

# 12 Days Morocco Tour

May 22 - June 4, 2025



## Why visit Morocco - Highlights from previous participants

"We loved the trip and are still on a Morocco high."

Mr. & Mrs. Ruth and Richard C.

"Both Patti and I absolutely loved it! We have taken a lot of vacations and this one ranks right up there as one of the best we've ever had the opportunity to go on! We both find it hard to believe how much was packed into the itinerary. Honestly, it is hard to pick any one highlight over the other - just when we thought things couldn't get any better - they did."

Mr. & Mrs. Mike and Patti S.

"Morocco was a wonderful, once in a lifetime experience. I would do another tour in a heartbeat! I would encourage everyone who is able to experience Morocco through the lens of an African Travel Seminar Tour. It was fabulous. Form Casablanca to Rabat to Marrakech and every point in-between the trip was awe-inspiring. I am absolutely amazed with the breadth and depth of the experiences that Georgina organized for those of us who were blessed to tour Morocco with her."

#### Rev. Julius J.

## DAY 1: MAY. 22: DEPART THE UNITED STATES FOR CASABLANCA MOROCCO

After much preparation and learning about Morocco depart to Morocco.

## DAY 2: MAY. 23: CASABLANCA

Upon arrival in Casablanca, the economic capital of Morocco, you will be met and transferred to your Casablanca hotel, where you will check in and relax for the afternoon. Then you will begin the tour at Hassan II Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world. Loaded with religious and historical significance, it will awe you with its sheer size and incredible architecture. Smell the salty ocean air as you marvel at the exquisite minaret! Dinner will be served at a local restaurant. **CLUB VAL D'ANFA HOTEL (D)** 

# DAY 3: MAY. 24: CASABLANCA / RABAT / CHEFCHAOUEN

After breakfast, you will check out of the hotel and head to Rabat. Visit Hassan II tower and drive through the fascinating rif villages to the blue pearl Chefchaouen to begin exploring the beautiful Blue City situated in the rif mountains south of the Mediterranean coastline in northwest Morocco. Spend the rest of the day exploring the sights, sounds, and smells of the medina, the shops in the square selling woven goods and sweets, and most importantly, tasting the town's famous goat cheese. VINCIL HOTEL CHEFCHAOUEN OR SIMILAR (B/D)

## DAY 4: MAY. 25: CHEFCHAOUEN - FREE DAY

Chefchaouen is a laidback city, easy to explore. Take amazing photos of this Famous Blue City. **(B/D)** 

## DAY 5: MAY. 26: CHEFCHAOUEN / VOLUBILIS / FEZ

Enjoy a peaceful morning in Chefchaouen. Then you will drive to discover the famous Fez, visiting Volubilis, a UNESCO site enroute. You will arrive in Fez by evening, have dinner. **HOTEL LES MERINIDES OR SIMILAR (B/D)** 

#### **DAY 6: MAY. 27: FEZ**

This whole day is devoted to exploring the walled in city, or medina, of Fes! After breakfast, our tour will begin. You'll see donkeys carrying Coca Cola into the old city, shops with piles of vibrant spices, and storehouses heaped high with hand-woven carpets in every color and design possible. You'll hear the call to prayer, reminding the city residents to carry out their religious duties. This is a chance to see the real Fes. Your guide will offer information and explanation at each stop. Some of the other places you'll visit will be the tanneries, the tomb of the founders, the oldest university in the world, and more. After winding your way deep into the medina, you'll have lunch at a restaurant in Fes (not included). After lunch you will complete the tour and return to our hotel for a comfortable evening. Before dinner you will enjoy a lecture from a University Professor about what life is like for woman living in Morocco and the development of women's rights over the years.

