
5 Days Marrakech & Agafay



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Marrakech - Agafay Desert

6 Days / 5 Nights

2 Persons

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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
La Maison Arabe	Marrakesh	B&B	1x Junior Suite	3 Nights
Agafay Desert Luxury Camp	Agafay Desert	HB	1x Tent	1 Night
La Maison Arabe	Marrakesh	B&B	1x Junior Suite	1 Night

Key

HB: Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

Price

Price from **USD 1610** per person (*Sharing Double Room*)

Included

- Accommodation with daily breakfast
- A/C minivan with English speaking driver for transportation
- Local English speaking guides in Marrakech
- Monuments admission as per the itinerary
- Bottled mineral water onboard
- Services charges and local taxes

Excluded

- International flights
- Entry visa to Morocco
- Meal or drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional Activities
- Personal spending, tipping and optional activities

Day 1: La Maison Arabe, Marrakesh (Sat, 8 April)

Marrakesh

Situated to the north of the foothills of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains and fringing the famed Sahara, the bustling UNESCO-listed city of Marrakesh is an enchanting travel destination. Marrakesh is also home to the largest traditional Berber market in Morocco and one of the busiest squares in the world, known as Djemaa el Fna. Don't miss the opportunity to visit this square in the evening as it transforms into an enormous, open-air restaurant, and browse through exquisite carpets, spices and a myriad of other items. Art, design and architecture enthusiasts flock to the city to see its incredible artisan achievements, so beautifully expressed at the glorious Bahia Palace, Dar Si Said and Saadian Tombs, as well as at several museums. The other-worldly Jardin Majorelle is also unmissable.

Day Itinerary

Arrival to Marrakech

Once you land in Marrakech, the beauty of the South of Morocco, your driver-guide will pick you up at the exit of the airport and escort you to your hotel, check-in and have free evening to Rest.

Overnight: La Maison Arabe

Ideally situated in the medina, the hotel includes 26 rooms and suites, most with private terraces and fireplaces, 3 restaurants, a piano bar, a world-famous cooking school (open to guests staying at the hotel or elsewhere in town) as well as a new spa including a traditional hammam, where natural products from the region of Marrakech are used.

Guests at La Maison Arabe have a choice of swimming pools. Guests can relax at either the heated pool in the hotel's garden patio, or at the pool located at our spectacular Country Club, 15 minutes away by complimentary shuttle.

Walking through the hotel's flower-filled patios, one can admire the traditional Moroccan craftsmanship (tadelakt walls, chiseled plaster, cedar wood ceilings) that has created a refined, exotic and serene atmosphere for our guests.

Each of the 12 rooms and 14 suites, most with fireplace and private terrace, is unique in layout and refined decoration. All are air conditioned and centrally heated, and include a mini-bar, safe, satellite television and WIFI internet access. The bathrooms, designed using Moroccan marble and granite, are at the highest level of international luxury hotel standards.

Breakfast – either continental with homemade pastries, or deliciously Moroccan – is served in one's room, or at the buffet by the swimming pool downstairs.

An impeccable room service offers light meals or snacks for those who wish to dine in private.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: La Maison Arabe, Marrakesh (Sun, 9 April)

Day Itinerary

Marrakech Exploration Day

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 the driver guide will be waiting for you to start this full-day 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. Then continue 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. You will also visit Bahia palace which is one of the most preserved palaces in Morocco. Optional lunch and get some spare time to wander the old medina at your own pace. You will be transferred back to your hotel after.

