

13-DAY GRAND TOUR OF MOROCCO

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OVERVIEW

Go on a whimsical journey around Morocco to discover it's most famous cities, impressive Islamic architecture and rich history.

Your adventure will take you all over the country, starting in Casablanca, from where you will follow the coastal route to reach the ancient Portuguese city of Essaouira. Spend some time in the red imperial city of Agadir before driving through the breathtaking landscapes of the High Atlas Mountains.

Go camel-riding in the desert, visit the famous leather tanneries of Fes and explore the winding blue-painted streets of one of the loveliest cities in the country, Chefchaouen.

This 13-day trip around Morocco is perfect for those that don't want to miss out on any important destinations around the country!

Day 1: Arrival in Casablanca
Day 2: Free Day in Essaouira
Day 3: Drive to Agadir
Day 4: Agadir and Travel to Marrakesh
Day 5: Sightseeing in Marrakesh
Day 6: Drive Through High Atlas Mountains
Day 7: Cross the Merzouga Desert
Day 8: Drive to Fes
Day 9: Explore the Holy City of Fes
Day 10: Visit the Blue City of Chefchaouen
Day 11: Sightseeing in Tangier
Day 12: Rabat City Tour and Travel to Casablanca
Day 13: Departure From Casablanca

INCLUDED

- 12 nights accommodation
- 24 activities
- 12 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Airport transfer
- Entrance fees
- Ground transportation
- Licensed English speaking guides

DURATION

13 days, 12 nights

DESTINATIONS

Morocco: Marrakesh-Safi, Marrakesh, Essaouira, Drâa-Tafilalet, Aït Benhaddou, Ouarzazate, Merzouga, Fez-Meknès, Fes, Casablanca, Rabat, Agadir, Tinghir, Chefchaouen, Tangier, Tetouan, Hassilabied, Ifran, Midelt, Tarmigte

TRAVELLERS

2 travellers

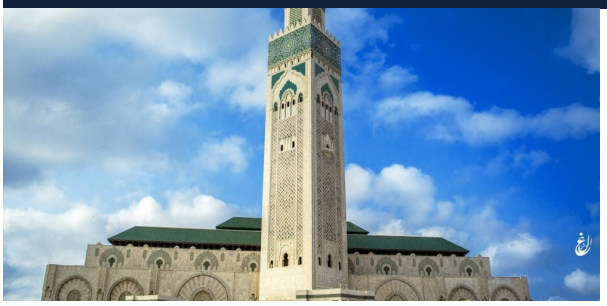
PRICE

US$3,760.00
for 2 travellers

EXCLUDED

- Domestic flights
- Travel insurance
- International flights
- Entry visas / airport departure tax
- Alcohol beverages
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Laundry

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN CASABLANCA



Welcome to Casablanca! Upon arrival at Casablanca Airport, you will be picked up by your driver and will head straight to the city centre to enjoy a photographic tour of the city including: Hassan II
Mosque, the Corniche and The Royal Palace. You'll then follow the coastal route with magnificent views of the sea and lagoons until you arrive at Essaouira in the afternoon. You have the rest of the day free to relax or take a stroll at the beach.

Private Driver
09:00 to 10:00

From: Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport
To: Kenzi Basma Hotel

Hassan II Mosque
10:00 to 11:00
1 hour

The largest in the country, Hassan II Mosque is a momentous dedication to the Islamic religion. Its 60-storey-high minaret is topped with a laser, which points to Mecca, the birthplace of the prophet Muhammed - it is the tallest minaret in the world.

Looking out to the ocean, the mosque is partially built on the seabed, creating a picturesque place of worship that over 100,000 people can come to pray in.

The mosque is a sublime piece of Moroccan architecture that defines the grandeur of the style. It is estimated that 6,000 artists spent 5 years creating the traditional Moroccan designs that make up the mosque. The artists used marbles, granites, wood, plaster mould to make the great mosaic of all; the complex that is the Hassan II Mosque.

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Address: Boulevard de la Corniche, Casablanca 20000, Morocco

La Corniche
11:00 to 12:00
1 hour

Facing the Atlantic Ocean with Casablanca behind it, La Corniche is an extensive boulevard which runs the length of the coast of Casablanca. As well as the beach, there are many cafés in which to relax and from which to watch the world go

by and enjoy the sea breeze.

On sunny days, locals and tourists alike frequent the promenade as it is one of the most pleasant places to be. The promenade offers a great view of the Hassan II Mosque.

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Address: La Corniche, Casablanca, Morocco

Private Driver
12:00 to 17:00

From: Casablanca
To: Essaouira

Hotel Cote Ocean Mogador
17:00 check-in
10:00 check-out (Day 3)
2 nights

Located on the coast of the city of Essaouira, the luxurious Côté Océan Mogador offers all the excellence of service and comfort that one is entitled to expect from a large hotel.

The hotel features a swimming pool, tennis courts, golfing nearby and, of course, fine cuisine, with fresh and varied flavours. Everything has been designed to make the Côté Océan Mogador a pleasant place to stay and an ideal location from which visit Essaouira's most beautiful historical wonders.

