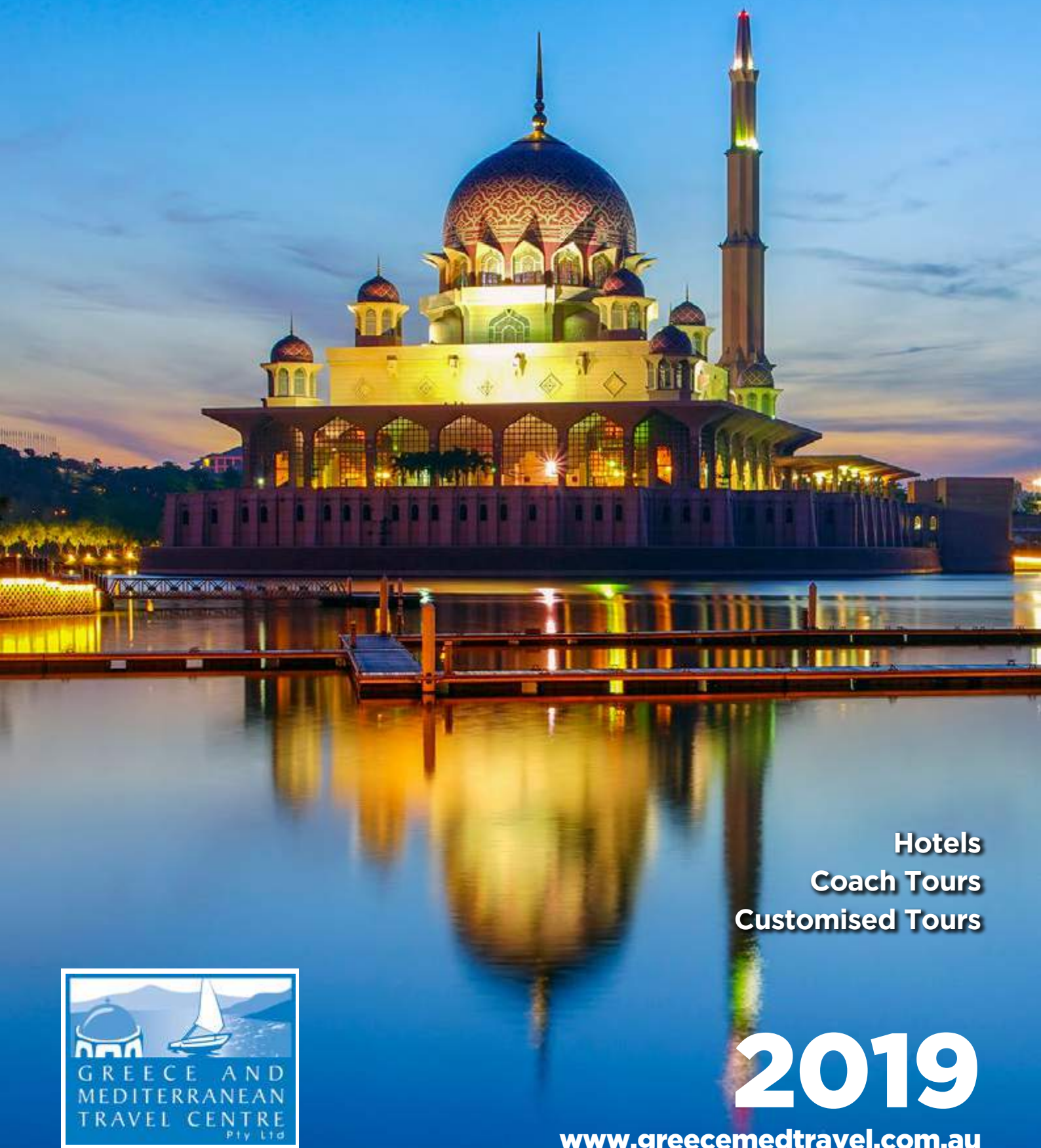


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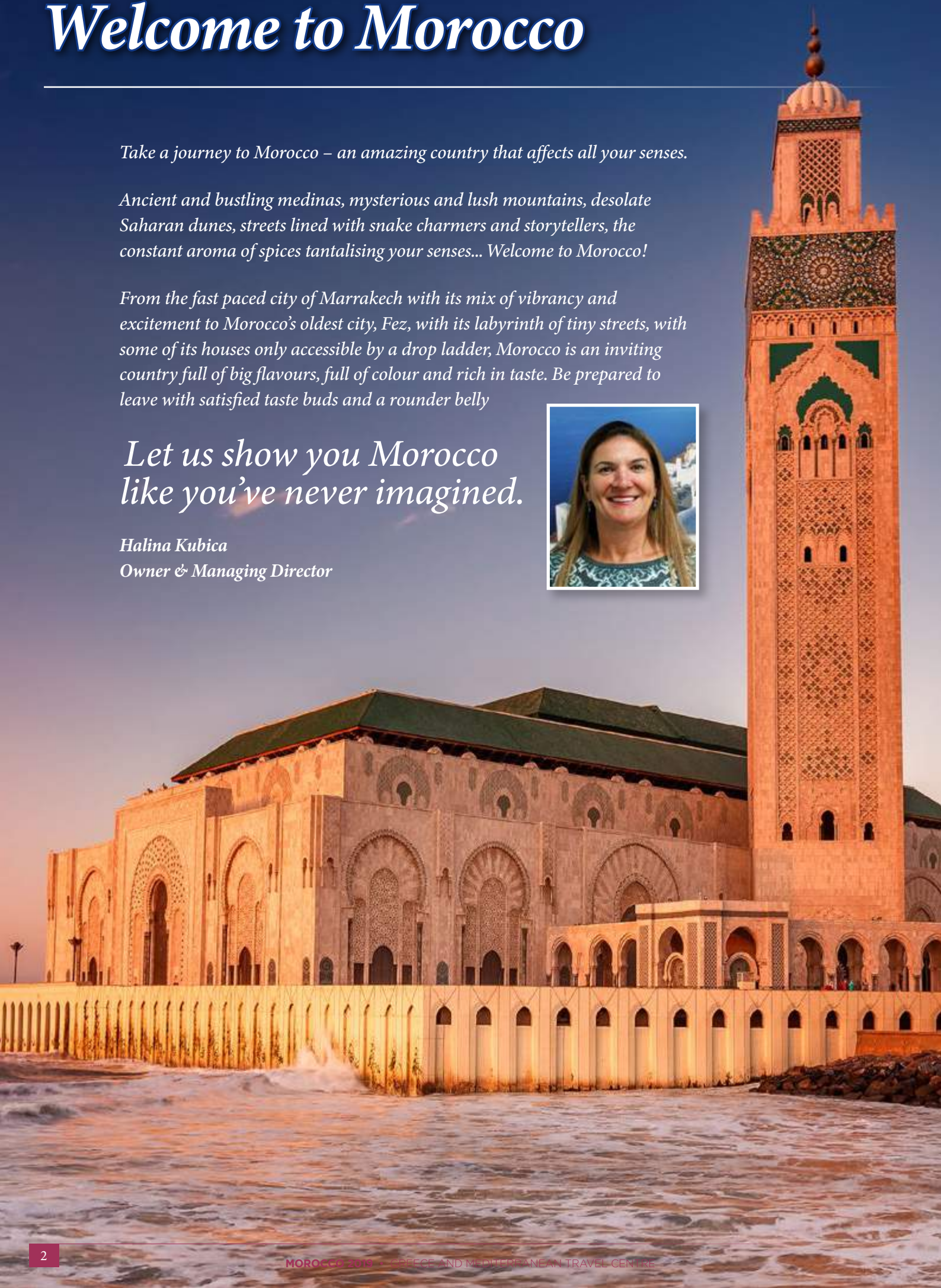
*Ancient and bustling medinas, mysterious and lush mountains, desolate Saharan dunes, streets lined with snake charmers and storytellers, the constant aroma of spices tantalising your senses... Welcome to Morocco!*

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## Destination Guides

Shop our programs and destinations with our comprehensive range of travel brochures available in print or online.

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# Morocco

## *Large Selection of Programs*

We are very good at many things, however we excel at flexibility. Our itineraries have been designed to suit the needs of most Australian travelers, but we encourage you to customise your stay. Morocco is not the destination that we recommend to explore without assistance. Our regular or private tours are the recommended way to see the country.

We offer the following options for visitors to Morocco:

### **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 and are listed on page 39.

### **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. Some sample itineraries are located on pages 40 & 41.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.





# Samples of our Recommended Hotels

Contact us for more



*Morocco is renowned for its unique and hidden Riads, unlike your standard hotels, Riads are traditional, have a cultural feel to them that will give you the feeling of what it would be like to be living like a Moroccan. Below are some sample Riads located in the most popular cities of Morocco. Please contact us for prices.*

## Riad Bahia Salam - Marrakech



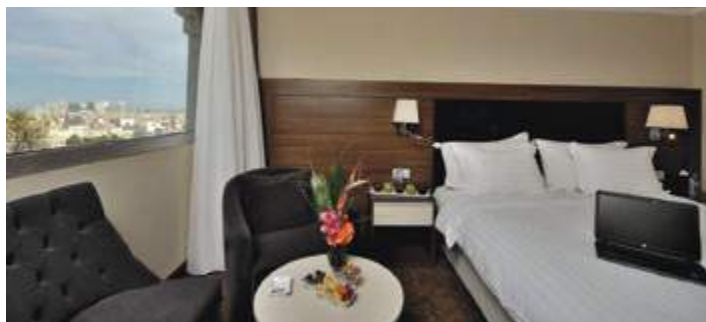
A 10-minute walk from the Koutoubia Mosque, this elegant hotel with traditional Moroccan styling is 3 km from Majorelle Garden and 7 km from Menara Airport. Refined, individually decorated rooms and suites come with Wi-Fi access, flat-screen TVs and minibars. Some have 4-poster beds and/or direct courtyard access. A relaxed, tent-style restaurant offers dining on a rooftop terrace. There's a spa with a Hammam, and a courtyard with seating. **Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast.

## Riad Perle de la Medina - Fez



An architectural masterpiece holding the heritage of twelve centuries, it is a place of refinement on all levels. It is a sumptuous palace expertly renovated while preserving its authenticity to serve as a guest house. Situated in the prestigious Douh district near the BATHA square and only a short distance away from the famous and monumental gate of BAB BOUJLOUD, it is easily accessible by car which is a big advantage in a basically pedestrian city. The Riad offers a fairy tale atmosphere for a heavenly visit worthy of the thousand and One Arabian Nights. It offers an incredible feeling of going back in time. **Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast.

## Kenzi Basma - Casablanca



A 10-minute walk from Station Place des Nations Unies (train station), this contemporary hotel is 2 km from Hassan II Mosque and 6 km from Plage Lalla Meryem. Decorated in neutral tones, the casual rooms have free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and minibridges, as well as city views. Bi-level suites come with separate living areas and complimentary breakfast. Room service is offered 24/7. Amenities include a bright international restaurant and a hip bar. Courtesies parking is provided. **Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast.

