



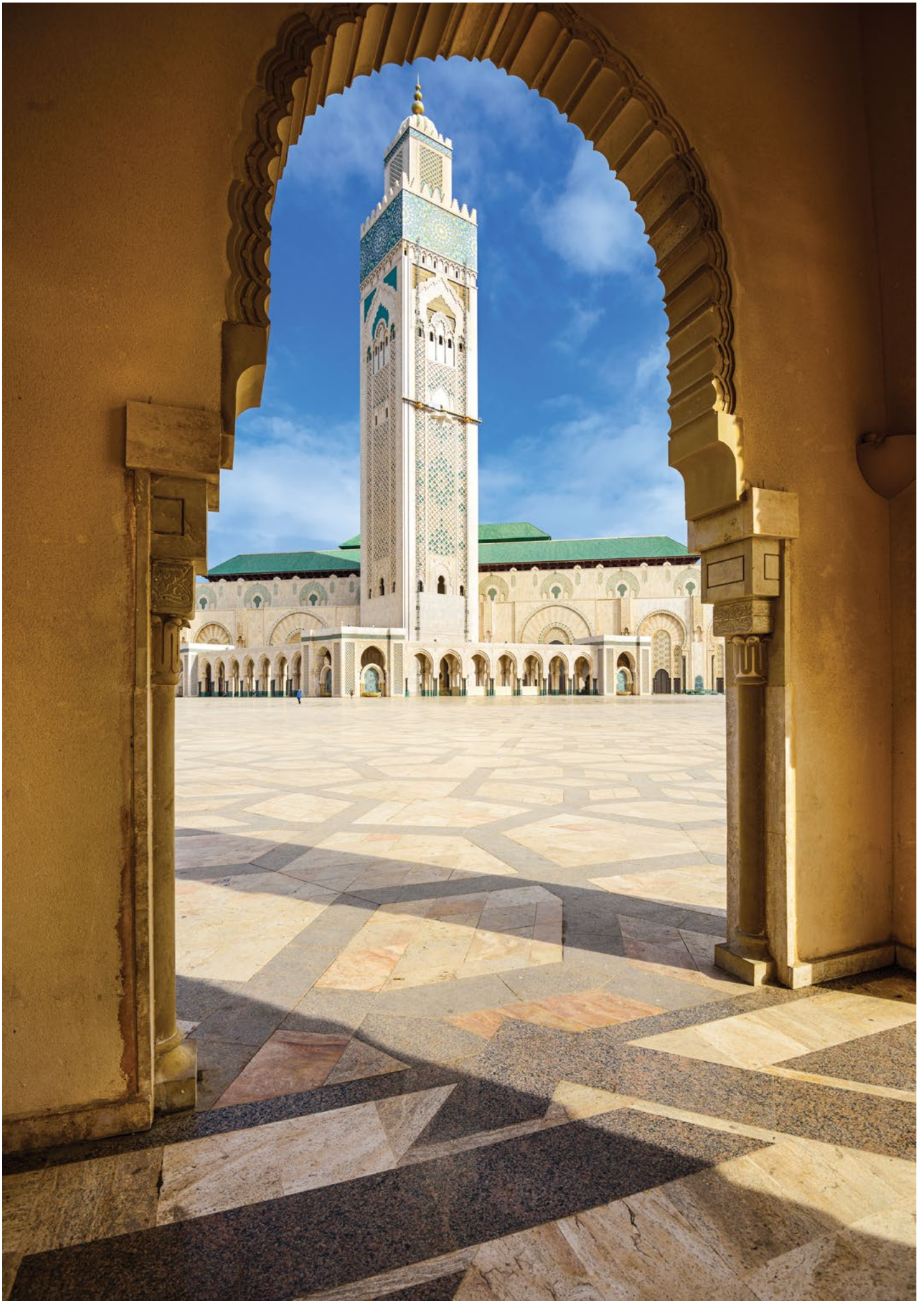
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Casablanca

# Welcome to Morocco



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Take a journey to Morocco – an amazing country that affects all your senses.

Ancient and bustling medinas, mysterious and lush mountains, desolate Saharan dunes, streets lined with snake charmers and storytellers, the constant aroma of spices tantalising your senses... Welcome to Morocco!

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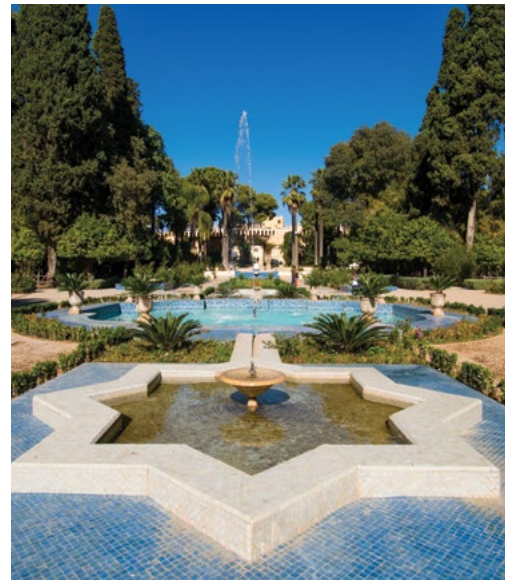
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We have Morocco completely covered with a travel style to suit everyone. All of our programs include special deals with selected hotels, transfers and tours providers, which makes our Morocco getaways perfect for travellers interested in a value for money and wonderful experience.

## Regular Coach Tours

With guaranteed departures with minimum 4 participants these carefully selected itineraries depart from Marrakesh and Casablanca and take in the most popular locations within Morocco. Enjoy a typical Moroccan dinner in a palace; dine in tents while treated to a folklore show and visit the beautiful ornate monuments on offer. Travelling in deluxe coaches you won't miss a thing as you relax and unwind. These guaranteed departure tours can hold up to 50 passengers.

## Customised Itineraries

For those looking to take a spiritually personal journey through Morocco or those interested in the architecture or agriculture of the country, please contact us to organise a private group or culture program. Whether working to a budget or timeline, with the help of highly qualified guides we'll ensure it's a memorable holiday that meets all your needs.

## Professional Guides

We take extreme pride in the fact that the guides who escort our tours are among the best and most experienced guides in Morocco. Best of all, our guides can help make sure your holiday is as stress-free and relaxing as possible. All of our guides are qualified English speaking who understand the needs of Australian travellers.

## Special Interest Tours

Whether your passion is fishing or architecture, we can personalise an itinerary for you in Morocco. Choose to go off road in a 4x4 holiday getaway, whatever your interests let us tailor a package for your next holiday.

## Hotels

Hotels selected for our regular tours are often 3 to 4 Star hotels that offers international conveniences. With each tour we provide the name of the hotel, so you know exactly where you will be staying during the tour. With our private tour we offer choice of accommodation from three star to the unique, boutique hotels that cannot be found in any other country.

## Transportation

We use luxurious, modern vehicles that provide comfort. The size of vehicle will vary depending on final number of participants. For groups up to 10 or 11 guests we use a 17 seater minibus. For groups over 11 people we use a 48 seater bus with more leg room which means that passengers can travel in maximum comfort.

## Flexible Itineraries

Don't get stuck in a tour that doesn't meet your needs. If you have a personal interest in something different or want to extend an existing tour, we can put together a tour that meets your needs. Just let us know what you need.

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# Tours of Morocco

Welcome to Morocco! Ancient and bustling medinas, mysterious and lush mountains, desolate Saharan dunes, streets lined with snake charmers and storytellers, the constant aroma of spices tantalising your senses. Our itineraries have been designed to suit the needs of most Australian travellers, but we encourage you to customise your stay. Morocco is not a destination that we recommend to explore without assistance. Our regular or private tours are the best way to see the country. We offer coach tours with guaranteed departures of minimum 4 participants. These carefully selected itineraries depart from Marrakesh and Casablanca. Private tours allow to select itinerary, duration and accommodation to suit your style and budget. We can arrange accommodation at Riads - Moroccan traditional houses formerly owned by wealthiest merchants and courtiers as well as unique experiences.

## Imperial Cities Tour

8 Days

### Departs: Saturdays

7 Dec 2019-24 Oct 2020

Note: Similar tour Marrakesh to Marrakesh operates on Saturdays.

#### Day 1 Sat: Casablanca

Arrival at Casablanca Mohamed V airport to be assisted and transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

#### Day 2 Sun: Casablanca-Rabat

Sightseeing tour of Casablanca. Visit the exterior of the great Hassan II Mosque, Mohamed V Square, United Nations location, central market, habbous sector and the residential area of Anfa. Enjoy a stroll along the Ain Diab coast dotted with swimming pools and restaurants to stop for lunch (not included). Depart for Rabat, the white imperial city. Visit Hassan Tower, the splendid Mohamed V Mausoleum, the Kasbah of Oudayas and the Medina. Late afternoon check-in at the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 3 Mon: Rabat-Meknes-Fez

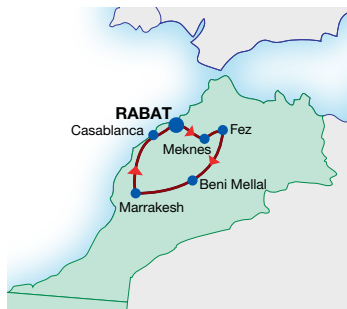
Depart for Fez, stop along the way at the Roman ruins of Volubilis. Continue to Meknes, known as the Moroccan Versailles. The sightseeing of Meknes will include Bab Mansour, the most preserved gate in Morocco, Hari Souani and the old medina. Overnight and dinner in Fez. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Tue: Fez

A full day sightseeing of Fez, the most ancient cultural and spiritual city of Morocco. Visit of the medieval medina, Medersas, Karaouine mosque and Nejjarine fountain. Visit through the old medina where you will see different craftsmen still operating in the old oriental tradition. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Wed: Fez-Beni-Mellal-Marrakesh

After breakfast, departure to Marrakesh crossing the middle Atlas and passing through Imouzzer du Kander and Ifrane, a charming ski resort in the heart of a cedar forest. Stop at Beni-Mellal to enjoy a moment of relaxation. Independent



Marrakech

lunch and continuation to Marrakesh. Little by little will appear the red earth of the country contrasting with the clear blue sky and the eternal green palms. Check-in at the hotel, dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Thu: Marrakesh

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Marrakesh, the second oldest imperial city known as the Pearl of the South, see the Saadian tombs, Koutoubia, Bahia Palace and Menara gardens. Return to hotel for lunch. In the afternoon, visit of the souks, the winding little streets and the Djemaâ El Fna place with its various non-stop entertainment: storytellers, snake charmers, fire eaters and more. Optional A Diffa Fantasia dinner, performance with camel and horses shows, folkloric and belly dancers. Overnight in Marrakesh. (B, L)

Note: 10 days tour that stays 3 extra nights in Marrakesh with 3 optional excursions to Ourika Valley, Ouarzazate and Essaouira also available.

#### Day 7 Fri: Marrakesh-Casablanca

Morning free to explore Marrakesh or relax by the hotel pool. In the afternoon departure to Casablanca. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 8 Sat: Casablanca

After breakfast, transfer to Casablanca Airport. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour
- Transportation by air-conditioned coach
- Multilingual speaking guide
- 7 nights accommodation in selected class
- 7 Breakfast, 6 Dinners, 1 Lunch
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes

Comfort Class from **A\$1170** per person twin share

Superior Class from **A\$1620** per person twin share





# Grand Tour of Morocco

11 Days

**Departs:** Saturdays  
7 Dec 2019-24 Oct 2020

## Day 1 Sat: Casablanca

Meet and assist at Casablanca Mohamed V airport and transfer to Hotel. (D)

## Day 2 Sun: Casablanca-Rabat

Morning sightseeing tour. See the Hassan II Mosque, the third largest in the world, the Mohamed V. and United Nations squares, the Central Market, the Habbous quarter and the residential area of Anfa. Stroll along the Ain Diab seaside. Depart for Rabat, to see Hassan Tower, the Mohamed V Mausoleum containing the tombs of the Moroccan king and his two sons, late King Hassan II and Prince Abdallah, the Kasbah of Oudayas and the Medina. (B,D)

## Day 3 Mon: Rabat-Meknes-Fez

Visit the Roman ruins of Volubilis on your way to Meknes. See Bab Mansour, the most preserved gate in Morocco, Hari Souani and the old media. Afterwards depart for Fez. Dinner and overnight at Fez. (B, D)

## Day 4 Tue: Fez

Full day sightseeing of Fez. Visit the medieval Medina, the Medersas, the Karaouine Mosque and the famous Nejjarine Fountain. Continue with a visit through the old Medina. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## Day 5 Wed: Fez-Midelt-Erfoud

Travel through Azrou to Midelt to visit the Ziz River and series of fortified villages. Continue to Erfoud and check-in at Belere Hotel for dinner and overnight.