Optional

Dinner	Chez Ali Marrakech
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Chez Ali Marrakech

Chez Ali Restaurant offers guests a sumptuous dinner and a memorable show with belly dancers, acrobats, riders, fireworks and folk music. Diners can look forward to authentic Moroccan cuisine which includes Moroccan harira, Lemon chicken tagine and Moroccan pastries while enjoying the colourful displays of the show.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Guided city tour of Marrakech
- Visit of: Majorelle Garden, Bahia Palace

Excluded

Traditional Dinner with Fantasia Show

Day 3: La Maison Arabe, Marrakesh (Mon, 10 April)

Day Itinerary**More Marrakech**

Enjoy Marrakech on your own, you may discover the souks and the Medina, or take one of our optional activities:

1. Traditional Moroccan Hammam
2. Cooking Class
3. Hot Air Ballooning

Optional

Morning	Ciel d'Afrique Hot Air Balloon Classic Flight
	Hammam Rosa Bonheur
	Cooking Class

Hammam Rosa Bonheur

The Hammam Rosa Bonheur offers a range of spa treatments with the use of natural products that are locally sourced. Also offered at this establishment are traditional Moroccan lunch or dinners that patrons can enjoy on the terrace.

Cafe Clock Marrakech

Located in Marrakech, Cafe Clock embodies the rich diversity for which Morocco is celebrated. The cafe serves Moroccan cuisine, side dishes, soups, salads and offers pastries workshops.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Agafay Desert Luxury Camp, Agafay Desert (Tue, 11 April)

Agafay Desert

Located just one hour's drive from Marrakech, in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, the Agafay Desert provides an unspoilt, tranquil retreat. Best known for its undulating dunes, hidden canyons and epic views of the majestic Atlas Mountains, the Agafay Desert makes for the perfect day trip from the lively souks and buzzing streets of Marrakech. Travellers can look forward to visiting a traditional Bedouin village, enjoying a tour into the heart of the desert, camping under the stars, sampling delicious Moroccan cuisine, and exploring Lake Takerkoust, a manmade lake fringing the desert. Other popular activities include quad-biking tours, jet skiing, swimming, stand up paddle boarding, horse riding, hiking, and mountain biking.

Day Itinerary

Marrakech - ahanouet - Kik Plateau - Takerkoust Dam - Agafay Desert - Agafay

Breakfast at your hotel and set off to Agafay desert by 4x4 car. Agafay desert is a stunning place that is located just 30 minutes drive from Marrakech city. Today you will travel off-road passing through several breathtaking locations namely the Berber village of Tahanouet, the Kik plateau, Le Barrage de Lala Takerkoust which is a popular spot for picnics; on the edge of its lake you will find a lot of restaurants serving traditional food. (Optional) Lunch will be in one of the lakeside restaurants. You will be given enough time to enjoy all the previous places before heading off to your final destination, Agafay desert. Once arrived, take a camel ride and go enjoy the sunset. Then go back to your desert camp where you will spend the night under the starry sky of Agafay desert.

Overnight: Agafay Desert Luxury Camp

Hiding in the hills of the Marrakech Desert, Agafay Desert Luxury Camp is a luxury accommodation located in an area called Agafay, about 40 min drive from Marrakech. The camp comprises 18 luxurious tents that echo the era of the 19th-century explorers but with modern comforts that include Wi-Fi, a telephone, a wooden stove, hot water, an indoor/outdoor bathtub. Guests can dine at the restaurant, swim laps at the pool, and lounge on the private sundeck equipped with a daybed and two massage beds – with views of the surrounding mountains, dry rivers and ocean of stone dunes.



Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Transfer to Casablanca
 - Overnight in the hotel
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Day 5: La Maison Arabe, Marrakesh (Wed, 12 April)

Marrakesh

As previously described

Day Itinerary

Agafay Desert – Kik Plateau – Moulay Brahim - Asni - Marrakech

Awake early to enjoy the sunrise (If you are up to it) and then enjoy a healthy breakfast before driving back to Marrakech.

You will head for the Kik Plateau where you will stop for some refreshments (we propose to have a mint tea with locals). After that, you will continue to the village of Moulay Brahim, with its famous holy shrine. Finally, the road descends into the market town of Asni at the foot of the Atlas Mountains. Here and every Saturday, a weekly livestock Souk is held (Weekly Local market for livestock), if it's a Saturday, then you will stop to visit this souk and maybe buy some rural produces like goat cheese.

Transfer to Hotel in Marrakech.

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Optional

Dinner	Rick's Cafe Casablanca
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Rick's Cafe Casablanca

Rick's Cafe Casablanca is set in an old courtyard-style mansion built against the walls of the Old Medina of Casablanca, Morocco. The restaurant and piano bar is filled with architectural and decorative details reminiscent of the city's history that provide an elegant atmosphere. The restaurant's international menu specialises in Casablanca's fish and fresh produce.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 6: End of Itinerary (Thu, 13 April)

Day Itinerary

Exit from Marrakech

Breakfast at your hotel and transfer to the airport according to your Flight departure hour..

End of our services

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Transfer to the airport
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Transport

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
8 Apr		Marrakech Menara International Airport [RAK]	La Maison Arabe		Transfer
11 Apr		La Maison Arabe	Agafay Desert Luxury Camp		Transfer
12 Apr		Agafay Desert Luxury Camp	La Maison Arabe		Transfer
13 Apr		La Maison Arabe	Marrakech Menara International Airport [RAK]		Transfer

Travel Information

Morocco Entry Visa:

A valid passport at least 6 months beyond your scheduled return date to enter Morocco is needed. Entry visas to Morocco can be obtained from Morocco Consulate before departure.

If you are a citizen of one of the listed countries, here below, you don't need a visa to enter Morocco for the purpose of tourism for up to 3 months: United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, Denmark, Netherlands, New Zealand, Switzerland...and others. For more info and details on entry visa to Morocco please check with the Moroccan consulate or embassy at your country.

Tipping:

Tips to drivers and guides are not mandatory but expected. There is no standard amount for tipping in Morocco, and like in many countries, you have to go on your gut feeling based on the service you get.

Arrival/Departure (Meet & Assistance)

In Morocco, a driver-guide or anyone who does not hold a valid flight ticket is not allowed to send you off inside of the airport according to Morocco's policy.

Drive & Guide

We arrange an English-speaking driver for the entire trip. Whilst you tour Fes and Marrakech, we will arrange private English-speaking guides on sites, and your driver will be in charge of driving you from site to site and city to city, and of course, your driver is also able to give you general information on Morocco. On your request, we are also able to arrange a private tour guide throughout the entire Morocco trip with supplement.



An exotic fusion of Southern Mediterranean, Arabic and African influences, Morocco is an enticing combination of ancient cities and Roman ruins, sweeping deserts and centuries-old medinas, mosques and minarets, winding alleyways and vibrant markets, gorgeous beaches and rugged mountains. The Imperial Cities of Fes, Marrakech, Meknes and Rabat have all had a stint as the national capital and are liberally studded with attractions, including a plethora of ancient architecture, museums and souks (markets). The coastal city of Casablanca boasts one of the largest mosques in the world, while Tangier, on the Mediterranean coast, features some beautiful bays and sandy coves. Visitors can look forward to sampling exotic Berber cuisine, sipping on a fresh cup of coffee or a mint tea at a streetside cafe, hike Toubkal - North Africa's highest peak or enjoy camel trekking in the desert.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Moroccan Dirham (MAD; symbol Dh) = 100 centimes. Notes are in denominations of Dh200, 100, 50, 20 and 10. Coins are in denominations of Dh10, 5 and 1, and 50, 20, 10 and 5 centimes.

Banking

Mon-Thurs 0830-1230 and 1500-1830, Fri 0830-1200 and 1500-1830.

Most major credit cards are accepted in larger restaurants, hotels, guest houses and the occasional shop in the souks, with Visa and MasterCard being accepted most widely.

Cash can be withdrawn from ATMs in larger towns, although service in smaller towns can be erratic. Most major hotels now have more reliable ATMs.

Traveller's cheques are accepted in some areas but are not advised, as the exchange can be problematic and it can be difficult to find a bank able to cash them, although some of the main tourist hotels offer this facility.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

The high-speed toll roads connecting Tangier, Rabat, Casablanca, Meknes, Fes, Marrakech and El Jadida are of excellent quality. Coastal communities and most large towns are also well served by good roads. In the interior, south of the High Atlas Mountains, road travel becomes much more difficult, especially across the Atlas Mountains in winter.