Côté Océan Mogador offers 36 rooms decorated with modernity, comfort and sophistication. All rooms include air conditioning, free WiFi, TV satellite, a mini-bar, and a safe.

Address: Hôtel coté océan mogador, Essaouira, Morocco

DAY 2: FREE DAY IN ESSAOUIRA



After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy some free time in Essaouira, formerly known as Mogador. This ancient Portuguese city is located on the Atlantic Coast and goes back to the 7th century. Stroll around the city and see its port, its fortifications, the souks, the medina and the work of the craftsmen. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure for your personal discovery.

Essaouira
09:00 to 16:00
7 hours

A laid-back town, perfect for a beach escape from the city, Essaouira that oozes charms, from quaint harbour-side houses to the maze of market stalls, Essaouira was formerly known as a trading port for the Portuguese. Today, it attracts artists with its beauty, and tourists for its picture-postcard harbour and inviting beaches.

Strolling around the markets, terraced restaurants of the town, you'll find Essaouira is a haven for travellers, with stunning food, beautiful architecture and a well-deserved opportunity to take some rest at the beach.

+ optional (not included in price)

Address: Essaouira, Morocco

DAY 3: DRIVE TO AGADIR



This morning you will leave Essaouira behind as you drive along the coastal road to Agadir. Agadir is the largest seaside resort in Morocco and the arid straw-coloured landscape you'll encounter on the way is a beautiful sight. Stop in Taghazout for a lunch break, a town known for its surf beaches. Continue towards Agadir after, where you'll have the rest of the day at leisure to visit the centre of the town or stroll on the boardwalk.

Private Driver
10:00 to 14:00

From: Essaouira
To: Agadir

Kenzi Europa Hotel
14:00 check-in
14:00 check-out (Day 4)
1 night

The Kenzi Europa Hotel is ideally located on the charming Bay of Agadir, just 100 metres away from the fine, white sand of the beach and only just 300 metres away from the lively downtown.

This hotel is a beyond perfect holiday resort, set in magnificent grounds with a large, well-equipped, secure play area for children and toddlers, two tennis courts and a heated outdoor swimming pool.
To complete the leisure and wellbeing experience for guests, additional facilities include a relaxing, rejuvenating, therapeutic spa, fitted out with a steam room and user-friendly fitness equipment, with exotic Oriental overtones – the opulence and authenticity of Moorish therapy.

The Kenzi Europa Hotel offers spacious, well-appointed accommodation, with its 236 rooms and suites, inspired by iconic sixties architecture, renovated for contemporary comfort, while keeping its soul and authentic charm; providing all amenities, comforts and service expected of a modern contemporary hotel.

Address: Kenzi Europa Hotel, Agadir, Morocco

Agadir
15:00 to 18:00
3 hours

Agadir is an absolute gem on Morocco’s coastline with spacious streets, palm-lined boulevards, bright white buildings and fine beaches.

Completely rebuilt following a devastating earthquake in 1960, Agadir is now one of Morocco's premier beachside destinations. Offering 300 sunny days a year, it is perfectly placed to absorb the sun whilst you stroll the beachfront promenade and wander through its grid of lively downtown streets.

+ optional (not included in price)

Address: Agadir 80000, Morocco

DAY 4: AGADIR AND TRAVEL TO MARRAKESH



You have a free day today to enjoy Agadir at your leisure. This pretty coastline town has palm-lined boulevards and plenty of downtown streets to explore. In the afternoon, you will make the journey to your next destination: Marrakesh. Your driver will take you to your hotel in the city centre where you can relax for the rest of the evening.

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5 hours

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Address: Agadir 80000, Morocco

Private Driver
14:00 to 18:00

From: Agadir
To: Marrakesh

Tempoo Hôtel Marrakech
18:00 check-in
23:45 check-out (Day 4)
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Enjoying a privileged location in the exclusive neighbourhood of Hivernage, the Tempoo Urban & Business Hotel is located in the heart of the red city and yet very quiet. The property is just 10 minutes from the airport of Marrakech and the Jemaa El Fna Square. Whether you are in Marrakech for business or leisure, for one night or an extended stay, the Tempoo Hotel is the perfect place to stay.

The hotel will charm you with the quality and sober decoration, a fine and very comfortable contemporary furnishings, and its high-tech state of the art equipment. Only a 5-minute walk from the convention centre and the Marrakech train station, the hotel has spacious and air-conditioned rooms with free wifi and balconies.

The property has also a trendy bar, a café terrace where you can enjoy a hearty breakfast before you start exploring Marrakech or simply soak up the sun by the pool on the property.

Address: Tempoo Hôtel Marrakech, Rue Abou Bakr Seddiq, Marrakesh, Morocco

DAY 5: SIGHTSEEING IN MARRAKESH



Today is dedicated to the discovery of the imperial city of Marrakesh with a local guide. Begin by visiting the Koutoubia and the Bahia Palace. Continue with the Saadian Tombs and the Menara Gardens. After lunch, continue to the famous square, Jema El Fna, and enjoy a walk through the various souks (markets) to see all kinds of things for sale. In the evening you have the option of enjoying a traditional Moroccan dinner followed by a show at Chez Ali.

