

## Discover Morocco (15D/14D)

**Day 01: Arrival-Casablanca** Arrival at Mohammed V airport. Welcome and assistance with various formalities; transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight. Overnight in Casablanca.

**Day 02: Casablanca-Rabat-Asilah-Tangier (229mi)** Breakfast, visit of Casablanca: you will see United Nations square, Central Market outside view of the mosque HASSAN II, Habous district, the Royal Palace continuation to rabat the administrative Capital Sightseeing of : the Mechouar and Royal Palace (outside view), Hassan Tower Mohamed V Mausoleum : archetype of the finesse of decorative art in Morocco and Oudayas Kasbah continuation to Asilah has become a beautiful town that tourists and travelers of all sorts can appreciate from the brightly decorative murals on building walls to the long walks by the sea. Arrival to tangier check in diner and overnight

**Day 03: Tangier** Breakfast "A dove poised on the shoulder of Africa" - Tangier has long been coveted for its strategic position. Since Tingis was founded in the IVth century BC, Carthaginians, Romans, Phoenicians, Vandals, Arabs, Spaniards, Portuguese and the English have jealously fought for the right to control it. No African city is closer to Europe, no other Orient is more dearly loved by European or American artists - painters, musicians or authors. Delacroix, Saint-Saëns, Matisse, Van Dongen, Tennessee Williams, Jean Genet, Joseph Kessel, William Burroughs and Paul Bowles, to name but a few, have all lived in Tangier - and been captivated by its spell. Follow in their footsteps, and enter Tangier in style. By the Bab Erraha gate, breaching the ramparts and guiding you towards a breathtaking view over the city and the bay. Listen to the sounds of the port and the kasbah coming up from below. Let yourself follow your whims and your inspiration as you set out to explore Tangier. This is the Grand Socco (the great souk), so dear to Joseph Kessel, dominated by the minaret in multicoloured faience which rises above the Sidi Bou Abid mosque (1917).afternoon return to hotel diner and overnight

**Day 04: Tangier-Cheouan (74mi)** breakfast departure to Chefchaouen, Chefchaouen, It must certainly be one of Morocco's most delightful spots. The blue and white town appears at a turn in the road, with its two-storey houses and round roofing tiles, and with its twenty odd mosques and sanctuaries. The holy town of Chefchaouen breathes an atmosphere of profound serenity. After the pleasures of the beach at Cabo Negro, it is a delight to stroll through these cobblestoned streets and idly dream in a peaceful, shaded square as you sip your coffee in a Moorish café!

**Day 05: Chaouen-Meknes-Fes (140mi)** Breakfast departure to Meknes to tour this ancient Ismailian capital, founded at the end of the seventeenth century, with its Place el Hedim (square) facing the Bab el Mansour (gate) and Royal Granaries, followed by Volubilis, site of the most important Roman ruins in Morocco. Continuation to Fez via Moulay Idriss, an important pilgrimage site. Check into our hotel at Fez for dinner and overnight.

**Day 06: Fes** Breakfast the whole day will devoted to exploring Fès the UNESCO city and the oldest of the imperial cities. During the centuries has been a centre of the arts and Moslem religion. Discovering its médina and souks, the 14<sup>th</sup> century médersa Bou Inania noted for its Koranic scripture in stucco, visit of Néjarine place (Carpenters place) with its splendid mosaic decorated fountain late afternoon return to hotel Diner and Overnight

**Day 07: Fes-Midelt-Errachidia-Erfoud (244mi)** After breakfast, departure to Midelt through the wooded middle Atlas region. On the way, visit of Azrou, an important handicraft's center specialized in the cedar-wood working. Continuation to Erfoud a long Ziz River through fortified villages announcing the vernacular oases architecture. Arrival at Erfoud, transfer to hotel diner and overnight

**Day 08: Erfoud-Merzouga(Desert camp)** The entire day will be spent in the Sahara starting with the most spectacular sunrise in the world, over the sand dunes; special dinner with musicians. Overnight in the desert.