International and local car hire companies have offices in major towns, cities and airports. Car hire is generally expensive, and prices vary with the season. The minimum age for driving a hired car is 18, although many hire companies will require drivers to be 21 or over.

Metered petit taxis are available in major towns. Taxi drivers are not usually tipped, although it is common to round fares up at least to the next dirham on short trips. Larger, grand taxis are usually Mercedes cars, used for travel outside medinas and to areas outside towns. These can be shared, but fares should be agreed before departure as they don't have meters.

Bike hire is available in most major towns - although attempting to cycle through city traffic is inadvisable. For those travelling longer distances, bikes can be transported on trains and buses.

Making use of the extensive bus network is the cheapest and most popular way to get around Morocco. Buses serve most communities, and private operators compete for custom on the more popular routes. The major bus companies are Compagnie de Transports Marocains (www.ctm.ma), Trans Ghazala (0536 685 387), and ONCF (www.oncf.ma). There are extensive bus services in Casablanca and other main towns. Pre-purchase tickets are sold.

Traffic drives on the right in Morocco and the wearing of seatbelts is compulsory. The speed limit is 40kph (25mph) in cities and built up areas, rising to 80km (50mph) on more major roads, up to 120km (75mph) on motorways. No alcohol at all is allowed in the bloodstream when driving.

Foreign driving licences are accepted, as well as International Driving Permits. Third Party insurance is required. Insurance documentation and a licence must be carried with you at all times. Insurance can be arranged locally.

The Moroccan rail system, run by Office National des Chemins de Fer (ONCF) (www.oncf.ma) provides regular services. The network runs from Oujda in the northeast to Casablanca on the west coast, Tangier on the north coast and Fes and Marrakech in the interior. However, only a small part of the country is served, and even large centres such as Agadir and Essaouira are not covered.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Water sources outside main cities and towns may be contaminated and sterilisation is advisable. Bottled water is the best bet and is available everywhere. Milk is unpasteurised, so boil before drinking. Meat and fish should be freshly cooked and served hot. Vegetables are typically served cooked. If eating fruit, try to stick to fruit that can be peeled before eating. Most produce is grown organically, without chemical pesticides or fertilisers but it's highly likely to have been washed in unsterilized water.

Fusion isn't a new trend in Morocco, where the cuisine is a blend of Mediterranean, Arabic, Jewish, Persian, West African and Berber influences. Meals range from the *diffa*, an elaborate multicourse feast featuring couscous and grilled meats, to quick brochettes (kebab) from a roadside stall. Produce is seasonal, grown locally and typically without chemical pesticides or fertilisers.

Tagines, the fragrant stews of meat, vegetables or fish, named after the distinctive conical earthenware vessel they're cooked in are the Moroccans main staple. Flavours revolve around a subtle array of spices, and traditionally every spice shop would have its own secret *ras el hanout* spice blend recipe.

Restaurants range from buffet diners to high-end establishment serving gourmet fare. Many now offer *à la carte* menus and a three-course fixed-price menu is still common at dinner. Restaurants in cities and large resorts are cosmopolitan, offering a good selection of cuisines, including typical Moroccan fare, plus French, Italian, Spanish and fusion dishes.

The best way to experience the true flavour of Moroccan cuisine, however, is to sample the street food. Djemaa el Fna square in the centre of Marrakech sees an explosion of pop-up food stalls after dark, and most other cities have their own foodie quarters. Scrumptious local specialities such as almonds, olives and a rainbow array of spices can be found in souks across the country.

Laws on alcohol are fairly liberal (for non-Muslim visitors) and bars in most tourist areas stay open late. Wines, beers and spirits are available to tourists. Muslims are forbidden to drink alcohol. By law, no-one is allowed to drink alcohol in view of a mosque or during Ramadan, although tourist establishments sometimes flout this rule. Locally produced wines, beers and mineral waters are reasonably priced, but imported drinks tend to be expensive.

