

# 14 Days | 4 Star Moroccan Marvels | With Flights

Marrakesh - Essaouira - Casablanca - Rabat - Chefchaouen - Fes - Merzouga - Ouarzazate - and more...

From **\$5,999** Typically \$7,499 **\( \)** pp twin share



Return international airfares from Australia to Morocco
4-Star hotels plus 2 nights in a Bedouin camp in the Sahara Desert
Explore the ancient cities of Fes, Casablanca & Marrakech
Bonus experiences including camel treks & a 4WD safari

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# **Description**







Perfect for adventure seekers, culture enthusiasts, and history lovers alike, this guided expedition takes you through the most iconic cities, desert landscapes, and charming coastal towns of **Morocco** in 4-star comfort

Your Moroccan adventure starts in Marrakech, one of the country's most enchanting cities. Wander through the bustling souks, filled with vibrant colours and the scents of spices. Explore the stunning Koutoubia Mosque, the architectural masterpiece of Bahia Palace, and the beauty of the Majorelle Garden. In the evening, immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, where street performers, food stalls, and artisans converge. A scenic drive takes you to the coastal town of Essaouira, known for its windswept beaches and bohemian vibe. Stroll through the charming Medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and admire the vibrant blue and white architecture. The town's bustling port offers freshly caught seafood, while local artisans craft intricate woodwork and textiles. Essaouira is also known for its relaxed atmosphere, providing the perfect escape from the busier cities of Morocco.

From Essaouira, your journey continues to Casablanca, Morocco's modern metropolis. Visit the awe-inspiring Hassan II Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world, with its towering minaret overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Casablanca offers a fusion of contemporary architecture and Moorish charm. Next, you'll explore Rabat, Morocco's capital city, filled with historical

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landmarks and elegant gardens. Visit the impressive Hassan Tower, the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, and the picturesque Kasbah of the Udayas. With its relaxed atmosphere and elegant architecture, Rabat is the perfect blend of the old world and the new.

Prepare to be mesmerised as you arrive in Chefchaouen, the famous "Blue Pearl" of Morocco. Nestled in the Rif Mountains, this picturesque town is known for its striking blue-washed buildings and narrow, winding streets. Explore the tranquil Medina, shop for traditional crafts, or simply relax in one of the many charming cafés. The town's peaceful ambience and scenic views make it a favourite among travellers seeking an escape from the hustle and bustle. Soon after, we'll discover Tetouan, where Andalusian influences blend seamlessly with Moroccan culture. Its Medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a treasure trove of history and architecture. Fes, the spiritual heart of Morocco, follows. This ancient city, with its labyrinthine streets and centuries-old mosques, offers a profound insight into Moroccan tradition and spirituality. A visit to the University of Al Quaraouiyine, the world's oldest university, is a highlight.

The adventure shifts dramatically as you reach Merzouga and the Sahara Desert. Here, you'll experience the magic of the desert, riding camels across the dunes and spending the night under a blanket of stars in a traditional Berber camp. The journey continues through the stunning Dades Valley, known for its rugged beauty, before arriving in Ouarzazate. Famous for its film sets and the breathtaking Ait Ben Haddou, this city offers a cinematic end to your desert experience, before we slowly make our way back to Marrakesh. It's not easy finding Morocco tours with flights from Australia - until now.

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# **Itinerary**

Day 1

#### Australia X Morocco

Grab your camera and your bags, because it's time for your flight to Morocco!

Meals: Inflight Menu

Day 2

#### Marrakesh

Welcome to Morocco! Keep your eyes peeled at Morocco airport for your transfer to the hotel. Freshen up and meet in the lobby around 7:00pm for an informal meeting with your guide and other tour members. Afterwards, you have free time to start exploring vibrant city of Marrakesh, or go out for an optional group dinner and mingle with fellow travellers.

Optional Activities & Entrance Fees

Group Dinner - 100 MAD

Accommodation: 4-Star Blue Sea Le Printemps Marrakesh or similar

Day 3

#### Marrakech 🖨 Essaouira

After a delicious breakfast, start your discovery with the key sites of bustling Marrakech such as Koutoubia Mosque, Saadian Tombs, Bahia Palace & Dar Si Said Museum. Before we head to the coastal port city of Essaouria, we'll make a stop at Argan Women Cooperative to learn all about the making of Argan oil. A globally popular product native to Morocco, it is used in delicious meals and extensively in cosmetics. As you arrive in Essaouira, you can go out to explore its charming Medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Optional Activities & Entrance Fees

Bahai Palace Entrance Fee - 70 MAD

Menara Gardens Entrance Fee - 10 MAD

Saadian Tombs Entrance Fee -70 MAD

Said Mausoleum Entrance Fee - 70 MAD

Accommodation: 4-Star Hotel Des Iles Essaouira or similar

Meals: Breakfast



#### Essaouira 🖨 Casablanca

Follow the ocean north to the largest city and commercial hub of Morocco, Casablanca. Start off with a guided tour of the iconic Hassan II Mosque, the largest in all of Africa. Continue to impressive highlights including the United Nations Square, Anfa Residential Quarter, and finish with a short visit to the Medina. Before dinner, have a short photo stop by Rick's Café from the classic Hollywood movie named after the town, and watch the sunset by the ocean.

