Itinerary

11 Day Magic of Morocco Small Group Tour

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

Day 1: Arrive Casablanca, Morocco

Welcome to Casablanca! Upon your arrival, our dedicated driver will warmly greet you and provide a comfortable transfer to your accommodation. Once you've settled in, the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Whether you choose to relax and unwind or embark on a spontaneous exploration of the city, we trust that the beginning of your stay in Casablanca will be both delightful and restful.
MEALS: Nil

OVERNIGHT: Gray Boutique Hotel Casablanca

Day 2: Casablanca ~ Rabat ~ Chefchaouan

Embark on a captivating morning journey as we pick you up from your Casablanca hotel to kick off your exploration towards Rabat, the capital of Morocco. Marvel at the picturesque landscapes along the way, and once in Rabat, delve into the city's renowned attractions such as the majestic Hassan Tower and the Mausoleum of Mohamed 5.
Our adventure continues with a scenic drive to Chefchaouan, famously known as Morocco's Blue City. As you arrive, indulge in a leisurely stroll through the enchanting streets, absorbing the allure of the blue-washed alleys that make this town truly unique. Your night will be spent in the lap of luxury at a splendid Riad, where you can savour the tranquil ambiance and relish the serene atmosphere of the city.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 350km

APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIME: 5hr 30min

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Dar Hicham or Riad Dar Mounir

Day 3: Chefchaouan ~ Fes

Following a delightful breakfast at the Riad, our expedition continues with a scenic drive through the picturesque Rif Mountains, allowing you to immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring landscapes of the region. En route to Fez, our path meanders through charming villages, offering glimpses of the beauty that graces the journey.

As we approach Volubilis, acknowledged as the best-preserved Roman ruins in North Africa and honoured with UNESCO World Heritage status, you'll have the chance to explore this historical gem. Our subsequent destination is the idyllic village of Mounlay Idriss, nestled in the Rif Mountains and celebrated as one of the world's most enchanting villages, surrounded by captivating city walls.

The journey continues as we make our way to the vibrant city of Fez. In the late afternoon, we will gracefully arrive in Fez, ready to embark on the next chapter of our exploration.

NOTE: *Entrance fees to Volubilis is not included in the tour and is typically approx. €20. There is no obligation to enter the Volubilis and can be explored from outside unless you choose to.*

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 200km

APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIME: 4hr 00min

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: La Cle Du Fes or Riad Dari Fes

Day 4: Fes City Tour

Today you will immerse yourself in the rich cultural tapestry of Fez as you explore its iconic landmarks. Wander through the enchanting EL Madena of Fez, navigating its narrow alleys and unveiling the historical treasures of AL Karaouine University, revered as the oldest university globally. Delve into the vibrant Jewish quarters, where a plethora of Jewish accessories and traditional items await, offering insights into Jewish culture.
Embark on a journey through the beautiful narrow streets, arriving at the mesmerising leather tanneries where skilled artisans stand immersed in toxic baths, crafting and curing leather. Don't miss the opportunity to acquire ethnic leather goods, a testament to exquisite craftsmanship.

Continue your day with a drive to the illustrious Royal Palace or Dar Lmakhzan, followed by a well-deserved lunch break. Resume your exploration in the Mellah district, unraveling the district's unique charm. Visit the Batha Museum to delve into the cultural heritage of the region. Next on the itinerary is a visit to the Moulay Idriss mausoleum, offering a serene pause to reflect on the city's history and spirituality.

As the day draws to a close, return to your accommodation, cherishing the memories of a day filled with cultural discoveries and historical wonders in the heart of Fez.