*Optional: Excursion by Toyota Land Cruiser to Merzouga dunes. (B, D)*

## Day 6 Thu: Erfoud-Tineghir-Ouarzazate

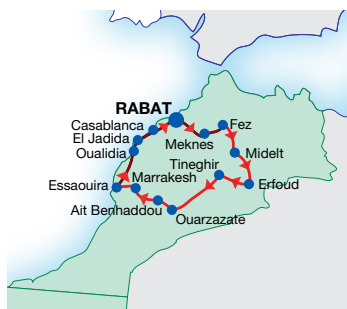
Depart for Tineghir via Rissani. Visit of the ruins of Ksar Abbar and through the Tinjdad road before arriving at Todra Gorges. Continue to Ouarzazate via El Kelâa M'gouna and the Dades Valley. Overnight at Ouarzazate. (B, D)

## Day 7 Fri: Ouarzazate-Aït Benhaddou-Marrakesh

Visit Ouarzazate with Tifoult and Taourirt Kasbahs. Then depart for Aït Ben Haddou village. Visit the ruins of this ancient Kasbah, before continuing, via the Tiz-In-Tichka Pass and Taddert, to Marrakesh. Dinner and overnight at Marrakesh. (B, D)

## Day 8 Sat: Marrakesh

Full day spent visiting Marrakesh, see the Saadian Tombs, the Koutoubia, the Bahia Palace and Menara Gardens. Afternoon, visit of the souks, and the Djemaâ El Fna square. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



Souk

## Day 9 Sun: Marrakesh-Essaouira

Depart for Essaouira, enjoy a short visit of the city. Dinner and overnight at Essaouira. (B, D)

## Day 10 Mon: Essaouira-Oualidia-El Jadida-Casablanca

Depart for Casablanca with a stop at Oualidia. Continue along the Atlantic coast to reach El Jadida for an orientation tour. On arrival in Casablanca check-in at hotel for overnight. (B, D)

## Day 11 Tue: Casablanca

After Breakfast, transfer to Mohamed V airport. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour
- Transportation by air-conditioned coach
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Multilingual speaking guide
- 10 nights accommodation
- 9 Breakfasts, 10 Dinners
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes

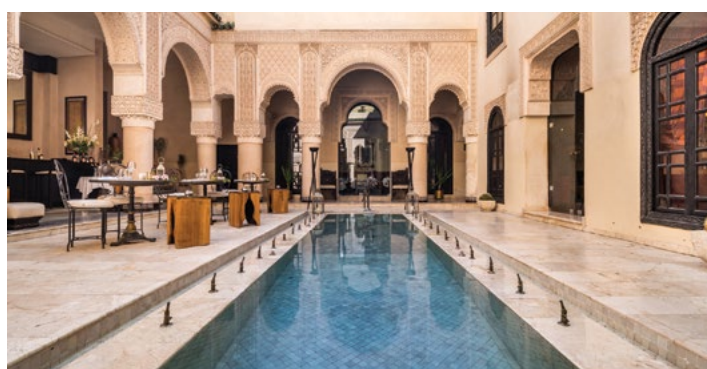
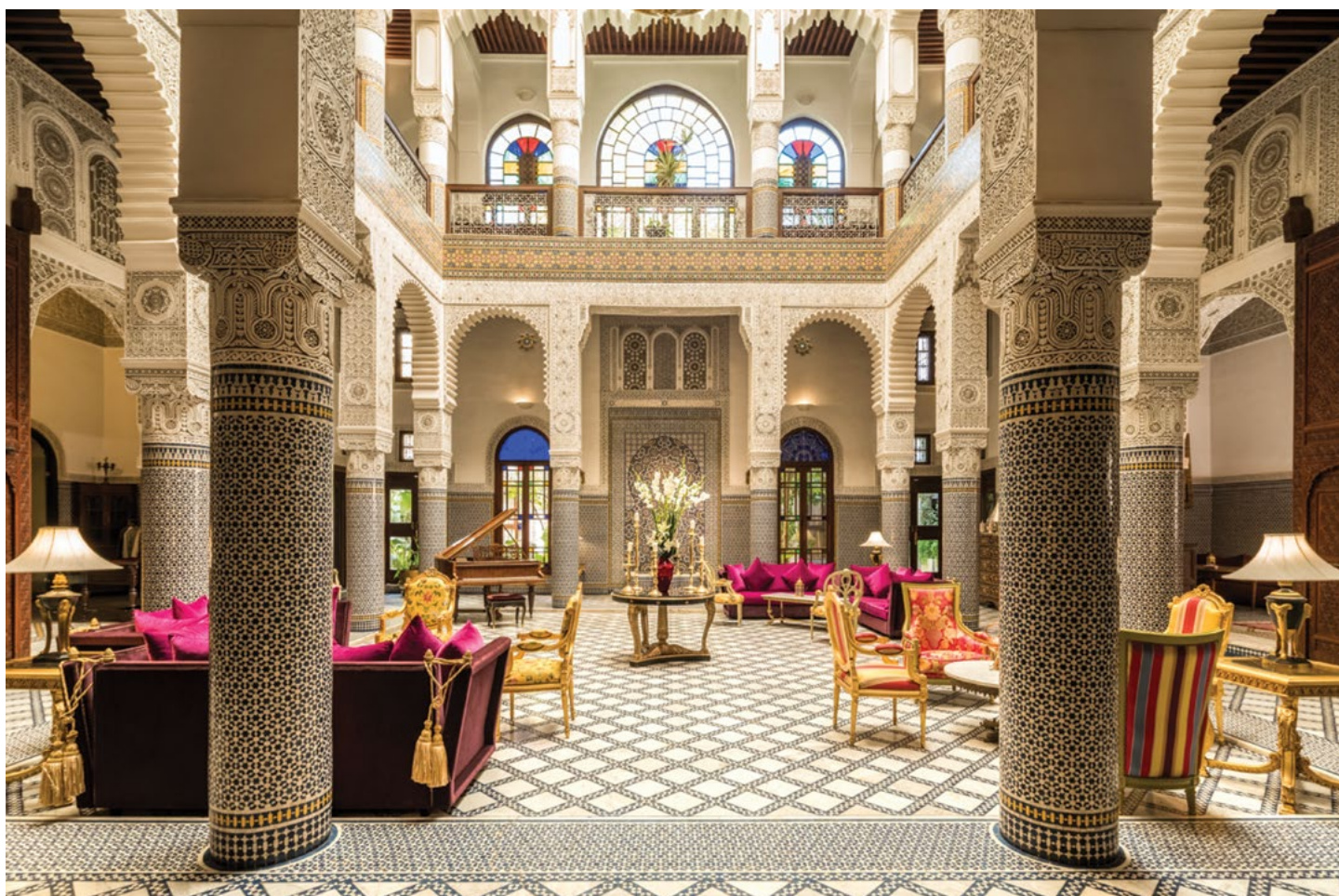
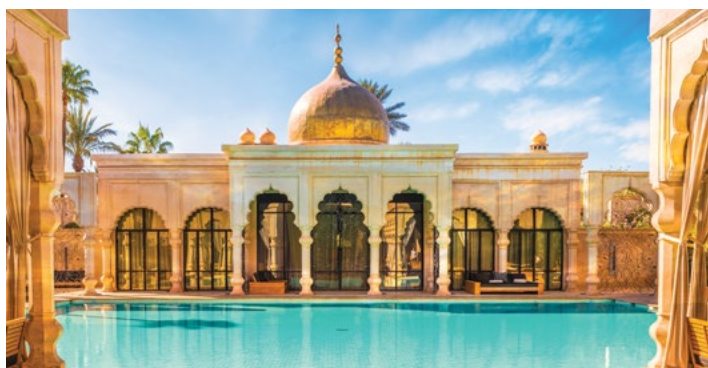
Comfort Class from **A\$2020** per person twin share

