

# MOROCCO IMPERIAL CITIES TOUR

8 days/ 7 nights

*Rabat, Meknes, Fes, Marrakech, Casablanca*

## **DAY ONE: NEW YORK/CASABLANCA**

We will meet at the Royal Air Maroc counter at JFK airport at 4:00 pm for a nonstop flight to Casablanca. Time TBD.

## **DAY TWO: CASABLANCA/RABAT/CASABLANCA**

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Arrive at the Med V airport and transfer to your hotel and take time off to relax in the morning. Enjoy your lunch at a local Mediterranean restaurant in Rabat, the modern day capital. After lunch and with our guide we will visit the Chellah Roman ruins, Oudaya Kasbah, Mohamed V Mausoleum, medieval Hassan Tower, and the exterior of the current Royal Palace. Return to your hotel for dinner and rest for the night.



## **DAY THREE: MEKNES/VOLUBILIS/FES**

**B, L, D**

Enjoy your breakfast and check out. This morning we will head with our national guide to Fes via Meknes and Volubilis. Our morning guided tour of this 17<sup>th</sup> century historic city of Meknes includes the Yacoub El Mansour Gateways, the Palace Tomb of Moulay Ismail, the ruins of the vast imperial stables, if time permits, and granaries. Lunch will be served at the Terrab Restaurant or similar Moroccan cuisine included. 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 at Fes, the spiritual, intellectual and once capital city of Morocco. Check in to your hotel. Dinner buffet at your property restaurant included.



## **DAY FOUR: FES**

**B, L, D**

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 a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch at local restaurant included. 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 as pottery, brass, textiles, rugs, 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 musical entertainment at the famous Al Fassia Restaurant.



## DAY FIVE: MARRAKECH

**B, D**

Breakfast and check out. We will head for Marrakech via Ifrane, an alpine style village, and Azrou. Lunch this time is on the road on own. We will drive through magical scenery at the foot of the middle Atlas where all kind of fruit trees are planted such as oranges, grapefruit, apricots, apples and figs. You should also expect a few short breaks along the road where you will have the opportunity to meet with the locals. Arrive and check in at your hotel. Dinner at your hotel is included.



## DAY SIX: MARRAKECH

**B, D**

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 11<sup>th</sup> century and once upon a 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 SEVEN: EI JADIDA/ CASABLANCA

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Enjoy breakfast, then, depart for Casablanca via El Jadida with a brief driving city tour of this former Portuguese port 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, the Royal Palace exterior, 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, based upon the movie and owned by a former American diplomat. Return to your hotel and retire for the night.



## DAY EIGHT: MED V INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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Enjoy your breakfast at your hotel, baggage handling and check out. Transfer to the Mohamed V airport for your nonstop flight back to the US.

End of service.