

Tour Name: THE ROYAL, DESERT & NORTH OF MOROCCO TOUR

(Marrakech - Ouarzazate - Erfoud - Merzouga - Fez - Chefchaouen - Tangier)

Tour Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Starting City: Marrakech

You will like: The diversity of culture and landscapes, the Traditions and population, The History and the warmth of Hospitality and richness of Atmosphere;

Day 1: Arrival/ Marrakech

Activities: transfer from Marrakech airport to hotel

Overnight in: Marrakech

Upon your arrival to Marrakech you will be met by your English speaking driver outside the airport. You will then be transferred to your hotel to check in and rest.

Day 2: Marrakech city tour

Activities: Majorelle Gardens, Menara Gardens (interior visit optional), Koutobia, Bahia Palace, Jamaa El Fna Square.

Overnight in: Marrakech.

Meals: Breakfast

Local experience: Kotchi (Horse Carriage Tour)

Today you will get the chance to wake up and live Marrakech, a dream of many, so be sure to make the best of it. After your breakfast our local guide and driver guide will be waiting for you to start a guided city tour of the “Ochre City”. We will visit first in the morning the Majorelle Garden which was named after the French painter, Jacques Majorelle who dedicated a lot of effort and passion to this art piece. After Majorelle let’s continue after it to Menara and though the name in Arabic translates to “lighthouse”, it is actually a pavilion with a basin and a garden of orchards and olive groves. We will be heading afterwards to the Koutobia Mosque and through the Jewish quarter called Mallah. After lunch at a local restaurant, finish your visit with a carriage ride or “Koutchi” to Jamaa El Fnaa.

The more you know: Marrakesh is known for being holy, Moroccans call it “the land of the seven men” who were huge religion and Sufi scholars that gave their lives for knowledge and worship

Day 3: Marrakech - Ouarzazate

Pick up from the airport of Marrakech according to your flight schedule or from your Hotel/Riad in Marrakech.

We will leave the hustle of the city behind and travel the rugged road to Ouarzazate through the spectacular scenery of the Atlas Mountains. Stop in the Kasbah town of Aït Ben Haddou which, at a height of 1,160m, stands in stark contrast to this vast plateau.

Originally a crossing point for traders crossing the Sahara Desert, this UNESCO world heritage site is equally recognized as the location for films such as ‘Laurence of Arabia’ and ‘Gladiators’. Option lunch at local restaurant

Overnight in Ouarzazate

Day 4: Ouarzazate – Tinghir – Erfoud

Breakfast at your hotel. Morning departure toward Erfoud, stop in Kelaa M’Gouna known for the production of cosmetic products using the extract of the local grown roses. Continue north east to the city of Boumalne Dadès to see the beautiful Kasbahs with a panoramic view of the Valley and the Mountains beyond.

Continue towards Tinghir and the Todra Gorges, 300 meters high and one of the most impressive Moroccan sites. The Todra Gorge is one of the premier climbing and trekking destinations in Morocco with high walls offering hundreds of routes of sport and multi-pitch climbing. Optional lunch at a restaurant with a view of the huge canyons. Then continue to Erfoud. Overnight in Erfoud.

Optional overnight in a camp under the stars in Merzouga on request.

Day 5: Erfoud - Midelt - Azrou - Ifrane - Fez (475 km/ 7H/8H Drive)

Pick up from your hotel. Departure to Fez through the cities of Midelt and Azrou. By crossing the , Middle Atlas area, you will have the opportunity to enjoy different sublime landscapes. Arrival at Midelt. Rest time and optional lunch. Continuation to Fez via Ifrane.

Day 6: Fez city tour

Overnight in: Fez

Activities: BouInania, Attarin Medersa

Meals: Breakfast

Wake up today in one of the most ancient cities in Morocco. Founded in AD 808 by the Sultan Moulay Idris II, the city’s history and position is well Ingrained in the upcoming of the Moroccan Identity and traditions. It was once the Mecca of Science and Knowledge for it had the first University in the world, Al Karaouyne, and it wielded many scholars and intellectuals. It had fertilized the minds and the souls of many over the age, and surely more to come. Its solid and well established position over centuries as a cultural melting pot had provided it with a unique spirit of multi-culturality, tolerance and peace. Therefore, Open up to the city and enjoy what it has to offer.