Superior Class from **A\$2920** per person twin share





Take advantage of luxurious and unique style accommodation when visiting Morocco. Morocco is renowned for its unique and hidden Riads, unlike your standard hotels, Riads are traditional, formerly stately homes with two or more stories around an Andalusian-style courtyard that contained a fountain. This inner courtyard acts as a sanctuary and respite from the outside world. Beautiful tile work, plants, and water features commonly grace this space, giving you a real feeling of peace and quiet. Other types of accommodation from 3 star through to luxurious estates are also available.





# Private Tours

Private tours are perfect for couples or a group of friends who are looking to take advantage of having a personal guide to escort them on their dream holiday and utilise relatively low prices in Morocco. A comfortable vehicle will be provided to fit your private group and itinerary can be customised. Choose duration, type of hotel, room type and meal plan that best suits your needs. Take advantage of a Moroccan guide with intimate knowledge of their own country who can provide insides of historical sites as well as information about the best places to shop, dine and discover local entertainment. Below tours are just some examples of a private tour with itineraries similar to our most popular coach tours but using small traditional hotels which generally cannot be used for regular coach tours as they are unable to accommodate large groups. Each of the itineraries featured on page 48-49 can be modified, more luxurious properties can be used, extra services and unique experiences can be added.

## Royalty Tour of the Imperial Cities

8 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Oct 2019-31 Dec 2020

### Day 1: Casablanca

Arrive at Casablanca airport, after clearing customs and immigration, your English speaking driver will meet you with a welcome sign with your name on at the arrivals area, then transfer you via a private air conditioned deluxe van to your hotel in Casablanca. Check-in at Kenzi Basma hotel for Dinner and overnight. (D)

### Day 2: Casablanca-Rabat

After breakfast, enjoy a city tour of Casablanca, the business capital of Morocco. Visit new Hassan II Mosque, the next largest Mosque and only Mosque in Morocco available to non-Muslims. We then drive to the capital Rabat. Meet local guide for tour to the administration capital of the kingdom, walk into the Mohamed V Mausoleum, the burial place of the present King's grandfather, see the Consuls street with its nice shops. Rest of day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at Riad Dar Dar. (B, D)

### Day 3: Rabat-Meknes-Volubilis-Fez

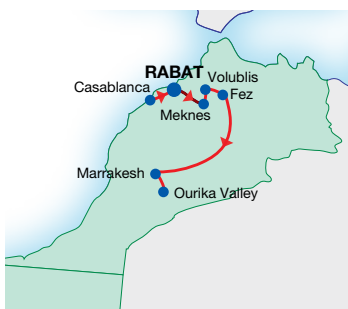
After breakfast, departure to Meknes, visit this former Imperial city of Morocco: the old ramparts; the Agdoul Basin, the Moulay Ismail stables, granaries, and House of Water. After visiting Meknes, Continue on to the ruins of Volubilis it has impressive and well-preserved Roman ruins. Continue driving to Fez for dinner and overnight at Riad Perle de la Medina Fez. (B, D)

### Day 4: Full day sightseeing tour of Fez

After breakfast, meet your local guide and driver then leave for a full-day discovery of Fez, the religious capital of Morocco. Your tour will include the old and new medinas, the 14th century Medersa Attarine (religious school), and the Arts Museum of Batha. Afternoon, explore the impressive labyrinth of souks in Fez, declared by UNESCO to be one of the world's cultural treasures. The afternoon will also include photo opportunities at the imposing gate of Bab Boujloud, the splendid fountain at Place Nejjarine, the ancient ramparts, and the beautiful façade of the Royal Palace. Dinner and overnight at your Riad. (B, D)

### Day 5: Fez-Marrakech

After breakfast, departure to Marrakech true Khenifra and Beni-Mellal crossing the region of the middle Atlas and passing through Immouzer du Kander and Ifrane, a



Marrakech

charming ski resort in the heart of a magnificent cedar forest. Stop at Beni-Mellal to enjoy a moment of relaxation. Independent lunch and continuation to Marrakech. Dinner and overnight at Riad Bahia Salam. (B, D)