Tempoo Hôtel Marrakech
00:00 check-in
23:45 check-out (Day 5)
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Marrakesh
10:00 to 17:00
7 hours

A city like no other, Marrakesh exceeds all expectations. From ancient architecture and markets to charming restaurants and ornate artworks, the city is a treasure trove of secrets waiting to be discovered.

Take a walk through the Medina to discover the gardens, religious sites and mosaics that the city is famous for.

Wondering around the streets you can sample some local delicacies from street vendors and try your hand at haggling for trinkets. In the evening, you can head to Jamaa el-Fna for some entertainment that is only found in Marrakesh.

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Address: Marrakesh, Morocco

Koutoubia Mosque
10:45 to 11:45
1 hour

The largest mosque in Marrakesh, Koutoubia Mosque is also known by several other names, such as Jami' al-Kutubiyah, Kutubiya Mosque, Kutubiyyin Mosque, and Mosque of the Booksellers.

Found in the southwest medina quarter of Marrakesh, the mosque is ornamented with curved windows, a band of ceramic inlay, pointed merlons, and decorative arches; it has a large plaza with gardens and is floodlit at night, casting a dramatic light over the mosque.

The most notable, and essential feature for all mosques, is the minaret, where you will hear the sound of the call to prayer echoing throughout the city 5 times per day. The design is particularly magnificent, its facade is undoubtedly one of the most photographed motifs of the city.

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Address: Koutoubia Mosque, Marrakesh, Morocco

Bahia Palace
12:00 to 13:00
1 hour

Surrounded by gardens, the Bahia Palace was built in the late 19th century. Intended to be the greatest palace of its time, its name translates to 'brillance palace' in English.

As with other buildings of the period in Morocco, it was intended to capture the essence of the Islamic and Moroccan style. Today, it stands as one of the most beautiful and extensive structures in Morocco.

The palace expands over eight hectares of land and is one of the largest and most luxurious palaces of its time. Standing as a fine example of Morrocan architecture, it is one of the major monuments of the Morroco's cultural heritage and top tourist spot.

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Address: 38 masira 2 Bloc -C, Marrakesh 40000, Morocco

Tombs of Saadian
13:00 to 14:00
1 hour

Located next to the mosque of the Kasbah, the Saadian tombs are one of the only remains of the Saadian dynasty that reigned over the Golden Age of Marrakesh between 1524 to 1659.

In the early 18th century, Sultan Moulay Ismail decided to remove all traces of the magnificence of this dynasty by demanding the destruction of all remaining vestiges. He dared not, however, commit the sacrilege of destroying their burials and ordered that the entrance to the necropolis be completed.

The Royal necropolis was used from the beginning of the 14th century, however its splendour came at a later date. In 1557,

the burial of Prince Mohamed Sheikh took place. His son Ahmed El Mansour, also known as Ahmed “the Walleye”, had the mausoleum enlarged and embellished the site with the koubba “Lalla Mesouada” from his mother’s name. Lalla Messaouda was buried there in 1591 as well as the 3 successors of the sultan.

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Address: Rue de La Kasbah, Marrakesh 40000, Morocco

Menara Gardens
14:15 to 15:15
1 hour

Looking out onto peaceful waters, with the dramatic backdrop of the Atlas Mountains, the Menara Gardens are surrounded by orchards and groves. The centre of the gardens is marked by a pavilion to which lends its name, Menara, translating to 'lighthouse', suggesting the lookout point from which it creates.

The gardens were created during the 12th-century Berber movement, however, the pavilion was not created until the 16th century, when it was built to be used as a summer residence for the Sultan of the Saadi dynasty.

The artificial lake which compliments its dramatic setting greatly is man-made, with hopes of creating an irrigation system using a complex network of channels, the lake is maintained using a hydraulic system that connects to the Atlas Mountains, an impressive 30 kilometres away.

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Address: Menara Gardens, Marrakesh, Morocco

Jemaa el-Fna
15:30 to 16:30
1 hour

There is nowhere in Morocco like the Jemaa el Fna Square – a surprise on every corner, you'll want to keep coming back for more.

By day, most of the souk is a large open space, where a handful of snake charmers bewitched their cobras with flutes, traditional pharmacists in the north-east of the square display cures and elixirs, and dentists, with fearsome claws, release the pain from sufferers. Not a pleasant sight, but a spectacle, nonetheless!

As dusk approaches the scene begins to change, people come out for a walk and the place fills up little-by-little - it becomes a carnival all of the storytellers, acrobats, musicians and artists.

Wandering down row-upon-row of performers and you will soon be immersed in the ritual: crouching in the midst of spectator circles, giving a dirham or two as thanks for their performance, you'll find hours pass by so quickly.

If you want a break, you can walk to the rooftop terraces, such as the Grand Balcon Café, for a view of the square and a birdseye view of the action.

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Address: Jemaa el-Fna, Marrakesh, Morocco

Chez Ali Marrakesh
20:00 to 22:00
2 hours

You will be welcomed by the Berber tribes who will accompany you to your table under a caidal tent. For more than four hours, let yourself go to the rhythm of the Berber parades, musicians, acrobats and oriental dancers.

Chez Ali Restaurant is the place of 1001 nights with Moroccan hospitality. They offer guests a sumptuous dinner and a memorable show in Berber tents. It is an enchanting wonderland of belly dancers, fireworks, and folk music all with special surprises.

