



Destination Morocco Trip Itinerary 14 Days

Day 1 – Arrival Casablanca, airport assistance and transfer to hotel

Welcome drinks and tour briefing with your tour leader

Day 2 – Casablanca

Full day tour of Casablanca. where we will see the immense central market, the Royal Palace and the stunning Hassan II Mosque and lunch on fresh seafood on the Corniche, right on the beach

Day 3 – Casablanca – Rabat – Meknes - Fes

Our journey today will take us to the capital, Rabat, one of the most elegant cities in Morocco. Our day begins with a visit to the Medina with the Kasbah of the Oudayas, followed by an exploration of the Mohamad V Mausoleum, the Hassan Tower and the ramparts surrounding the Royal Palace. We continue on to Volubilis, once the Roman capital of the region which features remarkably preserved mosaics, and then Moulay Idris, the holy ancient city of Morocco. We take a tour of Meknes to see El Hdim square, Bab El Mansour, (the huge gate and entrance to the old city), the royal granaries and the city ramparts.

Day 4 – Fes

Fes, the jewel of the Magrehb, will mesmerise with the wonders of the artisans' creations in copper, silver, pottery, wrought iron and then, in the heart of the souq, the leather tannery, where we watch the tanners producing the best leather in the world. We take a full day tour of this vibrant city which remains the artistic, religious and intellectual centre of Morocco.

Day 5 – Fes –Azrou-Midelt-Erfoud

Today we cross the Middle and High Atlas mountains – wondrous peaks and valleys, all at once green and beguiling. We take the opportunity for stops along the way at Azrou, a Berber handicraft centre and for coffee, local markets and to breathe the fresh mountain air.

Day 6 – Erfoud - Marzouga

Marzouga on the edge of the Sahara where the villages make way for the desert dunes. Here we take 4x4 to our desert camp. We meet our Touareg hosts and lunch with them in a typical Berber encampment. Climb a dune and watch the sunset and the colours of this expansive desert turn to brilliant gold and red. Sit around the camp fire in the evening where we will dine on true Berber cuisine, and be entertained by music, song and dance. An enchanting evening. Our beds for the night are under the typical camel hair tents of the Berber but it is wonderful to take the mattress out onto the sand and sleep more soundly than you ever have under the brilliant starry night.

Day 7 – Marzouga - Tinghir

Start with an early morning wake up call as we climb onto our camels to ride to the top of the highest dunes and watch the sun as it rises - a magical experience. Then after a typical Berber breakfast we'll drive on to the ancient city of Rissani before going on to explore the Todra Gorges and the Dades valley where thousands of roses bloom ready to be picked to make the rose water Morocco is famous for.

Day 8 – Tinghir - Oarzazte

Off to rock the Kasbah – thousands of them along the road, but we know where the best is to be found and better than that we will have it to ourselves. We can view the towns and valleys around us while sipping a mint tea on the terrace.

Day 9 – Ourzazate – Marrakech

A morning tour of Ouarzazate and then - what we've all been waiting for – Marrakech, the fabled city of Morocco. A drive around the city for orientation and then the rest of the evening at leisure, laze by the pool, relax or wander through the lanes and alleyways.

Day 10 – Marrakech

A full day tour of the city taking in all the important landmarks, including the Bahia Palace, the Saadian tombs, the minarets, and the gardens, including the famed Marjorelle Gardens. We'll take time to have an orientation of the souq and the square of Djmaa el Fna which comes alive once the sun goes down. Dine under Berber tents and revel in a performance of the Fantasia at 'Chez Ali'.

Day 11 – Marrakech

This morning we will discover more of the historical sights of the rose city and then we will visit the souq once more for serious retail therapy! We will finish off our day with an apero on one of the terraces overlooking Djmaa el Fna and watch the theatre unfold in the sunset.

Day 12 – Marrakech – Essaouira

We farewell the rose city and travel on to Essaouira - originally named Mogador and right on the Atlantic coast. Wonderful seafood, boat building under the Portuguese ramparts, and reminders of the hippie trail. Relax and take time to wander through the medina, art galleries and artisan stalls crammed with rose water flacons, silverware and hidden treasures in the souq.

Day 13 - Essaouira – El Jadida - Casablanca

We take the beautiful coast road on our way back to Casablanca, taking a tour of the El Jadida citadel and a seafood lunch. Afternoon at leisure for those last minute souvenirs (and purchase of another suitcase for all those bargains!) Farewell dinner tonight at an authentic Moroccan restaurant.

Day 14 – Transfers for your departure and onward journey.

Included

- Airport transfers
- Five star accommodation
- Transport
- Local guides
- Welcome drink
- All entry fees
- Fantasia and dinner
- Farewell dinner