Optional Activities & Entrance Fees

Hassan II Mosque Entrance Fee - 70 MAD

Accommodation: 4-Star Diwan Hotel & Spa Casablanca or similar

Meals: Breakfast

### Day 5

#### Casablanca Rabat Chefchaouen Tetouan

Our journey continues along the charming coastline to Rabat. The beautiful capital of Morocco is set in a rich, amber-coloured landscape, blending ancient history and modern Moroccan culture. The guided walking tour will unfold the beauty of the imperial town as you visit the Kasbah (walled citadel or fortress), which covers the Bouregreg River, the Royal Palace, Chellah Ruins, Mohammed V Mausoleum and Hassan II Tower. At the end of the extensive city tour, we make our way to Chefchaouen, the famously beautiful Blue City. Prepare your cameras and wander the narrow streets of the breathtaking blue-washed mountain village, before our overnight stay in Tetouan.

Accommodation: 4-Star Hotel La Paloma Tetouan or similar

Meals: Breakfast

# Day 6

# Tetouan 🖨 Chefchaouen 🖨 Meknes 🖨 Moulay Driss 🖨 Fes

Today we will return again to explore the blue-city of Chefchaouen. Roam the magical streets of the Medina, Outa el-Hammam Square, and the Spanish Mosque presenting an astounding view of the colourful villages. We'll also get to visit the waterfall of Ras el-Maa. In the afternoon, we continue on towards the city of Meknes, with visits to the Bab Mansour Laleuj's monumental gate, and the ancient Berber ruins of Volubilis. Make a final stop in Moulay Driss Zarhoun, Morocco's cultural capital surrounded by olive groves, green hills, and cacti. While you're here, learn from your guide about the region's remarkable history and significance in Moroccan culture. Tonight we'll rest up at our hotel in Fes.

Accommodation: 4-Star Royal Mirage Hotel Fes or similar

Meals: Breakfast



#### Fes

Strap on your walking shoes as we embark on a cultural journey through the imperial city of Fes. Discover all the highlights on an intensive tour with your local guide, covering Bab Bouloud Gate (Royal Palace), Bou Inania Madrasa, Mausoleum of Moulay Idriss, Quaraouiyine Mosque, Najjarine Square, Spices Market, and Terina Madrasa. We will also explore the surroundings of the Karaouine Medina & Mellah (Jewish Quarter), pottery studios, and of course, the famous Chouara Tannery!

Optional Activities & Entrance Fees

Bou Inania Medersa Entrance Fee - 10 MAD

Attarine Medersa Entrance Fee - 10 MAD

Traditional Hamam Bath House Experience - 300 MAD

Accommodation: 4-Star Royal Mirage Hotel Fes or similar

Meals: Breakfast

## Day 8

#### Fes A Merzouga

It's an early day for us as we drive through Efran City in the High Atlas Mountains, with stunning panoramic views. On the way to the desert village of Merzouga, we pass via Tazzarine, the last city to be found before the mighty dunes of the Sahara Desert. As Ziz River feeds the charming oasis in the region, we feed ourselves over a lunch-break. Arrive in Merzouga in the afternoon, and soak in the majestic sand dunes - the perfect depiction of the famous Moroccan desert landscape and lifestyle. Our included camel ride will start here to catch the sunset, before we enjoy local cuisine under a starry sky. You'll experience the authentic desert life in the Sahara and stay in sedentary tents tonight, complete with free WiFi, an on-site restaurant and even a pool.

Accommodation: Auberge Yasmina Desert Camp or similar

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

# Day 9

#### Merzouga

Wake up to the sunrise over the golden sand dunes, and enjoy a heart local breakfast before our next adventure: a 4WD jeep safari! Enjoy the 4-hour adventure though the astounding desert atmosphere, watching the magical landscapes, isolated Berber villages, dunes, and real Bedouin nomads. In the afternoon, you can relax by the pool, sand-board or climb high up the sand dunes.