## Riad Zyo - Rabat



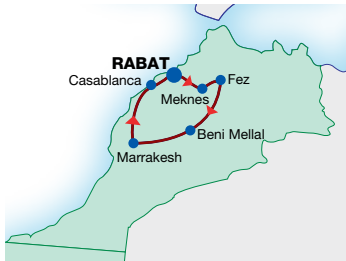
Located in the Medina of Rabat, this old post office turn Riad puts you completely under its spell. With easy access, close to the beach and marina, the Ryad Zyo is an enchanting, luxuriously original place. The Zyo plays on contrasts with its ethereally revisited Moroccan craftsmanship. The woodwork is unvarnished and carved, the plaster is like lacework and the mosaic "Zelliges" are simple and discreet. The patio is open and a spectacular palm grove on the first floor faces a glass walkway. Le Hammam is of white marble and turquoise mosaic Tadelakt tiles. Each room has air conditioning / heating, TV, telephone, personal safe and Wifi Internet connection. This bright and serene lieu also has a beautiful terrace with relaxing solarium. **Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast.



# Regular Coach Tours

With guaranteed departures of minimum 4 participants these carefully selected itineraries depart from Marrakesh and Casablanca and take in the most popular locations within Morocco. Travelling in deluxe coaches you won't miss a thing as you relax and unwind. These guaranteed departure tours can hold up to 50 plus passengers.

## Imperial Cities Tour • 8 Days



**Departs:** Saturdays 5 Jan-26 Oct 2019  
*Note: This tour can also be extended to 10 days with two additional days in Marrakesh.*

### 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, the United Nations location, the central market, the 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 of the administrative capital of Morocco with the 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 to visit the Roman ruins of Volubilis. Continue to Meknes, known as the Moroccan Versailles, which was founded at the end of the 17th Century by Moulay Ismail. 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 devoted to the sightseeing of Fez; the most ancient cultural and spiritual city of Morocco. Visit of the medieval medina, the Medersas, the Karaouine mosque and the famous Nejjarine fountain. Visit through the

old medina where the clients 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 Immouzer 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 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, the Koutoubia, the Bahia Palace and the Menara gardens. Return to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon, 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. Overnight at Hotel (B, L)  
*Optional: A Diffa Fantasia dinner, performance with camel and horses shows, folkloric and belly dancers.*

### Day 7 Fri: Marrakesh-Casablanca

After breakfast, 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 Mohamed V airport. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

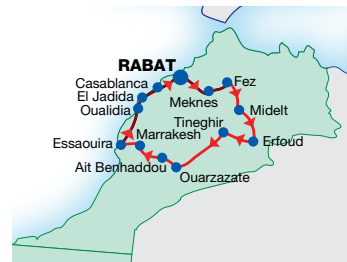
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- Multilingual speaking guide
- 7 nights accommodation in selected class
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Comfort		Superior	
	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
5-26 Jan; 1-15 Jun 2019	1040	1440	1450	1940
2-23 Feb; 22-29 Jun; 6 Jul-14 Sep 2019	1190	1598	1580	2090
2 Mar-25 May; 21 Sep-26 Oct 2019	1292	1740	1720	2266

**Comfort accommodation (approximately 4 Star):** Casablanca - Idou Anfa Hotel; Rabat - Belere; Fez - Royal Mirage Hotel; Marrakesh - Atlas Asni Hotel

**Superior accommodation (approximately 5 Star):** Casablanca - Kenzi Tower; Rabat - La Tour Hassan Hotel; Fez - Fes Marriott Jnan Palace; Marrakesh - Atlas Medina & Spa

## Grand Tour of Morocco • 11 Days



**Departs:** Saturdays 5 Jan-26 Oct 2019

### Day 1 Sat: Casablanca

Arrive at Casablanca Mohamed V airport where you'll be met and assisted for your transfer to the Idou Anfa Hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

### Day 2 Sun: Casablanca-Rabat

Morning sightseeing visit through Casablanca, the economical capital of Morocco. See the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, 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. Then depart for Rabat, to see Hassan Tower, the Mohamed V Mausoleum, the Kasbah of Oudayas and the Medina. Dinner and overnight at Belere Hotel. (B, D)

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

Visit the Roman ruins of Volubilis on your way to Meknes. On arrival take a tour of the city formerly known as the Moroccan Versailles. See Bab Mansour, the most preserved gate in Morocco, Hari Souani and the old medina. Afterwards depart for Fez. Dinner and overnight at the Royal Mirage Hotel. (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 accommodation. 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. Dinner and overnight at the Le Berbere Palace Hotel. (B, D)

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

Visit Ouarzazate with Tifoult and Taourirt Kasbahs. Then depart for Ait 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 Atlas Asni Hotel. (B, D)

### Day 8 Sat: Marrakesh

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

### Day 9 Sun: Marrakesh-Essaouira

Depart for Essaouira, enjoy a short visit of the city. Dinner and overnight at the Atlas Essaouira & Spa 5\* hotel. (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 the Idou Anfa hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

### Day 11 Tue: Casablanca

After Breakfast, transfer to Mohamed V airport. Assistance with the boarding formalities. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- Multilingual speaking guide
- 10 nights accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes

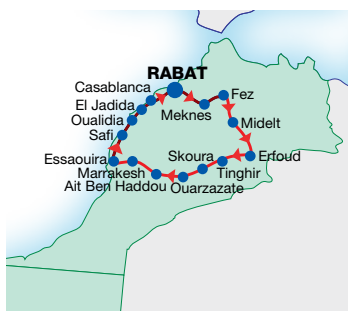
Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
5-19 Jan; 8-22 Jun 2019	1922	2378
2-16 Feb; 25 May; 6 Jul-14 Sep 2019	2025	2510
2 Mar-11 May; 28 Sep-26 Oct 2019	2248	2786

# Customised 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 take advantage of the relatively low prices in Morocco. A comfortable vehicle will be provided to fit your private group, together with a driver and or English speaking guide who will travel with you. You get the advantage of a Moroccan guide with intimate knowledge of their own country who can provide you with an inside knowledge of historical sites as well as information about the best places to shop, dine and discover local entertainment. Choose duration, type of hotel, room type and meal plan that best suits your needs. Below is an example of a private tours which itineraries are similar to our most popular coach tours using small traditional hotels which generally cannot be used for regular coach tours as they are unable to accommodate large groups. Please contact us should you wish to create your own holiday in Morocco of any duration.

## Royalty Tour of Morocco

• 10 Days



**Departs:** Daily 1 Nov 2018-31 Oct 2019

### 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 A/C deluxe van to hotel in Casablanca. Check-in at Kenzi Basma hotel for Dinner and overnight. (D)

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

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 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

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 4: Fez-Midelt-Erfoud

Breakfast in Riad. You will need to make an 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. Erfoud, situated among the impressive sand dunes of the Sahara Desert, is one of the largest oases in Morocco. Dinner and overnight at Kashbah Maadid. (B, D)

*Optional: Excursion by deluxe 4x4 Toyota Prado to Merzouga golden Dunes to explore the sunset.*

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

After breakfast, 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 center at Ouarzazate. Situated in a valley at the foot of the Atlas Mountains, Ouarzazate is a former outpost of the Foreign Legion and has now become an important centre for the film industry due to the quality of its light and unpolluted atmosphere. Dinner and overnight at Riad Dar Chamaa. (B, D)

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

Your private 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 at the foot of the Atlas Mountains then cross the fertile country of the Haouz Plain to the pearl of south. Check-in at Riad 64 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. Certainly these are the most colourful and liveliest in Africa. This afternoon ends at the renowned Djemaa El Fna Square, a popular 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. Dinner and overnight at your riad. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Marrakech-Essaouira

After breakfast, depart for Essaouira, approx. 2.30 hours' drive, the nearest seaside resort to Marrakech. Renowned for generations 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 still showing traces of having been occupied by the Portuguese in the XVIth century. Dinner and overnight at Riad Dar Loussia. (B, D)