Bewitched by the songs and dances of folk groups, you'll eat, listen and see something truly exceptional.

+ optional (not included in price)

Address: Medina Marrakech, BP9797، Marrakesh 40000, Morocco

DAY 6: DRIVE THROUGH HIGH ATLAS MOUNTAINS



After breakfast, depart to Ouarzazate, through the high Atlas Mountains, passing by Tiz'n Tichka, located at 2260 metres. Stop in Kasbah d'Ait Benhaddou, classified as a UNESCO world heritage site to take some pictures and explore this unique complex of stunning kasbahs. Enjoy dinner in the evening at your hotel and stay overnight in Ouarzazate.

Tempoo Hôtel Marrakech
00:00 check-in
09:00 check-out (Day 6)
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Private Driver
09:00 to 15:00

From: Marrakesh
To: Ouarzazate

On your way to Ouarzazate pass through the High Atlas Mountains and Tiz'n Tichka, at 2,260 metres high. On the way, you'll stop to visit Kasbah d'Ait Benhaddou and Zagora and Amzrou, ancient Jewish villages.

Ait Ben Haddou
11:00 to 12:00
1 hour

A vast complex of kasbahs, Ait Ben Haddou is an Ighrem - meaning fortified village which makes up the finest example of Moroccan earthen clay architecture that still stands today.

The fortified village is more or less uninhabited, with those looking to work in the tourist trade living on the other side of the river. The oldest structure in the fortified town doesn't seem to be older than the 17th century, although the technique suggests a much earlier date that is deeply rooted in the southern Moroccan tradition that can be traced as far back as the pre-Saharan age.

Aït Ben Haddou was essential to the sustainability of the trading route between Sudan and Marrakesh; a bustling, yet compact trading village.

This UNESCO World Heritage Site has appeared in several films and tv series, including The Mummy, Gladiator and Game of Thrones - gaining international recognition, and instigating great interest in its origins, despite generally acting as a replacement for Jerusalem.

Address: Aït Benhaddou, Morocco

Riad Dar Chamaa
15:00 check-in
09:00 check-out (Day 7)
1 night

Located in a privileged environment inside Ouarzazate's palm grove, guests at Riad Dar Chamaa will enjoy magnificent views of the Atlas mountains.

Built in a similar way to a former Kasbah, constructed with mud and with towers in the corners, the interior design displays a central court with a fountain surrounded by an archway.

Surrounded by palm groves and with views of the Atlas Mountains, this relaxed hotel is 4 kilometres from the Cinema Museum and Taourirt Kasbah.

There's a bright restaurant, a cosy tea lounge, and a bar in the lush garden with an outdoor pool.

Address: Tajdar B-P 701, Ouarzazate 45000, Morocco

DAY 7: CROSS THE MERZOUGA DESERT



Today you will head to Merzouga and stop at the Kasbah of Taourirt on the way. Continue towards Tineghir by crossing Skoura, Kelaa M'Gouna, Dades Valley and Todra Gorge with its cliffs of over 300 meters in height. Once you reach Erfoud, you will hop in a 4x4 vehicle to cross the majestic dunes. Enjoy a camel ride from Merzouga to the Nomad Camp in the Sahara on time for a beautiful sunset. Enjoy dinner and accommodation at the camp.

Private Driver
09:00 to 14:30

From: Ouarzazate
To: Erfoud

Taourirt Kasbah
11:00 to 12:00
1 hour

Forming the high walls of an earthen Berber village, Taourirt was the former Kasbah of the Caid, El Glaoui, the leading trade commanders who had complete control of trades with West Africa.

During French colonial period the El Glaoui, as chiefs of the tribes, were given more powers in an effort to keep the tribes of the south at bay.

Today, most of the Kasbah lies in ruins, although tours of a small part are still possible. With some assistance from UNESCO, this part of the Kasbah has been restored; visitors are shown around the kitchens, a harem and some reception rooms - be sure to look out the tiny windows of the fortified walls for some beautiful views looking out in Ouarzazate.

Address: Avenue Mohammed V, Ouarzazate 45000, Morocco

Dades Gorges
12:00 to 13:00
1 hour

Tinghir is famous for its magnificent canyons with rocks that reach up to 250 metres. You'll have the option to do a short hike to explore the fascinating area a little further.

Found on the outskirts of the desert plateau, the area is mainly home to Berber people. For those travelling around the area, it is known for its winding roads and rugged, sparse landscape that drop down dramatically into steep gorges.

Address: Dadès Gorges, Morocco

Todras Gorge
13:00 to 14:00
1 hour

The Todras Gorges are a series of limestone river canyons, or wadi, in the eastern part of the High Atlas Mountains in Morocco, near the town of Tinerhir.

It is a sublime experience. Here, a 300-metre deep valley divides the orange limestone into a giant ravine through

which a crystal clear river runs. You can stroll along the stream and take in this remarkable sight.

Address: Todra River, Maroc

Off-Road
15:00 to 16:00

From: Erfoud
To: Merzouga

Camel Ride in the Merzouga Desert
16:00 to 17:00
1 hour

Crossing the vast expanse of dunes, the Sahara is an unbelievable sight formed by the wind.