### Day 6: Marrakech

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Marrakech, the second oldest imperial city known as the Pearl of the South, see the Saadian tombs, the Koutoubia, the Bahia Palace and the Menara gardens. visit of the souks, the winding little streets and the Djemaâ El Fna place with its various and non-stop entertainment: storytellers, snake charmers, fire-eaters and more. Enjoy a BBQ lunch in a local restaurant then visit the Yves Saint Laurent Museum (closed Wednesdays). Return back to Riad for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Full day excursion to Ourika Valley

Meet your driver and guide then leave to Ourika. Just 30kms away from Marrakech starts the green valley of the Ourika River. You can visit the local country market, held every Monday and Friday, butchers and barbers, vegetables, cereals and olive oil sellers, blacksmiths and medicine-men gather under canvass and reeds shelters, along with a number of small restaurants scattered around in the open air. Then, as you round the bend in the road, appears the potters village where you can be tempted by colourful plates, salad-bowls, flower vases or lamps in either traditional or modern style; also for sale are collections of precious minerals: quartz, amethyst, and many other rocks that are found in this area. Drive back to Marrakech. In the evening, meet your driver then drive to enjoy your farewell dinner in a local restaurant in Marrakech. Overnight at your riad. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Marrakech

After breakfast, transfer to airport for departure. (B)



Fez

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transportation throughout by deluxe A/C vehicle from arrival until departure with an English speaking driver
- 7 nights accommodation in 4 star Hotel & riads
- 7 Breakfast, 7 Dinners, 1 Lunch
- 1 farewell dinner in typical restaurant in Marrakech
- Fully licensed English-speaking local guides in Rabat, Meknes, Volubilis, Fez, Marrakech
- Entrance fees to sites visited as per itinerary
- Fresh Bottled mineral of water on board while touring
- Local taxes and permanent services

Price from **A\$2990** per person twin share



# Royalty Tour of Morocco

10 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 2020

## Day 1: Casablanca

Arrive at Casablanca airport, clearing customs and immigration, your English speaking driver will meet you with a welcome sign and your name on it at the arrivals area. Transfer to Kenzi Basma Hotel. (D)

## Day 2: Casablanca-Rabat-Meknes-Fez

Enjoy a city tour of Casablanca, the business capital of Morocco. Visit Hassan II Mosque, the next largest Mosque and only Mosque in Morocco available to non-Muslims. Then drive to the capital Rabat. Meet local guide for tour to the Mohamed V Mausoleum, the burial place of the present King's grandfather, see the Consuls street with nice shops then continue to Kasbah see the Oudayas and its magnificent Gate, then drive to Meknes, visit this former Imperial city of Morocco: the old ramparts; the Agdoul Basin, the Moulay Ismail stables, granaries, and House of Water. After visiting Meknes, Continue on to the ruins of Volubilis it has impressive and well-preserved Roman ruins. Continue driving to Fez for dinner and overnight at Riad Perle de la Medina. (B, D)

## Day 3: Full day sightseeing tour to Fez

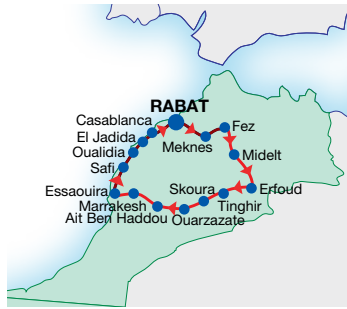
Meet your local guide and driver for a full-day discovery of Fez. Tour will include the old and new medinas, the 14th century Medersa Attarine (religious school), and the Arts Museum of Batha. Afternoon, explore the impressive labyrinth of souks in Fez, declared by UNESCO to be one of the world's cultural treasures. Afternoon will also include photo opportunities at the imposing gate of Bab Boujloud, the splendid fountain at Place Nejjarine, the ancient ramparts, and the beautiful façade of the Royal Palace. (B, D)

## Day 4: Fez-Midelt-Erfoud

Early start this morning for a full-day drive to southern Morocco. You will travel through cedar forests and picturesque scenery of the Middle Atlas Mountains to Erfoud. Situated among the impressive sand dunes of the Sahara Desert, it is one of the largest oases in Morocco. Dinner and overnight at Kasbah Maadid. (B, D) *Optional: Excursion by deluxe 4x4 Toyota Prado to Merzouga golden Dunes to explore the sunset.*

## Day 5: Erfoud-Tinghir-Skoura-Ouarzazate

Drive through Tinejdad, Tineghir and the Todra Pass in the beautiful 1,000 Kasbah Valley with visits to Dades Valley & Todra Gorge then to El Kelaa des Mgouna and Skoura. After Skoura, the palm trees are replaced by orchards and irrigated gardens. Roses for making perfume are the specialty of El Kelaa des Mgouna. You will find some nice shopping here for rose products. Continue to the film industry centre at Ouarzazate. Dinner and overnight at Riad Dar Chamaa. (B, D)



## Day 6: Ouarzazate-Ait Ben Haddou-Marrakech

Driver will take you to see the Taourirt Kasbah, Film studios in Ouarzazate, then continue on to explore the ancient Kasbah complex of Ait Ben Haddou, an impressive 11th century structure, declared by UNESCO to be an historical treasure. Continue driving to Marrakech through the High Atlas Mountains at Tizi N'Tichka Pass (6,600 feet). Arrive at Ait Ourir village Check-in at Riad Bahia Salam for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## Day 7: Full day sightseeing tour of Marrakech (local guide)

Today a guided historic visit of Marrakech will include the Menara. The tour will cover several impressive sights: The Koutoubia Minaret, Saadian tombs demonstrating Moorish architecture in its perfection. Free time for Lunch (not included). Then to the Souks of Marrakech. This afternoon ends at the renowned Djemaa El Fna Square, entertainment area where each afternoon storytellers, snake charmers, tooth-drawers, and dancers appear to entertain the crowd. Conclude the day with a sunset drink overlooking the exciting Jamaa El Fna Square. (B, L, D)

## Day 8: Marrakech-Essaouira

After breakfast, depart for Essaouira, renowned for its production of "Murex" a small shellfish used to make the purple dye for Roman togas, Essaouira is now a very active fishing harbour. Dinner and overnight at Riad Dar Loussia. (B, D)

