

# ***BEST OF MOROCCO ESCORTED TOUR***



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## Best of Morocco Escorted Coach Tour

Duration: 18 days

Departs: 2022 & 2023

Stay: 16 nights first class hotels

Travel style: Escorted coach tour

Booking code: MORGB18M

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## About the holiday

Discover the mesmerising wonders of Morocco on this escorted coach tour!

Imagine bustling bazaars, sweeping deserts, rugged mountains and the winding alleyways of ancient medina. Witness one of the most diverse countries in Africa, with the colourful Moroccan culture as your backdrop.

Travel in comfort on this escorted group tour from the fascinating city of Rabat to the vibrant port of Casablanca. Discover the enchanting 'Blue City' of Chefchaouen and enjoy dinner at a family home in Fez. Experience the Saharan lifestyle in Rissani and the ancient desert village of Ait Benhaddou. Marvel at the circus atmosphere of Djemaa el Fna Square in Marrakech and much more, before drawing your Moroccan journey to a close in Casablanca.

## Why you'll love this trip...

Enjoy the comfort of first class accommodation & ease of group travel

Discover historic architecture, Berber culture, imperial cities, canyons & kasbahs

Experience a home-hosted dinner in Fez, visit UNESCO World Heritage sites & more

Travel with an English-speaking tour guide to make the most of your trip

## Travel dates

Departs Australia with international flights included

2022 - 20, 27 October, 10, 17, 24 November

2023 - 02, 16 February, 02, 16, 23 March

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Lead price dates are listed, please contact us for other departure dates.*

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### Escorted tour includes:

- Flights - return economy airfare to Casablanca
  - Fly from Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth or Sydney - other cities available
  - Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 16 nights First Class accommodations
  - 2 nights Rabat
  - 2 nights Tangier
  - 2 nights Fez
  - 2 nights Erfoud
  - 1 night Ouarzazate Region
  - 3 nights Marrakesh
  - 1 night Agadir
  - 2 nights Essaouira
  - 1 night Casablanca
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- 28 meals: 16 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Airport transfers

### Package excludes:

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

*Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.*

*Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

## Experiences on tour & special features:

- Enjoy a city tour of Rabat; view the Royal Palace, Oudaya Kasbah and Hassan Tower
- Visit Tangier, a city that served as Europe's gateway to Africa for centuries
- Discover Chefchaouen, Morocco's enchanting "Blue City" dating back to 15th century
- Join a Fez family in their home and savour a home hosted dinner
- In Rissani tour the lively souk and visit the 18th-century ksar
- Explore Ait Benhaddou, an ancient desert village on an old caravan route
- Marvel at the circus atmosphere of Marrakesh's Djemaa el Fna Square, busy with acrobats, performers, and snake charmers
- View the hilltop ruins of the 16th century kasbah in Agadir
- Stroll the inviting medina in seaside Essaouira, bustling with crafts shops and fishmongers
- View Hassan II Mosque, built to commemorate the former king's 60th birthday

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## Itinerary:

### **DAY 1, Tuesday - Depart for Morocco**

Fly from Australia to Morocco.

### **DAY 2, Wednesday - Arrive in Casablanca, Travel to Rabat**

Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to your hotel in Rabat where you have the rest of the day at leisure to explore the capital city of Morocco. This evening, attend an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager and fellow travellers at approximately 6:00 pm, followed by a Welcome Dinner. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in your destination no later than 3:00 pm on day 2 of the itinerary or earlier, if possible

**Overnight:** Rabat

**Meals:** Dinner

### **DAY 3, Thursday - Rabat City Tour**

This morning, take a city tour of Rabat, Morocco's capital and second largest city. Rabat, which means "Fortified Place" displays all of the fine architecture one might expect to see. View the Royal Palace and the ancient ruins of Chellah, a city that traces its origins to the Carthaginians and Phoenicians. Visit the Oudaya Kasbah and the Hassan Tower. Spend the afternoon at leisure

**Overnight:** Rabat

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

#### **DAY 4, Friday - Travel to Tangier**

Today, depart for Tangier, a fascinating Moroccan city guarding the Strait of Gibraltar. Enjoy an orientation tour of Tangier, visiting the Cap Spartel and the cave of Hercules. Have free time for lunch and spend the rest of the day at leisure. Perhaps, sip mint tea in one of the cafes along the water, offering panoramic views of the Strait and Atlantic Ocean. Tonight for dinner, you might want to sample *tajine pescado* (fish stew) a regional specialty

**Overnight:** Tangier

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 5, Saturday - Explore Tangier**

This morning take a tour of Tangier. The city has served as Europe's gateway to Africa for centuries. Its blend of international and cross-cultural influences is unique in Morocco. Visit the Tangier American Legation, an elegant five-story mansion located in the medina. It is the only American National Historic Landmark outside the U.S. Walk through Perdicaris Parc, a lush natural landscape within the city. Experience the atmosphere of the Grand Soco, Tangier's largest market, as well as the legendary kasbah