On your camel, you'll be guided through the sands of Erg Chebbi, said to be created as a punishment from God to the people of Merzouga for refusing to house a woman and her child during a local festival. The sand-filled land creates a deafening silence and otherworldly experience that will make you surprised to see another human being.

Interestingly, the Ergs are not technically part of the Sahara, as it is part of the Pre-Saharan Steppes, where shrublands once were.

Address: Erg Chebbi, Merzouga, Morocco

Azawad Luxury Desert Camp
17:00 check-in
09:00 check-out (Day 8)
1 night

Azawad luxury Desert Camp is a new-fashioned accommodation mixing modernity and authenticity in the desert of Merzouga, south-eastern Morocco.

Azawad Luxury Desert Camp is situated in the heart of Erg Chebbi sand dunes a couple of miles from the village of Merzouga. It offers different categories of rooms in the shape of nomadic tents, decorated with the finest Berber art crafted materials and furnished with mattresses and lighting. A dining tent-hall is also available as well as bathrooms in the camp.

Merzouga’s perfect location amid the sand dunes of Erg Chebbi makes it a must-see destination, and a lovely place to enjoy outright silence away from today’s contemporary aspect of life. The sand dunes of Erg Chebbi are the immense dunes in North Africa, reaching an altitude of 150 metres and spans 50 kilometres across the area.

Due to the breath-taking views it entails, such as sunset spectacles and a variety of activities to do like sand-boarding, quad bikes excursions and diverse sight-seeing opportunities, the area attracts thousands of tourists and locals alike each year.

Address: Azawad Luxury Desert Camp, Merzouga, Morocco

DAY 8: DRIVE TO FES



After breakfast, you'll leave the Merzouga Desert behind and depart for Fez. The journey will take around seven hours and will have you crossing vast and interesting landscapes. On the way, stop for
lunch in Midelt. After, pass through Ifrane, a pretty alpine-style town, and continue driving through the picturesque high Atlas mountains before reaching your accommodation in Fes.

Private Driver
09:00 to 16:00

From: Merzouga
To: Fes

Midelt
12:00 to 13:00
1 hour

Sitting in the middle of the Middle and High Atlas mountains, Midelt is a welcome break between the madness of Fez and the heat of the desert. The landscape offers breathtaking views of the High Atlas which seem to rise out of the horizon from nowhere.

In terms of things to see in Midelt, there isn't much more than one main street, a small souk and a number of hotels and restaurants. It is a popular stop for those making their way north or south and a great place to stop, have some traditional Moroccan cuisine and explore a new area.

Address: Midelt, Morocco

Ifrane
13:00 to 14:00
1 hour

Known for its alpine-style architecture and nearby ski slopes and forests, Ifrane is a town in Morocco’s Middle Atlas Mountains. Small, contemporary and ordered, Ifrane makes a stark contrast to the Medinas of other towns and cities in Morocco.

Built in the 1930s by the French, Ifrane was an attempt to recreate an alpine-style resort with red-roofed houses, blooming flower beds and lake-filled parks. Popular with daytrippers and picnickers in the summer, by winter the wealthy flock here for its ski slopes and resorts.

Most of its cafes, restaurants and hotels cluster in the centre of the town along Rue de la Cascade and Ave de la Poste, close to the famed lion statue.

Address: Ifrane, Morocco

Riad Zamane & Spa Fès
16:00 check-in
09:00 check-out (Day 10)
2 nights

Situated in the popular Douh area near Batha, this pretty guesthouse has a traditional hammam, four suites and two double rooms.

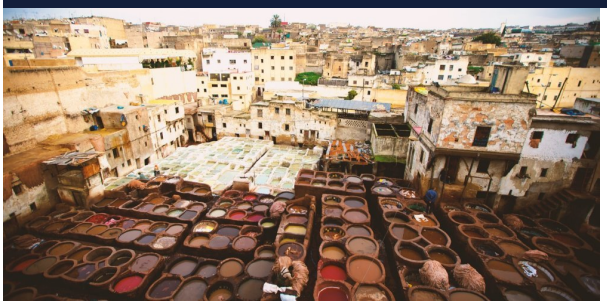
Riad Zamane is an elegant house is in an excellent area for exploring the medina. It offers great comfort in traditional

surroundings and superb cuisine.

There is a traditional steam bath (Hammam), an outdoor roof terrace and street parking on the property. Guests can also enjoy cooking lessons of authentic Moroccan cuisine provided by the owner.

Address: Riad Zamane

DAY 9: EXPLORE THE HOLY CITY OF FES



The entire day today is dedicated to visiting Fes, Morocco's holy city. You will visit its historical centre including the Andalusian neighbourhood, the Nejjarine fountain, Karaouyine Mosque and Madrasa Bou
Inania. After some free time for lunch, you'll continue the tour visiting the vibrant souks and the district
of the leather tanners. Return to your hotel after the visit.

Fes
10:00 to 16:00
6 hours

In a country famed for its historical imperial cities, Fes steals the show. The oldest and arguably the most impressive, Fes is an explosion of vibrant colours, sounds and smells.

