

A MOROCCAN ADVENTURE



21 April – 9 May 2026

19 days/18 nights, Casablanca to Casablanca €4720 TBC*

Small group - just eight guests

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend two nights in Rabat, the capital of Morocco
- Wander the streets of the blue-painted town of Chefchaouen, known as 'The Blue Pearl'
- Experience a day in the life of the local village women, learning how to make Moroccan bread
- Enjoy a wine tasting near Meknes, Morocco's premier winery region
- Spend time in the ancient medina of Fes
- Relax in a luxury camp in the Sahara, ride a camel and enjoy African drumming around the fire
- Visit the southern oasis of Skoura, on the 'Road of a Thousand Kasbahs'
- Explore the ancient kasbah of Ait Benhaddou, a UNESCO site and location of the Gladiator movie
- Shop for textiles, jewellery and other handicrafts in the many souks of Fes and Marrakech

**Price for 2026 is indicative – final price will be confirmed late 2024/early 2025. Terms and conditions apply – see website for details. Tour is priced in Euros and converted to Australian dollars, or other major currency, at time of final payment. Price is per person, based on eight guests travelling, on a twin share basis. Single supplement on request. Non-refundable deposit of AU\$900 will secure your booking.*

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Inclusions

- *All land-based travel in Morocco*
- *18 nights' accommodation in carefully chosen boutique riads and hotels, including 2 nights in a desert camp*
- *18 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners (noted each day on the itinerary)*
- *Local guides in Volubilis, Fes and Rissani*
- *Entry to Hassan II Mosque, Volubilis Roman site, Kasbah Amidril, Le Jardin Majorelle*
- *Wine tasting, bread-making class, tea in cave house, Marrakech evening food tour*
- *Transport in an air-conditioned bus with local English-speaking guide/driver*
- *Casablanca airport pick up and drop off at scheduled arrival and departure times*
- *Transfers between Merzouga and desert camp by camel or 4x4*
- *Tips (widely expected in Morocco)*
- *Accompanied by Heather*

Exclusions

- *International flights*
- *Transfers to and from your local airport in Australia or home country*
- *Travel insurance – mandatory*
- *Meals and activities, other than those specified in the itinerary as included*
- *Personal items such as drinks, laundry*
- *City tax, where charged separately by hotels/riads*

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Ouarzazate – Ait Benhaddou – Marrakech – Casablanca**

Day 1: 21 April 2026, Casablanca

Arrive into Casablanca international airport early afternoon, where you'll be met by our local driver for transfer to the hotel. Take time to relax at the hotel before our welcome dinner tonight. (B, D)

o/n Casablanca



Day 2: 22 April 2026, Rabat

Before leaving Casablanca, we'll visit the spectacular Hassan II Mosque, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. This is one of the largest mosques in the world and the only functioning mosque in Morocco open to non-Muslims.



After a tour of the mosque, it's just over an hour's drive to Rabat, the capital of Morocco. We'll visit the Kasbah of the Udayas, with its flower-lined streets and Andalusian Garden. Then the rest of the afternoon is free. (B)



o/n Rabat

Day 3: 23 April 2026, Rabat

We'll begin the day with a visit to some of Rabat's key sights, including the Hassan II tower and Mohamed V Mausoleum. Enjoy free time this afternoon to explore the city, or maybe visit the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art. (B)

o/n Rabat

Day 4: 24 April 2026, Chefchaouen

From Rabat, we drive through the Rif Mountains to Chefchaouen, 'the Blue Pearl', famous for its beautiful blue-painted buildings in the medina. It's a small, friendly town, easy to explore: the perfect place to wander the pretty streets of the medina. (B)

o/n Chefchaouen



Day 5: 25 April 2026, Chefchaouen

A free day in Chefchaouen to explore the cafes and shops of Chefchaouen medina, Place el Haouta, the main square, the kasbah and several viewpoints above the town. This evening, before dinner, join us for a 30-minute walk to the Spanish mosque outside Chefchaouen to watch sunset over the town. (B)



o/n Chefchaouen

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Day 6: 26 April 2026, Tanouate, Fes

Next stop, Tanouate, not on the usual tourist trail. After lunch, we join some of the local village women who will share the secrets of making Moroccan bread. Then on to beautiful Fes and our home for the next four nights. (B, L)



o/n Fes

Day 7: 27 April 2026, Fes

Fes is synonymous with ceramics and leather, so we start the day with a visit to a ceramics workshop and the famous Chouara tanneries, which are quite a sight (and smell!). Then a guided walking tour of the medina, with its labyrinth of lanes and alleyways, the Blue Gate, the rainbow street, a secret tea shop, stunning architecture and, of course, the souks, jampacked with anything you might want to buy. (B)



o/n Fes

Day 8: 28 April 2026, Fes

Today, we venture into the countryside north of Fes, to visit the Roman city of Volubilis, where a local guide will explain the history of the Romans in Morocco and bring to life the ancient ruins and wonderful mosaics. This area, around Meknes, is Morocco's premier wine producing region so lunch today will be at a local winery. (B, L)