## Day 9: Essaouira-Safi-Oualidia-El Jadida-Casablanca

Meet with your driver then leave to Casablanca on the coastal road, will make a stop at Safi city. Free for lunch (not included) in Oualidia facing its magnificent lagoon. Afterwards proceed to El Jadida, originally a fortress built in the 16th century by the Portuguese, now it is a tranquil fishing port with a unique medina. Then continue on the Highway to Casablanca. Check in at Kenzi Basma Hotel Casablanca. Tonight you will enjoy a fare-well dinner at local restaurant Rick's café in Casablanca. (B, D)

## Day 10: Casablanca

Breakfast at hotel, meet with your driver then transfer in time to Casablanca Airport. End of Services. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transportation throughout by deluxe A/C vehicle from arrival until departure with an English speaking driver
- 9 nights accommodation in 4 star Hotels & riads.
- 9 Breakfasts, 9 Dinners, 1 Lunch, 1 Tasting
- 1 farewell dinner in typical restaurant in Casablanca
- Fully licensed English-speaking local guides in Rabat, Meknes, Volubilis, Fez, Marrakech, Essaouira
- Entrance fees to sites visited as per itinerary
- Fresh Bottled mineral of water on board while touring
- Local taxes and permanent services

Price from **A\$3490** per person twin share



Kasbah Ait Ben Haddou



# Spain, Morocco & Portugal Tours

## Spain & Morocco

10 Days

**Departs:** Tuesdays all year round  
*Note: Similar 10 day tour also operates on Saturdays. Contact us for details*

### Day 1 Tue: Madrid-Cordoba-Seville

Departure from the bus Terminal at 8:00 am through the La Mancha country to Cordoba. On arrival enjoy a sightseeing tour, visiting its famous Mosque/Cathedral and Jewish Quarter. After the visit continue to Seville. Dinner and overnight. (D)

### Day 2 Wed: Seville

Morning city tour to visit the Barrio de Santa Cruz with its narrow streets, the Park of Maria Luisa and Plaza de España, with sightseeing of the city. Optional Artistic tour including the Royal Alcazar Palace. Afternoon at leisure to continue discovering the city. Dinner and overnight (B, D)

### Day 3 Thu: Seville-Ronda-Costa Del Sol

Depart along the Route of the white village and Ronda. Enjoy some free time to explore Ronda at your own pace before continuing onto to Costa Del Sol. Overnight in the city Marbella. (B, D)

### Day 4 Fri: Costa Del Sol-Tangier-Rabat-Casablanca

Depart to Algeciras or Tarifa to board the ferry crossing the Strait of Gibraltar towards Africa. On arrival in Morocco, after customs continue by motor coach to Tangier and then to Rabat for a walking tour with the Mausoleum of Mohamed V and the Hassan Tower. Afterwards continue to the cosmopolitan city of Casablanca for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

### Day 5 Sat: Casablanca-Marrakech

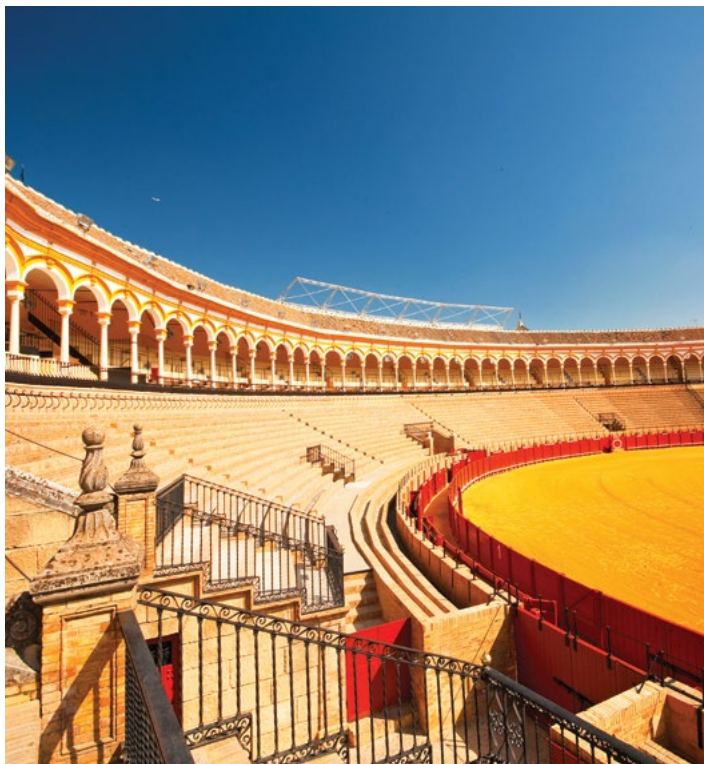
Morning panoramic tour of Casablanca before departing for Marrakech. Upon arrival enjoy a afternoon sightseeing tour of this Imperial city visiting the famous Djemaa el Fna Square of great exotic activity. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

### Day 6 Sun: Marrakech-Meknes-Fez

Depart to Meknes for a panoramic sightseeing tour of this old walled city, with the beautiful gate Bab El Mansour. Continue to Fez for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



Fez



Seville

### Day 7 Mon: Fez

Morning city sightseeing of Fez, visiting the Medersa, the first university of the Islamic world, the old Casbah and its narrow streets, quarter of tanners, the fountain Najerine, the great Medina, considered as a World Heritage site. Afternoon at leisure to continue discovering this exciting city on your own. Overnight. (B)

### Day 8 Tue: Fez-Tangier-Costa Del Sol

Depart for Tangier to board the ferry across the Strait back to Spain. Arrival to Costa Del Sol, a region in the south of Spain. Dinner and overnight in Marbella. (B, D)

### Day 9 Wed: Costa Del Sol-Granada

The coach will travel to Granada for a sightseeing tour including the impressive Alhambra with its beautiful Nazari Palaces and the Generalife. Dinner and overnight. Optional visit to the caves of Sacromonte and attend a typical show of gypsy flamenco. (B, D)

### Day 10 Thu: Granada-Toledo-Madrid

Today the tour heads towards the Imperial city of Toledo, a location full of history and monuments. Lunch and city sightseeing throughout its narrow streets and alleys. Afterwards continue back to Madrid. On arrival in Madrid end of services. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Air-conditioned deluxe motorcoach
- English Speaking driver
- 9 nights' accommodation in First class hotels
- 9 Breakfasts, 8 Dinners
- Local English-speaking guides in sightseeing locations
- Sightseeing tours in Toledo, Granada, Meknes, Marrakech, Casablanca, Tangier, Rabat, Cordoba and Seville
- Return ferry economy ticket crossing the Strait of Gibraltar to/from Morocco

