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 Start Location

 Plane

 Cruise

 Over night

 Visited Location

 End Location

 Train

 Ferry

Day 1 | Welcome to Casablanca



The intoxicating sights and sounds of Morocco are revealed on this epic adventure through an ancient land. Delve into the intrigue and romance of Casablanca, immortalised by Hollywood, before meeting your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception.

Meals: Welcome Reception

Hotel: Hotel Mogador Marina Casablanca

Day 2 | Journey to Rabat, Meknès and on to Fes



We continue along the coast to the capital, Rabat. Here we'll embark on an orientation tour of the city which includes views of the grand 17-century Palace and Mausoleum of Mohammed V. Travelling to the imperial city of Meknès, we'll see the grand gate of Bab elMansour, one of the most impressive monumental gateways in North Africa, adorned by green and white zellij tiles. We arrive in Fes later today where you can choose to spend the evening at leisure in the country's oldest imperial city or Enjoy a local meal of fine food, and traditional entertainment on our evening optional experience.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Marriott Jnan Palace

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Arabian Dinner and Entertainment in a Riad - Enjoy a local meal of fine food, live bands and traditional entertainment including belly dancing, in a spectacular Moroccan setting.

Adult: 560.00 MAD

Day 3 | Discover Vibrant Fes



Join a Local Specialist today to explore the Medina, one of the largest thriving medieval centres in the world. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience to the non-profit American Fondouk, speak with the volunteer veterinarians who care so passionately for the welfare of the animals. See the Royal Palace and Dive Into Culture during a visit to the round dye-pits and tanneries, revealing Morocco's ancient leathercraft. Later, you can admire traditional Moroccan handiwork during a visit to a carpet cooperative. Join your companions this evening for a special opportunity to Connect With Locals over dinner for a Be My Guest experience, featuring Moroccan specialities served with wine in a traditional riad.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Marriott Jnan Palace

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Bhalil Revealed - Explore Bhalil village, where local people live in dwellings carved from the rock face. Warm in winter but cool in summer, they are perfect for the local climate. You'll also visit local craftsmen at a traditional ceramic tile factory.

Adult: 290.00 MAD

Day 4 | Onwards to Erfoud



We follow the old caravan trail south, stopping for a lunch in Midelt, a market town set within the high plains between the Middle and High Atlas mountain ranges. Continuing along the palm-fringed Ziz Valley and past the Tafilalt oasis, we arrive in the oasis town of Erfoud, regarded as the 'Gateway to the Sahara'. Its golden façades and towering dunes have made it a popular location for filmmakers for decades. This evening we dine at our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Kasbah Xaluca

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Saharan Adventure - We'll take jeeps from our hotel and travel 50 km (80 miles) to the stunning sand dunes of the Sahara, arriving in time to witness the glorious desert sunset. You'll also have the opportunity to try a traditional Berber headdress, which local tribesmen use to protect themselves from the sand and desert elements.

Adult: 495.00 MAD

Day 5 | Off to Tinghir Oasis and the Stunning Dades Valley



Journeying west, we arrive in Tinghir, one of the most beautiful oases in southern Morocco and home to the ruins of the ancient Glaoui palace. We continue through part of the Todra Gorge and cut through the mountains for one of the most dramatic views in the country. Here we will overnight at one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories, Xaluca Dades, surrounded by panoramic views of the Atlas Mountains.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Dades Xaluca

Day 6 | Venture through the High Atlas Mountains to Marrakesh



Blending effortlessly into the arid landscape, Ouarzazate has provided a backdrop for such famous movies as 'Lawrence of Arabia', 'Cleopatra' and 'Gladiator'. See the UNESCO-listed fortified village of Ait Ben Haddou in the High Atlas Mountains and continue through the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass to Marrakesh - the 'Red City'. Like many other former imperial cities in Morocco, Marrakesh comprises an old fortified city - the Medina - and an adjacent modern city. Marrakesh is home to Morocco's largest traditional souk (market) where you may wish to spend some time learning the art of haggling.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ryad Mogador

Day 7 | Explore Marrakesh



Meet the inspiring ladies of a local women's cooperative over tea and snacks on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Visit the ornate Bahia Palace during a city orientation with your Local Specialist and spend some time soaking up the energy of Djemaa el Fna Square in the Old Quarter with its palm readers, storytellers and snake charmers. Spend the rest of the afternoon lingering in one of the city's beautiful gardens, discover the vibrant arts and culture scene or consider indulging in a traditional Hammam.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ryad Mogador

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Majorelle Gardens And The Berber Museum - No visit to Marrakesh is complete without some time in the lovely Majorelle Gardens, bought and restored by the late Yves St Laurent. You'll also visit the Berber Museum where you will have the opportunity to view artefacts created by the ancient Berber people.

Adult: 340.00 MAD

The Square at Night and Traditional Dinner - You will visit the magical Jemaa el Fna Square and enjoy the exotic sights and sounds of Marrakesh by night. Then we'll have dinner in a typical Moroccan restaurant, with music and entertainment.

Adult: 695.00 MAD

Day 8 | Continue to Coastal Essaouira



We travel to the laid-back shores of Essaouira this morning. Stopping en route, we Dive Into Culture to visit a cooperative involved in creating cosmetics from traditional ingredients. Consider a delicious seafood lunch and enjoy some free time before joining a city tour of the UNESCO-listed Medina, the walled Jewish Quarter and Skala fortress. Spend the rest of the evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Atlas Essaouira & Spa

Day 9 | Return to Casablanca



This morning we journey north to Casablanca where we will enjoy views of the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, built for the late King's 60th birthday celebrations. Later, we join our Travel Director and companions for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate an unforgettable voyage of discovery.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Hotel Mogador Marina Casablanca

Day 10 | Farewell Morocco



Say goodbye to your newfound friends at the end of your Moroccan holiday.

Meals: Breakfast