Imperial Morocco & Beyond

TRIP NOTES

Overview

For many travellers, Morocco is a dreamy escape into a world of kasbahs and imperial cities. Dig a little deeper and discover the local way of life, where meals are shared and cherished and the landscape evolves from dramatic craggy valleys to the winding streets of ancient medinas.

Exceptional experiences

- Cooking class and tasting trail in Fes' medina
- Hot air balloon flight over the Sahara and Atlas Mountains
- Traditional hammam in Marrakech
- Trek in the Atlas Mountains with an experienced local mountain guide followed by afternoon tea with a Berber family in their home in a traditional Berber village
- Private hidden gems tours of Jemaa el fna

Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1 Casablanca

Morocco's biggest city is the perfect place to start your journey. You will be greeted by your tour leader and transferred to your hotel. Sample your first mint tea of the trip and perhaps enjoy a hammam at the hotel before a group dinner at Rick's Café.

Accommodation: Art Palace Hotel & Spa

Day 2 Meknes ~ Fes

Gaze up at Morocco's largest mosque, the Hassan II Mosque and explore Casablanca. Depart for Fes, stopping at Meknes along the way to wander the markets and sample olives, wine and mint tea.

Accommodation: Riad Fes

Days 3 Fes

Explore medieval Fes, including the tanneries and Royal Palace of Fes. Stop for lunch at the medina before spending the rest of the day at leisure. Your tour leader will be on hand to offer suggestions or you can make your own discoveries.

Accommodation: Riad Fes

Day 4 Volubilis

Tour the medina with a local chef, gathering ingredients for a cooking class. Dine on the fruits of your labour and savour the flavours of Morocco. This afternoon visit the Roman ruins of Volubilis. At the height of the city's power it was estimated that around 20,000 people lived here. Enjoy sunset drinks and nibbles before an evening of leisure.

Accommodation: Riad Fes

Days 5 Marrakech

Drive to Marrakech and check into your refurbished 19th century hotel. You'll feel refreshed and rejuvenated after a visit to a traditional hammam. Spend your evening wandering through the healers, snake charmers, astrologers and acrobats of Djemaa el Fna.

Accommodation: Les Jardins de la Medina

Day 6 Marrakech

Immerse yourself in Marrakech with a tour of the souq, Bahia Palace and The Maison de la Photographie de Marrakech, a photography museum housing original photographs taken in Morocco between 1870 and 1950. The afternoon is yours before dinner at Al Fassia, a restaurant run entirely by women.

Accommodation: Les Jardins de la Medina

Day 7 Marrakech

Float above the palm tree groves, dunes, the Sahara and the Atlas Mountains in a hot-air balloon. Return to your hotel for breakfast before heading out on a horse-drawn carriage ride to the Majorelle gardens. Dinner tonight is at Le Foundouk.

Accommodation: Les Jardins de la Medina

Day 8 Ourika Valley

Depart for Ourika Valley, the gateway to the Atlas Mountains and your home for the next two nights. The day is free to make your own discoveries. Visit nearby waterfalls or simply unwind by the swimming pool and enjoy your surroundings.

Accommodation: Kasbah Bab Ourika

Day 9 Ourika Valley

Hunt for souvenirs at the Monday Market in Tnine Ourika and set off on an afternoon trek with a local mountain guide.

Pass through Berber villages and olive groves before a picnic lunch and tea with a local Berber family.

Accommodation: Kasbah Bab Ourika

Day 10 Marrakech

Your tour ends after breakfast this morning with a transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Other Information

What's included

- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 4 dinners.
- Private sightseeing (including all entrance fees) as outlined in the itinerary.
- Comfortable private transportation with driver. Other modes of transportation include a hot air balloon & horse-drawn carriage.
- Snacks and refreshments along the way.
- Tipping & porterage taken care of by tour leader along the way.
- Airport meet and greet service.
- Departure transfer.

What's not included

- International flights
- Visas
- Airport taxes
- Laundry
- Gratuities

Maximum passengers

12 people

Extend your journey

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