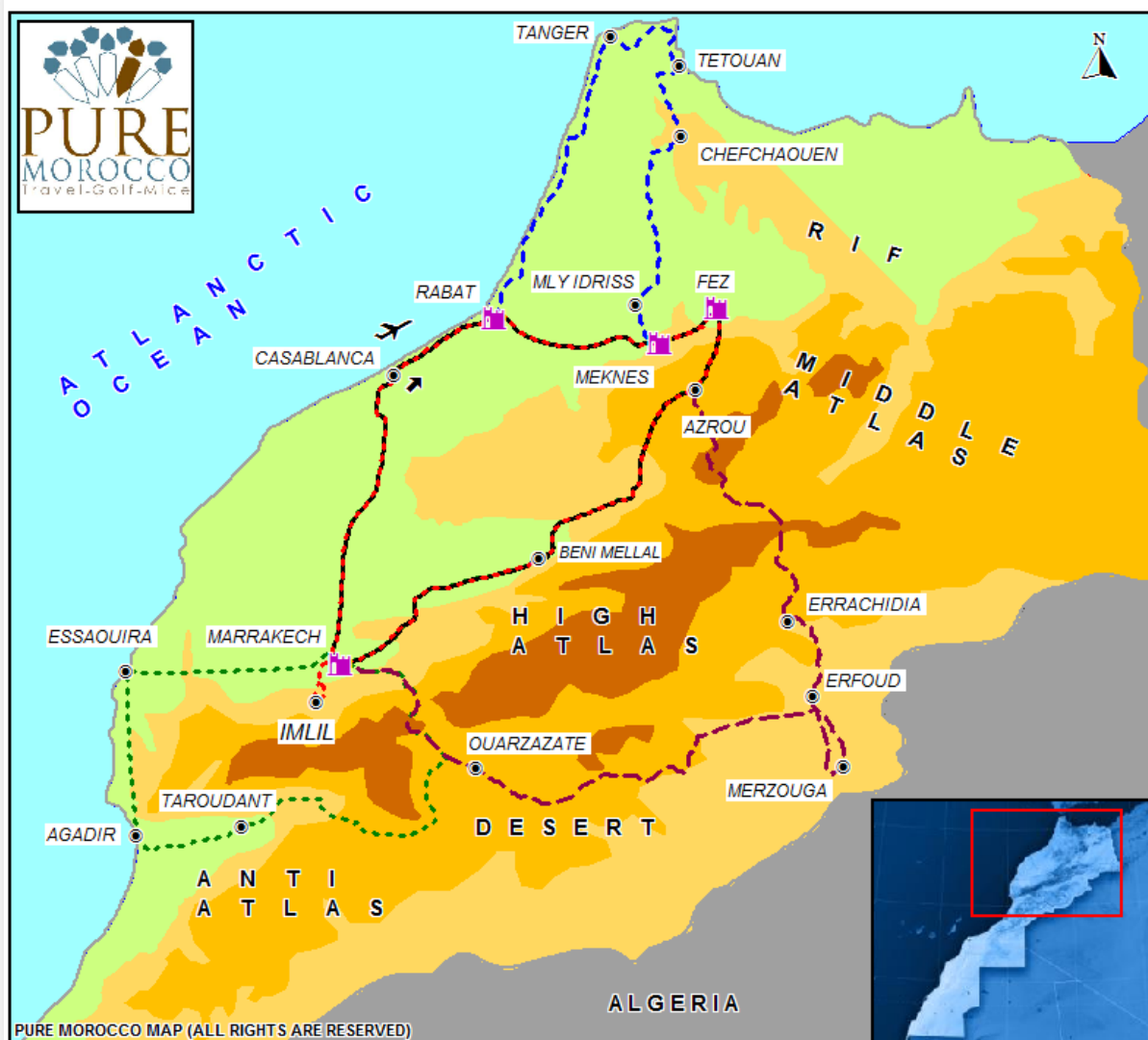




**TAILOR MADE ITINERARY**

**INDISPENSABLE MOROCCO TOUR MAP**





## YOUR ITINERARY

### BASED ON 4 PAX

**Day 1** : ARRIVAL CASABLANCA, OVERNIGHT CASABLANCA

**Day 2** : HALF DAY CASABLANCA SIGHTSEEING

**Day 3** : CASABLANCA- ESSAOUIRA

**Day 4** : ESSAOUIRA SIGHTSEEING

**Day 5** : DAY AT LEISURE IN ESSAOUIRA

**Day 6** : ESSAOUIRA- MARRAKECH

**Day 7** : MARRAKECH SIGHTSEEING

**Day 8** : DAY AT LEISURE IN MARRAKECH

**Day 9** : MARRAKECH –DEPARTURE

### ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

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- Visit the tallest minaret in the world at the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca.
- Discover the gorgeous and preserved Medieval Medina & Souks of **Marrakech**