HOTEL LES MERINIDES OR SIMILAR (B/D)

# DAY 7: MAY. 28: FEZ / ERFOUD

After the breakfast you will start driving across the Atlas Mountains. On the way you will pass through the clean and the most modern city in the country Ifrane arriving to the trailing edge of the Cedar Forest to – Azrou – a city located on a steep hill through a variety of woods to the famed cedar forests inhabited by endangered Barbary monkeys. You will have lunch in a n Amazigh village before driving down the curves to join the pre-Saharan zone, first passing by Errachidia and Erfoud famous for its interesting fossil quarries. You will feel the beginning of the Saharan oasis of Tafilalet and you will spend the night in Erfoud. KASBAH HOTEL XALUCA ARFOUD OR SIMILAR (B/D)

# DAY 8: MAY. 29: ERFOUD / RISSANI / MERZOUGA

Today you will drive to Rissani where you will have lunch and then from a vast plateau you will be impressed by the huge sand dunes of Merzouga appearing from the horizon. Ride a camel to explore the mysterious sand-sea of the Erg-Chebbi. This is one of the most fascinating sights you will ever see. spend the night in a desert camp under the stars.

MADU LUXURY CAMP OR SIMILAR (B/D)

## DAY 9: MAY. 30: MERZOUGA / TONDRA GORGES / OUARZAZAT

From Merzouga you'll continue your journey towards Rissani which was the location of the famed desert capital, Sijilmassa between the 14th and 18th centuries. Here gold and slaves were traded via caravans crossing the Sahel. After that, you will reach the Todra valley and Gorges. Enjoy a walk in the oasis and see the fascinating Todra Gorges. Your final stop of the day will be at Ouarzazat where you will spend the night.

RIAD DAR CHAMAA OR SIMILAR (B/D)

# DAY 10: MAY. 31: OUARZAZAT / AIT BENHADDOU / MARRAKECH

After Breakfast, you will continue to the kasbah Ait Benhaddou, UNESCO site, before arriving to Marrakech for the night.

RIAD LES RAMPARTS DE LA KASBAH OR SIMILAR (B/D)

## DAY 11: JUNE. 01: MARRAKECH / ATLAS MOUNTAINS / COOKING CLASS

In the morning you will drive to the Atlas Mountains to cook with an Amazigh family. After lunch you will drive to Casablanca where you will spend the night.

Learn to cook Moroccan chicken tagine dishes that you can enjoy for years.

(B/L/D)

#### DAY 12: JUNE. 02: MARRAKECH

Welcome to Marrakech or "the Red City" situated near the foothills of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains. In Marrakech, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East mingle and merge into two parts. One is the old town called "medina" which you will visit with your local guide to see the interesting monuments of the city like the Koutoubia Mosque, the Bahia Palace, and the famous square Jama Ifna. The other part is the new modern town built during the French occupation. **RIAD LES RAMPARTS DE LA KASBAH OR SIMILAR (B/D)** 

## DAY 13: JUNE. 03: CASABLANCA / DEPART FOR THE UNITED STATES

Today you will be transferred to the airport in Marrakech to board your flight home. (B)

#### DAY 14: JUNE. 04: ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Arrive in the United States

## **INCLUDED**

- A very comfortable and airconditioned vehicle
- English speaking guides during the tour
- Accommodations in charming Riads + luxurious desert camp
- Breakfast and dinners daily, except arrival day
- Tours including Marrakech and Fez city sightseeing with local guides.
- Group Airport transfers for arrival and departure.
- Visit Organic Oil Cooperative
- Camel ride
- Cooking class
- Lecture on the Role of Moroccan Woman
- Tours and entry fees to sites listed on the itinerary.
- Pre-departure Orientation
- Personalized Souvenir Luggage Tags

## NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to and from Morocco (estimated at \$1000 from JFK)
- Travel insurance (will be arranged at an additional cost)
- All Lunches (Dinners, See itinerary)
- Drinks and anything of a personal nature
- Tips & Gratuities for your guides and driver

Price per person \$2965 + AIR Flight about \$1000

Application & Deposit deadline – August 30, 2024

Request the detailed itinerary and Application form

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