



## Itinerary

### 9 Day Uncover Morocco Small Group Tour

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE: This is the default version of the tour itinerary. Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this version. If you have booked extras, Please contact [info@myholiday2.com.au](mailto:info@myholiday2.com.au) for a personalised version of your itinerary\***

#### Day 1: Arrive Marrakech

Upon your arrival in Marrakech airport, our driver will be there to greet you and transfer you to your accommodation in Marrakech.

MEALS: None

OVERNIGHT: Riad Merzouga Marrakech

#### Day 2: Marrakech City Tour

In the morning, embark on a journey through the vibrant red city of Marrakech with your knowledgeable local tour guide. Our first stops include the renowned Tanneries, the Saadian Tomb, and the opulent Bahia Palace. The exploration continues with a full-day tour featuring the captivating Majorelle Gardens, a renowned destination with a wealth of attractions. Following this, we visit the historical Badi Palace and the tanneries where original leather is crafted into garments, bags, shoes, and more.

Next on the itinerary is a visit to the popular Menara, a favoured destination for many tourists. We then proceed to the iconic Koutoubia Mosque and the bustling square of Djemaa El Fna, where you can witness entertaining activities such as snake charmers, musicians, storytellers, and dancers. Following the lively square experience, take a leisurely stroll through the intricate souks and historical sites of the old Medina of Marrakech.

As the day unfolds, relish a breathtaking sunset from a panoramic vantage point before concluding the adventure. Finally, we escort you to your hotel for a restful night.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Riad Merzouga Marrakech or Riad Bahia Salam

#### Day 3: Marrakech ~ High Atlas Mountains ~ Ait Ben Haddou ~ Ouarzazate ~ Dades Gorges

In the morning, you'll be collected from your lodging in Marrakech, embarking on an unforgettable journey to Ouarzazate through the spectacular High Atlas Mountains. Ascend through the Tizi N'Tichka pass (2,260m), marvelling at picturesque villages clinging to the mountainsides. At the Argan Oil Cooperative, witness the intricate process of crafting Argan Oil. Continuing the adventure, traverse the rugged stone

desert en route to the Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou, a fortified village, and UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its use as a backdrop in films such as Gladiator, Game of Thrones, and Lawrence of Arabia.

Explore Taourirt and the renowned film studios before indulging in a delicious lunch. The journey then takes you through the enchanting Dades Valley along the famed "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs," passing the charming town of Skoura, celebrated for its numerous Kasbahs, and proceeding to Kelaat Magouna, famed for its roses. Upon reaching Boumalne Dades, savour a delightful dinner and retire for the night.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Kasbah Didis or Panorama Dades

#### Day 4: Dades Gorges ~ Todra Gorges ~ Merzouga Desert

Embark on a morning journey through ever-changing landscapes en route to the enchanting dunes of Merzouga. Traverse the Tinghir oasis, winding through palm groves towards the Todra Gorges. In this captivating locale, limestone cliffs create a breathtaking passage amid the stunning peaks of the Todra Massif, ultimately descending to the river's flatbed. The peaks, reaching up to 320m, stand sentinel over the meandering Todra Gorge, originating from the High Atlas Mountains. Take a leisurely stroll through the gorges and palm groves at your own pace.

After a satisfying lunch, the excursion continues to Tinjdat and Erfoud, known for their picturesque palm groves. The 9 Day Uncover Morocco Tour then proceeds to the mesmerizing Merzouga Desert, where you'll embark on a camel ride through the undulating dunes of Erg Chebbi. Pause to witness a breathtaking sunset, casting golden hues over the vast sand dunes, resembling moving sculptures in the form of draped fabric. Observe the colours transform with the changing light intensity, resembling living walls of the desert, with the tallest dunes reaching an impressive 150 meters.

Cap off the day with a magical night under the stars in nomadic tents, following a delectable dinner and a musical celebration with the locals, featuring the rhythmic beats of Berber drums. Undoubtedly, this experience will be one of the most memorable nights of your journey.

MEALS: Breakfast , Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Jannat Luxury Camp or Amsko Luxury Camp

#### Day 5: Merzouga Tour ~ Visit Nomad Families

Following breakfast at the camp, return on camels to the dune line, where your driver awaits to commence your exploration of the expansive dunes of Merzouga. Begin your tour by visiting key sites in the Merzouga area, including Hassi Lbeid, Tanamoust, and Khamlia, where you'll encounter a local musical band playing African tunes. Immerse yourself in the rhythms of the music before continuing to the nomadic community to gain insights into their lifestyle and traditions and savour a taste of Berber pizza.

The journey proceeds to Merzouga for lunch, followed by a visit to Hassi Lbeid Oasis, offering a panoramic view of Merzouga. In the late afternoon, you'll be transported to your accommodation, where you'll spend the night.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Riad Dar Hassan or Riad Café Du Sud Merzouga

### Day 6: Erfoud ~ Ziz Valley ~ Midlet ~ Fes

After enjoying breakfast at your riad in Merzouga, embark on the next leg of your 9-day desert tour towards the city of Midelt. As you travel, pass through Erfoud, renowned as the date capital and famous for its fossils. Take a moment to explore some museums in the city before continuing your journey towards Errachidia, with a delightful stop at a fantastic panorama overlooking the village of Aoufous.

Proceed to Errachidia, where a break for lunch awaits, and then drive to Midelt via the scenic Tizi N Talghamt pass. Upon reaching Midelt, known as the "apple capital," you'll have the opportunity to explore the city. Subsequently, venture through the Cedar Forest of Azrou and arrive in Ifrane, often referred to as Morocco's little Switzerland. In the later afternoon, you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Fes Riad Tahra or La Cle Du Fes

### Day 7: Fes ~ Volubilis ~ Meknes ~ Chefchaouen

Following breakfast, depart from Fes towards Chefchaouen, with captivating stops at the Roman ruins of Volubilis and the sacred town of Moulay Idriss I, where the founder of Islam in Morocco is entombed. After a satisfying lunch, proceed to Meknes, founded by Moulay Ismail at the end of the 17th century and renowned as "The Moroccan Versailles." Explore key attractions such as the Moulay Ismail Mausoleum and Bab Mansour Gate before continuing your journey towards the enchanting Blue City of Chefchaouen.

Take in the picturesque landscapes along the way, capturing outstanding shots of the finest scenery. Traverse the Rif Mountains, arriving in Chefchaouen, known for its distinctive, blue-washed alleys. Embark on a local tour through the city, visiting cooperatives that craft local handcrafts, and explore the captivating Aqchour waterfall. In the late afternoon, you'll be transported to your accommodation, where you'll spend the night.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Riad Hicham

### Day 8: Chefchaouen ~ Rabat ~ Marrakech

After enjoying breakfast at your lodging in Chefchaouen, embark on a journey towards Rabat, the capital city of Morocco, while taking in the scenic beauty of the Rif Mountains. Upon reaching Rabat, explore significant landmarks like Hassan Tower and the Mausoleum of Mohamed 5. Subsequently, visit the Oudaya Kasbah. Following a satisfying lunch, our expedition continues towards Marrakech. By late afternoon, we'll arrive in Marrakech and drop you off at your accommodation.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Riad Merzouga Marrakech

### Day 9: Depart Marrakech

Following breakfast at your accommodation, our driver will arrange your transfer to the airport, taking into consideration your flight schedule.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: N/A