## Tour of 9 Days / 8 Nights

### DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

#### **Day 1: Arrival to Casablanca – Transfer to Casablanca**

**Overnight in:** Casablanca- Kenzi Basma- Standard Room (2 nights)

#### **Casablanca Airport to City Hotel Transfer**

**(30 km/18.6mi – 30 min to 1h depending on the traffic via highway, without stops)**

MARHABA!!!

This is the traditional greeting used in Morocco, which conveys the meaning of a warm hello and welcome.

Today your flight arrives into Casablanca. After clearing customs and immigration procedures, you will be met by our representative, who will be waiting for you at the exit after the luggage check and inside the airport; he will be holding a sign with your name. Afterwards, you will be transferred to your hotel, where our representative will assist you with check-in.

The name Casablanca evokes thoughts of good living, romance and adventure in a tropical setting, an image that the 1943 Humphrey Bogart film conveyed to cinema during World War II. Originally settled by Berbers in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, Casablanca's fairly recent growth has made it the bustling, French-influenced business centre of Morocco it is today.

#### **Day 2: Casablanca City Tour (3hrs)**

Today you will enjoy a half-day excursion and discover the fascinating city of Casablanca. The name Casablanca evokes thoughts of good living, romance and adventure in a tropical setting, an image that the 1943 Humphrey Bogart film conveyed to cinema-goers during World War II. Originally settled by Berbers in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, Casablanca's fairly recent growth has made it the bustling, French-influenced business centre of Morocco it is today.





Your visit will include the magnificent Hassan II Grand Mosque, one of the few mosques that can be visited in Morocco. Built on reclaimed land, almost half of the surface of the mosque lies over the waters of the Atlantic. This was inspired by the verse of the Qur'an that states "the throne of God was built on the water". Part of the floor of this facility is glass so worshippers can kneel directly over the sea; above, lasers shine at night from the top of the minaret toward Mecca. The mosque is amongst the largest in the world and can house as many as 25,000 worshippers. Its minaret is the tallest religious structure in the world.

Your sightseeing will also include the Mohammed V square, the United Nations square and the Arab League Park. During a stroll in the Quartier Habbous you will be able to discover a modern version of a medina.

**Day 3: Casablanca to Essaouira Transfer**

**Overnight in:** Essaouira- Atlas Essaouira & SPA- Standard Room (3 nights)

**(385 km/240mi – 5h00 via highway, without stops)**

Depart toward the peaceful city of Essaouira, located on the coastline. Founded by the Portuguese, it was formerly known as Mogador. Nowadays, its charming atmosphere and enchanting port attract travellers to this little white and blue medina to relax and unwind.

You will take the highway and pass by exotic Marrakech, the Pearl of the South, and one of the most famous cities in Morocco.

From there, you will continue your journey passing through little villages. Upon arrival in Essaouira you will check in at your hotel or riad.

**Day 4: Essaouira Sightseeing (Vehicle FD Touring)**

Essaouira is an attractive town rich in history. Its islands were inhabited as early as the 7th century BC. Pottery found here proves the presence of both Carthaginians and Phoenicians. The Portuguese fortified the city in the 16th century and named it Mogador and in 1506, the Portuguese king Manuel built an impressive fortress on the site. Discover the city that has been influenced by various cultures. You will explore the ramparts, the harbour, the fishing port and the Skala, the great sea bastion on the edge of the northern cliffs. This fortress is most famous for Orson Wells filming most of Othello here in 1949.

Strolling in the whitewashed Medina with its blue doors is an amazing way to spend the afternoon. Discover the thuya wood workshops and marvel at impressive items that are made with this aromatic wood. Discover one of the Moroccan beauty secrets, the famed Argan oil, well known throughout the world for its use in cosmetics but also amazing in salads. The oil is produced by a women's cooperative.