**Day 09: Merzouga-Tinghir-Duarzazate (200mi)** Departure to Tineghir via Rissani to the Moulay Ali ash-Sherif where are buried the ancestors of the Alawite dynasty which still rules today. Passing by Tinejdad, arrival at Todrha Canions. Some time at leisure and continuation to Quarzazate via Tineghir, Boumalne, and El Kelaa M'gouna, a city where there is an annual rose festival . Overnight in Quarzazate.

**Day 10: Quarzazate-Ait Benhadou-Marrakech (126mi)** City tour of Quarzazate followed by departure for visit to Ait Benhaddou, the most spectacular fortress of Morocco; some time at leisure. In the afternoon, departure to Marrakesh

via Taddert village and Tizi n'Tichka mountain pass (6,800 feet) offering a wonderful view of the Atlas range. Overnight in Marrakesh

**Day 11: Marrakech** The entire day will be devoted to sightseeing of MARRAKESH, the second oldest Imperial city and definitely the "Pearl of the South", founded by the Almoravides at the end of the 11th century. You will visit the famous Saadian Tombs, Menara Gardens, Koutoubia mosque, and Bahia Palace. Continue with sightseeing in the souks and the famous Djemaa el Fna square. Return to hotel Dinner and Overnight in Marrakesh

**Day 12: Marrakech-Essaouira (109mi)** Breakfast departure to Essaouira (pronounced Esa-weera) is the most popular of the coastal towns, with magnificent beaches and relaxed atmosphere. The fortifications of the old city are a mixture of Portuguese, French, and Berber military architecture, and their massiveness lends a powerful mystique. You'll find narrow lanes, whitewashed houses with blue painted doors, tranquil squares, pleasant cafes, and artisans in tiny workshops carving away at fragrant thuya wood. We will spend the day exploring this delightful place, with time to absorb the unique flavor of the old town, the harbor, and the friendly people. Essaouira is full of the irresistible angles and picturesque sights that are so attractive to photographers diner and overnight

**Day 13: Essaouira** Breakfast free day to enjoy the city afternoon return to hotel diner and overnight

**Day 14: Essaouira-Casablanca (218mi)** Morning at leisure for exploration on one's own of the old medina. In the afternoon, transfer to Casablanca according the timing of your return flight. Overnight in Casablanca.

**Day 15: Casablanca-Departure** Transfer to the airport for the flight home.

*Single Supplement for a single room / 31/12/10 diner is compulsory extra paid by guests*

Cities & Hotels	Hotels 3*	Hotels 4*	Hotels 5*
Casablanca	Ajiad - Casablanca-Splendid	Diwan - Dum palace-Kenzi Besma	Golden Tulip farah
Marrakech	Ryad Mogador -Corail-Tafilalt	Andalous-Meriem-Nassim-Ryad Mogador	Semiramis-Ryad Mogador-Kenzi farah-Royal Mirage
Fes	Fes inn-Nouzha-Splendid	Wassim-Tghat-Volubils	Ramada
Tangier	Chellah-Continental	Rif-Intercontinental-Ramada	Moevenpock-Menzeh
Cheouan	Atlas chaouen	Parador	Parador
Erfoud	Tafilalt	Palm's-El Ati	Palm's -El Ati
Essaouira	El Jazira	Ryad Mogador - Riad essaouira	Atlas essaouira
Duarzazate	Perle du Sud-Nadia-Park	Le Zat-Kenzi Azghour-Club hanane	Le Zat-Kenzi Azghour

**Package includes:** Transfers Airport-Hotel-airport / 14 nights Half Board / transportation with air conditioned Mini bus or Car depending on number of participants / Entrance to Monuments Marrakech: Bahia place-Saadien Tombs-Kotobia/ Fes:Medrasa/Meknes:Moulay Ismail Mausoleum / Local Guides

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