**Overnight:** Tangier

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

#### **DAY 6, Sunday - Chefchaouen en route to Fez**

Depart Tangier and head south to Fez. Along the way stop at Chefchaouen, nestled in Morocco's Rif Mountains. The city is known as "The Blue Pearl" is painted in various shades of blue, a custom that dates back to the 15th century, when an influx of Jews escaping the Spanish Inquisition settled in Chefchaouen. They brought along the tradition of painting buildings blue to mirror the sky and remind them of God. Afterward, continue to mystical Fez, one of the four imperial cities of Morocco. Take a short bus tour of the city conducted by your Tour Manager on the way to the hotel

**Overnight:** Fez

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 7, Monday - Full Day in Fez**

Spend a full day at leisure to bravely wander the old medina yourself or, choose to take to guided *optional* tour where you will visit the many hidden treasures of the medina that only a Moroccan guide will know. Fez served as the capital of Morocco for more than 400 years and is home to the University of Al Karaouine, the oldest operating university in the world. It is particularly famous for its tanneries and the Fes el Bali Medina. A short visit to the surrounding leather shops gives you the best view of the tanneries. See the Attarine Medersa, Moulay Idriss mausoleum, and visit the Nejjarine Fountains and Museum. Opportunities for shopping for authentic Moroccan carpets will be provided. Finally, view the exterior of the Royal Palace and walk through the famed Jewish quarter of the medina.

Though the city has endured periods of hardship, it has emerged more vibrant than ever, boasting its own distinctive culture, art, and even cuisine. This evening, enjoy a special dinner hosted by a local family and learn about Moroccan culture and traditions\*

*\*Home hosted dinner in Fez may be moved to another day, according to the host's availability.*

**Optional:** Full Day Fez (AM)

**Overnight:** Fez

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 8, Tuesday - Travel to Erfoud**

This will be a long and rewarding touring day. After breakfast, depart for Erfoud via the montane cedar woods of the middle Atlas Mountains, passing by Ifrane, a charming ski resort. Continue to Erfoud via Errachidia and the lush Ziz Valley. Arrive to your Erfoud hotel in the early evening

**Overnight:** Erfoud

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 9, Wednesday - Rissani City Tour**

This morning, depart to explore the small city of Rissani, on the edge of the Sahara. En route, stop at a fossil factory to learn more about this unique activity which is famous in the region. Upon arrival to Rissani, tour the lively souk and visit an 18th-century ksar. Next, pass by the ancient ruins of Sijilmasa on the River Ziz, once a bustling Berber city and medieval trade depot. Return to Erfoud for an afternoon at leisure or, join the *optional* tour of the Sahara, including a camel ride into the desert

**Optional:** Sahara Excursion

**Overnight:** Erfoud

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 10, Thursday - Travel to Ait Benhaddou**

This morning, continue your journey to Tinghir via the Tinjdad Road. View the magnificent Todgha canyons, which rise to a towering 800 feet. After a brief stop in the Dades Canyons, continue to Ait Benhaddou via the road of the thousand Kasbahs, and the Dades Valley, famous for its roses. Arrive at the hotel in the Ouarzazate Region later in the evening

**Overnight:** Ouarzazate Region

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 11, Friday - Visit Ait Benhaddou, Travel to Marrakesh**

After breakfast, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ait Benhaddou, a ksar - or fortified city - along a former caravan route. Its desert-dusted Kasbah and maze-like warrens are sure to enthrall you. The ksar has served as a backdrop in film and TV productions from *Gladiator* to *Game of Thrones*.

Next, make your way to the magical city of Marrakesh for overnight

**Overnight:** Marrakesh

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### **DAY 12, Saturday - Marrakesh City Tour**

After breakfast, take a morning tour of the city. Visit the Saadian Tombs, dating back to the 16th century, where Saadian royalty found their final resting place. Your tour also includes the Koutoubia Minaret, as well as the beautiful Bahia Palace. Finally, end the tour by walking through the medina, getting a chance to admire all of the different artisans performing their craft before arriving at the Djemaa el Fna Square. Spend the afternoon at leisure for individual exploration

**Overnight:** Marrakesh

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 13, Sunday - Full Day in Marrakesh**

Today, the entire day is yours to explore the city on your own. Perhaps head to the Dar Si Said Museum, a homage to the influence of wood in Moroccan crafts. Consider a visit to the souks, the famed markets of the city. Here, you'll find everything from handicrafts to spices to clothing. Perhaps join the morning *optional* Ourika Valley tour. The Ourika Valley rises slowly to the first hills of the High Atlas, where typical Moroccan villages are scattered amidst the towering mountains. See the natural majesty of Morocco at its finest, a pristine and marvellous place where only the birds disturb the silence. Tonight attend the *optional* Dinner with Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride

**Optional:** Ourika Valley tour (AM)

**Optional:** Dinner with Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride (PM)

**Overnight:** Marrakesh

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 14, Monday - Travel to Agadir**

After breakfast, head south towards the resort town of Agadir, in the foothills of the Anti-Atlas Mountains. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and spend time at leisure. Maybe decide to partake in an *optional* Berber massage. The ancient Berbers were nomadic people who were constantly on their feet, moving from place to place. The massage begins with a foot and leg rub, ending with a full body deep muscle massage. Tonight, head to the beachfront promenade lined with a wide variety of restaurants and cafes

**Optional:** Berber Massage

**Overnight:** Agadir

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 15, Tuesday - Agadir City Tour, Travel to Essaouira**

Embark on a city tour of Agadir, where you will have the chance to view the beaches of this former fishing village as well as the hilltop ruins of the old kasbah.

