

TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR 01, 08, 15, 22, 29	JAN 20
MAY 06, 13, 20, 27	FEB 03, 24
JUN 03, 10, 17	MAR 30
JUL 08, 22	APR 06, 13, 20, 27
AUG 05, 19, 26	MAY 04, 11, 18, 25
SEP 02, 09, 16, 23, 30	JUN 01, 08, 15
OCT 07, 14, 21, 28	JUL 06, 20
NOV 11	AUG 03, 17, 24, 31
DEC 20, 27	SEP 07, 14, 21, 28
	OCT 05, 12, 19, 26

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📍 REGIONAL JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: **LEISURELY**

10 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
17 MEALS
16 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Marrakesh: Discover the beauty of Marrakesh on a guided bike tour - organised by a company that empowers local youth by promoting education, employment and financial opportunities.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Dades Valley: Stop at a traditional Nomad house and meet the locals as you sip Berber tea.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Marrakesh: Choose to visit the intricately decorated Palais Bahia, intended to be the greatest palace of its time. Alternatively, take a leisurely guided bike tour with an organisation providing financial support to local youth.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Moroccan performance with dinner in Fes • Celebration Dinner at Rick's Café in Casablanca.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit the Mohammed V Mausoleum in Rabat • Bahia Palace in Marrakesh.

City tours of Rabat, Fes and Marrakesh, all with Local Experts.

See Casablanca • Meknes • Erfoud • Quarzazate • the Ksar in Ait Benhaddou • Essaouira.

BEST OF MOROCCO

"Najib, our Local Expert in Morocco, helps you navigate the cultural contrasts of this fascinating country." – Rory, Travel Director

AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND



ERFOUD
SAHARA
DESERT,
MOROCCO



TRADITIONAL MOROCCAN DINNER, MOROCCO



AIT BENHADDOU, MOROCCO



DAY 1 WELCOME TO CASABLANCA

On arrival at Casablanca airport, your transfer leaves for your landmark city hotel at at 09:00, 12:00 or 15:00.

Join your *Travel Director and fellow guests at 18:00 for your Welcome Dinner.* (DW)

Grand Mogador City Centre, Casablanca.

DAY 2 RABAT, IMPERIAL MEKNES AND FES

Relaxed Start. An exploration of the sights of Casablanca will show you the huge Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. Venture to the très chic seaside strip known as the Corniche, which stretches to the west and is lined with trendy restaurants and cafes.

Depart for the capital of Rabat to see the Royal Palace, Hassan Tower and visit one of the few holy places open to non-Muslims, the lavish Mausoleum of King Mohammed V. This site is both an architectural marvel and a monument to a great ruler.

Travel to Meknes, one of the kingdom's great imperial cities where little has changed since its founding in the 11th century. Stand before the Bab el-Mansour, the monumental entrance to the imperial city and focal point of Place El-Hedim, before continuing to Fes.

You'll be delighted with a superb Moroccan Highlight Dinner in an ancient palace at the entrance to the Medina. A colourful array of meze plates, aromatic tagines, exotic fruits and wine will be laid before you while you are entertained with a traditional folklore show. Enjoy the carnival-like atmosphere of belly dancers, drums and authentic music. (B) (DW)

Marriott Jnan Palace, Fes.

DAY 3 FES SIGHTSEEING

Relaxed Start. Led by your Local Expert, wander the maze of streets that make up the ancient Medina. Pass one of the world's oldest universities and see the hidden courtyards, mosques and workshops. Continue through the souks where an array of vendors sell food, clothes, leather goods and beautiful lights. Learn about the ancient craft of carpet making, witness age-old techniques of pottery making and learn how khobz, the traditional local bread, is made. (B) (DW)

DAY 4 THE ZIZ GORGES TO ERFOUD

Leave the bustle of the city behind and head for the spectacular snowcapped High Atlas Mountains. Pass through Ifrane before reaching the great cedar forests of Azrou. After stopping for lunch at Midelt, continue through the magnificent Ziz Gorges, past palm-fringed towns to Er Rachidia, built by the French at an important crossroads. Your destination is Erfoud, where the red sand buildings stand in stark contrast against the patches of greenery and surrounding desert. In the evening, there is an Optional Experience to meet the nomadic desert dwellers and marvel at the glorious Sahara sunset on a four-wheel drive vehicle. (B) (L) (DW)

Kasbah Hotel Xaluca Arfoud, Erfoud.

DAY 5 SPECTACULAR OUARZAZATE

Venture towards the oasis of Tinehir and explore the Todra Gorge, known as the Grand Canyon of the Sahara.

At Boumalne du Dadès you will encounter the dry and rugged Dades Valley, dotted with oases of figs, olives, date palms and castellated mud houses—hugging the slopes. Meet the locals of the region when you visit a traditional Nomad house and try authentic Berber tea.

The Road of a Thousand Kasbahs concludes at Ouarzazate, also known as the film capital of Morocco. Many blockbusters have been filmed here, including Lawrence of Arabia and Star Wars. (B) (L) (DW)

Le Berbère Palace, Ouarzazate.

DAY 6 TO MARRAKESH

Marvel at and photograph the architectural wonder of Ksar of Ait Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that boasts one of Morocco's finest kasbahs.

Your journey continues via the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka Pass, before descending past charming mountain villages, dense woods and green fields to the ochre-coloured city of Marrakesh. With the rest of the day at your leisure, why not relax and enjoy the immaculate facilities of your hotel? (B)

Kenzi Rose Garden, Marrakesh.

DAY 7 MARRAKESH, PEARL OF THE SOUTH

Relaxed Start. Meet your Local Expert in the bustling Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, where you can take a moment to watch the dancers, snake charmers, storytellers and acrobats. Wander the maze of the Medina and see the Koutoubia Mosque, with its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline. Explore Marrakesh with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the intricately decorated Palais Bahia, intended to be the greatest palace of its time. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you take a leisurely guided bike tour with an organization providing financial support to local youth. With time at leisure, you are free to continue exploring, try your hand at haggling in the souks or maybe visit a museum? In the evening, perhaps choose to join fellow guests at a vibrant restaurant on Jemaa el-Fnaa Square. Here you will enjoy a slew of classic Moroccan dishes as you absorb the ambience and watch twirling belly dancers balance plates of lit candles on their heads. (B)

DAY 8 ELEGANT ESSAOUIRA

Relaxed Start. Reach the fishing town of Essaouira. After checking into your hotel, why not spend the afternoon navigating the narrow alleyways, exploring the busy fishing port or maybe just relaxing on the beach? In the evening, you could sample the local seafood and wine at a waterside restaurant. (B)

Atlas Essaouira & Spa.

DAY 9 RETURN TO CASABLANCA

Relaxed Start. Once you've experienced the traditional charms of the country, Casablanca is a fascinating place to return to and offers a unique insight into modern Morocco. In the evening 'of all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world' there really is only one place to be.

Join your Travel Director at Rick's Café, recreated from the famous movie. Enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner with drinks and no doubt a rendition of 'As Time Goes By'. Here's looking at you kid! (B) (DW)

Grand Mogador City Centre, Casablanca.

DAY 10 AU REVOIR CASABLANCA

Departure transfers arrive at Casablanca airport at 05:00, 07:00, 10:00 and 12:00. (B)

KEY

✈ Join/Leave Options

UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

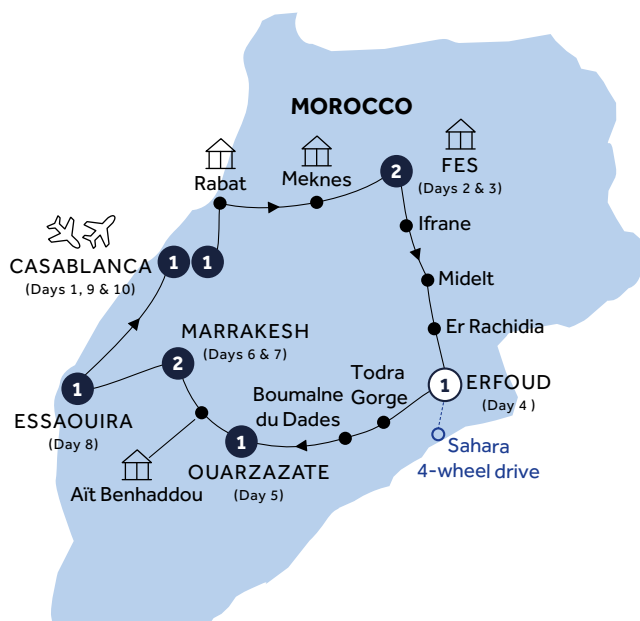
1 Scenic Hotels + Nights

● Place Visited

○ Optional Place Visited

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



INSIGHT EXPERIENCE Visit a traditional Nomad house to try authentic Berber tea. (Photo by @Sharon_insta, Day 5, Ouarzazate)



Use the camera on your smart phone to view the full details of this trip on our website.