o/n Fes

Day 9: 29 April 2026, Fes

Enjoy a free day in Fes – there are lots of options today: learn how to prepare a classic Moroccan meal in a cooking class; have a hamman (traditional Moroccan spa); visit a local artist or do a photography walk with a street photographer (activities subject to availability and at extra cost); go shopping in the many souks, wander in the medina where there is something new around every corner or take time to relax at the riad. (B)



o/n Fes

Day 10: 30 April 2026, Erfoud

South towards the Sahara! Our first stop is tea with the Berber owners of a traditional cave house in the village of Immouzer. Passing through Ifrane, known as the Switzerland of Morocco, we'll be on the lookout for the barbary apes that live in the nearby cedar forests. If time allows, we'll include a visit to a women's handicraft co-operative, providing a vital source of income to local women.



Forested hills gradually give way to an arid, more barren landscape before we reach today's destination - the oasis town of Erfoud, famous for its date palms and the many fossils found in this area. Our overnight stop before the desert. (B)

o/n Erfoud

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Day 11: 1 May 2026, Merzouga and Sahara

From Erfoud, it's less than an hour's drive to Merzouga and the gateway to the Sahara. We'll visit Rissani, famous for its authentic spice market. After trying the local speciality of 'Berber pizza' for lunch, we'll meet our camels on the edge of the dunes for the transfer to the desert camp. Or, if you prefer, you can go in a 4x4. And, in case you're wondering, the desert camp tents have aircon and en suite bathrooms.



Tonight, after dinner, enjoy a performance of African drumming around the campfire. (B, L, D)



o/n Sahara Luxury Camp

Day 12: 2 May 2026, Sahara

The early risers this morning can watch the sunrise over the vast expanse of Erg Chebbi, the 'Sea of Dunes'. Spend the day relaxing in the camp, walk in the dunes, hire quad bikes or visit an abandoned kohl mining settlement and a family of desert nomads (at extra cost). (B, L, D)



o/n Sahara Luxury Camp

Day 13: 3 May 2026, Skoura

Back to Merzouga by camel or 4x4, to meet our transport for the drive on the 'Road of a Thousand Kasbahs' to the oasis of Skoura. We'll stop for lunch at Ksar El Khorbat, an ancient walled village, built of rammed earth, before continuing our drive this afternoon. (B) *o/n Skoura*

Day 14: 4 May 2026, Skoura

We start today with a visit to Kasbah Amidril in Skoura, one of the best preserved kasbahs in this area and now a museum. After lunch, you might like to rent a bike to explore the oasis, go for a walk to catch a glimpse of village life, visit a local pottery workshop or relax at the hotel. (B)



o/n Skoura

Day 15: 5 May 2026, Ait Benhaddou / Ouarzazate

It's a short drive this morning to Ouarzazate for lunch and on to Ait Benhaddou, an 11th century ksar (fortified village), UNESCO World Heritage Site and filming location for many famous movies, including Gladiator and Games of Thrones. We'll spend the afternoon exploring the kasbah, with its cute shops, art studios and cafes and a viewpoint at the top, overlooking the valley and mountains beyond. (B)



o/n Ait Benhaddou/Ouarzazate

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Day 16: 6 May 2026, Marrakech

After breakfast this morning, we have a scenic drive over the High Atlas Mountains to the 'red city' of Marrakech. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore. This evening, a visit to the main square, Jemaa el Fnaa, is a must, with snake charmers, entertainers and musicians - it truly comes alive after dusk (B).



o/n Marrakech

Day 17: 7 May 2026, Marrakech

We begin the day with a visit to Le Jardin Majorelle, a beautiful garden in the Ville Nouvelle that was bought and restored by Yves Saint Laurent.



Back in the medina, the afternoon is free before we meet again this evening, for a 'Ten Tastings of Marrakech' food tour with a local Marrakechi guide. (B, D)



o/n Marrakech

Day 18: 8 May 2026, Marrakech

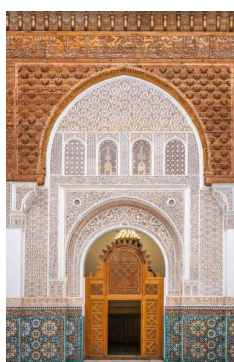
Today is a free day in Marrakech. You may want to do a hot-air balloon ride in the morning, take the opportunity for any last-minute shopping or perhaps visit some of the city's landmarks, including the Bahia Palace, Sadian Tombs or Ben Youssef Madrasa. Tonight, we will have a farewell dinner together. (B, D)



o/n Marrakech

Day 19: 9 May 2026, Depart

All good things must come to an end and this morning we transfer back to Casablanca (3 hours) for a late afternoon flight home. Or, if you prefer to depart from Marrakech, it's a short taxi ride to Marrakech Menara Airport (at your own expense). Safe travels!



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