You can lose yourself in Fes' maze of medieval streets of its medina (or old city) which is now a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Whether you want to explore the city more or simply shop for the most beautiful souvenirs to take home, Fes will provide you will plenty to do.

Known for its colourful souks, ancient atmosphere and beautiful architecture, Fes' vibrancy is infectious. You may want to visit the 14th-century schools of Bou Inania and Al Attarine, both of which are decorated with elaborate cedar carvings and ornate tile work.

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Address: Fes 30050, Morocco

University of Al-Qarawiyyin
11:00 to 12:00
1 hour

The University, also one of the most highly revered places of worship in the country, is the oldest existing continually operating university in the world. The institution has been recognised by both UNESCO and Guinness World Records.

The grand building was founded by Fatima al-Fihri in 859 with another associated school. The building soon became one of the most notable spiritual and educational centres of the Islamic Golden Age, the first in the Islamic world.

The university focuses its studies and historical texts on Islamic religious and scientific laws, alongside traditional Arabic linguistics and the study of ancient Sunni law.

The architecture of the building has had many additions since it's first construction over 1000 years ago, its original size was around 30 metres long, maintaining a rather simplistic design comparative to other Moroccan structures. However, the minaret was the first of its kind, forming the design and structure that is echoed throughout northern Africa.

Al-Qarawiyyin is the central point of focus for religious activity in Fes; it has been established through tradition that the mosques of Fes must hear the call to prayer from Al-Qarawiyyin before sounding their own call to prayer.

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Address: Karaouiyne, Fès, Morocco

Bou Inania Madrasa
12:30 to 13:30
1 hour

Bou Inania is widely regarded as one of the finest examples of Marinid architecture.

With the advice from the leaders of Al-Qarawiyyin, Abou Inan, the last Sultan of the Marinid dynasty built the madrasa, it was the last building to be erected during the ruling of this dynasty, named after the sultan.

Upon completion, the madrasa was used as an educational centre and a congregational mosque; this is the reason that this madrasa became the only one to have a minaret, from which worshippers are called to prayer. The madrasa was, and still is, highly regarded as a Great Mosque. In spite of its reverence, it's one of the few religious sites that non-Islamic visitors can enter.

Found opposite the Bou Inania Madrasa is the Dar al-Magana, a hydraulic clock that was built in conjunction with the madrasa.

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Address: Madrasa Bou Inania, Rue Talaa Sghira, Fes, Morocco

Chouara Tannery
14:00 to 15:00
1 hour

One of three in the city of Fes, Chouara Tannery is the largest and was built in the 11th century. Located in Fes el Bali, the oldest medina quarter of the city, Chouara Tannery continues to run as it did in the early centuries, but today it is considered one of the main tourist attractions in the city.

The tanneries are filled with round stone vessels which are filled with dye or white liquids for softening the hides. The leather products produced in Chouara Tannery are exported around the world.

With processes that have changed very little since medieval times, one of the first things you will notice about the Chouara Tannery is the pungent smell which offers a unique insight

into the natural process which results in world-class leather.

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Address: Tanneries Chouara, Fes, Morocco

DAY 10: VISIT THE BLUE CITY OF CHEFCHAOUEN



After breakfast, you'll travel in the direction of Chefchaouen, passing by Meknes, an imperial city also known as the 'Moroccan Versailles'. Continue to visit Volubilis, a UNESCO listed Roma ruins site. After, continue towards the blue city, Chefchaouen, which is nestled in the Rif Mountains. You'll have some free time in the afternoon to wander its compact medina washed in blue and topped with red-tiled roofs.

Private Driver
09:00 to 13:00

From: Fes
To: Chefchaouen

Volubilis
11:00 to 12:00
1 hour

Situated just outside the city of Meknes, Volubilis is a partly excavated Berber and Roman city which developed during the 3rd century BC as a Berber settlement before later becoming the capital of the kingdom of Mauretania.

Growing rapidly to 42 hectares encircled by 2.6 kilometres of walls during the Roman rule in the 1st century, the city also saw the addition of many major public buildings in the 2nd century; a basilica, temple and triumphal arch were of the many added.

The prosperous city fell as fast as it grew and in 285 it was taken by local tribes and never retaken by Rome; it lay inhabited for 700 years. Finally, in the 8th century, it became the seat of Idris ibn Abdallah, the founder of the Idrisid dynasty and the state of Morocco, before being abandoned once again in the 11th century.

Up until the 18th century, many of the ruins remain intact but a huge earthquake followed by looted for stone for nearby Meknes left Volubilis devastated. During French rule in Morocco, the site was excavated revealed many fine mosaics, prominent public buildings and high-status houses, which were all restored or reconstructed. Today it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Address: VOLUBILIS وليلي, Meknes, Morocco

Free Time in Chefchaouen
14:00 to 17:00
3 hours

Perched below the peaks of the Rif Mountains at 600 metres above sea level, Chefchaouen is more commonly known as the 'Blue City'. The entire city is washed in all shades of blue making it one of the most sought after destinations in

Morocco.

One of Morocco's prettiest towns, this mountain town feels as though you have entered a different world. Whilst in Chefchaouen, you should make sure to use your free time to visit the old medina, a delightful mix of Moroccan and Andalusian influence with its red-tiled roofs, narrow lanes and bright-blue buildings.

