

DISCOVER MOROCCO

10 days/ 9 nights

Casablanca, Rabat, Meknes, Volubilis, Fes, Ifrane, Erfoud, Ouarzazate, Marrakech

DAY ONE: NEW YORK/CASABLANCA

We will meet at the Royal Air Maroc counter at JFK airport for a nonstop flight to Casablanca via Royal Air Maroc. Time TBD.

DAY TWO: CASABLANCA/RABAT/CASABLANCA

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Arrive at Casablanca airport and transfer to your hotel in Rabat for a morning rest. Lunch will be served at your hotel included. Meet with our national guide for a half day tour of Rabat the capital city of Morocco. The tour includes visits of the Chellah Roman ruins, Oudaya Kasbah, Mohamed V Mausoleum, medieval Hassan Tower, and the Royal Palace exterior. Return to your hotel for dinner and rest for the evening.



DAY THREE: MEKNES/VOLUBILIS/FES

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Enjoy your breakfast and check out. This morning we will head with our national guide to Fes via Meknes and Volubilis. Lunch will be served at the Terrab Restaurant or similar Moroccan cuisine. Our morning guided tour of the 17th century historic city of Meknes includes the Monumental of Yacoub El Mansour Gateways, the Palace Tomb of Moulay Ismail, the ruins of the vast Imperial stables, if time permits, and granaries. After lunch we will drive to the Roman ruins and mosaics of Volubilis. It was once upon a time the capital of the Roman Province of Mauritania and the house of Sylene, Antony and Cleopatra's daughter, who married the Berber King Juba of Gallienus. Arrive in Fes, the spiritual, intellectual and once capital city of Morocco. Check in to your hotel. Dinner at your hotel restaurant included.



DAY FOUR: FES

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After breakfast, we will join our national tour guide for a full day sightseeing tour of Fes, the one of the four oldest Imperial cities in Morocco and UNESCO World Heritage Site. The tour includes the great Gateway of the Royal Palace, the Jewish Quarter "Mellah", the 15th century Borj Nord or north fort, and the 9th century oldest university of the world which was founded by a woman. We will also make a few stops at local handicrafts factories such pottery, brass, textiles, and a bakery where everything is made in the traditional Moroccan way. Return to your hotel and freshen up for dinner. Enjoy your dinner and entertainment at the famous Al Fassia Restaurant.



DAY FIVE: IFRANE/AZROU/ERRACHIDIA/ERFOUD

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Today's trip will allow us to explore the beauty of the High Atlas Mountains and their hidden natural treasures. It will be a long drive, but an enjoyable one. Today's lunch is on your own. We will make a brief stop at Ifrane nicknamed "little Switzerland" because of its red roof tiles. It's also known as the ski resort in the Middle Atlas region. Arrive at your hotel in Erfoud for dinner and check in. Retire for the night.

EXTRA DAY OPTIONAL: CAMEL RIDE AND SUN SET ON THE SAHARA

Early morning escape by 4x4s for the desert. Stop by the local souk in Rissani where historically camel caravans stopped. Enjoy a memorable ride into the dunes on a camel to witness the sunrise on the Moroccan Sahara desert. Back to your hotel and rest for the afternoon. Lunch on own and dinner included.



DAY SIX: OUARZAZATE

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Enjoy your breakfast at your hotel included and check out. We will stop at a marble factory. We resume our trip along the road of many Kasbahs to Ouarzazate via the spectacular scenery of the Atlas mountains and camels on the road. Lunch is your own. We will stop at a Berber carpet weaving women's cooperative. Arrive at your hotel for dinner and overnight



DAY SEVEN: AIT BENHADDOU/MARRAKECH

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Today after breakfast and check out, we will start the morning with a brief tour of Ouarzazate located at an altitude of 1160 m and at the intersection of the Draa valley and Dade. Visit the Kasbah of Taourirt which was built in the 18th century and restored in 1994. Enjoy your lunch on own. Resume our trip to Ait Benhaddou where a spectacular view of group of kasbahs surrounded by high walls is located on the road to Marrakech via Tichka Pass 2260 meters in the high Atlas. Arrive at your hotel in Marrakech. Dinner will be served at the property restaurant included.



DAY EIGHT: MARRAKECH

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Enjoy your breakfast this morning at your hotel included. Meet our national guide for a full day sightseeing tour of the pearl of the south. This imperial city was founded in the 11th century and once upon the time was the capital city of Morocco. Lunch and free time for shopping on own at the famous Djamaa El Fn'a square. Our visits will include the Koutoubia Mosque, known as a masterpiece of Almohades Dynasty art, the Bahia Palace, Dar Si Said Museum and the Menara garden. Return to your hotel and freshen up for dinner. Transfer in a horse drawn carriage to a local restaurant. Return to your hotel and retire for the night.



DAY NINE: EI JADIDA/ CASABLANCA

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Leave Marrakech for Casablanca via El Jadida with a brief driving city tour of this former Portuguese city. Today's lunch is on your own. Resume our drive to Casablanca where we will visit if time permits the exterior of the Hassan II Mosque, the Habous shopping quarter, exterior of the Royal Palace, and the Mohammed V square. Arrive at your hotel and check in. Farewell dinner tonight will be served at the famous Rick's Café Restaurant. Return to your hotel and retire for the night.



DAY TEN: CASABLANCA AIRPORT

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Enjoy your breakfast, baggage handling and depart for the airport for your nonstop flight back home.

End of service.