It was at Agadir that the European conflict began between Germany and France that opened the door for France to seize nearly all of Morocco. This afternoon, set out for the city of Essaouira. Along the way, stop at the Marjana Cooperative, to view traditional methods of extracting Argan Oil. The demand for the oil has grown drastically due to its heavy use in cosmetics and cuisine in the West. Continue on to Essaouira. Also known as Mogador, the modern city of Essaouira was not constructed until the late 18th century by Mohammed III. French and Arab influences shine through in this medina's architecture. Essaouira played a major role in maritime trade, bridging Sub-Saharan Africa with Europe. Upon arrival, check into your hotel. Free time this evening to explore the city on your own before dinner with the group

**Overnight:** Essaouira

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 16, Wednesday - Essaouira City Tour**

This morning, enjoy a guided tour through Essaouira's medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an excellent example of a fortified North African town. Spanish cannons still line the battlements while parasols dot the harbor's beaches, creating a remarkably picturesque setting. You will walk along the city's ramparts just north of Moulay Hassan Square where local artists sell their paintings. Continue on to the Skala de la Ville, which is a fortification built along the cliffs that defended the city from sea attacks, but now provides visitors with an unparalleled view of the port and its bright-colored fishing boats. In the Medina, artisans, and craftsmen practice their trades as they have for hundreds of years. Explore the many souks in the medina, including the spice and jewelry souks. The city is also famed for hosting the Gnaoua World Music Festival, which draws musicians from across the world who come to play with the Gnaoua mystics. Spend the balance of the day at leisure

**Overnight:** Essaouira

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 17, Thursday - Travel to Casablanca, Casablanca City Tour**

Today, journey to Casablanca, the largest city in Morocco. Casablanca's history goes back thousands of years as the Berbers established settlements there around the 10th century BC. Along the way, stop for lunch on your own before continuing to Casablanca. Upon arrival, take a tour of the city including the exterior of the Hassan II Mosque\*, the largest Mosque in Morocco and the beautiful Corniche seaside. Continue on a short drive through the residential areas of Casablanca to the city center to visit the Mohamed V Square, the Habous quarter and the Notre Dame de Lourdes Cathedral. Tonight, savor a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers

*\*Hassan II Mosque is subject to unexpected closures for local religious observances.*

*Details will be provided locally by your Tour Manager.*

**Overnight:** Casablanca

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## **DAY 18, Friday - Depart Morocco**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast

## **DAY 19, SATURDAY - Arrive Home**

**Please note:** The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

### **Hotels:**

The accommodation is subject to confirmation in each destination and hotels may change at the discretion of the tour operator.

**Sofitel Rabat Jardin des Roses, Rabat**

This centrally located luxury hotel reflects classic Moroccan architecture and expansive colourful interior flower gardens. Sofitel Rabat Jardin des Roses offers large and comfortable rooms.

**El Minzah Hotel, Tangier**

This first class hotel is located in the heart of Tangier.

**Hilton Tanger City Center, Tangier**

This deluxe hotel is located in the city centre of Tangier.

**Palais Medina & Spa, Fez**

The elegant Palais Medina & Spa Hotel is set amidst an Andalusian garden in the heart of Fez, and offers panoramic views of the Jbel Zalagh Hill and the Old Medina.

**Kasbah Xaluca Maadid, Erfoud**

This first class hotel is a Kasbah-style property located on the edge of the desert near to Erfoud and its many attractions.

**Riad Ksar Ighnda, Ouarzazate**

This first class hotel is located on the edge of the desert at Ouarzazate.

**Movenpick Hotel Mansour Eddahbi Marrakesh, Marrakesh**

This deluxe hotel is situated in the heart of Marrakesh's Hivernage district.

**Iberostar Founty Beach, Agadir**

This first class hotel is located very close to a beach of fine sand and less than a half mile from the centre of Agadir.

Hotel Atlas Essaouira & Spa, Essaouira

This deluxe hotel is located on the beachfront in Essaouira.

M Gallery by Sofitel Le Medina Essaouira, Essaouira

This deluxe hotel overlooks the Bay of Essaouira.

Barcelo Anfa Casablanca, Casablanca

This deluxe hotel is a ten minute walk from the Casablanca Cathedral.

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5. 10 days prior to departure you will be sent your travel documents via email.

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