

AMAZING MOROCCO



3 – 18 April 2026

Ladies only, small group tour – just four guests

16 days/15 nights

€5170 single occupancy accommodation

HIGHLIGHTS

- *Tour the Hassan II Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world*
- *Wander the blue painted streets of beautiful Chefchaouen, known as the 'Blue Pearl'*
- *Visit the Roman ruins of Volubilis with a local expert guide*
- *Explore the ancient medina of Fes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site*
- *Take tea in a traditional cave house in the Atlas Mountains*
- *Relax in a luxury camp in the Sahara, ride a camel and watch African drumming under the stars*
- *Visit the ancient kasbah of Ait Benhaddou, filming location of the Gladiator movie*
- *Sample a range of Moroccan foods on an evening food tour in Marrakech*
- *Shop for textiles, jewellery and other handicrafts in the many souks of Fes and Marrakech*

Terms and conditions apply – see website for details. Ladies only, four guests, accompanied by Heather. Tour is priced for four. Price is quoted in Euros and converted to Australian dollars or other major currency at date of final payment. Non-refundable deposit of \$900 will secure your booking.



Inclusions

- *Single occupancy rooms – no single supplement*
- *All land-based travel in Morocco*
- *15 nights' accommodation in carefully chosen boutique riads and hotels, including a night in a desert camp*
- *15 breakfasts, 6 dinners (including Marrakech food tour), cave house tea*
- *Private transport in an air-conditioned Mercedes Vito (or similar) with English speaking driver*
- *Airport meet and greet at scheduled arrival time in Casablanca and drop off on departure day in Casablanca*
- *Entry to Hassan II Mosque, Volubilis ruins, Kasbah Amidril and Le Jardin Majorelle*
- *Guided walking tour in Volubilis and Fes*
- *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 home airport*
- *Travel insurance – mandatory*
- *City tax, where charged separately by accommodation*
- *Meals and activities, other than those specified in the itinerary as included*
- *Personal items such as drinks, laundry*

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**Casablanca – Rabat – Chefchaouen – Volubilis – Fes – Erfoud – Merzouga –
Dades Gorge – Skoura – Ouarzazate – Marrakech – Casablanca**

Day 1: 3 April 2026, Casablanca

Arrive into Casablanca international airport in the early afternoon, where you will be met by our local English-speaking driver for the transfer to your hotel in central Casablanca. Relax at the hotel before we meet up this evening for our welcome dinner together. (D)

o/n Casablanca



Day 2: 4 April 2026, Casablanca – Rabat

Before leaving Casablanca, we'll visit the stunning 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. Then it's a short drive north to Rabat, the capital of Morocco.

This afternoon, we'll visit the main attractions in Rabat, including the Hassan II tower, the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and the historical Kasbah of the Udayas, with its flower-lined streets and Andalusian Garden. (B)



o/n Rabat

Day 3: 5 April 2026, Rabat – Chefchaouen

Today's destination is Chefchaouen, in the Rif Mountains, known as the 'Blue Pearl' and our home for the next two nights. It is one of Morocco's prettiest towns, with all the buildings in the old medina painted beautiful shades of blue. Arriving in the early afternoon, we'll spend the rest of the day exploring the medina. (B)

o/n Chefchaouen



Day 4: 6 April 2026, Chefchaouen

Today is a free day to wander the alleyways, cafes and shops of Chefchaouen medina, Place el Haouta, the main square, the kasbah and several viewpoints above the town. In the evening, enjoy a 30-minute walk to the Spanish mosque outside Chefchaouen (not accessible by road) to watch sunset over the town. (B)



o/n Chefchaouen

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Day 5: 7 April 2026, Volubilis – Fes

After breakfast, we set off for the Roman city of Volubilis, where an expert local guide will explain the history of the Romans in Morocco and bring to life the ancient ruins and wonderful mosaics. We will have lunch nearby, before continuing to Fes in the late afternoon. (B)



o/n Fes

Day 6: 8 April 2026, Fes

This morning, we'll visit a ceramics workshop outside the city and the famous Chouara tanneries, which, for anyone keen to buy leather items, is a great place to shop.



Then join our private guided walk in the Fes medina, with its labyrinth of criss-crossing alleyways and narrow lanes. Our guide will share some of the secrets of the medina, including how to tell a through street from a dead end – very useful to know in this maze of alleyways! The tour will take us to the Blue Gate, a secret tea shop, as well as the many souks and other highlights of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B)

o/n Fes



Day 7: 9 April 2026, Fes

Enjoy a free day in Fes: take the opportunity to 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); relax at the riad, go shopping in the souks or just wander in the medina where there is something new around every corner.