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

After breakfast, meet with your driver then leave to Casablanca on the

coastal road, will make a stop at Safi, city which was Portuguese and later the residence of the French Consul in Morocco. Time free for lunch in Oualidia facing its magnificent lagoon (not included). 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. Just two steps from the mosque and the church of Assumption, is the El Jadida's famous Portuguese cistern. 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

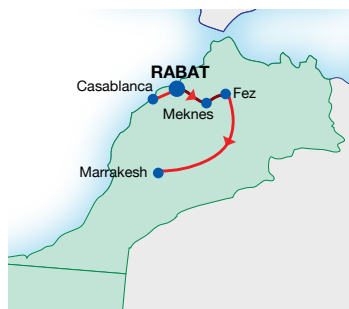
- 9 nights accommodation in Hotels & riads as indicated above
- Daily breakfast
- 9 dinners at Hotel on Half-board basis
- Wine tasting with Taps at the Domaine of Val D'Argan in Essaouira
- 1 farewell dinner in typical restaurant in Casablanca
- Transportation throughout by deluxe A/C vehicle from arrival until departure with an English speaking driver
- 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 Per Person A\$	2 People	3-5 People	6 People	Single Supplement
	3342	2880	2370	840



# Royalty Tour of the Imperial Cities

• 8 Days



**Departs:** Daily 1 Nov 2018-31 Oct 2019

## 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 Zyo. (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 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 64. (B, D)

## Day 6: Marrakech

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Marrakesh, 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)

