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# **EXHOTIC MOROCCO**

**10 DAYS GRAND TOUR** 











#### ITINERARY OUTLINE

DAY 1 - Arrival in Casablanca, Marrakech

DAY 2 - Marrakech

DAY 3 - Marrakech, Ait Ben Haddou, Skoura

DAY 4 - Skoura, Tinejdad, Erg Chebbi (Sahara)

DAY 5 - Sahara, Middle Atlas, Fes

DAY 6 - Fes

Day 7 - Fes, Chefchaouen

Day 8 - Chefchaouen, Tangier

Day 9 - Tangier

Day 10 - Tangier, Rabat, Casablanca airport



#### PROPOSED ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Casablanca, Marrakech

Arrive at Casablanca airport. Private meet and greet. Meet your driver and guide. Enjoy a short city tour and visit Monumental Hassan II Mosque. After your visit continue for a short walk on the famous city waterfront, the Corniche. Depart the city on your way to Marrakech. Arrive in Marrakech and check into the hotel.

Overnight: Marrakech



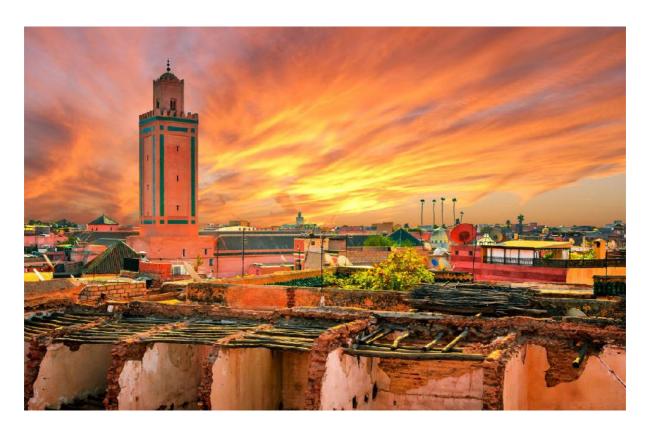
DAY 2 - Marrakech

After breakfast at the hotel, meet foyer guide and driver and Strat a full day tour of Marrakech's old town, visiting Koutoubia Mosque (exterior only), Bahia Palace, the old Jewish Quarter, the souks and Djemaa el Fna—Marrakech's central square and a vibrant meeting place for young and old—in the afternoon you'll visit Majorelle Garden—an enchanting garden in the heart of the city made famous by Yves Saint Laurent. Here you can stroll along the shady paths past exotic trees and plants, streams and pools, as well as visit the garden's small but excellent Berber-museum showcasing tribal costumes, jewellery and tools.



At the end of the day you will go on a special food tastings tour through the main street of old Medina. We'll taste: Donuts with Moroccan tea, Moroccan soup, dry nuts, olives, Moroccan pastry...and orange juice.

Overnight: Marrakech

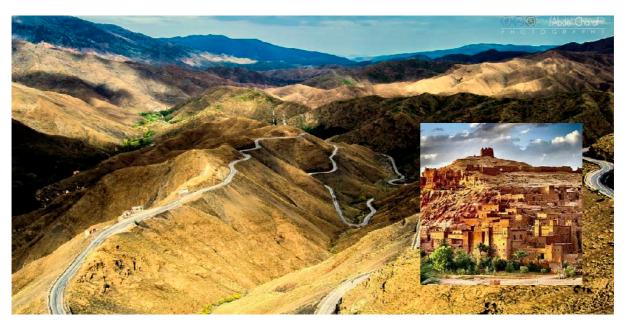


DAY 3 - Marrakech, Ait Ben Haddou, Skoura

This morning you'll begin your journey to the oasis town of Skoura, traveling via the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka (2,260m)—one of the highest drivable passes in Morocco. Along the way you'll visit the fortified town of Ait Ben Haddou—a ksar so famous for its 17<sup>th</sup> century kasbahs that it's been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987—where you'll have a guided tour that will take you all the way up to a hilltop granary for magnificent views of the ksar and valley below. In Skoura you'll stay the night in a kasbah.

