

# Morocco Cities & the Sahara from Casablanca 9 days/8 Nights 10 JANUARY - 31 OCTOBER 2023

## COUNTRY INFORMATION, FACTS & ADVICE

#### **Keeping Healthy in Morocco**

No vaccinations are required for Morocco. While there is a limited risk of Malaria in some parts of rural Morocco (remote areas of the sub-Saharan desert), it's not recommended to take anti-malarial drugs for travelers following standard city-based itineraries.

Morocco has a diverse geography, from the cooler, wetter Mediterranean and Atlantic coast in the north, to the desperately hot, arid deserts and mountains of the south. You can encounter a wide range of climatic conditions and you should be prepared.

#### Weather

#### **Best Season to Travel**

March, April, May, part of June, September & October - perfect warm temperatures (25 to 35 degrees Celsius) in the south, very little chance of rain and warm evenings, except in March and early April where evenings and mornings can be cooler (13° to 17°C).

#### Shoulder Season (winter)

Mid November to Mid-February is mostly warm (15 to 25 degrees Celsius) but can be very chilly in evenings and it may rain but rarely for long periods.

#### Hot Season (summer)

Mid-June, July and August can be very hot in Marrakech and in the south (up to 45 degrees Celsius), but more pleasant in the mountains and on the coast.

#### What to Pack

- First and foremost, we recommend layers to add and remove according to the varying temperatures
- Blouses/shirts with long sleeves to protect you from sun
- Cotton t-shirts and tops
- Fleece/jumper for the evening, temperatures drop at night in the desert
- Long trousers for the evenings for the same reason
- Light walking shoes/boots for any activities in the desert or mountains
- Sun Hat, sun glasses, sunblock
- Women need a scarf to cover their head and shoulders entering Muslim sites.
- Plug adapter: Morocco use 127/220V 50Hz

#### **Religion & Etiquette**

Morocco is an Islamic country. The religion is an integral part of the culture. Morocco is a land of tolerance, where Jews, Christians and Muslims live together in peace.

# Money

#### Currency

The local currency is the Dirham (MAD). Foreign currencies can be converted at most banks, but it's not wise to carry too much. Pounds Sterling, US Dollars or Euros can be changed into local currency at any hotel, airport or bureau de change.

#### **ATMs and Banks**

ATMs are installed in most towns providing a secure and cost-effective way to retrieve money from your bank account or credit card

#### Credit cards

MasterCard, Visa and American Express are widely accepted, even in some shops in the souks, particularly for carpets.

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# VALID FROM 10 JANUARY - 31 OCTOBER 2023



#### DAY 1: ARRIVAL / CASABLANCA

Arrival at Casablanca Mohamed V Airport, meet and greet by your guide. Transfer to the city center for a city tour; including the Habous neighborhood, Ain Diab corniche, the Mohammed V Palace and the entrance to the Hassan II Mosque. End of the day, transfer to hotel for check-in, dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 2: RABAT - MEKNES - VOLUBILIS - FES

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Meknes, famous for its 40 km of surrounding walls, still perfectly preserved. We will visit Bab El Mansour, the most important gateway, the Jewish quarter. Lunch at restaurant. Continue to Moulay Idriss, the holy city where the founder of Islam is buried (the van cannot stop and enter the city) and visit the majestic Roman ruins of the city of Volubilis. Continue to Fes. Arrival at the hotel, dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 3: FES FULL DAY

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day dedicated to visiting the "Cultural Capital" of the kingdom (twinned with Florence), the oldest of the imperial cities founded by Moulay Idriss II and the cradle of civilization and religion in the country where the world's first religious university is located. Islamic.; The splendid Medersa Bou-Anania. In addition, we will also visit the Medersa Attarine, the Moulay Idriss Mausoleum and the Karaouine Mosque (external). Lunch at restaurant. In the afternoon, continuation of the visit to Fez. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 4: FES - IFRANE - MIDELT - ERFOUD - MERZOUGA

Breakfast at the hotel, then drive from Fez to Ifrane, which is a beautiful mountain town, often called as the Switzerland of Morocco. Stop near the cedar forest in the central Atlas Mountains, where you can watch the monkeys enjoy their freedom. Then visit the town of Midelt famous for its minerals and cool weather in summer. Lunch at Restaurant. Continue to Erfoud. Upon arrival, get off the minibus and took 4X4 over the Merzouga dunes and enjoyed the fabulous desert sunset. Check-in to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 5: MERZOUGA - ERFOUD - TİNGHİR – TODRA GORGE - OUARZAZATE

Early wake-up and enjoy the sunrise over the camel in desert dunes. Return back to hotel for breakfast. Get off the 4X4, take the bus and head to Ouarzazate via Tinghir, time to explore the Todra Gorges. Lunch at restaurant and continuation to Ouarzazate, check-in to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 6: OUARZAZATE - AİT BEN HADDOU - MARRAKECH

