



# MOROCCO Imperial Cities & South Kasbah Tour

10 Days / 09 Magical Nights in Morocco  
Arrival & Departure to/from Casablanca Airport



# Program Type

## 1<sup>st</sup> Day: Casablanca

- Arrival to Casablanca Mohamed V Airport ...
- Welcome and meet with your personal driver ...  
Transfer to your hotel in Casablanca...
- Check in and overnight at your hotel.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Day: Casablanca / Rabat / Meknes / Fez

- Breakfast at the hotel... Pick up of the 03 Pax arriving that day.
- Departure to Rabat via the highway ...
- Visit of Rabat, the political and administrative capital of Morocco and the fourth of the Imperial cities, will include the King Palace enclosure, Mohamed V Mausoleum, the unfinished Hassan Tower and Mosque, Chellah Necropolis, Oudayas.
- Then, you set out on a longish drive to the Imperial City of Meknes (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) via the holy city of Moulay Idriss and the Roman ruins city of Volubilis, a really ancient olive presses, mansions, incredible mosaics, monumental arches and Corinthian columns where you'll have a real sense of Roman lifestyle and of that of a subsequent medieval Berber town. Continuation to Meknes...
- Meknes, here you shall visit the easily most beautiful Bab, or gateway, in all of the Maghreb - the Bab Mansour. From here to the El Heri es-Souani - the granary of huge vaulted structures and stables built by Moulay Ismail's soldiers next to a pool fed by underground channels that brought fresh water all the way from the distant Middle Atlas Mountains; the famous State-owned stallion stables of Haras where these Arabo-Berber ('Barb') horses are bred; the Moulay Ismail Mausoleum and the Place el-Hedim.
- Continuation to Fez ... Check-in and overnight at your hotel...



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Day: Fez**

- Full day sightseeing city tour of Fes, the oldest of the four Imperial Cities, founded approx. 809 A.D. the spiritual and intellectual capital of Islam in the west,
- Your visit will include: the 15<sup>th</sup> century Borj Nord (north forth) arm museum, the great gateway of the Royal Palace, the Mellah (Jewish quarter) with its intense atmosphere and fine examples of Mauro-Hispanic architecture. the 9th century Karaouiyne Mosque and University; with its Medersas (colleges) of Bou Inania and Attarine dating from the 14th century, the shrine of Moulay Idriss II, founder of Fes, the Nejjarine fountain.
- Afternoon continuation of the visit of the spice market, the souks, the Medina, tanneries...
- Overnight at the hotel.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Day : Fez – Midelt – Erfoud - Merzouga**

- Departure to Erfoud via the mountains and the cedar woods of the middle Atlas passing by Ifrane, a charming ski resort and Azrou, an important handicraft centre.
- Continuation to Erfoud via Errachidia and the Ziz valley dotted with palm trees, which are the source for the yearly date Festival in Erfoud. Change your Van by 4X4 Jeep to attend Merzouga Camp for a night under tent. A wonderful experience in the desert!!!
- Camel Ride to assist to the sunset and enjoy a magnificent panorama.
- Return to your camp for dinner and overnight under tent.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Day : Erfoud – Tinghir – Ouarzazate**

- Breakfast and route to Ouarzazate via Rissani, the holy city where Moulay Ali Cherif, ancestor of the Alaouite dynasty is buried. Continuation to Tinghir via the Tinjdad road. Visit of the magnificent Todgha canyons which rocks reach an altitude of 250 meters. Then to Ouarzazate via Kelaa M'gouna known for its yearly Rose festival.

