MOROCCO & EGYPT



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Morocco & Egypt Escorted Tours with Flights Duration: 20 days

Stay: 10 nts hotels, 2 nts tented camp, 3 nts cruise, 2 nts train cabinsTravel style: Escorted tours with international flights from AustraliaBooking code: MEJTT20M

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About the holiday

In a word, "wow" - Morocco and Egypt come together in an incredible escorted tour package that includes ancient monuments, breathtaking landscapes and colourful cultures!

Fly to Morocco, where sightseeing starts in bustling Marrakech. Then travel to the coastal city of Essaouira, that's like a medieval fairyland, and take a guided tour of the country's largest city, Casablanca. Continue along the coast to Rabat and the magical Blue City of Chefchaouen. Take a walking tour around the imperial city of Fes and drive over the High Atlas Mountains to the extraordinary sands of the Sahara. Here, you'll have an unforgettable sunset camel ride and experience authentic life in a desert camp, before returning to Marrakech to bid farewell to Morocco.

Next up is Cairo, where you'll meet the wonderful Egyptologist tour guide who will escort you through Egypt's amazing sites. Spend time at the unmissable Great Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza. Discover the many wonders of Aswan and enjoy a 5-star cruise on the River Nile to explore the Temple of Kom-Ombo, stunning Luxor and astounding Valley of the Kings. After a chance to pick up some last mementos at Cairo's world-famous Khan el-Khalili bazaar, you'll be transferred to the airport for the flights back to Australia.

Travel Date:

- 2024 Select Fridays from 01 August to 30 November
- 2025 Select Fridays from 01 February to 30 November
- 2024 & 2025 surcharges apply: 23 Mar. to 23 Apr., 15 June to 15 July & 15 Sep. to 10 Oct.

Departures are subject to confirmation and prices can vary depending on travel dates.

This package is also available as private tours with personal guides. Please email hello@mytravelxp.com or call 1300 168 910 for current rates & travel deals



Why you'll love these tours...

- In Morocco, tag along your local guide throughout the most impressive sights, from Marrakech to the Saraha, Fes, Blue City, Rabat, Casablanca and Essaouira.
- Recharge at hand-picked 4-star hotels & savour the desert atmosphere with 2 nights at the Sahara at our sedentary Desert Camps.
- Immerse in adventure with two camel treks and jeep safari in the Sahara, both included!
- Marvel at the unique blue-washed mountain village of Chefchaouen with options to visit the Spanish Mosque or mountain trekking.
- Connect with the locals over a friendly home visit and explore an unspoiled Berber village.
- Explore the famous port of Casablanca and watch authentic ancient crafts in Fes with visits to the Tannery and Pottery.
- No night drives in Morocco, so you can rest comfortably. However, some long drives are required to cover all these incredible experiences.
- In Egypt, discover the stunning highlights in the comfort of 5-Star Hotels, with a stylish 5-Star Nile Cruise experience.
- Follow your expert Egyptologist Guide, visiting some of the world's most impressive historic sites the Pyramids and Sphinx, Valley of the Kings, Aswan, Karnak & Luxor Temples and more.
- Connect with the locals while listening to stories of Nubians and hunting for antique treasures at the chaotic Khan el-Khalili Bazaar.
- Shape your adventure with options for hot-air ballooning over Luxor, discovering Abu Simbel and camel trekking upon golden sands.
- Sail for 3 nights on a 5-Star Nile Cruise with ensuite facilities including a pool on-board, swim the waters and frequent the wonders of the Nile!

Escorted package includes:

Flights - Return international economy class airfares to Marrakech & from Cairo One-way economy class airfare from Marrakech to Cairo Internal one-way flight Cairo-Aswan Airline taxes & fuel surcharges

Morocco inclusions - Accommodation as per the itinerary, based on twin share

7 nights in 4-star hotels in standard rooms 2 nights in a Sahara Desert permanent tented camp

9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

Airport arrival transfer on day 1 & return shuttle on last day of the tour Services of experienced local guides

Transportation in modern air-conditioned coach or mini bus & 4x4 jeep Sightseeing - as per itinerary, excludes entrance fees

4x4 Jeep Safari & Camel Safari Saadian Tombs & Menara Gardens Bahia Palace & Dar Si Said Museum Anfa Residential Quarter Museum Mohammed Eloidaia Kasbah Bab Bouloud Gate (Royal Palace) Mausoleum of Moulay Idriss Naiiarine Square Attarine Medersa

Koutoubia Mosque Hassan II Mosque **United Nations Square** Royal Palace Chefchaouen Bou Inania Medersa Quaraouivine Mosque Spices Market Djeema El-Fna Square

Karaouine Medina & Mellah (Jewish Quarter)

