be creative and observant, while we put together a vibrant little drawing of Moroccan daily life. All levels of sketchers are welcome on this trip - from complete novices, to experienced sketchers.

But it's not all about sketching! There is plenty of free time in every day as well, to explore, rest and experience the local area on your own, or with the new friends that you will make on this trip. We always like to meet up at the end of the day, to swap stories and enjoy a delicious meal together, to live like a local even if it's just for a day.

Come join me on this creative, sketching tour of Morocco. You will capture memories to last a lifetime.

Tricia Sullivan



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