Accommodation: Auberge Yasmina Desert Camp or similar

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



#### Merzouga 🖨 Todra Gorge 🖨 Dades Valley

Big farewell to the Sahara, as our journey now continues to Todra Gorge to witness the jaw-dropping ravines and limestone river canyons. Later, we make our way to Dades Valley, which is also known as the "Land of A Thousand Kasbahs". You can put on your hiking shoes and head out for an optional hike through the Dades Valley, or rest and relax in our hotel for the night.

Accommodation: 3-Star Auberge Tissadrine or similar

Meals: Breakfast

# **Day 11**

#### Dades Valley 🖨 Ouarzazate

Today we'll depart for Ouarzazate, and include a visit to a local Berber Village on the way. Known as the gateway to the desert, Ouarzazate is now famous for its spectacular 'Ouallywood' studios and landscapes, which have provided a convincingly exotic backdrop for movies such as Gladiator, Lawrence of Arabia, Games of Thrones, and plenty more. Take it easy in the evening at our hotel, relaxing with your new travel buddies.

Optional Activities & Entrance Fees

Taourirt Kasbah Entrance Fee - 20 MAD

Accommodation: 4-Star Kenzi Azghor Hotel Ouarzazate or similar

Meals: Breakfast

# Day 12

#### Ouarzazate 🖨 Ait Ben Hadou 🖨 Marrakech

After breakfast, we will visit the village of Ait Ben Haddou. The site is well known for its stunning Kasbah used in many world-famous Hollywood films, and is a perfect example of traditional Moroccan fortress towns. Later, we will start our journey back to the fascinating city of Marrakech - where the Arab city culture meets the Berber culture of the desert and mountain villages. Here, the sub-Saharan traders would trade their wares with European merchants, who would then bring them to Europe. Wear your haggling hats as you discover Djemaa el-Fna Square, and brace for the mayhem! Marking the entrance to the huge bazaar, the area is packed with story tellers, snake charmers, acrobats, musicians and folk dancers.

Accommodation: 4-Star Blue Sea Le Printemps Marrakesh or similar

Meals: Breakfast



#### Marrakesh **X** Australia

Have your final breakfast on us, and start bidding farewells to your travel mates before checking out of the hotel at 11:00am and making your way to the airport.

Meals: Breakfast & Inflight Menu

Day 14

#### **Arrive Australia**

Welcome home! As you'll be crossing multiple timezones, you may spend today completely in transit, and arrive home to Australia early in the morning on Day 15. We hope you enjoyed your journey through Morocco, and safe travels until your next adventure.

Meals: Inflight Menu



# **Inclusions & Exclusions**

#### **Inclusions**

- Return economy class airfare to Morocco from Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane
- 9 nights in 4-Star hotel accommodation on twin share basis
- 2 nights in a remote Bedouin desert camp experience in the Sahara
- 11 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches and 2 Dinners
- Modern air-conditioned private minibus or coach transport
- 4WD Jeep Safari and Camel Riding
- Services of your English-speaking tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip, as well as expert local guides

**Flight Information:** Your international airfares will be with Emirates, Etihad or Qatar Airways when possible

Entrance Fees: Some local payments apply, please refer to the itinerary for further details

**Airport Transfers:** Airport transfers are included if your flight lands in Cairo on the first day of the tour between 5:00am and 11:30am. In addition, departure airport transfers are available on the last day of the tour between 05:00am and 5:00pm

#### **Extension Package:**

Want to linger longer, or have more time to rest after your flight? Add 3 extra nights in Marrakesh before your tour starts, and get ready for your trip feeling refreshed!

- 3 nights in 4-Star accommodation in Marrakesh pre-tour
- Sunrise hot air balloon flight over Marrakesh for 2 adults
- Additional \$550 per person twin share
- Available for purchase via checkout

#### **Exclusions**

- Visa fees
- Some entrance fees (please refer to itinerary)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Any meals and drinks not mentioned
- Any additional requests
- Tipping or gratuities

Group Size: The typical group size on this program is between 13-35 guests

**Single Supplement:** Travelling solo? The solo supplement price for this package is available for \$2000 to have your own room. If you wish to be paired in a room with someone of the same gender, please enquire with us via info@traveldream.com.au

**Child Policy:** Please note that this is an adults only package, and no children under 18 are permitted on this tour

**Health & Fitness:** This tour is available for travellers from 18 to 80 years, providing that all guests are reasonably fit and active to be able to keep up with the group

**Optional Tours:** Designed to be flexible, there are a range of optional day tours and activities available



on this package - please refer to the itinerary for further details and pricing

Visas: A visa on arrival is available for stays less than 3 months for Australian passport holders

Travel Insurance: We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click HERE