Egypt inclusions - Accommodation as per the itinerary, based on twin share 3 nights in 5-star hotels in standard rooms

3 nights Nile cruise 5-star ship with sundeck, swimming pool & bar

2 overnight sleeper trains, private 2 berth - Cairo to Aswan & Luxor to Cairo

8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

Airport transfers on first & last days of the tour

Services of experienced Egyptologist guides

Transportation in modern air-conditioned coach or mini bus & 4x4 jeep Sightseeing - as per itinerary, excludes entrance fees

Giza Pyramids Sphinx Sakkara Pyramid Philae Temple Edfu Temple Unfinished Obeliks of Aswan Komombo Temple Luxor Temple Citadel of Saladin Egyptian Museum Hanging Church Mohammed Ali Mosque Bazaar Khan El-Khalili Hatshepsut Temple & Colossi of Memnon

Package excludes:

Visa fees

Airline fees for seat selection & extra luggage or services Entrance fees to sights & museums - see the itinerary for an indication of costs Meals & sightseeing not specified in the itinerary Optional tours & activities Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi access etc. Gratuities for tour manager & drivers Travel insurance is essential - we can assist with a quote on request Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour companies & local operators. Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

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Itinerary:

Day 1 : Fly from Australia to Morocco

Day 2 : Arrive Marrakech

Welcome to Morocco! Keep your eyes peeled at Morocco airport for the welcome sign 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 Marrakech or go out for an optional group dinner and mingle with fellow travellers.

- Accommodation Blue Sea Le Printemps- 4 Star
- Included Activities Welcome Meeting
- Optional Activities
 Group Dinner 100 MAD

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. Then hop on board for destination: Essaouira. But first, make a stop at Argan Women Cooperative to learn all about the making of Argan oil. A 'magical' product that's native to Morocco, it is used in delicious meals and extensively in cosmetics. As you arrive Essaouira, you can go out to explore its charming Medina, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

- Accommodation Hotel Des Iles - 4 Star
- Meals Included
 Breakfast
- Included Activities

 Sightseeing of Saadian Tombs
 Sightseeing of Menara Gardens
 Sightseeing of Koutoubia Mosque
 Sightseeing of Bahia Palace & Dar Si Said Museum
 Visit of Argan Women Cooperative
 Sightseeing of Essaouira
- Entrance Fees
 Bahai Palace 70 MAD
 Menara Gardens 10 MAD
 Saadian Tombs 70 MAD
 Said Mausoleum 70 MAD

Day 4 : Essaouira, Casablanca

Follow the ocean north to the largest city and commercial hub of Morocco, Casablanca. Start off with a guided tour of the gigantic Hassan II Mosque, the largest in all Africa. Continue to impressive highlights including the United Nations Square, Anfa Residential Quarter finished 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 & watch the sunset by the ocean.

- Accommodation
 Diwan Hotel 4 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast
- Included Activities
 Sightseeing of Hassan II Mosque
 Sightseeing of Anfa Residential Quarter
 Sightseeing of United Nations Square
- Entrance Fees
 Hassan II Mosque 130 MAD

Day 5 : Casablanca, Rabat, Chefchaouen, Tetouan

Continue along the charming coastline to Rabat. The beautiful capital of Morocco is set in a rich, amber-colored 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 overlooking the Bouregreg River, the Royal Palace, Chellah Ruins, Mohammed V Mausoleum and Hassan II Tower. At the end of the extensive city tour, make your way to Chefchaouen, the Blue City. Prepare your cameras and wander the narrow streets of the breathtaking blue-washed mountain village. Overnight stay in Tetouan.

- Accommodation
 - Hotel La Paloma 4 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast
- Included Activities
 Sightseeing of Museum Mohammed
 Sightseeing of Hassan Mosque
 Sightseeing of Royal Palace
 Sightseeing of Eloidaia Kasbah

Day 6 : Tetouan, Chefchaouen, Fes

Today we will continue to explore the blue-city, Chefchaouen! Roam the magical streets of the medina, Outa el-Hammam Square, visit waterfall of Ras el-Maa and the Spanish Mosque presenting an astounding view of Chefchaouen. In the afternoon, drive on to the cultural heart of Morocco, Fes. The second largest city in the country is best known for its labyrinth of souks and leather tanneries - the smell will not be forgotten!

- Accommodation Royal Mirage Hotel - 4 Star
- Meals Included
 Breakfast
- Included Activities
 Sightseeing of Chefchaouen
- Optional Activities Dinner Show - 300 MAD

Day 7 : Fes

Wear your walking shoes and embark on a cultural journey through the imperial city of Fes. Get to 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, Terina Madrasa, the surroundings of Karaouine Medina, Mellah (Jewish Quarter), Pottery, and of course the famous Tannery!

