

HIGHLIGHTS OF MOROCCO WITH 4 STAR HOTELS AND DESERT CAMP STAY

Tour Overview

 Start Point Casablanca	 End Point Casablanca	 Meals 11 Breakfasts 7 Dinners	 Transport Air-conditioned coach	 Tour Type Fully-guided tour
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Itinerary

Day 1: Casablanca - Rabat

 Dinner  Flower Town Hotel & Spa 4* (or similar)

Welcome to the first day of your Highlights of Morocco tour! Meet up with your tour leader in Casablanca this morning. After, set off on a city tour. Later, travel to Rabat, Morocco's coastal capital. Discover some of the many attractions around this Imperial City on a guided tour. Feast on a welcome dinner at a local restaurant tonight.

Included:

- Enjoy a city tour of Casablanca
- Sightsee around Rabat
- Enjoy a local dinner in Rabat

Day 2: Rabat - Asilah - Chefchaouen

 Breakfast  Parador Hotel 4* (or similar)

Today, head to Chefchaouen, the blue city! En route, stop in the charming coastal town of Asilah for an orientation tour of the Medina (Old Town). Arrive in Chefchaouen, where the tour will spend the night, and embark on a guided tour of Morocco's "Blue Pearl". The dazzling blue houses symbolise the sky, God and heaven.

Included:

- Embark on an orientation tour of Asilah
- Experience a guided tour of Chefchaouen
- Spend a night in the magical Blue City

Day 3: Chefchaouen - Fes

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hôtel Atlas Saiss Fès 4* (or similar)

Depart Chefchaouen for Fes, another Imperial City! This 13th-century city is home to one of the world's largest and oldest urban pedestrian zones, the Fes Medina. Discover this UNESCO-listed area and learn about the world's oldest universities, which are also located in Fes. Plus, gain insight into beautiful Moroccan handicrafts at a local tannery and enjoy time for souvenir shopping.

Included:

- Discover Fes's top sights on a guided tour

Day 4: **Fes: Free Day**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hôtel Atlas Saiss Fès 4* (or similar)

Enjoy a full free day to explore the cultural capital of Fes as you wish! Today also offers an exciting optional visit to Volubilis, Morocco's best-preserved archaeological site. Discover ancient Roman archaeology on a guided tour, visit a local winery and savour a lunch and wine pairing in an idyllic setting! Enjoy an included dinner at the hotel tonight.

Included:

- Enjoy a free day to explore Fes

Optionals:

- Volubilis Roman Ruins & Wine Pairing Lunch
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Day 5: **Fes - Atlas Mountains - Merzouga**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Auberge La Belle Etoile (or similar)

Begin your Morocco desert tour visiting Ifrane ("Little Switzerland") before traveling through the stunning Atlas Mountains and Ziz Valley's incredible palm groves. From Erfoud, drive to your Merzouga desert camp. Enjoy dinner featuring Berber-style "pizza," traditional music around a bonfire, and overnight in a comfortable tent complete with all the necessary amenities under the starry desert sky.

Included:

- Enjoy a scenic drive through the Atlas Mountains
 - Sleep under desert stars
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Day 6: **Merzouga - Todra Gorge - Ouarzazate**

 Breakfast, Dinner  RS Hotel Karam Palace 4* (or similar)

Wake up early to catch a glimpse of the spectacular sunrise over the desert! Look forward to more incredible scenery as we travel to Ouarzazate. On the way, admire the Todra Gorge. Walk along the river as its dramatic limestone river canyons and striking cliffs hang over your head. Arrive in Ouarzazate this evening and enjoy an included dinner.

Included:

- Marvel at the Todra Gorge
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Day 7: **Ouarzazate - Aït Ben Haddou- Tizi n'Tichka - Marrakesh**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Opera Plaza 4* (or similar)

Travel towards Marrakesh, but first, embark on an orientation tour of Ouarzazate, home to the impressive Taourirt Kasbah. Next, visit the historic and otherworldly Aït Ben Haddou fortified village. Then, travel through the winding roads of the Tizi n'Tichka mountain pass. Finally, arrive in Marrakesh. Try tangia, a slow-cooked meat stew typical of Marakkesh at dinner tonight!

Included:

- Explore Ouarzazate
 - Visit Aït Ben Haddou
 - See the dramatic Tizi n'Tichka mountain pass
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Day 8: Marrakesh: Free Day

 Breakfast  Opera Plaza 4* (or similar)

This morning, embark on a tour of Marrakesh's top attractions, including the Koutoubia, Jemaa el Fna Square and various souks. Then, set off on your own. Alternatively, join the optional excursion and savour Moroccan cooking and family-style hosting by learning how to make harira, tagine and a delicious dessert while getting lost in more of the country's tales.

Included:

- Explore Marrakesh
- Enjoy free time in Marrakesh

Optionals:

- Tastes & Sounds of Marrakesh: Cooking & Stories
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Day 9: Marrakesh: Free Day

 Breakfast  Opera Plaza 4* (or similar)

Look forward to a full free day in Marrakesh. For the ultimate outing, embark on the Marrakesh+ excursion for an exploration of the gorgeous Jardin Majorelle gardens, including the Musée Berbère, before visiting the Medersa Ben Youssef. This evening, join the optional excursion and savour Morocco's cuisine, culture and performance arts at an impressive Fantasia and folklore show!

Optionals:

- Marrakesh+
 - Morocco Feast, Folklore & Fantasia Show
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Day 10: Marrakesh - Essaouira

 Breakfast  Atlas Hotel Essaouira 5* (or similar)

After breakfast, travel to Essaouira, where Jimi Hendrix famously stayed before Woodstock. Stop at an Argan Oil cooperative en route. Essaouira, a UNESCO-listed port city, is the perfect spot to enjoy some tranquility after buzzing Marrakesh. Enjoy an orientation tour of this coastal gem. Tonight, join the Evening in Essaouira excursion to feast on fresh seafood accompanied by ocean views!

Included:

- Explore Essaouira

Optionals:

- An Evening in Essaouira
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Day 11: Essaouira - Casablanca

 Breakfast  Barcelo Casablanca 4* (or similar)

This morning, the tour travels back to where it all began! En route, soak up some of the last Moroccan sights from Essaouira to Casablanca. This evening, choose to join the optional farewell dinner in Casablanca. Enjoy a delicious meal complete with local specialities and reminisce about the incredible adventures over the last 11 days!

Optionals:

- Casablanca Farewell Dinner
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Day 12: End of tour in Casablanca

 Breakfast

After 12 unforgettable days of non-stop adventure through Morocco's top sights, natural beauty and hidden gems, this Highlights of Morocco tour comes to an end after breakfast. Remember to swap contact information with your new travel friends. We hope to see you on the road again soon!