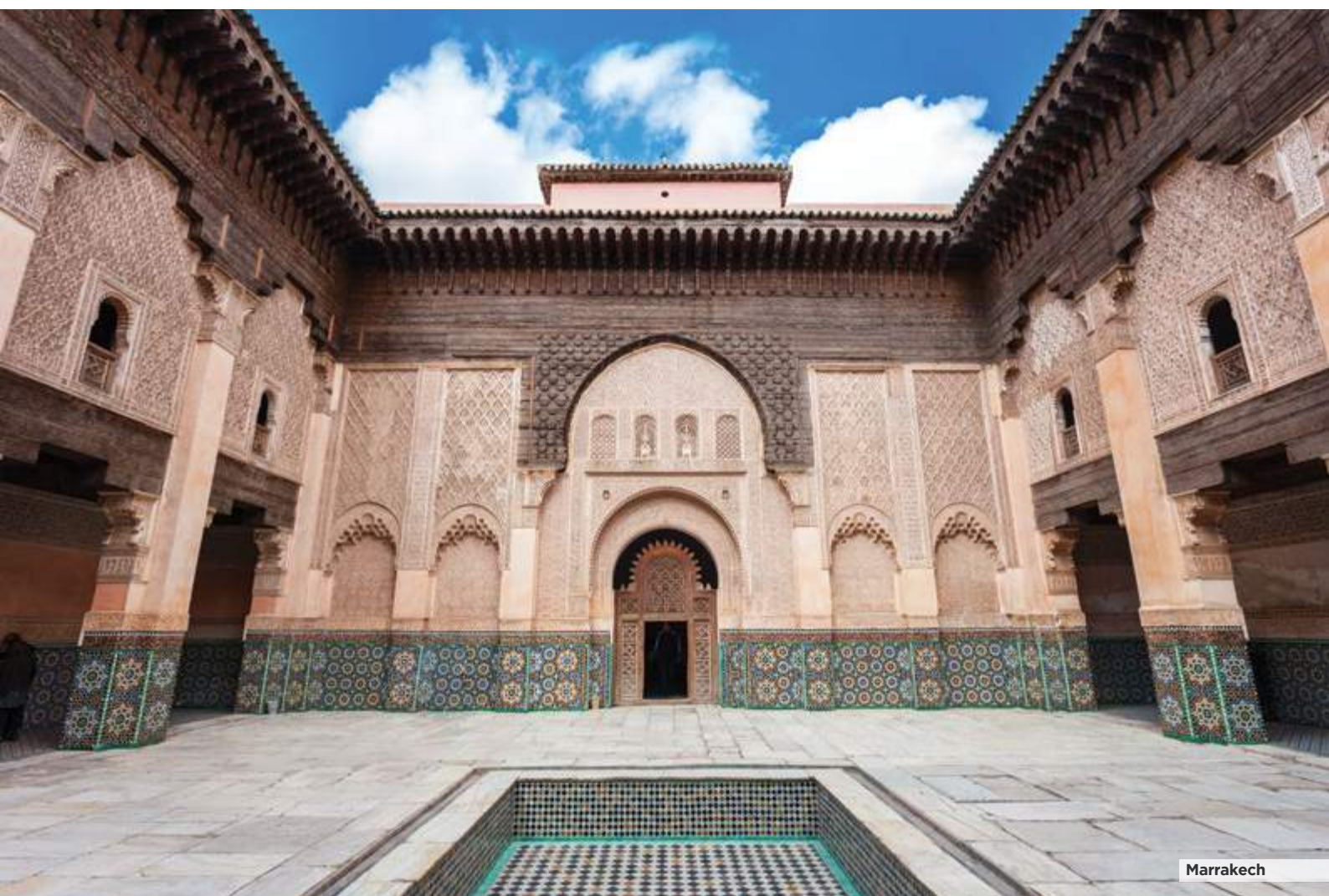
## Day 8: Marrakech

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

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights accommodation in Hotel & riads as indicated above
- Daily breakfast
- 6 dinners
- 1 farewell dinner in typical restaurant in Marrakech
- Transportation throughout by deluxe A/C vehicle from arrival until departure with an English speaking driver
- 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 Per Person A\$	2 People	3-5 People	6 People	Single Supplement
	2790	2405	1978	630



Marrakech



# 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.

## 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.

## Visas

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

## 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
	High	17	18	21	21	23	25	27	28	27	24	19

## 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.

Characteristic flavorings include lemon pickle cold-pressed, unrefined olive oil and dried fruits. Bread is eaten with every meal. Often, for a formal meal, a lamb or chicken dish is next, followed by couscous topped with meat and vegetables. A cup of sweet mint tea usually ends the meal.

## 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.

Other popular items include the beautiful hanging pendants, sconces, and floor lamps you see at every riad in every major town cut in patterns that cast dazzling little light shows across tadelakt (plaster). The souks abound with craftspeople and glass workers who fashion them from single sheets of oxidized iron, brass, or chrome.

## 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 very high, and aggressive driving practiced making for a stressful experience. The road network linking the country is generally very good, with some European-standard motorways

(called auto-routes), many other well-surfaced (though sometimes narrow) secondary and minor roads, and a network of dirt roads, called pistes, through the Atlas ranges.

The minimum driving age in Morocco is 18, though most rental companies will only rent to those 21 and older. You must have both your driving license and passport available for inspection by police at any time. An international driver's license isn't required. Driving in Morocco is on the right-hand side, the same as in continental Europe and North America.

The rail network is both 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. Rail travel in Morocco is quite cheap when compared to that in Europe and North America.

Timetables rarely change, although special schedules are arranged during Ramadan and the two subsequent Festival times of Eid al Fitr and Eid al Adha.

## 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.

## National Holidays 2019

1 Jan - New Year's Day  
11 Jan - Proclamation of Independence  
1 May - Labor Day  
5 Jun - End of Ramadan  
30 Jul - Enthronement  
12-13 Aug - Eid Kbir  
14 Aug - Oued Ed-Dahab Day  
20 Aug - Revolution Day  
21 Aug - Youth Day  
1 Sep - Faith Muharram  
6 Nov - Greece March Day  
10 Nov - Eid Al Mawled  
18 Nov - Independence Day

## Things To Do

**Agadir:** With a sunshine record of 300 days a year, it's not surprising most people hone in on the beach here. And, thankfully, this stretch really delivers. It spoils the coast for nine kilometres, and the sand is about as soft and powdery as it gets. Wind- and kite-surfing are the two big favourites, thanks to trade winds coming off the Atlantic. And just behind the sands you've got seafood stalls churning out ocean-fresh sardines.