NOTE: *Entrance fees to Batha Museum is not included in the tour and is typically approx. €2. There is no obligation to enter the museum unless you choose to.*

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: La Cle Du Fes or Riad Dari Fes

Day 5: Fez ~ Cedar Forest ~ Merzouga (Dunes of Erg Chebbi)

Embark on a picturesque journey today as we bid farewell to Fes. Our route takes us through Ifrane, often referred to as Morocco's little Switzerland, showcasing its charming allure. Traverse the Middle Atlas

Mountains, immersing ourselves in the morning amidst breathtaking forests, rugged rock walls, and quaint Berber villages. A highlight awaits at the Cedar Forest, Morocco's largest, where nature's grandeur unfolds before our eyes.

Our expedition continues towards Midelt, famed for its fossils and apples, where we pause for a delightful lunch. We then progress through the scenic Ziz valley and Erfoud, renowned as the capital of dates. En route, a stop at Aoufous treats us to a mesmerising panoramic view over the city, creating a lasting impression.

Journeying through Arfoud, the Date capital, we eventually reach the captivating Merzouga desert. As the late afternoon sun bathes the landscape in warm hues, we settle into a local hotel near the dunes, ready to embrace the unique charm and tranquility of this enchanting desert oasis.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 470km

APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIME: 7hr 30min

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Riad Dar Hassan

Day 6: Merzouga Village ~ Visit Nomads ~ Camel Trekking

Embark on another day of discovery in Merzouga, commencing with a delightful breakfast that prepares you for a day filled with cultural immersion and desert adventures. Begin by visiting the Gnawa music group in the village of Khamlia, where the enchanting rhythms of Gnawa music will captivate your senses, providing a window into their unique lifestyle.
Next on the agenda is a scenic drive through the Sahara Desert, offering a rare opportunity to connect with nomadic families residing in traditional Berber tents. Immerse yourself in their way of life and gain valuable insights into the rich cultural tapestry of the desert communities.

For lunch, savour the flavours of a local delicacy known as Berber pizza, adding a culinary highlight to your day. Returning to the hotel, your camel guide awaits to lead you on a mesmerizing camel ride across the majestic dunes of Erg Chebbi. Pause to witness the breathtaking beauty of a desert sunset, creating a surreal atmosphere.

As the day concludes, arrive at your luxury desert camp nestled in the heart of the desert. Here, surrounded by the enchanting ambiance, indulge in a delightful dinner and experience the rhythmic beats of a drumming party around the campfire. A night spent in this magical setting promises an unforgettable experience, connecting you with the spirit of the Sahara.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Amskou Luxury Camp or Jannat Luxury Camp

Day 7: Merzouga ~ Jorf ~ Todgha Gorges ~ Dades Valley

Awaken to the call of your hosts at the desert camp, eager to share with you the magic of the most enchanting sunrise of your journey. Rise early and embark on a peaceful camel ride back to the village, relishing the serene moments as the rising sun bathes the Erg Chebbi dunes in a kaleidoscope of colours.

The journey back allows you to fully appreciate the unique beauty of the spectacular dunes, their contours shifting with the changing light of the day. Following your return, enjoy a hearty breakfast and a refreshing shower at the Riad, preparing for the next leg of your adventure.

Setting forth, we make our way to Rissani, Tinghir, and the Todra Gorges – an extraordinary destination boasting the highest and narrowest gorges in Morocco. Following a sumptuous lunch amidst the awe-inspiring gorges, our journey continues through the Dades Valley. Marvel at the majestic sandcastles and the extraordinary rock formations known as "Monkey Fingers," creating a surreal landscape.

As the day unfolds, we find solace and comfort at a kasbah, where the night brings tranquility. Enjoy a delightful dinner and restful night's sleep, surrounded by the ancient beauty of your surroundings. Tomorrow promises another day of exploration and discovery.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 260km

APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIME: 4hr 00min

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Kasbah Didis or Panorama Dades

Day 8: Dades Valley ~ Ouarzazate

After breakfast, embark on a captivating journey through the Dades Gorges. As you traverse the winding roads, you'll be greeted by breathtaking landscapes before reaching Kalaa M'gouna and Ouarzazate. The route takes you through Skoura, renowned for its thousand Kasbahs, providing picturesque opportunities to capture some of the most captivating photographs.
A stop at Kalaat M'gouna, aptly named "The City of Roses," invites you to explore local cooperatives, immersing yourself in the vibrant culture of the city. Continuing through Skoura and the valley of birds, discover the well-preserved Kasbah of Amridile, a testament to the rich architectural heritage of the region.