Tipping waiting staff is expected (if service is satisfactory), usually up to 5 dirams on small bills, and around 10% for larger bills.

Climate and Weather

Morocco's climate is very diverse, varying with the season and region. In general the country has a tropical climate, with temperatures reaching as high as 35°C (95°F) and as low as 5°C (41°F) in the Sahara. The coast has a warm, Mediterranean climate tempered on the eastern coast by southwest trade winds whilst inland areas have a hotter, drier, continental climate. In the south of the country, the weather is very hot and dry throughout most of the year, though temperatures can drop dramatically at night, especially in the months of December and January.

Rain falls from November to March in coastal areas, and the country is mostly dry with high temperatures in summer and a cooler climate in the mountains. Marrakech and Agadir enjoy an average temperature of 21°C (70°F) during the winter.

Owing to the relatively high winter temperatures, and summers that are dry rather than unbearably humid, Morocco is an all-year round destination. If you really want to avoid the heat, the best time to visit is during the shoulder seasons of April to May, and September to November.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Lightweight cottons and linens are best worn during summer, with warm medium weight wear for the evenings, during the winter, and in the mountains. Waterproofing is advisable in the wet season, particularly on the coast and in the mountains. Both men and women should be careful to wear clothing that is cognisant of cultural sensitivities – long sleeves and low hems will be looked on favourably. Sunscreen, a sunhat and sunglasses are essential especially in summer.

Internet Availability

Access is unrestricted and is widely available in business centres, hotels and in internet cafés. A one month prepaid unlimited internet access card for laptops, iPhones and smartphones is available from Maroc Telecom (who also have the best national coverage).

Electricity and Plug Standards

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Morocco are one of the two European standard electrical socket types: The "Type C" Europlug and the "Type E" and "Type F" Schuko. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. If it's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for all three types.

Electrical sockets (outlets) in the Kingdom of Morocco usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.

But travel plug adapters do not change the voltage, so the electricity coming through the adapter will still be the same 220-240 volts the socket is supplying. North American sockets supply electricity at between 110 and 120 volts, far lower than in most of the rest of the world. Consequently, North American appliances are generally built for 110-120 volts.

Terms and Conditions

PURE MOROCCO Terms and Conditions

Tour Rates :

All published rates are quoted in USD, per person per booking, and are valid all year round, except during Christmas and New Year breaks.

The minimum and max price depend on the number of travelers for each tour booking.

Children Policy:

00-01.99: Free of charge

02-11.99: Until 50% discount, depending on the tour

12+: is considered as an adult

Payment Policy:

Bookings should be done as early as possible to reserve your desired visit to Morocco; all the included services will be booked and secured upon receiving a deposit of at least of 25% (*depending on each tour*), this deposit constitutes a part of your final payment. The remaining balance should be paid according to the conditions of each booking.

Deposits can be made according to the following conditions:

1. Minimum of 25% upon booking
2. Remaining payment 14 days before arrival

During the Christmas and New Year holidays, the required deposit is 100%.

Tour Voucher:

Once your tour is confirmed, you will receive our final confirmation and voucher to print and bring with you. This voucher will include all the necessary details such as Pure Morocco representative contact and emergency phone number.

Cancellation and Refund Policy:

We will do everything possible to meet your needs. We recommend all our customers buy travel insurance in case of interruption, accidents, illness, or anything that may happen.

If a booking must be canceled, a cancellation fee may apply as per the below outlined conditions:

- No cancellation fee when cancellation is made 30 days in - the advance of the travel date
- Between 21 and 14 days in advance of your travel date: 25% cancellation fee.
- Between 14 and 7 days in advance of your travel date: 50% cancellation fee.
- From 7 days to your travel date: 100% cancellation fee.
- No refunds are possible in the case of a no-show and/or after the tours start.