Price from **A\$2216** per person twin share





Marrakech

# Essential Spain & Morocco

15 Days

**Departs:** Selected Tuesdays  
7, 14, 21, 28 Apr; 5, 12, 19, 26 May;  
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Jun; 7, 14, 21, 28 Jul;  
4, 11, 18, 25 Aug; 1, 15, 29 Sep;  
6, 13, 27 Oct; 3, 10 Nov; 22, 29 Dec 2020

## Day 1 Tue: Madrid

Meet and be assisted at Madrid Barajas International Airport for transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

## Day 2 Wed: Madrid

Morning panoramic city tour of Madrid; Drive through the courtesan district of the Hapsburgs and Baroque style buildings, Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and Plaza de la Villa, The Royal Palace (outside), Prado Museum (Outside) Cibeles and Neptuno Fountains and the Puerta de Alcalá. Visit Modern Madrid with a stop at Las Ventas Bullring and Santiago Bernabeu football stadium (outside). End tour with a free drink at the "Hard Rock Café". Afternoon at leisure to explore the wonders that the city. (B)

## Day 3 Thu: Madrid-Cordoba-Seville

Depart from hotel and head to the land of Don Quijote, man from 'La Mancha', then arrive in Cordoba. After lunch (own expense), start the city tour visiting the Mosque and Jewish Quarter. Continue to Seville. Dinner and overnight. (D)

## Day 4 Fri: Seville

Morning start with panoramic city tour visiting the Cathedral, Santa Cruz Quarter, Maria Luisa Gardens and the Spain Square. Afternoon at leisure to discover Seville at your own pace. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. Optional Flamenco tour. (B, D)

## Day 5 Sat: Seville-Ronda-Costa Del Sol

Depart through the White Villages road to Ronda. Stop to admire this town of Celtic origin and the view of the valley and mountain range. Continue to Costa Del Sol. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## Day 6 Sun: Costa Del Sol-Fez

After breakfast, depart along the Costa Del Sol to Algeciras to board the ferry to Morocco. Continue to Fez for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## Day 7 Mon: Fez

Enjoy a morning city tour of Fez, the most ancient of the Imperial Cities of Morocco. Visit the Royal Palace, Christian Jewish Quarter and The Medina (Old City). Afternoon free, dinner and overnight. Optional dinner with show. (B, D)

## Day 8 Tue: Fez-Rabat-Marrakech

Departure towards Rabat. Visit the exterior doors of the Royal Palace, the Mausoleum of Mohamed V and the Hassan Tower. Continue to Marrakech for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## Day 9 Wed: Marrakech

Morning sightseeing tour visit Koutoubia Tower, twin Tower of Giralda, Saadian Tombs and Bay Palace. In the afternoon walk around the medina, souks and Dejna El Fna Square, which is packed with fortune tellers, snake tamers, acrobats, etc. Afternoon at leisure. Optional dinner show at "Fantasia Chez Ali". (B, D)



## Day 10 Thu: Marrakech

This morning after breakfast, day at leisure to explore this magical city. Dinner and overnight (B, D)

## Day 11 Fri: Marrakech-Casablanca

Departure to Casablanca. Upon arrival enjoy a panoramic tour visiting the exterior of the Great Mosque, Boulevard de la Corniche, United Nations Square, Habbous and Anfa residential neighbourhood. Rest of day at leisure. (B, D)

## Day 12 Sat: Casablanca-Tangier-Tarifa-Costa Del Sol

Breakfast and departure to Tangier. Arrival in Tangier and transfer to the port for departure to Tarifa. Continue to your hotel in beautiful Costa del Sol for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## Day 13 Sun: Costa Del Sol-Granada

Departure to Granada. Visit La Alhambra and Generalife Gardens, the last stronghold of the Moorish Kingdoms up to 1492. Afternoon at leisure. Optional Gipsy Flamenco show. Dinner and overnight at hotel. (B, D)

## Day 14 Mon: Granada-Toledo-Madrid

Today visit the Imperial city of Toledo, where all the cultures/eras of Spain have lived together. An impressive tour of the most important city monuments and products, such as the famous 'Damasquinado'. Continue to Madrid for overnight. (B)

## Day 15 Tue: Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel transfer to the airport. End of our services. (B)

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- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
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Tourist Class from **A\$2899** per person twin share

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# Morocco General Information



## Introduction

Morocco is one of the most diverse countries in Africa, with high mountains, sweeping desert, rugged coastline, and the winding alleyways of ancient medina cities and souks. From Saharan dunes to the peaks of the High Atlas, Morocco could have been tailor-made for travellers. Lyrical landscapes carpet this sublime slice of North Africa like the richly coloured and patterned rugs you'll lust after in local cooperatives. On lower ground, there are rugged coastlines, waterfalls and caves in forested hills, and the mighty desert.

## Official Language

Morocco's official languages are Arabic and Berber. The country's distinctive group of Moroccan Arabic dialects is referred to as Darija. The Berber language is spoken in three dialects (Tarifit, Tashelhit and Central Atlas Tamazight).

## Currency

The currency is the Moroccan dirham (MAD), and Visa or MasterCard cards are accepted. ATMs can now be found in abundance in most towns.

## Tipping

There is no "rule of thumb" per se regarding tipping in Morocco. At many of the upmarket restaurants in the tourist areas they will add 10% to the bill, therefore check your bill. If you don't receive good service then don't tip and if you get great service give more than 10%. In taxis, just round up to the nearest 5 dirhams, e.g. if the taxi metre says 17, pay 20.

## Climate

Morocco is split into three different regions: a narrow coastal belt, which is home to a typical Mediterranean climate with mild winters and hot summers. Each seeing long enjoyable summers that begin in mid May and continue right through until the end of September, and shorter winters in which the region sees most of its annual rainfall.

## Average Monthly Temperatures (Degrees celcius):

Average Temps		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rabat	Low	7	8	10	11	13	16	18	18	17	15	11	9
	High	17	18	21	21	23	25	27	28	27	24	21	19

## Visas

Australian and New Zealand travelers only need a passport with 6 months validity for travel less than 90 days.

