

11 Day Ultimate Morocco Desert Adventure

Marrakech - Essaouira - Casablanca - Rabat - Chefchaouen - Fes - Merzouga

From **\$4,999** Typically \$5,999 ✈ pp Twin Share



Includes return international flights from Australia!

9 nights of hand-picked, premium accommodation (4-star)

Comfortable, air-conditioned transport with expert drivers & guides

Experience the bustling medina in Marrakech, feel blue in Chefchaouen (the infamous Blue City), sample spices and taste tagine, explore the iconic sights of Casablanca and relax under the stars with a traditional stay in the Sahara Desert plus much, much more!

Description



Exotic Morocco is the perfect blend of history, culture and adventure.

Start off with the bustling markets of Marrakesh and discover the UNESCO World Heritage of charming Essaouira. Watch the ocean unfold in Casablanca before you soak in the blue streets of Chefchaouen. Discover the impressive imperial cities of Fes and the capital, Rabat. Enjoy a traditional tagine under the bright stars whilst surrounded by Saharan sand dunes. Then, top it all off with 2 adventure-filled days in the desert.

Itinerary

Day 1

✈ Depart Australia for Marrakech

Board your aircraft from your Australian Capital City to Marrakech.

Day 2

Marrakech

Welcome to Morocco! Keep your eyes peeled at Morocco airport for the sign for your transfer to the hotel. Freshen up and meet in the lobby around 7:00pm for an informal meeting with your guide and other tour members. Afterwards you have free time to start exploring vibrant Marrakech or go out for an optional group dinner and mingle with fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Blue Sea Le Printemps (4 Star)

Day 3

Marrakech 🚌 Essaouira

After a delicious breakfast, start your discovery with the key sites of bustling Marrakech such as Koutoubia Mosque, Saadian Tombs, Bahia Palace & Dar Si Said Museum. Then hop on board for destination: Essaouira. But first, make a stop at Argan Women Cooperative to learn all about the making of Argan oil. A 'magical' product that's native to Morocco, it is used in delicious meals and extensively in cosmetics. As you arrive Essaouira, you can go out to explore its charming Medina, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Accommodation: Hotel Hotel Des Iles (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 4

Essaouira, 🚌 Casablanca

Follow the ocean north to the largest city and commercial hub of Morocco, Casablanca. Start off with a guided tour of the gigantic Hassan II Mosque, the largest in all Africa. Continue to impressive highlights including the United Nations Square, Anfa Residential Quarter finished with a short visit to the medina. Before dinner, have a short photo stop by Rick's Café from the classic Hollywood movie named after the town & watch the sunset by the ocean.

Accommodation: Diwan Hotel (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 5

Casablanca Rabat, Chefchaouen & Tetouan

Continue along the charming coastline to Rabat. The beautiful capital of Morocco is set in a rich, amber-colored landscape, blending ancient history and modern Moroccan culture. The guided walking tour will unfold the beauty of the imperial town as you visit the Kasbah overlooking the Bouregreg River, the Royal Palace, Chellah Ruins, Mohammed V Mausoleum and Hassan II Tower. At the end of the extensive city tour, make your way to Chefchaouen, the Blue City. Prepare your cameras and wander the narrow streets of the breathtaking blue-washed mountain village. Overnight stay in Tetouan.

Accommodation: Hotel La Paloma (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 6

Tetouan Chefchaouen & Fes

Today we will continue to explore the blue-city, Chefchaouen ! Roam the magical streets of the medina, Outa el-Hammam Square, visit waterfall of Ras el-Maa and the Spanish Mosque presenting an astounding view of Chefchaouen. In the afternoon, drive on to the cultural heart of Morocco, Fes. The second largest city in the country is best known for its labyrinth of souks and leather tanneries – the smell will not be forgotten!

Accommodation: Royal Mirage Hotel (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 7

Fes

Wear your walking shoes and embark on a cultural journey through the imperial city of Fes. Get to discover all the highlights on an intensive tour with your local guide covering Bab Bouloud Gate (Royal Palace), Bou Inania Madrasa, Mausoleum of Moulay Idriss, Quaraouiyine Mosque, Najjarine Square, Spices Market, Terina Madrasa, the surroundings of Karaouine Medina, Mellah (Jewish Quarter), Pottery, and of course the famous Tannery! Share your favourite sites with your mates over dinner and rest up, you're heading inland tomorrow!