Breakfast at the hotel, visit Atlas Cinema Studio and departure to Ait Ben Haddou via Kelaa M'Gouna. Lunch at restaurant. Transfer to Marrakech, crossing the High Atlas Mountains and the Tizi-n-Tichka pass (2260m). At the panoramic viewpoints, there will be opportunities to stop and take photos. Arrive Marrakech, check-in to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 7: MARRAKECH FULL DAY

Breakfast at the hotel, full day devoted to visit Marrakech, known as the Pearl of the South, founded by the Almoravids in the late 11th century. The visit includes the Koutoubia Mosque (outside), the Majorelle Gardens (enter), the Bahia Palace (enter). Lunch at restaurant. Spend the rest of the day exploring the magical Djemaa El Fna square. End of the day, transfer back to hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 8: MARRAKECH - CASABLANCA

Breakfast at the hotel. Then transfer to Casablanca, lunch at restaurant. Free time for shopping at Morocco Mall and Old Medina. End of the day, transfer back to hotel for check-in, dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 9: CASABLANCA DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. Transfer on time to the airport for the return flight. \* The client must generally be at the airport 3 hours before the departure flight.

Please note that unavoidable changes to the itinerary may occur due to climate change or government policies or exceptional events. We could be obliged to change the hotel or even the tour schedule in some forced cases, such as the visit of the Kings, the government congress, ...

#### \*\*\* END OF SERVICES \*\*\*

# **DETAIL OFFER**

## HOTEL QOUTED OR SIMILAR

| CITIES     | 4* HOTELS OR SIMILAR          | 4/5* HOTELS OR SIMILAR  | NO. OF<br>NIGHTS |
|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| CASABLANCA | KENZI BASMA HOTEL             | FARAH HOTEL             | 1                |
| FES        | L'ESCALE HOTEL                | LE MERINIES HOTEL       | 2                |
| MERZOUGA   | TOMBOUCTOU HOTEL              | TOMBOUCTOU HOTEL-4*     | 1                |
| OUARZAZATE | <b>CLUB HANANE HOTEL</b>      | OSCAR BY ATLAS HOTEL-4* | 1                |
| MARRAKECH  | <b>DIWANE HOTEL &amp; SPA</b> | ADAM PARK HOTEL         | 2                |
| CASABLANCA | KENZI BASMA HOTEL             | FARAH HOTEL             | 1                |

### **PACKAGE PRICE**

| Rate per person sharing in DOUBLE room in USD |           |           |  |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| BASE                                          | 4 STARS   | 4-5 STARS |  |
| 2 PAX (6 SEATERS)                             | USD 2,180 | USD 2,455 |  |
| 4 PAX (6 SEATERS)                             | USD 1,400 | USD 1,675 |  |
| 6 PAX (17 SEATERS)                            | USD 1,250 | USD 1,520 |  |
| 8 PAX (17 SEATERS)                            | USD 1,085 | USD 1,360 |  |
| 10 + 1 (27 SEATERS)                           | USD 1,130 | USD 1,445 |  |
| 15 + 1 (40 SEATERS)                           | USD 960   | USD 1,220 |  |
| 20 + 1 (40 SEATERS)                           | USD 890   | USD 1,490 |  |
| 25 + 1 (48 SEATERS)                           | USD 835   | USD 1,090 |  |
| 30 + 1 (48 SEATERS)                           | USD 795   | USD 1,045 |  |
| SINGLE SUPPLEMENT                             | USD 305   | USD 385   |  |
| SUPPLEMENT 7 LUNCHES                          | USD 135   |           |  |

#### INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Welcome and assistance upon arrival by your guide
- Transportation for the entire program
- 08 nights' accommodation in half board (Breakfast and Dinner)
- English-Speaking guide available for the entire program
- City Guide for city visit from 20 pax and above
- Entrance fees to the monuments

(Hassan II Mosque / Volubilis / Bou Inania Madrasa / Medersa Attarine / Atlas Film Studio / Bahia Palace / Majorelle Garden)

- 1 bottle of water per person per day on the bus
- 4x4 transfer to the dunes + 1 camel ride

#### NOT INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- PCR TEST
- ✤ <u>LUNCH</u>
- Tips
- Porters at airport and hotel
- Drinks at meals
- Personal expenses
- Any other service not mentioned above

#### **GENERAL TERMS AND DISCLAIMER:**

Tips are \$ 3 per person per day for the driver and \$ 4 per person per day for the guide. Cancellation fees will apply according to the providers' terms, generally 20% up to 40 days prior to arrival, 40% up to 20 days, 80% up to 7 days, 100% from 6 days prior to arrival.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- > The above quote is only an estimated cost.
- Rates are subject to change depending on new regulations to be established due to Covid-19. There is a strong possibility that new implementations will be applied to visit sites, museums, hotel rooms and transport, so prices may change in the near future. They may also change the hours of operation of the sites. We will inform you of any updates related to this matter.

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