

## THE ROYAL & THE NORTH OF MOROCCO TOUR

Tour Name: **THE ROYAL & THE NORTH MOROCCO TOUR**

(Marrakech - Casablanca - Rabat - Meknès - Volubilis - Fez - Chefchaouen - Tangier )

Tour Duration: **9 days / 8 nights**

Starting City: **Marrakech**

You will like: **The Diversity of religious sites, culture and population, the History and the warmth of Hospitality and richness of Atmosphere.**

### DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

#### Day 1: Arrival/ Marrakech

**Activities:** transfer from Marrakech airport to your 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, Koutobia, Bahia Palace, Jamaa El Fna Square.

**Overnight in:** Marrakech.

**Meals:** Breakfast, lunch

**Local experience:** Consider trying an optional Koutchi Tour (Horse Back Carriage)

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 your 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 - Casablanca

**Activities:** Hassan II Mosque (interior visit), Habous Quarter, Souks

**Overnight in:** Casablanca

**Meals:** Breakfast

Enjoy a lovely breakfast at your hotel before heading to the Moroccan Atlantic Coast, exactly to Casablanca. Upon your arrival check in and rest. The evening is scheduled for a visit to Hassan II Mosque and a tour of the Habous quarter and the local Souk.

*The more you know: If you are a fan of the Movie " Casablanca " then don't miss on the famous Rick's café from found on Boulevard Sour Jdid.*

#### **Day 4: Casablanca - Rabat**

**Activities:** Rabat: Chellah, Kasbah Oudayas, Mausoleum, Hassan Tower, Royal Palace (Exterior Visit)

**Overnight in:** Rabat

**Meals:** Breakfast, Tea break

**Local experience:** Café Maure

After breakfast at your hotel, drive to Rabat and join your tour guide for a tour of the capital city of Morocco. Rabat was founded by Abd Al-Mu'min, a ruler of the Almohad dynasty for military reasons. It was built to serve as a fortress, hence its original name Ribatu l-Fath, meaning "stronghold of victory". Our guided tour in Rabat will then revolve around uncovering the history of Rabat. The tour includes a visit to the Royal Palace, Hassan Tower, and Kasbah Oudaya. Free time afterwards to stroll around the souks and bazaars in the old medina of Rabat which are full of all type of merchandise as well as leather made traditional and modern shoes alongside Moroccan style bags with some authentic Berber style and old jewelry shops. Then, Continue to "Café Maure" on the bank of river Bouregrag, to enjoy a Moroccan mint tea alongside some Moroccan goodies like: Kaab Ghazal and Ghariba

*The more you know: Kaab Ghazal means in Arabic the hoof of the deer, and along with Ghariba and Mint Tea are symbols of Moroccan hospitality*

#### **Day 5: Rabat - Volubilis - Meknes - Fez**

**Activities:** Meknes & Volubilis: Volubilis Ruins, Bab El Mansour, Lhri

**Overnight in:** Fez

**Meals:** Breakfast

After breakfast meet your driver guide to travel to Fez. En route, we will be making a MUST stop by Volubilis and Meknes. The archaeological site of Volubilis is listed by the UNESCO as a worldwide heritage, and it is a witness of multi-cultural Morocco. A specialized guide will walk you around the remains of the Roman outpost, through the arcs of Triumphal arches, the Capitoline Temple and large captivating Orpheus mosaics which tell tales of Roman life.

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'. You'll be able to visit the famous 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 6: Fez city tour**

**Overnight in:** Fez

**Activities:** Boulnania, Attarin Medersa, the tanners, Ess-Seffarine Square, El-Nejjarine square, and the cabinet makers' souk, and the Hebrew district 'Mellah'.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Local Experience:** Consider trying the Pottery workshops (Optional)

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 Karaouine, and it wielded many scholars and intellectuals. It had fertilized the minds and the souls of many over the ages, 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 have been here. The "Talaa Kbbira" will lead us straight to Boulnannia Madrasa 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 Bouanannia 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 FonDoukS men. After souk Hanna you will reach Zawyat MoulayDriss 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.