**Day 5: Day at leisure in Essaouira**

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**Day 6: Essaouira- Marrakech**

**Overnight in:** Marrakech – Kenzi Menara Palace- Standard Room (3 nights)

**Essaouira to Marrakech Transfer**

**(174 km/108mi – 2h30 without stops)**

You will continue your journey onwards to the world-famous city of Marrakech. Pearl of the South, Jewel of the South, The Red City - just a few of the nicknames Marrakech has acquired over the years. Part Berber, part Arab, part African, Marrakech is the heartbeat of Morocco, where palaces and monuments of unrivalled refinement sit calmly alongside the snake charmers and Gnaouan drums pulsing constantly from Djemâa el Fna Square, the most exuberant marketplace in the world.

En route, there are many options to make this a memorable day. Close to Essaouira, stop off at a charming vineyard to taste wine and goat cheese prepared in the region. After the vineyard, you will stop at a women's cooperative to learn about the techniques used to produce the precious Argan oil for culinary or cosmetic uses.

**Day 7: Marrakech Full day Sightseeing**

Today, you will discover the Mysteries of Marrakech, the most famous city in Morocco. Most of the city's architectural attractions are inside the Medina, the old walled section of the town.

As you explore the labyrinthine souks, indulge in some shopping! Souk Smarine is an important thoroughfare, traditionally dominated by the sale of textiles, clothing and all Moroccan handicrafts. This is a maze of colourful alleys and small squares, which are home to a bewildering array of stalls and ateliers devoted to specific crafts.

You will also explore the Djemaa El Fna, the city's main square, home to a multitude of street-artists, stalls of dried fruit and freshly-pressed orange juice. The numerous small restaurants that take over its centre from the

You will visit the gardens and admire the Koutoubia mosque, an emblem of Marrakech. Koutoubia's minaret went on to inspire the architects of the Giralda of Seville and the Hassan Tower of Rabat. The mosque cannot

be visited but its beauty can be admired from the gardens and the square. This square tower in finely-worked dressed stone is 77 metres (252 feet) tall including its lantern. Built in the 12th century, the Koutoubia minaret is considered to be the most perfect Islamic religious structure in North Africa. This famous landmark dominates the local skyline and can easily be spotted from all over Marrakech.

The Bahia Palace which was ordered in 1880 by the grand vizier Sidi Moussa and took 15 years to complete. The beauty of the Bahia Palace makes it a remarkable example of the Arabo-Andalusian and is a masterpiece of domestic architecture which gives a good idea of how the privileged lived during the 19th century. The use of marble, stucco and mosaics is prevalent in the apartments, opening on to courtyards filled with fountains and plant life.

Dar El Bacha, one of the most beautiful palaces is now home to the museum of Moroccan Arts and Crafts. Inside are stunning collections of traditional woven carpets and Berber silver and jewellery. Visit by the Jardin Majorelle (Majorelle Gardens), originally designed in 1924 by French artist Jacques Majorelle. After taking up residence in Marrakech, Majorelle transformed the property's existing garden into a tropical paradise, surrounded by vivid cobalt blue buildings with verdant exotic groves, lily-covered pools and enormous sculptural cactuses







**Day 8: Marrakech day at leisure**

Day at leisure in Marrakech

**Day 9: Marrakech Departure**

After a lovely Breakfast at your hotel transfer to Marrakech Airport to catch a flight back home.

**Pricing:**

<b>Total Price Per Person In USD</b>	<b>USD 1410.00/PP</b>
<b>Total in USD Based on 4 Pax in two double rooms</b>	<b>USD 5609 .00</b>

**INCLUDES:**

- Accommodation: 8 nights' accommodation with daily breakfast
- Transportation: Transfers & visits as per mentioned in the Itinerary
- Sightseeing: Local tour guides as specified in the itinerary: in Casablanca, Essaouira & Marrakech.
- Monuments: Admission entrance fees as listed in the itinerary.
- Meals: as specified in the itinerary.
- Service charges and local taxes
- Daily Mineral bottled water in the car
- Welcome Pack at your arrival

**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
- Beverage package and alcoholic drinks