## Population

Morocco's population was estimated at 34 million in 2014.

## Electricity

The electrical current in Morocco is 220V, while 125V still operates in some older buildings. The standard European plug applies so an adapter is required.

## Food

A mix of influences from Morocco's interactions and exchanges with other cultures and nations over the centuries; Moroccan cuisine is a mix of Mediterranean, Arabic and Andalusian and Berber cuisines in every dish. Filled with spices the cooks in the royal kitchens of Fez, Meknes, Marrakech, Rabat and Tetouan created the basis for what is known as Moroccan cuisine today.

## Shopping

Morocco is famous for its gorgeous artisanal crafts, from Berber rugs to brilliant silk embroidery. The brown-and white, diamond-pattern Moroccan beni ouarain may be the most popular, but flat-weave rugs in all patterns, shapes, and sizes, antique and brand new are easily found all over the medinas of this country, especially those of Fez and Marrakech. It's always good to make a recon trip first, and then go back a second time to actually buy. And yes, you should barter.

## Getting There

By Air: Etihad Airlines fly daily from Sydney via Abu Dhabi to Casablanca, Emirates flies from Sydney to Casablanca and other destinations, Air France flies from Sydney to Rabat and to other Moroccan cities.

## Getting Around

Given enough time, driving yourself around Morocco is a great way to enjoy the country. However, accident rates are high, and aggressive driving practiced

making for a stressful experience. The minimum driving age in Morocco is 18, rental companies will only rent to those 21 and older. An international driver's license isn't required. Driving in Morocco is on the right-hand side. The rail network is safe and comfortable and connects most cities west of the Atlas Mountains, including Fez, Meknes, Tangier, Rabat, Casablanca, and Marrakech. Buses link some other destinations to the rail network, such as Essaouira. Timetables rarely change, although special schedules are arranged during Ramadan and Festival times.

## Accommodation

Morocco offers the traveller an extremely appealing range of year-round accommodations, including trendy medina houses, world-class luxury hotels and beach resorts, desert and mountain kasbahs, and grand sultan palaces. Luxury options have increased considerably over recent years, but there are still plenty of mid-to lower-range accommodations as well. Advance reservations are recommended during the holiday season from June to September, as well as over the Easter and Christmas/New Year periods. This applies year-round in Marrakech.

## Time Zone

Morocco is standard time Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and also has daylight saving which is adjusted during summer, the same as the rest of Europe. Therefore during Australian Summer, Morocco is 11 hours behind, while only nine in the winter.

## National Holidays 2020

1 Jan - New Year's Day  
11 Jan - Proclamation of Independence  
1 May - Labour Day  
24-25 May - End of Ramadan  
30 Jul - Enthronement  
31 Jul-1 Aug - Eid Kbir  
14 Aug - Oued Ed-Dahab Day  
20 Aug - Revolution Day  
20 Aug - Faith Muharram  
21 Aug - Youth Day  
29 Oct - Eid Al Mawled  
6 Nov - Green March Day  
18 Nov - Independence Day

## Things To Do

**Marrakech:** AKA the Red City – is worlds away from your average Med resort, but that's all part of the pull. Morocco's most

exciting city, Marrakech, has the Jemaa el-Fna as its showpiece, the main square where you'll cross paths with acrobats, fire-swallowers and soothsayers. Other biggies include the Koutoubia Mosque's soaring minaret, the Saadian Tombs' mosaics, and the late Yves Saint Laurent's Majorelle Gardens.

**Essaouira:** Enjoy an authentic taste of Morocco on holidays in Essaouira. This coastal town is a firm favourite with holidaymakers thanks to its long sandy beach, abundance of sunshine, fresh seafood, a laidback atmosphere and the opportunity to see Morocco in all its glorious colours.

**Casablanca:** This large, modern city, formerly a French colonial post still allows myriad movie moments for those who want to revisit love in the medina and Old City. Casa (as locals call it) isn't too touristy, but it's the most cosmopolitan and Western-feeling city in Morocco. Visit the King Hassan II Mosque and Casa's Medina.

**Fez:** The oldest university in the world isn't Oxford or the Sorbonne—it's the University of Al-Karaouine, and you'll find it in Fez el-Bali. This walled city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, will transport you back to mediaeval times. Visit the ancient maze-like quarters of the Medina to Fez el-Bali and the four imposing Gates of Fez, with their distinctive Moroccan tile work.

**Tangier:** Located on the Strait of Gibraltar where Africa meets Europe, Tangier has long held strategic importance. Ruled through the centuries by waves of conquerors including Romans, Vandals, Byzantines, Arabs and Portuguese, the city is more than two and a half millennia old, making it one of North Africa's most ancient. The medina, kasbah, bazaars and souks are among the country's most vibrant, and the beaches are excellent.

**Rabat:** Morocco's coastal capital since 1912, Rabat has just over a million people. Modern and even reserved by Moroccan standards, the city also has many fascinating historic sites, including the picturesque Kasbah of the Udayas, built in the mid-12th century. The unique Hassan Tower, begun at the end of the 12th century, was meant to have the world's largest minaret, but was never completed. Just opposite the tower lies the 20th-century Mausoleum of Mohammed V, another of the city's main attractions.



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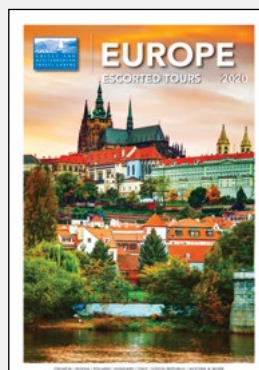
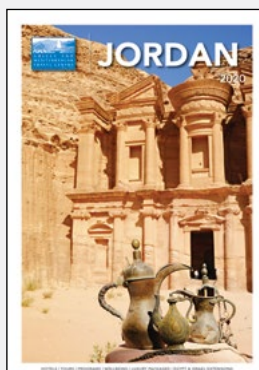
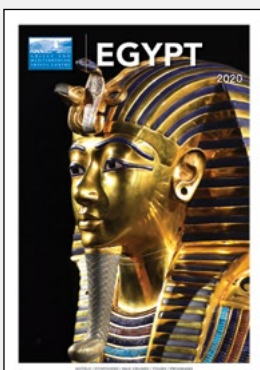
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