This evening our driver will take us to a viewpoint at the Merenid tombs for a sunset view over the city of Fes, before returning to the medina for dinner. (B)

o/n Fes

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Day 8: 10 April 2026, Erfoud

Leaving Fes today, a short drive brings us to the village of Imouzzer for tea with the Berber owners of a traditional cave house. On the way south towards the Sahara, we may be able to visit a women's co-operative as we continue the drive through the Middle Atlas Mountains to Ifrane, known as the Switzerland of Morocco. With luck, we will see some barbary apes, a species native to the Atlas Mountains that live in the cedar forests here. The drive today takes us through forested hills, grassland and on to a more arid landscape, finishing the day in Erfoud, a stop on the way to the desert. (B)

o/n Erfoud

Day 9: 11 April 2026, Sahara Camp

The area around Erfoud is famous for fossils so we'll visit a fossil museum this morning, before stopping in the nearby town of Rissani, famous throughout Morocco for high quality spices. After lunch, we'll meet our camels, on the edge of the Sahara, for a one-hour camel ride to our desert camp and a welcome Moroccan tea. Or, if you prefer, you can go to the camp in a 4x4.



Relax and enjoy the desert experience, with African drumming around the campfire after dinner (included). (B, D)



o/n Sahara camp

Day 10: 12 April 2026, Dades Gorge

After breakfast in the camp, depart by camel or 4x4, back to our transport in Merzouga. Then it's on to the Road of One Thousand Kasbahs, through the town of Tinghir, where there may be an opportunity to see some Berber carpet weaving, before reaching Dades Gorge, a spectacular gorge in the Atlas Mountains, lined with small villages and ruined kasbahs. Our hotel for tonight is in the gorge. (B, D)

o/n Dades Gorge



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Day 11: 13 April 2026, Skoura

Continuing along the 'Road of a Thousand Kasbahs' brings us to the oasis of Skoura, where we'll visit Kasbah Amidril, 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, D)



o/n Skoura

Day 12: 14 April 2026, Ouarzazate & Ait Benhaddou

From Skoura, it's just a short drive to Ouarzazate, the film capital of Morocco, where we'll spend the morning and have lunch. Half an hour away, Ait Benhaddou is an 11th century Berber ksar (fortified village), UNESCO world heritage site and filming location for many famous movies, including *Gladiator* and *Games of Thrones*. Spend the afternoon exploring the kasbah, with its cute shops, artist studios, cafes and viewpoint at the top. (B)



o/n Ait Benhaddou/Ouarzazate



Day 13: 15 April 2026, Marrakech

We begin the day with a scenic drive over the Atlas Mountains to the bustling 'red city' of Marrakech, stopping at the pass for sweeping views over the Marrakech valley and to visit an argan oil co-operative. After checking in to our riad, the rest of the afternoon is free to explore the many souks and the 'Big Square' (Jemaa el Fna) which truly comes alive in the evening when the food vendors, juice sellers, snake charmers, musicians and hawkers are out in force. (B)

o/n Marrakech



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Day 14: 16 April 2026, Marrakech

A day to explore Marrakech, beginning with a visit to Le Jardin Majorelle, Berber Museum and YSL Museum (entry fee included) in the Ville Nouvelle. The rest of the day is free to explore the Marrakech medina.



We'll meet again this evening for a food tour in the medina, with a local guide, sampling a range of Moroccan food. The donuts are amazing! A fun and informative evening which takes care of dinner (cost included). (B, D)



o/n Marrakech



Day 15: 17 April 2026, Marrakech

A free day in Marrakech for last minute shopping, a spa or hamman, maybe a hot air balloon ride, or perhaps visit some of the city's landmarks, including the Bahia Palace, Sadian Tombs or Ben Youssef Madrasa. Tonight, we will enjoy a farewell dinner together (cost included). (B, D)



o/n Marrakech

Day 16: 18 April 2026, Departure

All good things must come to an end and today is departure day. It's a three-hour drive to Casablanca airport this morning, so make sure to allow enough time, if checking-in for an international flight. Depending on your destination, you may prefer to fly out of Marrakech. (There is a small extra charge for a private transfer to Marrakech airport.) (B)

