

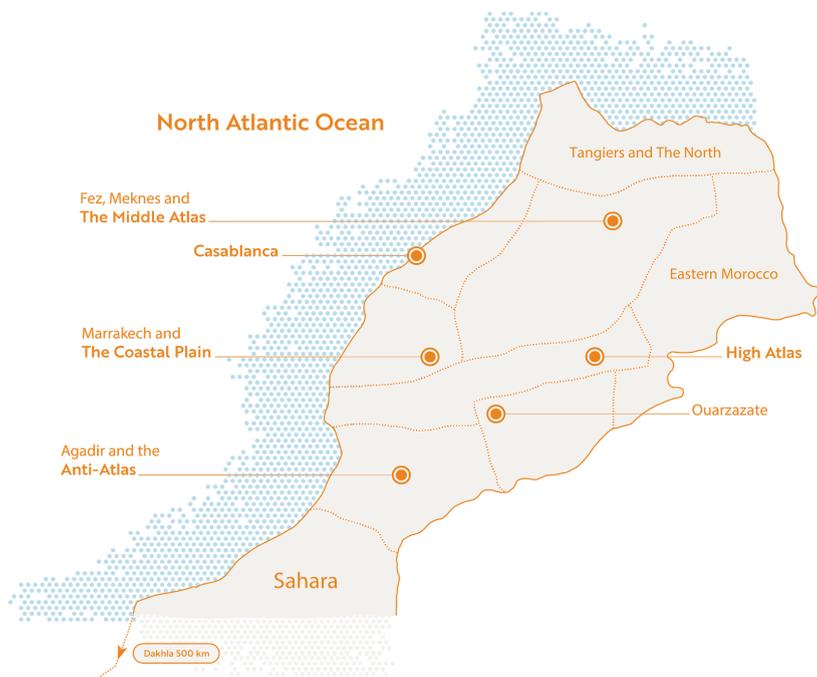
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MOROCCO: THE GRAND DISCOVERY

Casablanca - Rabat - Chefchaouen - Fes -
Merzouga - Skoura - Marrakech - Essaouira



Your Journey at a Glance

Morocco has so much to offer, and with such unique diversity, that we have created a bucket-list travel experience incorporating all of the country's highlights. A rich combination of adventure and culture, this fast-paced journey combines exotic city life with quiet time on the road, exploring what is an extraordinary range of physical environments, experiencing along the way encounters that will live long in the memory.

Date	Location	Things to see and do
Day 1 - 2	Casablanca - Rabat	Discover the charms of Morocco's capital city. Explore the ancient Oudaya Kasbah with its Andalusian Gardens, visit the Kings' Mausoleum and wander through the bustling Medina.
Days 2 - 3	Chefchaouen	Get lost in the "blue city" medina, discover the old Jewish quarter, visit Ras El Ma waterfalls and take a short hike in the surrounding Rif Mountains.
Days 3 - 6	Fez	Explore the country's most impressive medieval medina: visit old koranic schools, tombs, the world's oldest university, leather tanneries and stock up on the famous Fez blue pottery.
Days 6 - 7	Merzouga	Head to the great Sahara! Travel by camelback to your luxury desert camp. Give sand surfing a try, watch the sunset or sunrise, and enjoy a campfire under the stars.
Days 7 - 9	Skoura	Discover ancient kasbahs, palm & olive groves and the valley of roses.
Days 9 - 12	Marrakech	Sip a mint tea in the square watching bustling life go by, check out the artisans at work in the souks, try out some street food or learn to cook your favourite Moroccan dishes, and step back in time with the city's history-packed museums.
Days 12 - 14	Essaouira	Try your hand at water sports, horse ride down the beach, buy fresh fish at the port and have it grilled and explore a medina full of art galleries, or just relax and wind down with a sundowner.
Day 15	Casablanca departure	Catch a ride back to Casablanca full of two weeks of Morocco memories before you catch your flight home.