Our journey culminates in Ouarzazate, often hailed as the "Hollywood of Africa." Here, amidst the vibrant energy of the city, you will spend the night at the Kasbah, absorbing the unique blend of tradition and modernity that defines this captivating destination.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 140km

APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIME: 2hr 00min

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Riad Amlal

Day 9: Ouarzazate ~ Ait Ben Haddou Kasbah – Marrakech

Embark on the next leg of your adventure as we journey towards Marrakech, one of Morocco's imperial jewels. Along the way, we'll pause to explore the renowned Ouarzazate film studio, gaining insights into the magic of Moroccan cinema. Our route to Marrakech includes a visit to the Aït Ben Haddou Kasbah, a UNESCO World Heritage Site steeped in historical significance.

As we traverse the scenic Tizi – N – Tichka pass (2260 m), be prepared to be captivated by breathtaking vistas that unfold around every curve. The rugged beauty of the landscape serves as a prelude to the vibrant energy awaiting you in Marrakech.

By late afternoon, our journey culminates as we arrive in Marrakech, where you will be dropped off at your accommodation. Prepare to immerse yourself in the sensory delights and cultural richness that Marrakech has to offer. Your stay in this imperial city promises to be a kaleidoscope of experiences, blending history, tradition, and the enchantment of modern Morocco.

NOTE: *Entrance fees to monuments are not included in the tour and typically range from €10 to €20. Many sites are free to access, and others can be appreciated from the outside, making entry fees entirely optional. There is no obligation to enter any monument unless you choose to.*

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 220km

APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIME: 4hr 00min

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Bahia Salam or Riad Merzouga

Day 10: Marrakech City Tour

Embark on a day of exploration in Marrakech, the captivating "Red City," starting with a delicious breakfast at your accommodation. With your knowledgeable local guide, dive into the rich tapestry of history and culture that Marrakech has to offer.
Our journey begins with a visit to the renowned Saadian Tombs and the opulent Bahia Palace, where intricate architecture and fascinating stories await. Continuing our full-day tour, we explore the enchanting Majorelle Gardens (entrance fee not included), a haven of beauty and tranquility that holds a myriad of treasures.

NOTE: *Majorelle Gardens entrance tickets are limited and needs to be booked in advance. Contact MyHoliday2 if you want to check availability or book tickets.*

Next on the itinerary is a visit to the grand Badi Palace and the vibrant tanneries, where the original leather is skilfully transformed into clothing, bags, and shoes. Our exploration continues at Menara, a popular tourist site known for its scenic gardens and tranquil ambiance. We then proceed to the iconic Koutoubia Mosque and the bustling Djemaa El Fna square, where a lively spectacle unfolds with snake charmers, musicians, storytellers, and dancers.

After this immersive experience, take a leisurely stroll through the bustling souks and historic sites of the ancient Medina of Marrakech. In the late afternoon, we'll drop you off at your accommodation, allowing you to reflect on the day's adventures and unwind in the unique charm of Marrakech's vibrant atmosphere.

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MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Bahia Salam or Riad Merzouga

Day 11: Depart Marrakech

As your Moroccan adventure comes to a close, savour a final breakfast at your accommodation in Marrakech. Following this, our team will ensure a seamless transfer to either the Casablanca or Marrakech airport, concluding your remarkable 11-day journey with memories that will last a lifetime. We hope you depart with a heart full of experiences and a deep appreciation for the diverse wonders Morocco has to offer. Safe travels!
MEALS: Breakfast