

Best of Morocco

10 Days

1 Country

16 Meals





An in-depth Morocco trip featuring all the exciting sights, sounds and flavours befitting of its status as the gateway to Africa. Explore the ancient alleyways of Fes, spend the evening like a local in a riad and learn about the healing touch of Moroccan ingredients like argan oil.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Fes and Marrakesh with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Rabat, Meknès, Erfoud, Ouarzazate, Essaouira and Casablanca
- **Visit** a traditional tannery and dye-pit in Fes, Midelt, Tafilalt Oasis, Bahia Palace and a Moroccan pharmacy in Marrakesh
- **View** the Royal Palace in Rabat, the Ziz Valley near Tinghir, the Todra Gorge, Ait Ben Haddou and the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca

 Start  End  Overnight  Sightseeing

Moroccan Spices

Your holiday

Day

- 1 Welcome to Casablanca** Delve into the intrigue and romance of Casablanca, immortalised by Hollywood, before meeting your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception. (WR) **Hotel: Novotel City Center**
- 2 Journey to Rabat, Meknès and on to Fes** We continue along the coast to the capital, Rabat. Here we'll embark on an orientation tour of the city including views of the grand 17th-century Palace and Mausoleum of Mohammed V. Travelling to the imperial city of Meknès, we'll see the grand gate of Bab el-Mansour adorned by green and white *zeillij* tiles. We arrive in Fes later today and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B) **Hotel: Marriott Jnan Palace**
- 3 Discover Vibrant Fes** Join a *Local Specialist* today to explore the Medina, one of the largest thriving medieval centres in the world. See the Royal Palace and *Dive Into Culture* during a visit to the round dye-pits and tanneries, revealing Morocco's ancient leathercraft. Spend the rest of the day shopping or relaxing in a lantern-lit courtyard away from the Medina crowds. Join your companions this evening for a special opportunity to *Connect With Locals* over dinner for a *Be My Guest* experience, featuring Moroccan specialities served with wine in a traditional *riad*. (B, BMG, 🍷, 🍷)
- 4 Onwards to Erfoud** We follow the old caravan trail south, stopping for a lunch in Midelt. Continuing along the palm-fringed Ziz Valley and past the Tafilalt oasis, we arrive in the oasis town of Erfoud, regarded as the 'Gateway to the Sahara'. (B, L, D) **Hotel: Kasbah Xaluca**
- 5 Off to Tinghir Oasis and the Stunning Dades Valley** Journeying west, we arrive in Tinghir, one of the most beautiful oases in southern Morocco. We continue through part of the Todra Gorge and cut through the mountains for one of the most dramatic views in the country. Enjoy a memorable lunch, then follow the 'Route of a Thousand Kasbahs' to the flourishing Dades Valley. Here we will overnight at one of Trafalgar's *Stays With Stories*, Xaluca Dades, surrounded by panoramic views of the Atlas Mountains. (B, L, D, 🍷) **Hotel: Dades Xaluca**



Overnight in the scenic Dades Valley. Experience Morocco's Berber culture first-hand as you overnight on the edge of the majestic Atlas mountains overlooking the Dades Valley. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

- 6 Venture through the High Atlas Mountains to Marrakesh** Ouarzazate has provided a backdrop for such famous movies as 'Lawrence of Arabia', 'Cleopatra' and 'Gladiator'. Spend some time exploring the sights during your orientation tour. See the UNESCO-listed fortified village of Ait Ben Haddou in the High Atlas Mountains and continue through the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass to Marrakesh - the 'Red City'. Marrakesh is home to Morocco's largest traditional *souk* (market) where you may wish to spend some time learning the art of haggling. (B) **Hotel: Le Méridien N'Fis**
- 7 Explore Marrakesh** Visit the ornate Bahia Palace during a city orientation with your *Local Specialist* and spend some time soaking up the energy of Djemaa el Fna Square in the Old Quarter with its palm readers, acrobats and snake-charmers. (B)
- 8 Continue to Coastal Essaouira** We travel to the laid-back shores of Essaouira this morning. Stopping en route, we *Dive Into Culture* to visit a cooperative involved in creating cosmetics from traditional ingredients. Consider a delicious seafood lunch and enjoy some free time before joining a city tour of the UNESCO-listed Medina, the walled Jewish Quarter and Skala fortress. Spend the rest of the evening at leisure. (B, 🍷)
- 9 Return to Casablanca** This morning we journey north to Casablanca where we will enjoy views of the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, built for the late King's 60th birthday celebrations. Later, we join our Travel Director and companions for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate an unforgettable voyage of discovery. (B, FD) **Hotel: Novotel City Center**
- 10 Farewell Morocco** Say goodbye to your newfound friends at the end of your Moroccan holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

"This itinerary shows Morocco in all of its glory, from the towns and cities to the desert, mountains and beaches. It is totally different to any other country we have seen, a country of contrasts, colour and excitement. Not to be missed."

Our Guest: M. Moore on
Best of Morocco

Your holiday planner

See below for a selection of departure dates. Speak to your Travel Agent or search 'Best of Morocco' on trafalgar.com for all available departures and pricing.

2023

Jan	02	13	27	Aug	04	18	25
Feb	10	24		Sep	01	08	15
Mar	10	24	31			29	
Apr	14	21	28	Oct	06 [■]	20 [■]	
May	12	26		Nov	03 [■]	17 [■]	
Jun	09	23		Dec	01 [■]	22 [■]	29 ^{■*}
Jul	07	21					

2024

Jan	02 [■]	12 [■]	26 [■]	Jun	07	21
Feb	09 [■]	23 [■]		Jul	05	19
Mar	08 [■]	22 [■]	29 [■]	Aug	02	16
Apr	12	19	26	Sep	06	13
May	10	24		20	27	

- These departures may vary in itinerary, hotels, and inclusions in line with seasonal changes.
- ★ Festive Meal: New Year's Eve dinner has been arranged for this departure. Join us to celebrate the festive season. Please note, Christmas is not celebrated in Morocco.

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- 🍷 WR Welcome Reception
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- 🍷 L Lunch
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- 🍷 RD Dive Into Culture Regional Dinner
- 🍷 FD Farewell Dinner
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