+ optional (not included in price)

Address: Chefchaouen, Morocco

Dar Echchaouen
17:00 check-in
09:00 check-out (Day 11)
1 night

Situated near the Medina of Chefchaouen, Dar Echchaouen is set against a backdrop of mountains which can be admired from the outdoor swimming pool and sundeck.

Dar Echchaouen's inviting rooms and suites provide you with all the modern comforts you need set against a background of typical local Moroccan crafts.

Chefchoauen food is often considered some of Morocco's best and at Dar Echchaouen, you can enjoy this unique cuisine characterised by delicious couscous, tagines innumerable, pastilla and mechoui.

Address: Dar Echchaouen, Chefchaouen, Morocco

DAY 11: SIGHTSEEING IN TANGIER



After breakfast at your hotel this morning, depart for Tangier. The journey will take around two hours, and you will drive there via Tetouan, a white-washed city set at the foot of the Rif Mountains. Once you arrive in the historic port city of Tangier, enjoy a photographic tour of the city's most interesting attractions as well as a stop at the Tangier Kasbah.

Private Driver
09:00 to 11:30

From: Chefchaouen
To: Tangier

Tetouan
10:00 to 11:00
1 hour

At the foot of the Rif Mountains, Tetouan is a city awash in white, just a few kilometres from the sea.

Despite the popularity in recent years, the town is a step back in time with hints of Spanish influence that reflect the city's long-lasting relationship with Andalucia; it was the capital of Spain's protectorate for over 40 years. You'll see this in the hints of Hispanic-Moorish buildings and boulevards that add to the city's charm.

Address: Tetouan, Morocco

Tangier
13:00 to 16:00
3 hours

Known as Europe's gateway to Africa, this multicultural port city has a unique history and a blend of influences that have shaped it over the years.

Although Berber tribes were one of the first to settle in Tangier, it became an international zone at the start of the 20th century governed by the British, the French and the Spanish. World War II brought along a new crowd into the mix, from spies to intellectuals to businessman, mainly for the mix of new opportunities on the horizon.

Although the city has had somewhat of a questionable reputation in the past, in more modern times Tangier has reinvented itself and stepped into a more polished and vibrant version of its cultural life. Here you'll find interesting colonial-era neighbourhoods, boutique hotels popping up and a thriving cafe culture.

Address: Tangier, Morocco

Kasbah Museum
14:00 to 15:00
1 hour

Once the palace of the Sultan, the Kasbah Museum was known as Dar El Makhzen.

Making your way around the museum through the courtyard and into the Andalusian garden, you'll be taken through the history of the city, from pre-historic times to the 19th century. The exhibits are displayed in French and Arabic only. For English-speakers, the imagery and the overall atmosphere of the building can set the scene rather well.

The Kasbah Museum is home to some fascinating maps which show the Phoenician trade route and a map of the known world from 1154 from the perspective of Tangier.

Address: Place de la Kasbah, Tanger 90030, Morocco

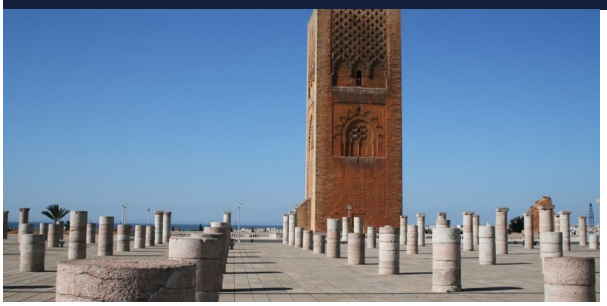
Hilton Garden Inn Tanger City Centre
16:00 check-in
10:00 check-out (Day 12)
1 night

Hilton Garden Inn Tanger City Centre is perfectly located for your stay in Tangier. This hotel is steps from the train station, a 5-minute drive to the port ferry to Spain, and 15 kilometres from the airport.

The hotel sets the tone with a modern design and an all-glass facade for stunning views of the city and the Mediterranean Sea. Enjoy sea views with your meal at The Garden Grille, serving local and international dishes and order your favourite cocktail in the stylish bar. De-stress after a long day in the 24-hour fitness centre.

Address: Hilton Garden Inn Tanger City Center, Tangier, Morocco

DAY 12: RABAT CITY TOUR AND TRAVEL TO CASABLANCA



This morning you will drive to the capital of Morocco, Rabat. Enjoy a two-hour guided tour of the city, known for its Islamic landmarks and French colonial heritage. You will explore Rabat's fortifications, the Hassan Tower, the Mohamed V Mausoleum containing the tomb of the Moroccan King, the Royal Palace and the Kasbah of Oudayas. After the tour, you'll drive an hour to reach Casablanca, where you will spend your last night.

Private Driver
10:00 to 13:00

From: Tangier
To: Rabat

Hassan Tower
13:00 to 13:30
30 minutes

Situated in the capital city of Rabat, Hassan tower is the minaret of an incomplete mosque. Construction began in 1195 and was intended to the the world's largest minaret along with the mosque, also as the world's largest. However, the death of Sultan Abu Yusuf Yaqub al-Mansur in 1199 halted the construction at 44 metres, 42 metres short of what it was intended to be.