Overnight in Skoura





DAY 4 - Skoura, Tinejadad, Erg Chebbi (Sahara)

Today you'll journey to the vast expanse of sand that is the Sahara! Along the way you'll travel through Rose Valley and along the fabled "Road of 1,000 Kasbahs", as well as visit the Oasis Museum in Tinejdad, a group of three restored houses displaying Berber antiquities and objects of traditional use collected from various tribes across the country. When you reach the desert outpost of Merzouga on the edge of Erg Chebbi you'll take an exhilarating camel ride through the dunes to a luxury desert camp. Upon arrival at the camp you'll be served Moroccan mint tea, while this evening you'll be served a traditional Berber meal and treated to some local tribal singing and drumming by the campfire. At the camp you'll stay the next night in a luxury tent.

#### Overnight at the Sahara





#### DAY 5 - Sahara, Middle Atlas, Fes

After waking early to watch the glorious sunrise over the still eastern dunes you'll take a 4WD back to Merzouga before beginning your journey north through the Middle Atlas where you'll meet a nomad family living in tent to learn about their life-style and on to the mediaeval city of Fes. Along the way you'll pass through the ski-town of Ifrane—Morocco's "Little Switzerland"—and some spectacular scenery, including the Jurassic geography of the Ziz Gorges and Tafilalt—the largest Saharan oasis in Morocco—as well as barren, rocky landscapes, fertile valleys and cedar and pine forests. You might even catch a glimpse of a Barbary ape—North Africa's only monkey. In Fes you'll stay the next two nights in a Riad.

#### Overnight in Fes



DAY 6 - Fes

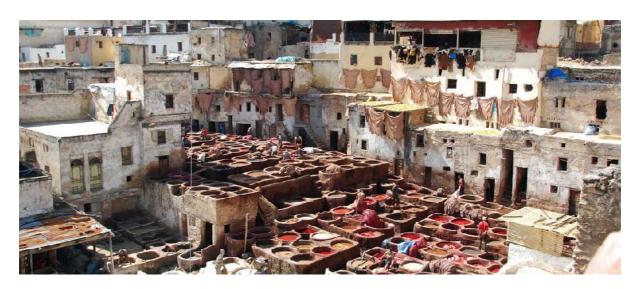
Today you'll head into Fes' old city, known locally as Fes el Bali on a guided tour of one of the most extensive and well-preserved historic towns of the Arab-Muslim world. You'll visit the magnificently decadent golden main gate of the Royal Palace, the Jewish Quarter (including the inactive synagogue of Ibn Danan), the University of Al-Qarawiyyin, Medresse el Attarine, the 11th century Chouara Tannery and the souks. You'll even stop by a ceramics factory where you can see potters and their students working in the traditional way (here you can try to make your own small Tagine). And as you walk along the narrow streets and alleyways that make up this UNESCO World Heritage Site, you'll pass



the historic khans, mosques, craftsmen and donkeys laden with goods that make this journey back to the Middle Ages one truly unforgettable experience.

Today, you'll have private dinner with a Moroccan family in Fes to learn all about the food, customer and life in Fes..

### Overnight in Fes



Day 7 - Fes, Chefchaouen

Today you'll journey up into the Rif Mountains and the charming whitewashed village of Chefchaouen. One of the prettiest destinations in Morocco, this artsy town with its small but delightfully blue-doored, red-roofed medina is a mix of Moroccan and Andalusian influences. This afternoon you'll take a short walk with your guide up to a panoramic viewing point from which you can take in the magnificent sea of blue below before coming back down for an orientation walk. In Chefchaouen you'll stay the next night in a hotel.