Share your favourite sites with your mates over dinner and rest up, you're heading inland tomorrow!

- Accommodation Royal Mirage Hotel - 4 Star
- Meals Included
 Breakfast

• Included Activities

Sightseeing of Bab Bouloud Gate (Royal Palace) Sightseeing of Bou Inania Medersa Sightseeing of Mausoleum of Moulay Idriss Sightseeing of Quaraouiyine Mosque Sightseeing of Najjarine Square Sightseeing of Spices Market Sightseeing of Attarine Medersa Sightseeing of Attarine Medersa Sightseeing of The Surroundings of Karaouine Medina and Mellah (Jewish Quarter) Tannery & Pottery Visits

- Optional Activities
 Traditional Hamam 300 MAD
- Entrance Fees
 Bou Inania Medersa 10 MAD
 Attarine Medersa 20 MAD

Day 8 : Fes, Merzouga

Hop on board early and drive through Efran City in High Atlas Mountains with stunning panoramic views and Midelt to reach the desert village of Merzouga. On the way, pass via Tazzarine, the last city to be found before the mighty dunes of the desert and arrive in Ziz Valley. As Ziz River feeds the charming oases in the region, we feed ourselves over a lunch-break. Arrive in Merzouga in the afternoon and soak in the majestic sand dunes. It is the perfect depiction of the famous Moroccan desert landscape and lifestyle. Our camel ride will start here to catch the sunset. Share your highlights of the trip with travel mates and enjoy the local cuisine under a starry sky. You'll experience the authentic desert life in the Sahara and stay in sedentary tents tonight.

- Accommodation
 Auberge Yasmina Desert Camp
- Meals Included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Included Activities
 Camel Trekking

Day 9 : Merzouga

Wake up to the sunrise over the golden sand dunes and take a mental picture to last forever. Have a delicious local breakfast and hop on, you're going on a 4×4 jeep safari. Enjoy the 4-hour adventure at the astounding desert atmosphere watching the magical landscapes, isolated Berber villages, oases, dunes and real nomads. In the afternoon you can relax by the pool, sand-board or climb high up the sand dunes.

Accommodation
 Auberge Yasmina Desert Camp

- Meals Included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Included Activities
 4X4 Jeep Safari
 African Music Show
 Sand-Board

Day 10 : Merzouga, Marrakech

Time to bid farewell to the Sahara Desert. As you drive back to the modern Morocco, pass by Ourzazate movie studios & have a panoramic photo stop at the Tichka mountain pass in the High Atlas region. Late in the afternoon you will reach the fascinating city of Marrakech. It is 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 Blue Sea Le Printemps - 4 Star
- Meals Included
 Breakfast
- Included Activities Sightseeing of Djeema El - Fna Square in Marrakech

Day 11 : Fly Marrakech to Cairo

Have your final breakfast in Morocco and start bidding farewells to your travel mates before checking out of the hotel (11:00). Time to start counting days for your next adventure in Egypt

Welcome to Egypt! At the Cairo terminal keep your eyes peeled for the welcome sign for your transfer to the hotel. Freshen up and meet in the lobby around 6:00pm for an informal meeting with your guide and other tour members. Afterwards you have free time to start exploring vibrant Cairo or board a cruise for an optional group dinner.

- Accommodation
 Sonesta Hotel Tower & Casino 5 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast (at Marrakech hotel, flight schedule-permitting)
- Included Activities
 Welcome Meeting
- Optional Activities
 Group Dinner on Cruise 30 USD

Day 12 : Cairo City Tour, Overnight Sleeper Train

Set your alarms for an early start and fill up on plenty of breakfast before a big day exploring Egypt's iconic Ancient Wonder of the World - the Pyramids and Sphinx! Follow your guide for a tour across the ancient site to learn about the 4,600-year-old wonders. After everyone has had their dose of awe, we'll head out to Sakkara to see the iconic step pyramid built in 2700 B.C. Later in the afternoon, board an overnight sleeper train to Aswan.

- Accommodation
 Overnight Sleeper Train
- Meals Included Breakfast, Dinner
- Included Activities

 Sightseeing of Giza Pyramids
 Sightseeing of Sphinx
 Sightseeing of Sakkara Pyramid
- Entrance Fees Giza Pyramids/Sphinx - 540 EGP Sakkara Pyramid - 450 EGP

Day 13 : Nile Cruise

Wake up in Aswan, ready to explore on a city tour with your local guide. Visit the Unfinished Obelisk for a look into the incredible building methods used to create the four-sided, hallmark monuments that are placed at the entrances of Egyptian temples. Take some time to walk along the 42-metre-long lying bed of granite and learn about its significance from your guide. Visit the Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, divine mother of the pharaohs. The temple is set beautifully on an island in the middle of the Nile. Then all aboard the a 5-star Nile Cruiser as we check in to our private cabins and prepare for three nights on the Nile River. Tonight, we'll have the option to join a traditional Nubian dinner in the evening.

- Accommodation Nile Cruiser - 5 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast
- Included Activities
 Aswan City tour
 Sightseeing of Philae Temple
 Sightseeing of Unfinished Obeliks of Aswan
- Optional Activities
 Nubian Dinner 32 USD
- Entrance Fees Philae Temple - 450 EGP

Day 14 : Nile Cruise

Wake up well rested after your first night on board the Nile Cruiser. Watch beautiful scenery pass you by and wave to the locals swimming and fishing on the riverbanks. Today we will visit Kom Ombo Temple, dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek. If you are feeling up to it in the afternoon, join the optional trip to the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Abu Simbel. It is a must-do for all keen historians!

- Accommodation
 Nile Cruiser 5 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Included Activities
 Sightseeing of Komombo Temple
 Sightseeing of Aswan
 Sightseeing of Kom Ombo
 Cruise on the Nile
- Optional Activities Abu Simbel - 94 USD
- Entrance Fees Komombo Temple - 360 EGP

Day 15 : Nile Cruise, Edfu, Luxor

Take it easy today as we continue our Cruise down the Nile River. Next stop will be Edfu, home to one of the largest and best-preserved temples in Egypt. Dedicated to the falcon god Horus, the temple was built over 180-years from 237 BC to 57 BC. Cruise to Luxor in the afternoon.

- Accommodation Nile Cruiser - 5 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Included Activities Sightseeing of Edfu Temple Cruise On the Nile
- Entrance Fees Edfu Temple - 450 EGP

Day 16 : Luxor

After a final breakfast onboard our 5-star Nile Cruiser, we'll check out and later check in to our luxurious hotel in Luxor. After dark, we'll visit Luxor Temple to explore the dimly-light temple and learn from your guide of the temple complexes ancient history, dating back to the 14th century B.C.

- Accommodation
 Steigenberger Nile Palace Hotel 5 Star
- Meals Included
 Breakfast

- Included Activities
 Sightseeing of Luxor Temple at Night
- Entrance Fees
 Luxor Temple 400 EGP

Day 17 : Luxor, Overnight Sleeper Train

The West bank of the Nile River awaits you! Follow your guide to the Valley of the Kings, also known as the 'City of the Dead', home to fancy royal tombs carved into desert rocks and filled with treasures for the Pharaoh afterlife. Next up, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and Colossi of Memnon. Not to forget, a visit to the vast Karnak Temple Complex, one of the most important religious centres of ancient Egypt with its marvellous temples. Your Egyptologist guide will enlighten you with the most intriguing stories and mythologies from the temple complex. Feeling adventurous? Take to the skies on an optional hot air balloon ride over Luxor. In the evening, board an overnight sleeper train to Cairo.

- Accommodation
 Overnight Sleeper Train
- Meals Included
 Breakfast, Dinner
- Included Activities
 Sightseeing of Valley Of The Kings
 Sightseeing of Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Optional Activities
 Hot Air Balloon 124 USD
- Entrance Fees
 Valley Of The Kings 600 EGP
 Queen Hatshepsut 360 EGP
 Karnak Temple 450 EGP

Day 18 : Cairo City Tour

Wake up well rested as your overnight sleeper train pulls into Cairo! The journey continues with one of the most important museums dedicated to the ancient world - Egyptian Museum of Cairo. Home to over 120,000 ancient Egyptian relics and antiquities, this place will leave you in awe. Then, roam around Cairo stopping by the Citadel of Saladin and the world-famous Khan el-Khalili bazaar. Make sure to wear your haggling hats and brace for the mayhem!

- Accommodation
 Sonesta Hotel Tower & Casino 5 Star
- Meals Included
 Breakfast
- Included Activities
 Sightseeing of Cairo
 Sightseeing of Egyptian Museum
 Sightseeing of Citadel of Saladin

Sightseeing of Mohammed Ali Mosque Sightseeing of Hanging Church Sightseeing of Bazaar Khan El- Khalili

Entrance Fees
 Egyptian Museum - 480 EGP
 Citadel of Saladin - 450 EGP

Day 19 : Depart Cairo, Fly to Australia

Have your final breakfast in Egypt and start bidding farewells to your travel mates. Check-out of the hotel in Cairo (11:00am) and catch the transfer to the airport at the end of your tour.

• Meals Included Breakfast

Day 20: Arrive in Australia

Depending on your flight schedule, today you will return to Australia. Time to start counting days for your next adventure!

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Hotels are subject to confirmation and can be substituted for suitable alternatives at the discretion of the tour operator. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, river water levels, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

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