**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.

**El Jadida:** This coastal town 100km south of Casablanca. The town is very much the holiday destination for Morocco's wealthier city dwellers. With long beaches and a more relaxed atmosphere, it makes a welcome relief to the hustle-and-bustle of the larger cities inland. The town's other economy is its fishing industry. The town is famous for the remains of Portuguese buildings and the Cistern.



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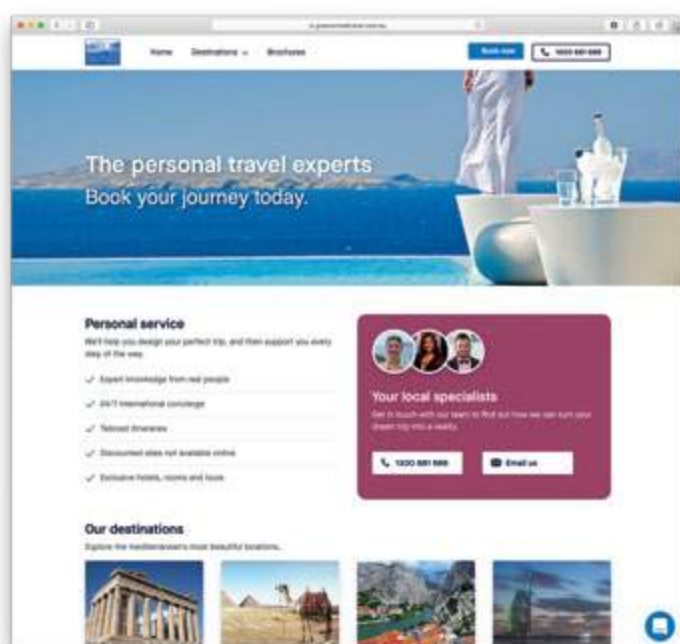
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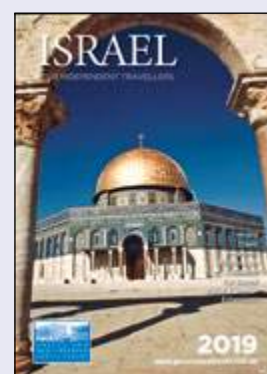
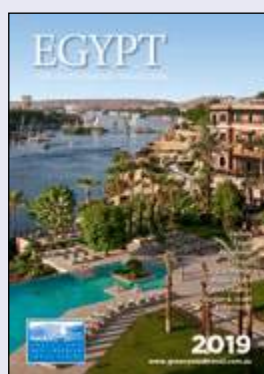
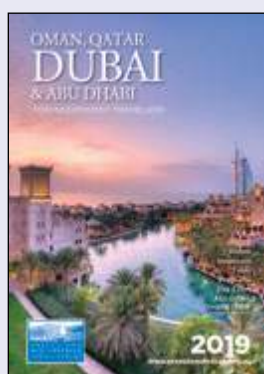
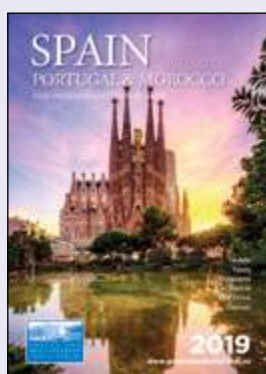
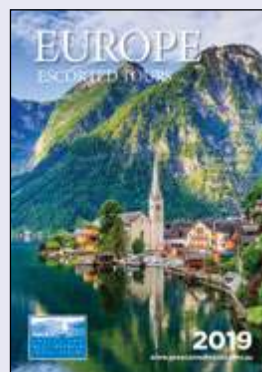
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