



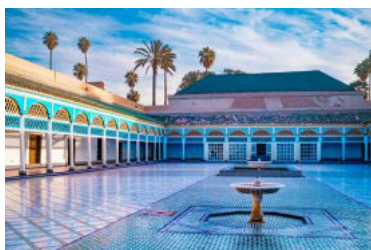
TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Morocco: Imperial & Desert Wonders

8-Day, 7-Night Journey

Marrakesh, Dades, Erfoud, Merzouga, Ouarzazate

Embark on a unique Moroccan journey, from the vibrant city of Marrakesh with its bustling souks and stunning palaces to the heart of the Sahara Desert. Your adventure will take you through the dramatic canyons of the Dades Valley and ancient mud-brick villages. The tour culminates in Merzouga, where you will experience a magical camel trek over majestic golden sand dunes. This trip offers an immersive blend of city energy and breathtaking desert serenity.



Bahia Palace, Marrakesh



Evening food stalls at Jemaa el-Fnaa, Marrakesh



Snake Charmers in Jemaa el-Fnaa square



Kasbah fortress in Dades Valley



Ait Ben Haddou (ancient fortress) near Ouarzazate



Majestic medieval architecture, Merzouga

Highlights

- Marrakesh Tour
- Ait Ben Haddou and Dades Valley
- Dades Gorge, Todgha Gorge and Oasis
- Sahara Desert, 4WD desert excursion and Sunset camel ride
- Alnif and Tazzarine deserts excursion

Inclusions

- Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast & 1 Dinners
(See tour plan for details)
- Private Airport Transfers
- Local guide per itinerary
- Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per itinerary

Exclusions

- International Airfare
- