

Tour Name: MOROCCO IMPERIAL CITIES with DESERT TASTE TOUR

Tour Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Starting City: Casablanca

You will like: The Moroccan culture, the history, the local inhabitants, the food and local experiences such as the cooking and pottery classes together with the Sahara adventure, the one's life experience.

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

Day 1 – Saturday 12/10 : Arrival to Casablanca - Transfer to your Hotel

Overnight in: Casablanca.

As you land in Casablanca, our local driver guide will welcome you in front of gate 2 outside the airport. Transfer to Casablanca where you will be joined by your tour guide to start the visit of Casablanca, where you visit of the Hassan II mosque, an Architectural master piece overlooking the Atlantic coast of Casablanca. Continue afterwards for a tour of the city and its corniche, the Habous quarters, Royal Palace (exterior visit). At the end of the visit, transfer to your hotel for check-in and overnight.

Day 2 - Monday 13/10: Casablanca - Rabat - Meknes -Volubilis - Fez

Overnight in: Fez

Meals: Breakfast, Tea break

Local experience: Café Maure Overlooking Abouregrag River

After breakfast, transfer to Rabat. you will have a short tour of Rabat that will revolve around uncovering the history of Rabat. The tour includes a visit to Chellah and Kasbah Oudaya.

Then we will head to Fez. En route, we will be making a stop by Volubilis and Meknes. The archeological site of Volubilis is listed by the UNESCO as a worldwide heritage. A specialized guide will walk you around the remains of the Roman and Berber cultures that once occupied it. Afterwards, the trip will continue to the Imperial City of Meknes, one of Morocco's lesser-visited. It was built by Moulay Ismail and was conceived to be the 'Versailles of Morocco'. Once you meet your local guide, you'll be able to visit the famed gate of Bab El Mansour, and Lhri. These sites are the main beating veins of the city. We will then continue our way to Fez.

Day 3 - Tuesday 14/10 : Fez Exploration day

Overnight in: Fez

Meals: Breakfast

Local Experience: Pottery workshops

After breakfast, start your guided city tour of Fez, once the capital of the kingdom before 1912. Your visit today will revolve around exploring Fez the Medina which is a World Heritage Site, according to the UNESCO, and it was founded in the 9th century and it is home to the world's oldest university.

Your local guide will show you around the major sites like Bou-Inania and AttarinMedersa, the tanners, Ess-Seffarine Square, MoulayDriss tomb, El-Nejjarine square, and the cabinet makers' souk, the Hebrew district 'Mellah'. In your schedule, you will have a pottery workshop with a pottery master so that you get to have a full Moroccan experience. After lunch at a local restaurant, you are free to either choose to go back to your hotel or stroll in the narrow alley of the old town on your own. Fez is a rich city; therefore we encourage you to take the day to discover it

Day 4 - Wednesday 15/10 : Fez - Ifrane - Midelt - Erfoud - Merzouga

Overnight in: Merzouga

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Local Experience: the desert camp

After breakfast, we will be heading towards Erfoud through Ifran and Midelt . Erfoud will be our gate way to majestic Moroccan Sahara . it is well known among archeologist due to fossil dating back to hundreds of years . Upon arrival, you will head off for a once in a life time Adventure drive in 4-wheel vehicles across the barren and sand dunes. Enjoy the beautiful sunset along the way to the camp in Merzouga.

Day 5 – Thursday 16/10 : Erfoud - Ouarzazate

Meals : Breakfast and dinner

Overnightin : Ouarzazate

Local experience: Sunrise over the Sahara Dunes riding a Camel

Wake up early to catch the sunrise over the dunes on the back of a camel. Then travel today between Erfoud and Ouarzazate with English speaking driver. En-route, we will have several stops to discover the beautiful and diverse landscapes. Our 1st stop will be in the Todra Gorges, located just southwest of Tinerhir and some 110 km (65 miles) from Ouarzazate, 2nd stop will be by Rose valleys and then a stop in Skoura - one of Morocco's beautiful oases before to reach Ouarzazate. At first glance from the road, it resembles a sort of thin, long, oasis but if you have a chance to explore it, you will notice it is rather large and impressive.

Day 6 - Friday 17/10 : Ouarzazate - Marrakech

Overnight in: Marrakech.

Meals: Breakfast

After Breakfast, we will head to Marrakech, en route enjoy the dramatic Tizi n'Tichka mountain pass and Ait Ben Haddou – the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

Once arrival Marrakech, transfer to your hotel for check-in. In the Evening, your driver will take you for an evening tour to visit Jamma El Fna Square, the Icon of Marrakech. You also can have dinner at a Moroccan Traditional Restaurant (optional).

Day 7 - Friday 18/10 : Marrakech Tour

Overnight in: Marrakech.

Meals: Breakfast

Local experience: Cooking Class

After breakfast, your driver will take you for your Cooking class to learn how to prepare Moroccan dishes at one of the most known and best Riads in Marrakech.

In the afternoon, join your guide for a visit of the ocher city, where we will visit the Majorelle Garden which was named after the French painter, Jacques Majorelle who dedicated a lot of effort and passion to this art piece, afterwards we will continue to the Koutobia Mosque and through the Jewish quarter called Mallah to reach the Bahia Palace before to end the tour inside the souks of the narrow streets of the Medina.

Day 8 Saturday 19/10 : Marrakech - Departure

Meals: Breakfast

After Breakfast, early visit of the souks before to travel to Essaouira to catch up your flight back home.

PACKAGE OFFER:

Rate per person sharing Double Room : USD 1665 per person

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

Casablanca : Kenzi Basma 4*

Fez : Riad Myra or similar

Erfoud : Kasbah Xaluca Erfoud or Camp La Belle Etoile

Ouarzazate : Dar Chamaa or similar

Marrakech : Riad Carmella, Riad Zaki or similar

INCLUDES:

- **Accommodation:** 07 nights' accommodation with daily breakfast
- **Transportation:** Private air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking licenced driver.
- **Sightseeing:** Local tour guides as specified in the itinerary : in Casablanca, Rabat, Fez, Meknes, Marrakech
- **Monuments:** Admission entrance fees as listed in the itinerary.
- **Meals:** as specified in the itinerary.
- **3 hours Cooking Class in Marrakech & Pottery workshop in fez**
- **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**

OPTIONS (Not included):

- In Rabat you can visit the museum of Modern art.
- In Fez, you can visit the Nejjarine Museum for woods.
- In Marrakech, there are plenty of Museums, Museum of Islamic civilisations, YSL Museums, Water Museum and more.

Dinners & Lunches (Not included):

You will be able to have local food in every city during lunches and dinners. We can recommend some local restaurants for dinners and during the city tours, and the driver will take you to have lunches in local restaurants while you are on the road.