Check in and accommodation in Ouarzazate

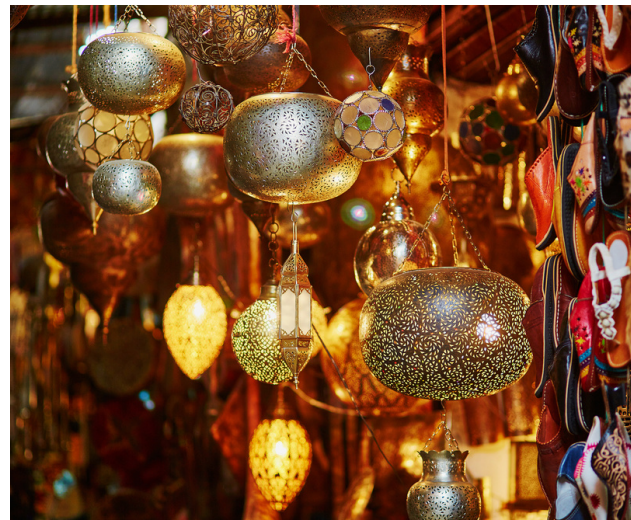


## **6<sup>th</sup> Day : Ouarzazate - Ait Ben Haddou - Marrakech**

- After Breakfast, explore Ouarzazate and visit the renowned Atlas Studio, where numerous famous films have been produced like Lawrence of Arabia, the Mummy, Gladiator...
- Route to Marrakech via Kasbah Ait Benhaddou, the most spectacular fortress in the south of Morocco, which has served as decor for many films...
- Continuation to Marrakech via the Tizi N'Tichka pass offering an impressive landscape in the heart of the Atlas Mountain. Arrival to Marrakech and accommodation at the hotel.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Day: Marrakech - Historical Sightseeing**

- Breakfast at the hotel and the full day will be devoted to the visit of Marrakech " the pearl of the south". Second of the four Imperial Cities ...
- The historic visit of Marrakech will include the Menara gardens, a magnificent pool surrounded by flowers, reflecting the image of a beautiful Moorish construction built in 1866 for the dignitaries.
- The tour will include several impressive sights: the Koutoubia Minaret (the twin tower of la Giralda in Sevilla, Spain), the Saadian tombs demonstrating Moorish architecture in its perfection, the Museum of Dar Si Said with the best display of Berber arts and crafts to be found. the Bahia Palace still hosts dignitaries in the heart of the Mellah (Jewish quarter).
- Afternoon, walk through the colorful and aromatic Souks of Marrakech and his labyrinth of narrow alleyways of the Medina, thence to the famous Djemaâ El Fna Square (the 'Assembly of the Dead' where, until the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, were traditionally displayed the severed heads of criminals) : the ancient meeting point of the tradesmen in Northwest Africa, with its entertainers, singers, dancers, acrobats, jugglers, story-tellers, public-scribes, soothsayers, medicine-men, dentists, snake-charmers, etc...
- Overnight at your hotel.



## **8<sup>th</sup> Day: Marrakech - Atlas Mountain - Agafay Desert**

- After breakfast at the hotel, you shall make a 90 minute excursion south to the beautiful High Atlas Mountains you can see from your hotel. The landscape is a succession of oases, and mountain roads: the mythical Atlas is one of the most fascinating mountain systems in the whole African continent. Small villages and red clay buildings mark the landscape. The excursion consists of a nice road-trip along the Berber villages.
- This secret and harmonious countryside will revitalize you with its pure air and rustic traditions. Nature lovers and all those who need to escape from the fast pace of urban life will find Asni Ouirgane the perfect place to be. Lunch at local restaurant.
- Afternoon, return to Marrakech ... Rest of the day at leisure ...
- Overnight at your hotel ...



## **9<sup>th</sup> Day: Marrakech – Casablanca**

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Casablanca by the highway.
- Arrival to Casablanca and start your sightseeing city...
- Casablanca, economical capital of Morocco, your guided sightseeing tour of Casablanca includes Mohamed V place, the United Nations square, the new medina and the Mahkama ( Moroccan law courts) in Hispano- Mauresque architecture, Notre Dame de Lourdes church in stained glass, the Anfa residential suburb site of the war time conference between Roosevelt / Churchill and Mohamed V, Ain Diab Casablanca's playground with its cafés, restaurants and pools, the newly built Hassan II Mosque, the second largest mosque in the world.
- Check-in, and overnight at your hotel...

## **10<sup>th</sup> Day: Casablanca – Departure**

- After breakfast, you will be transferred to Casablanca Airport in time for your flight home, taking with you some certainly incredible memories of our land so full of remarkable contrasts and very friendly people.