The mosque was also left incomplete with only the beginnings of several walls and 348 columns constructed. The Hassan Tower along with the incomplete mosque and the modern Mausoleum of Mohammed V form an important historical and tourist complex in Rabat.

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Address: Boulevard Mohamed Lyazidi, Rabat, Morocco

Mausoleum of Mohammed V
13:30 to 14:00
30 minutes

Facing the Hassan Tower, standing tall on the Yacoub al-Mansour esplanade, is the mausoleum of late Mohammed V. Completed in 1971, it contains the tombs of the Moroccan King and his two sons, late King Hassan II and Prince Abdallah.

The building is considered a masterpiece of modern Alaouite dynasty architecture, with its white silhouette, detailed features and topped by a traditional green tiled roof; green being the symbolic colour of Islam as within the holy scripture the Quran, it is associated with Paradise.

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Address: Rabat, Morocco

Dar al-Makhzen - Royal Palace of Rabat
14:00 to 14:30
30 minutes

The official residence of the King of Morocco, the Royal Palace is more commonly known as Dar al-Makhzen. Its official name is El Mechouar Essaid Palace, directly translating to Happiness Palace.

Built to replace Mohammed V's palace in 1864, the palace became the official home when Morocco successfully became independent. It is used for assemblies and ceremonies and has been the site of many significant events for the Moroccan monarchy.

The palace contains several schools; one for seniors of the royal family, a cookery school and a library.

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Address: Cité Universitaire Rabat، Rabat, Morocco

Kasbah of the Oudayas
14:30 to 15:00
30 minutes

Along the Bou Regreg River, the Kasbah of the Oudayas was built in the 12th century, during the reign of the Almohad Caliphate.

When the Almohads had seized Rabat and destroyed the Kasbah of the Almoravid Dynasty in the town, they began to reconstruct it between AH 544 and AD 1150. With the addition of a palace and a mosque, it was renamed it al-Mahdiyya, after their ancestor al-Mahdi Ibn Tumart. The Kasbah is now largely abandoned.

You will have the opportunity to visit the old-fashioned Moorish gardens, stop in a traditional coffee house for mint tea, and in between, explore the Oudaya museum of tribal arts and crafts where you will be introduced to traditional Berber textiles.

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Address: Rabat, Morocco

Private Driver
15:00 to 16:00

From: Rabat
To: Casablanca

Kenzi Basma Hotel
16:00 check-in
10:00 check-out (Day 13)
1 night

Recently renovated, the Kenzi Basma is located in downtown Casablanca, right at the heart of the city. This prime setting, nestled between the amazing architecture of the Art Deco neighbourhood and the economic capital’s cosmopolitan business district, as well as the cosy and welcoming ambience, make Kenzi Basma a haven of Casablanca.

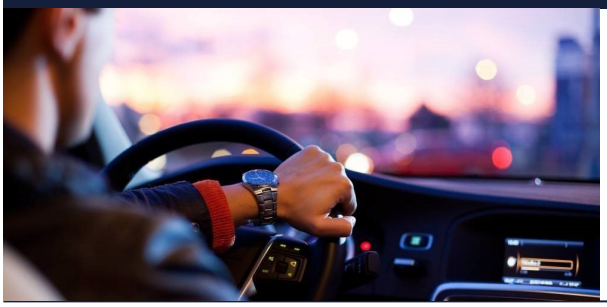
Just a few metres from the hotel is one of Casablanca’s liveliest districts, surrounded by museums, the Notre Dame Church as well as restaurants, cafés and a multitude of other shops. Casablanca is a city of distinct contrasts where designer malls and artisanal shops coexist in perfect harmony.

The 115 rooms of the Kenzi Basma include 13 suites and one Royal Suite, all well-equipped with the latest technology, outstanding comfort and the most personalised service. The

hotel delivers international Cuisine as well as Moroccan cuisine to suit all your desires.

Address: Kenzi Basma Hotel, Casablanca, Morocco

DAY 13: DEPARTURE FROM CASABLANCA



After one last breakfast at your hotel, your private driver will transfer you to the airport in Casablanca to catch your departing flight home.

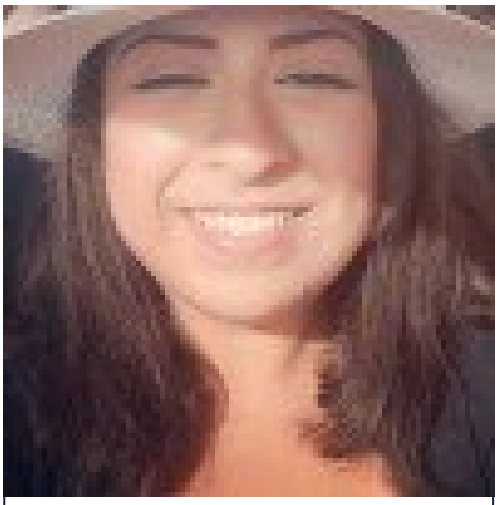
Private Driver
10:00 to 11:00

From: Kenzi Basma Hotel
To: Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport

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