

Morocco — Imperial Cities & the Sahara

Destination: **Morocco** Duration: **13 days - 12 nights**

A 13-day grand land journey through Morocco — Casablanca, the imperial cities of Rabat, Meknes, and Fez, the Roman ruins of Volubilis, the dunes of Merzouga, the Todgha Gorges, Ouarzazate, Aït Benhaddou, and Marrakech. For agencies and groups to tailor and resell, operated end to end on the ground.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, partly built over the sea
- Rabat: the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and the Kasbah of the Oudayas
- Imperial Meknes and the Roman ruins of Volubilis (UNESCO)
- The ancient medina of Fez, entered through the Blue Gate (Bab Boujloud)
- A camel ride and a night in a Sahara desert camp at Merzouga
- The Todgha Gorges and the kasbahs of the Dades and Atlas
- Ouarzazate's Taourirt Kasbah and the Atlas Film Studios
- The UNESCO-listed Ksar of Aït Benhaddou
- Marrakech, the “city of a thousand and one nights”

WHO THIS PROGRAM IS FOR

Travel agencies, tour operators, and cultural groups looking for the signature Morocco grand tour — imperial cities, Roman ruins, the Sahara, and Marrakech — ready to tailor to your group's size, dates, pace, and hotel category.

DAY 1 Arrival in Casablanca

Arrival at Casablanca, welcome and transfer to the hotel, with a welcome meeting with your guide and a traditional welcome dinner. Overnight in Casablanca.

DAY 2 Casablanca to Rabat

A panoramic tour of Casablanca (Place des Nations Unies and the old Medina) and a guided visit of the Hassan II Mosque — partly built over the sea, with its prayer hall, madrasa, library, and museum, and traditional Moroccan craftsmanship in plaster, carved wood, zellij, marble, and copper (modest dress required). Continue to Rabat, the administrative capital; check-in and free time (Souk Bab Lhed). Overnight in Rabat.

DAY 3 Rabat to Meknes

The Mausoleum of Mohammed V (royal tombs of Mohammed V, Moulay Abdellah, and Hassan II), the Kasbah of the Oudayas with its Andalusian gardens and mint tea overlooking the Bou Regreg and the ocean, and the souk and old Medina. Drive to Meknes, a former imperial capital; dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 Meknes & Volubilis to Fez

With a local guide, explore Moulay Ismail's Meknes — El Hedim Square, Bab Mansour, the Mausoleum of Moulay Ismaïl, and Heri es-Souani. Lunch, then Volubilis, the best-preserved Roman ruins in Morocco (UNESCO 1997): the forum, basilica, Temple of Jupiter, baths, Caracalla Arch, and mosaics. Continue to Fez; dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 Fez

A guided walking tour of the ancient medina, entering through the Bab Boujloud (Blue Gate, 1913): the Bar Batha Museum of arts and traditions, the Bou Inania Madrasa (a mid-14th-century Marinid Quranic school), and a stroll along the bustling Talaa Kebira and Talaa Seghira. Overnight in Fez.

DAY 6 Midelt

Farewell to Fez and a southward drive (about 5 hours) through changing landscapes to Midelt, with check-in at a kasbah-style hotel and an optional stroll to the village of Berrem. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 7 Erfoud & Merzouga

Drive to Merzouga through kasbahs and palm groves, with a stop in Erfoud (souk and Saharan robes) and Rissani (taste Medfouna, the regional specialty). At Merzouga, a camel ride at sunset to the desert camp, welcomed with local entertainment, a traditional-themed dinner, and a night under the stars in the camp.

DAY 8 Todgha Gorges

An optional early 4x4 desert excursion for sunrise over the dunes and a stop at nomad tents. After breakfast, head to the Todgha Gorges with a stop at the Oasis Museum in the Todra Valley, and a walk in the oasis amid canyons and lush greenery. Overnight at a hotel or guesthouse.

DAY 9 Todgha Gorges to Ouarzazate

A guided walk in the Todgha Valley, between the High Atlas and the Jebel Saghro, lined with ksars and kasbahs, date palms, and flocks. Lunch, then drive to Ouarzazate; check-in, dinner, and a local folklore evening.

DAY 10 Ouarzazate & the film studios, to Aït Benhaddou

The Taourirt Kasbah — once the Glaoui family's, with its sandcastle-like earthen architecture — and the Atlas Film Studios (guided tours when no filming is under way; backdrop for The Jewel of the Nile, Gladiator, Kingdom of Heaven, Babel, Prince of Persia, and more). Lunch, then to Aït Benhaddou; dinner and overnight at a traditional inn.

DAY 11 Aït Benhaddou to Marrakech

A day at the UNESCO-listed Ksar of Aït Benhaddou — its history and earthen architecture, the granary and caravanserai, the so-called "Abraham's Stone", artisan shops, the synagogue, the mosque, and the Quranic school — with an Amazigh lunch at a village tea room. Then drive to Marrakech, the "city of a thousand and one nights." Overnight in Marrakech.

DAY 12 Marrakech

A free day to explore the Red City — monuments, museums, gardens, and souks. Optional excursions are available on request (a city tour, a tajine cooking class, the Ouzoud Waterfalls, a hot-air-balloon ride, a hammam & spa, the Ourika Valley, or Oukaïmeden). Overnight.

DAY 13 Departure

Your journey ends after breakfast; additional nights in Marrakech can be pre-arranged on request.

SERVICES

Included

- All transfers (arrivals, departures, and hotels) and intercity transport throughout Morocco
- Accommodation for 12 nights along the route (Casablanca, Rabat, Meknes, Fez, Midelt, a desert camp at Merzouga, the Todgha/Dades area, Ouarzazate, Aït Benhaddou, and Marrakech); hotels confirmed to your group's preferences after the order — category adjustable per group
- Daily breakfast, with hotel stay fees and taxes (selected meals as per the confirmed quote, including the welcome dinner and the desert-camp dinner)
- Private, comfortable air-conditioned coach, plus 4x4 vehicles for the desert excursion
- A camel ride at Merzouga as per the itinerary
- Local guiding and escort throughout the program
- Entrance fees for the visits listed in the program, according to the confirmed quote

Not included / on request

- International flights to/from Morocco (arranged on request, or by your agency)
- Morocco entry visa — optional, depending on your travellers' nationality
- Meals not specified in the confirmed quote (lunches, dinners, personal meals)
- Optional excursions and upgrades (quoted on request)
- Special activities or extra visits requested by the partner agency
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (optional)

PARTNER TERMS

- This document is a proposal for travel agencies and partners — not a contract, an invoice, or a confirmed booking.
- Prices, inclusions, hotel category, and dates are confirmed in a written quote before anything is committed.
- Hotels are confirmed to your group's preferences after the order; category and properties are adjustable per group.
- Programs are land-based (arrival to departure). International flights and visas are not included unless explicitly stated.
- Length, pace, routing, and inclusions can be tailored to your group.

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