

# BEAUTY OF MOROCCO

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## DAY 1: ARRIVAL CASABLANCA



Meet and greet at Casablanca Airport by our local representative. Discover the economic capital of Morocco, the Beautiful pearl of the Atlantic Ocean, the city of Islamic heritage and today the most luxury and wealthy city of Morocco, a city not only for Kings and Princes, with its beautiful surroundings. The atmosphere has a unique beauty and mystic which you will never find in the world.



Visit Habous district, Mohamed V Square and the residential area of Anfa, and see the facade of Mosque Hassan II, which has the tallest minaret in the world. Visit the impressive king Hassan II Muslim Centre including the exterior of the giant Mosque, which can hold 25,000 worshippers, making it one of the most impressive Mosques in the World. You will be taken through the most beautiful locations like the old city and to enjoy the beautiful harbor of "Ainsbai".



**Halal dinner**, hotel transfer and overnight in Casablanca.

## DAY 2: CASABLANCA – RABAT – MEKNES – FEZ



Breakfast. Continue to **Rabat**, the elegant and green administrative Capital of Morocco. Enjoy one of the Morocco's imperial cities, known for its large avenues and green gardens. Modern Rabat is clean and open. It is surrounded by both old Muslim quarters as well as beautiful remains from all periods of Moroccan history. Embark on a city tour which includes the Royal Palace area, Mausoleum of Mohammed V and Hassan Tower. **Halal lunch**.



Continue to the Imperial City of **Meknes**, the city of olive groves founded by the Meknasa tribe, after whom it was named. This small city was expanded in the era of Sultan Abdetmoumen in 1145 as well as during the glorious era of the Alauite King Moulay Ismail. Visit the Ismailian Capital, famous for its 40-kilometre-long walls. Visit the Old Medina, Souqs and Moulay Ismail Mosque square with its old shrine.

Proceed to **Fez** or, as some spell it, *Fes* – the Moroccan city with the shortest name and the longest past, as well as the oldest Imperial City of the entire Kingdom. **Halal dinner**, hotel transfer and overnight in Fez.

## DAY 3: FEZ



Breakfast. Your City Tour of Fez will include viewing the exterior of the **Royal Palace** though general public are barred from entering the Palace, but it is still an impressive sight even from outside. The **Mosque of Bouanania**, built between 1350 and 1357, is the biggest in Fez, and the hallmark of Merenid architecture. **Halal lunch**.



The **University of al-Qarawiyyin** is a university located in Fez, Morocco. It is the oldest existing, continually operating and the first degree awarding educational institution in the world according to UNESCO and Guinness World Records and is sometimes referred to as the oldest university. The al-Qarawiyyin mosque - religious school was founded by Fatima Al-Fihri in 859 with an associated madrasa. **Halal dinner** and overnight in Fez.



## DAY 4: FEZ – ERFUOD



Breakfast. Depart with destination to the oasis town Erfoud in the Sahara Desert, travelling through the Atlas Mountains. Enjoy its magnificent and fairy tale views. Stop at the town of **Midelt** in the high plains between the Middle Atlas and High Atlas mountain ranges (1,508 meters). **Halal lunch.**

In the afternoon, continue our trip to **Erfoud** via the Canyon of Ziz and the lake of the retaining water reservoir Hassan Addakhil. Discover Erfoud, a destination for filmmakers due to the beauty of the surrounding Sahara Desert and the town's oasis areas. At the arrival to the desert gate city, embark on an excursion with all-terrain 4x4 drives to the huge **Merzouga's Erg Chebbi Dunes**. Once there, enjoy the **Camel Ride** during the evening and the sunset. **Halal dinner** and accommodation to overnight in Berber Nomad tents or back to hotel transfer in Erfoud.



#### DAY 5: ERFOUD – TINERGHIR – GORGES OF TODRA – OUARZAZATE

Breakfast. Depart to the city of Ouarzazate passing through **Rissani**, the holy city of Moulay Ali Cherif -ancestor of the Alaouite dynasty-. Visit the Kasbah of the 17th century and ruins. Proceed through the breathtaking desert landscapes and oasis with fantastic palm groves. Visit the **Todra Gorge**, the narrow canyon where 300 meters-high cliffs drop to the river bed below. **Halal lunch.**

In the afternoon we will stop in **Tinghir**, where we can visit the craft center or enjoy free time to explore the small city. Continue to **Ouarzazate** via the **Road of Thousand Kasbahs** and **Dades Valley**, famous for its yearly rose festival. Arrival to Ouarzazate, the famous city for its handicrafts, large streets, the biggest Kasbahs all over the country and their marvelous surroundings. **Halal dinner** and overnight in Ouarzazate.



#### DAY 6: OUARZAZATE – MARRAKECH

Breakfast. Visit the **Great Kasbah** in Ouarzazate (Kasbah of Taourirt) and proceed 10 Km to reach **Ait Ben Haddou Kasbah**, one of the most authentic and well maintained villages in the region of Atlas. It is the most spectacular fortress in the south of Morocco, which has served as decor for many films like "Lawrence of Arabia". **Halal lunch.**

Proceed our trip to **Marrakech** via the high Atlas Mountain, going through the 2,630 meters high Tizi'n'Tichka Pass, offering magnificent views and unique landscapes. Arrival to Marrakech, the most fascinating city, the Pearl of the South and one of the Imperial cities of Morocco. Start discovering this almost one thousand years old city. **Halal dinner**, hotel transfer and overnight in Marrakech.



#### DAY 7: MARRAKECH

Breakfast. Serving as the capital of southern Morocco, the city of Marrakech is one of the most visited countries. This colorful oasis retains a rather exotic flavor with some of its 16Km mud brick ramparts still standing. Marrakech is now something of a Moroccan tourism heaven and is home to the south's Premier Souq (market). Founded almost 1000 years ago, the character of Marrakech remains quite unchanged being hot, full of energy and somewhat African. Begin visiting the Menara gardens, the big pool and the olives fields. **Halal lunch.**





Proceed to the Mosque of Koutoubia and the Bahia Palace. Visit the famous place of Djemaa El Fna square, which is probably the 500 years old most natural square in the World, protected by Unesco. Discover the surroundings by the Old Medina, Souks and hundreds of gremial handcrafter streets. Spread around the Medina, one of the most eye-catching of Marrakech. **Halal dinner** and overnight in Marrakech.

### DAY 8: MARRAKECH – ESSAOUIRA – CASABLANCA



Breakfast. Check out and embark on the Argan Route that brings us to the Atlantic Coast. Enjoy the breathtaking landscapes of argan trees and stop for an experience in a **Women's Cooperative of Sustainably Made Argan Oil**. Taste and learn why is it called the "Liquid Gold of Morocco".

Proceed to the western city **Essaouira**, formerly known as Mogador. Its modern name means "the little rampart", a reference to the fortress walls that still enclose part of the city. The bay at Essaouira is partially sheltered by the island of Mogador, making it a peaceful harbour protected against strong atlantic winds. Discover The Medina of Essaouira, a Unesco World Heritage listed city, an example of a late 18th-century fortified town of the European influence. **Halal lunch**.

Proceed our trip to **Casablanca** and spend one more special night in its beautiful corners. **Halal dinner**, hotel transfer and overnight in Casablanca.

### DAY 9: CASABLANCA – DEPARTURE

Breakfast. Transfer out to Casablanca International Airport for departure with warm memories.



## SHOPPING



**PRICE INCLUDES**

- Transfers in-out
- Meet & Greet
- Program on Halal full board starts with dinner and ends with breakfast.
- Entrance fees according program
- Modern transportation Morocco
- English speaking escort guide
- Official local guides in all cities of Morocco
- 1 liter of water for each 4 pax during meals
- 1 bottle of water 330 ml daily during the tour

**PRICE EXCLUDES**

- Other services or extras
- Insurance
- Beverages during meals Lunch or Dinner
- Porters at the airport or hotels
- Tipping
- Luggage services

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

**CASABLANCA**

**MOSQUE HASSAN II**

It is the largest mosque in Morocco and the 7th largest in the world. Its minaret is the world's tallest at 210 metres. The mosque stands on a promontory looking out to the Atlantic Ocean, the sea bed being visible through the glass floor of the building's hall.[4] The walls are of hand-crafted marble and the roof is retractable. A maximum of 105,000 worshippers can gather together for prayer: 25,000 inside the mosque hall and another 80,000 on the mosque's outside grounds.

**FES**

**QARAWIYYIN MOSQUE**

Also known as *Al-Qarawiyyin Mosque*, was founded in 859. It is incredibly old and it has served as a home for the University of Al-Karouine for centuries – giving cause for the Guinness Book of World Records to name the university as the "oldest existing educational institution in the world".

**OUARZAZATE**

**GREAT KASBAHS**

The town is chiefly inhabited by Berber-speakers, who constructed many of the prominent kasbahs and buildings for which the area is known. Ouarzazate is an important holiday destination in Morocco. The fortified village (Ksar) of Ait Benhaddou west of the city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**ESSAOUIRA**

**OLD MEDINA**

The Medina of Essaouira is a UNESCO World Heritage listed city, an example of a late 18th-century fortified town, as transferred to North Africa by European colonists.

**MARRAKECH**

**BAHIA PALACE**

A Palace and a set of gardens built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, intended to be the greatest palace of its time. The name means "brilliance". As in other buildings of the period in other countries, it was intended to capture the essence of the Islamic and Moroccan style. There is a 2 acre (8,000m<sup>2</sup>) garden with rooms opening onto courtyards.

**SAADIAN TOMBS**

The tombs were discovered in 1917. The mausoleum comprises the interments of about sixty members of the Saadi Dynasty that originated in the valley of the Draa River.

**DJEMAA EL FNA**

Is a square and market place in Marrakech's medina quarter (old city). During the day it is predominantly occupied by orange juice stalls, youths with chained Barbary apes, water sellers with traditional leather water-bags and brass cups, and snake charmers.



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