When to go:

Sept - May



Ideal trip length:

15 Days



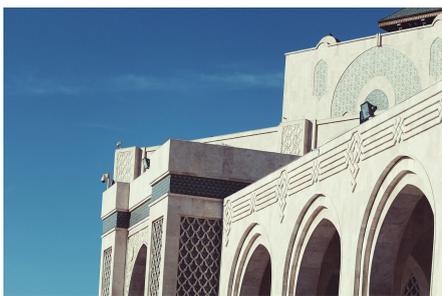
Adventure level:

Active adventure

Your Daily Program

DAYS 1 - 2 : CASABLANCA to RABAT

Landing in Casablanca, take a detour to visit the unmissable Hassan II Mosque before heading to the country's capital, Rabat. A sedate city, with some of the country's best examples of French colonial architecture, a walled medina and Andalusian influences. Explore the Oudaya Kasbah, situated overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, which once protected the city from pirates. Visit the Mausoleum of the Kings or the ancient Chellah Necropolis and wander the wide boulevards of the new city.



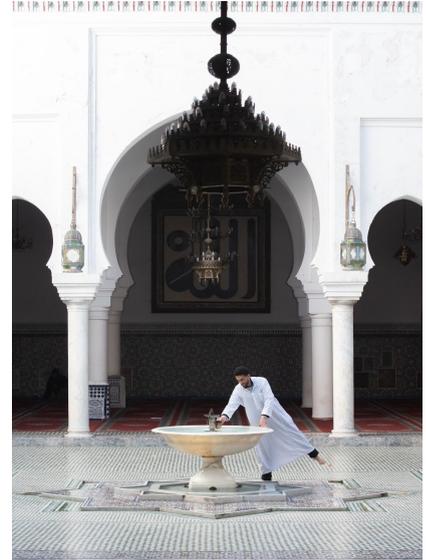
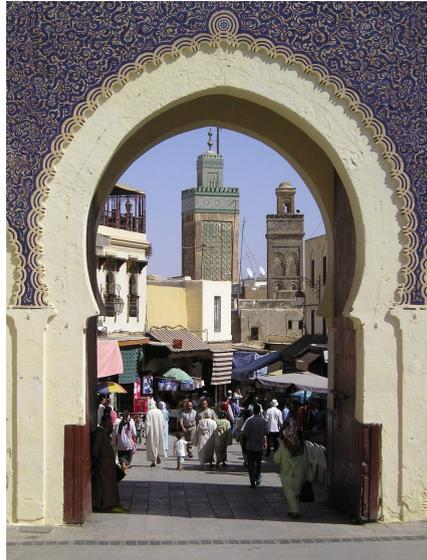
DAYS 2 - 3 : CHEFCHAOUEN

Head north into the Rif Mountains, to the famously picturesque blue city of Chefchaouen. Get lost in the blue-washed maze and explore the winding alleys to discover the markets where craftsmen sell distinctive Riffian handicrafts. For the adventurous, you can make a short hike to the old 'Spanish Mosque', a ruin situated on a hill outside the medina, and from where you have panoramic views across the city.



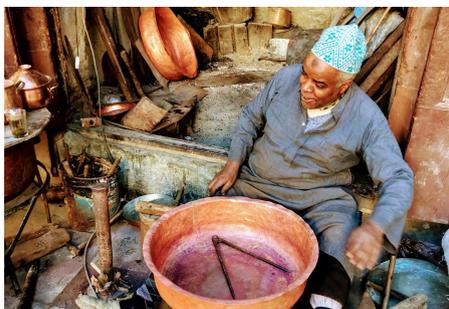
DAYS 3 - 6: FES

From the Rif Mountains, you'll head to the Middle Atlas Mountains and Fes. En route you can visit the Roman ruins of Volubilis and the holy town of Moulay Idriss, Morocco's most important archaeological sites. Fes, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is known as the intellectual & spiritual heart of Morocco and the city boasts some of the country's finest craftsmen and most impressive medina and monuments.



Fes Medina Tour

Take in the alluring charm of the Fes medina, the colourful alleyways and souks and the rich tapestry of life that exists within its ancient walls. Visit ancient palaces, Islamic gardens and the most interesting ancient sites, venture into the depths of the tanneries, observe weavers at their loom and discover hidden workshops.