Accommodation: Royal Mirage Hotel (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 8

Fes Merzouga

Hop on board early and drive through Efran City in High Atlas Mountains with stunning panoramic views and Midelt to reach the desert village of Merzouga. On the way, pass via Tazzarine, the last city to be found before the mighty dunes of the desert and arrive in Ziz Valley. As Ziz River feeds the charming oases in the region, we feed ourselves over a lunch-break. Arrive in Merzouga in the afternoon and soak in the majestic sand dunes. It is the perfect depiction of the famous Moroccan desert landscape and lifestyle. Our camel ride will start here to catch the sunset. Share your highlights of the trip with travel mates and enjoy the local cuisine under a starry sky.

You'll experience the authentic desert life in the Sahara and stay in sedentary tents tonight.

Accommodation: Auberge Yasmina Desert Camp

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9

Merzouga

Wake up to the sunrise over the golden sand dunes and take a mental picture to last forever. Have a delicious local breakfast and hop on, you're going on a 4x4 jeep safari.

Enjoy the 4-hour adventure at the astounding desert atmosphere watching the magical landscapes, isolated Berber villages, oases, dunes and real nomads. In the afternoon you can relax by the pool, sand-board or climb high up the sand dunes.

Accommodation: Auberge Yasmina Desert Camp

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10

Merzouga Marrakech

Time to bid farewell to the Sahara desert. As you drive back to the modern Morocco, pass by Ourzazate movie studios & have a panoramic photo stop at the Tichka mountain pass in the High Atlas region. Late in the afternoon you will reach the fascinating city of Marrakech. It is where the Arab city culture meets the Berber culture of the desert and mountain villages. Here, the sub-Saharan traders would trade their wares with European merchants, who would then bring them to Europe. Wear your haggling hats as you discover Djemaa el-Fna Square and brace for the mayhem!

Marking the entrance to the huge bazaar, the area is packed with story tellers, snake charmers, acrobats, musicians and folk dancers.

Accommodation: Blue Sea Le Printemps (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 11

Marrakech

Have your final breakfast on us and start bidding farewells to your travel mates before checking out of the hotel (11:00) and continuing onward to your next adventure.

Meals: Breakfast

Want to extend your trip, stay longer in Morocco or head somewhere else? Ask us how!

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Return economy airfares from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth to Marrakech
- 9 nights Accommodation: 4 star hotels, desert camp in the Sahara (Bedouin tents).
- Meals: 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Transportation: A/C, modern coach or mini-bus, 4X4 Jeep.
- Airport Transfer(s): Arrival transfer on day 1 and return shuttle on the last day of the tour.
- Tour Guiding
- Services of experienced Travel Talk local guides.
- 4x4 Jeep Safari & Camel Safari

Sights visited include:

- Saadian Tombs & Menara Gardens
- Koutoubia Mosque
- Bahia Palace & Dar Si Said Museum
- Hassan II Mosque
- Anfa Residential Quarter
- United Nations Square
- Museum Mohammed
- Hassan II Mosque
- Royal Palace
- Eloudaia Kasbah
- Chefchaouen
- Bab Bouloud Gate (Royal Palace)
- Bou Inania Medersa
- Mausoleum of Moulay Idriss
- Quaraouiyine Mosque
- Najjarine Square
- Spices Market
- Attarine Medersa
- Karaouine Medina and Mellah (Jewish Quarter)
- Djeema El - Fna Square

Exclusions

- Travel Insurance
- Meals not stated above
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips and gestures
- Entrance fees to the sights and museums
- Optional activities
- Other services not stated in the itinerary

Important Information:

Visa information: travellers on Australian passports do not need a Visa to visit Morocco for a period of less than



3 months. However, it is travellers responsibility to ensure they have all the necessary paperwork to enter the country. For more information, [visit smartraveller here](#).

Solo supplement: Travelling solo? Get a room to yourself for only \$1500 - available at check out.

Child policy: Children over the age of 12 are welcome on this trip. Taking someone younger? Ask our friendly team for some great options.

Travel Insurance: We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).