*The more you know: each October Fez held one of the largest and well known Sufi festivals with performers from around the world.*

### **Day 7: Fez –Chefchaouen**

**Activities:** Kasbah, Plaza Uta El Hammam

**Overnight in:** Chefchaouen

**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 allaround. 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 ElMaa 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.

### **Day 8: Chefchaouen - Tangier**

**Activities:** Kasbah, the Cave of Hercules, Teatro Cervantes, the Grand Socco "Terrasse des Paresseux"

**Overnight in:** Chefchaouen

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Local experience :** Consider having Lunch @ 'Le Saveur du Poisson' **(Optional)**

After breakfast, meet your local guide in the lobby of your hotel in order to start your guided tour of Tangier city, dubbed "The Bride of The north". Tangier is an international post and a melting pot, here the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean sea, Africa meets Europe, Morocco meet Spain, Andalusia meets us. If you take a quick look at Tangier on the map you will find out that it is located on the northern region few miles from Spain, it is on the Maghreb coast at the western entrance to the Strait of Gibraltar. Your guided visit will take you along the beach and continue to what the city is famed for like: including the Kasbah, the **tomb of Ibn Battouta**- a 14th century famous traveler who was born in Tangier, **Teatro Cervantes**, the **Grand Socco**. The American Legation\*, **the Tangier American Legation Museum** with its Paul Bowles Wing dedicated to the writer and composer who lived most of his adult life in Tangier, and **the Kasbah Museum**, the former Sultan's palace deserves to be seen not only for its collection of artifacts from the Phoenician to modern times, but also for the building and garden. Free afternoon to discover what Tangier has to offer; enjoy The Souks of the city and the view and a walk along "Terrasse des paresseux" and the antic Canons.

*\*\*Optional Entrances: American Legation, St Andrew's church.*

### Day 9: Departure

**Activities:** Transfer to the airport or to the port of tangier for Final departure

**Meals:** breakfast

Wake up and enjoy a lovely breakfast at your hotel before heading to the airport to catch a flight back home.

### INCLUDES:

- **Accommodation:** 08 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 Casablanca, Rabat Marrakech , Fez , Chefchaouen and Tangier
- **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**
- **Payment transaction** fee of 3% of total amount if paying by credit card or PayPal.
- **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**

## STANDARD PACKAGE :

**PRICE PER PERSON :** USD 981\* sharing double room

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT :** USD 290

(\*) Offer based on 12 persons minimum

### - HOTELS to be used or similar:

City	Hotel Name	Room Type	Hotel Rating
Marrakech	Opera Plaza	Standard Room	4 stars
Casablanca	Kenzi Basma	Standard Room	4 stars
Rabat	Hotel Le Musée	Standard Room	3+ stars
Fez	Hotel Barcelo	Standard Room	4 stars
Chefchaouen	El Parador	Standard Room	4 stars
Riad Souran	Riad Souran	Standard Room	4 stars

## COMFORT PACKAGE :

PRICE PER PERSON : **USD 1151** sharing double room

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT : **USD 459**

(\*) Offer based on 12 persons minimum

### - HOTELS to be used or similar:

City	Hotel Name	Room Type	Hotel Rating
Marrakech	Adam Park	Standard Room	5 stars
Casablanca	Movenpick	Standard Room	5 stars
Rabat	Diwan M-Gallery	Camp	4+ Sup stars
Fez	Palais Madina	Standard Room	5 stars
Chefchaouen	Dar Chaouen	Standard Room	4 stars
Tangier	Hilton Garden Inn	Standard Room	4+ Sup stars

## SUPERIOR PACKAGE :

PRICE PER PERSON : **USD 1631** sharing double room

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT : **USD 975**

(\*) Offer based on 12 persons minimum

### - HOTELS to be used or similar:

City	Hotel Name	Room Type	Hotel Rating
Marrakech	Sofitel Lounge	Standard Room	5 stars
Casablanca	Sofitel Toure Blanche	Standard Room	5 stars
Rabat	Sofitel Jardins des Rose	Standard Room	5 stars
Fez	Mariott Jnane	Standard Room	5 stars
Chefchaouen	Riad Lina	Standard Room	5 stars
Tangier	Royal Tulip	Standard Room	5 stars