### Overnight in Chefchaouen





#### Day 8 - Chefchaouen, Tangier

Today you'll head North to Tangier the «bride of the north", the highlight start by visiting Cap Spartel, the lighthouse that marks the official convergence of the Atlantic and Mediterranean, the Hercul cave continually inhabited since the Neolithic period, the modern new town and the wealthy "California" and the Kasbah descend through the labyrinthine roads of the medina through the spice market, Berber market and amongst the craftsmen.

## Overnight in Tangier



Day 9 - Tangier

Today you will take a day trip to Asilah's old Medina. Asilah located on the northwest tip of the Atlantic coast of Moroccowhere you'll see its colourful murals and well-preserved 15th century Portuguese-built ramparts and gates. Asilah is famous for its centuries-old, imposing ochre walls and its beautiful medina,



which attracts artists from around the world. It is influenced by Mediterranean culture, and blue is the main color here.

Overnight in Tangier



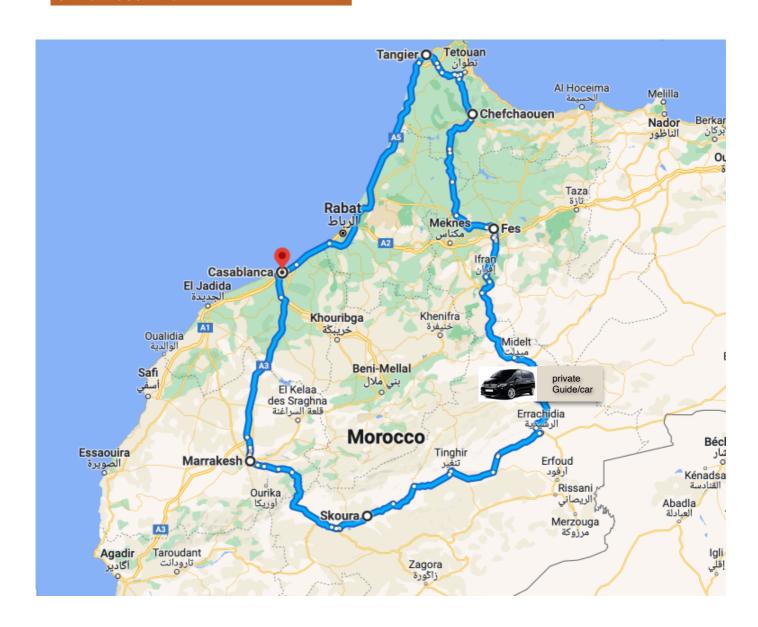
Day 10 - Tangier, Rabat, Casablanca airport

This morning you'll leave Tangier behind, travelling again through the verdant countryside of northern Morocco but this time to the colonial city of Rabat— Morocco's capital and home to the official residence of the Moroccan royal family. In here, depending on your flight you'll head on sightseen tour of the old medina, the whitewashed Kasbah des Oudaias, Bab Oudaia and Hassan Tower— the remnants of what was once planned to be the second largest mosque in the world. Afterwards, we continue to Med V airport in Casablanca.

# See you in Morocco , أراك في مصر



# **GRAND TUOU ITINERARY MAP**







# **PACKAGE INCLUDES**

- Professional English speaking guide through
- Airport transfers
- Private airport meet and greet and assistance
- Accommodation
- Late model transportation with A/C (driver, fuel and insurance included)
- All entrance fees
- Daily breakfasts
- 3 Dinners (Days 3, 4 and 6)
- 2 small bottles of water per person daily
- Guided tour of Marrakech
- Visit to Hassan II mosque
- Food tour in Marrakech Medina
- Visit to Majorelle Garden (including Berber Museum)
- Guided walking tour of Ksar Ait Ben Haddou
- Visit to Oasis Museum in Tineidad
- Visit a nomad family
- 4WD ride to and from Sahara camp
- · Camel ride in Sahara
- Traditional Berber music at Sahara camp
- · Guided tour of Fes' medina
- Short orientation walk in Chefchaouen
- Guided tour of Tangier Medina
- Day trip to Assilah
- Rabat sightseeing

# PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Drinks
- Tips for the guide and driver