Along with your tour guide, touch on the cities marking features and uniqueness which you cannot find anywhere else. As you walk in to Fez El Bali (the ancient town) you are faced with a fork in the road , the right one is “talaa kebira “ and the left one is “talaa sghira” and unlike Robert Frost we will travel the road most taken as we follow the footsteps of great women and men who been here. The “Talaa Kbbira” will lead us straight to Bou Inannia Madrassa at the end of the market. This Madrasa served as theological colleges and was built in 1351 with a Merenid Style.

Right in front of Bou Inannia lays one of Fez’s mysteries, the Hydraulic clock. It was mainly made to announce prayer times. Continue After it towards the Henna Souk passing by Fon Douk Smen. After souk Hanna you will reach Zawyat Moulay Driss II (the sultan’s shrine) and across it is Medrasa el Attarine and few meters is the Kairaouione mosque university.

While wandering around your mind would not help but wonder about the lost stories, the legends, hopes, and the love stories that once lightened those brick walls, It’s The magic of Fez.

**As part of our local experiences program we scheduled a pottery workshop we hope you will enjoy*

Day 7: Fez - Chefchaouen - Tangier

Activities: Kasbah, Plaza Uta El Hammam, city tour,

Overnight in: Tangier

Meals: Breakfast

After Breakfast, prepare for a drive to Chefchaouen via Ouazzane and through the Rif Mountains which is located in the northern region of the country. When you arrive to chefchouan the first captivating feature will be the blue color all around. Chefchaouen is Morocco's "Blue Pearl". It has come to be known as such due to a distinctive blue color all the inhabitant use to paint their houses. This tradition trace back to the Jewish traditions and beliefs that the color blue represents the sky which in turn reminds people of heaven and God. This color covering the city gives it and amazing charm as well as a sense and an atmosphere of relaxation, comfort and peace. Have you heard of healing pearls and gems? Well this one really works.

In Road to Ras El Maa you will encounter a group of Granada-styled houses before enjoying tea in the midst of the fresh water. you will visit afterwards Kasbah Ali Ben Rachid and Plaza Uta el-Hammam and a tour around this beautiful city.

In the Afternoon, Head to Tangier, the bride of the north. This city is located on the southern passage of the Gibraltar strait, few miles from the Spanish shores.

Once arrived, your driver will take you for a panoramic tour before to drive you to your Hotel.

Day 8: departure

Activities: Transfer to the Port

Meals: breakfast

Wake up and enjoy a lovely breakfast at your hotel before heading to the port to catch the ferry for Spain.

HOTEL TO BE USED AT EACH DESTINATION (or similar):

City	Hotel Name	(x) Room Type	Hotel Rating	Check in / out (dd/mm/yyyy)
Marrakech	Wazzo	2 Standard Room	4* stars	27 - 29/12/19
Ouarzazate	Dar Chamaa	2 Standard Room	4* stars	29 - 30/12/19
Arfoud	Xaluca / Belle Etoile	2 Standard Rooms	4* stars	30 - 31/12/19
Fez	Hotel Barcelo	2 Standard Rooms	4* stars	31/12 - 02/01/20
Tangier	Hilton Garden INN	2 Standard Rooms	4* stars	03 - 04/01/20

Quotation	27/12/19 – 04/01/20	Total Amount
Rate per pax <i>sharing Double Room</i>	USD 1335 PP	USD 5340

INCLUDES:

- **Accommodation:** 07 nights' accommodation with daily breakfast
- **Transportation:** Private air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking licensed driver.
- **Sightseeing:** Local tour guides as specified in the itinerary: in Marrakech, Fez, and Chefchaouen
- **Monuments:** Admission entrance fees as listed in the itinerary.
- **Meals:** as specified in the itinerary.
- **Local Experiences:** as specified in the itinerary
- Service charges and local taxes
- Daily Mineral bottled water in the car

EXCLUDES:

- **Flight/Accommodation/Sightseeing** not listed in the itinerary.
- **Passport and visa fee**
- **Gratuities:** tips to guides, drivers, bellboys, etc.
- **Travel Insurance:** Please kindly note that the full coverage travel insurance from your country of origin should be purchased in advance on your own.
- **Personal expenses:** Such as room service, internet charge, laundry, drink, fax, telephone call, optional activities, or any non specified expense in the itinerary.
- **Excess Baggage Charges**
- **Optional activities**