Fassi cooking class

You will take a cooking lesson with a local Fes family. This class is a complete immersion into Moroccan culture and family life. We encourage you to interact and create a truly unique experience as you spend your day hosted by a Moroccan family, preparing food, shopping at the local souks and baking at the local bakery.



DAYS 6 - 7: MERZOUGA

As you climb up through the Middle Atlas Mountains you'll pass through ancient cedar forests where you can often encounter native barbary apes, a species of macaque monkey. Leaving the mountains you'll notice a change in the landscape as you near the desert. On arrival at the Moroccan Sahara you will join your camels before heading off into the dunes for an overnight stay in a tented camp. Tonight, you'll enjoy an evening by the campfire under the stars before sleeping in the heart of the Sahara.



DAYS 7 - 9: SKOURA

Discover the fascinating Skoura oasis region with your guide, navigating through the picturesque mazes of olive and palm groves and exploring some of the oldest Kasbahs in the country, as well as a cheese maker, a pottery and Berber museum. Make a quick detour to the neighbouring Valley of Roses, to stock up on some Moroccan rose oil and rose water.



DAYS 9 - 12: MARRAKECH

En route you pass through the regional centre of Ouarzazate, make a quick visit to the fortified village of Ait Ben Haddou and travel through the stunning Ounila Valley to the ancient kasbah of Telouet. The winding mountain route offers fantastic panoramic views across the mountains and down into deep valleys, before you reach the Haouz Plains that lead you into the red city of Marrakech. Marrakech has a selection of monuments and museums, the real draw of the place is its colourful, lively and exotic atmosphere.



Sidecar tour

This tour offers a unique way to discover Marrakech - by vintage sidecar motorbike. Take in some of the more hidden aspects of the Marrakech Medina, new town and Palmeraie. Discover flea markets, secret gardens, traditional riads & historical villas.



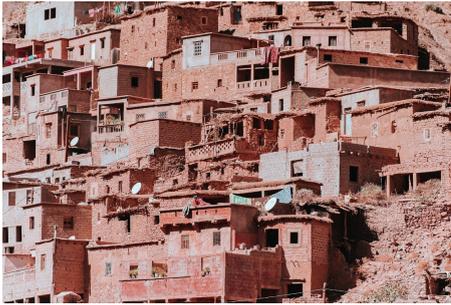
Pottery workshop

You'll be getting your hands dirty at a practical pottery workshop, introducing you to pottery techniques used in Morocco and learning everything from kneading the clay to firing and glazing.



Atlas Mountains day trip

The tranquil ambience of the mountains is a perfect antidote to the bustle of Marrakech and on this full day excursion you will explore the area around Imlil, a village at the foot of the country's highest peak Jebel Toubkal, on foot. The area is characterised by stark peaks, verdant cultivated valleys, adobe brick villages and a way of life which has hardly changed in centuries.



DAYS 12 - 14: ESSAOUIRA

Due west of Marrakech on the shores of the Atlantic lies Essaouira, a strikingly picturesque 18th century fort town. The town boasts an attractive main square, a weather-beaten whitewashed medina, a busy working fishing port and a wide sweeping sandy bay popular with wind and kite surfers. It has a relaxed and hassle-free atmosphere and is easily explored on foot.



DAYS 15: CASABLANCA

Today your Moroccan adventure comes to an end, with your transfer to Casablanca International Airport.

ACCOMMODATION

Our philosophy is to avoid large chain hotels and to focus on distinctive places to stay that are defined by character and style. We can propose a range of accommodation options to suit your budget and style. This could be a charming traditional riad (converted townhouse) in the old Medinas, a boutique hotel that combines traditional Moroccan style with contemporary design, or a luxury hotel that offers all the facilities and service you might expect from a five star property.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If you like the feel of this journey, then the next step is to finalise the details that you prefer. Complete our [Contact Form](#) with as much detail as you can.

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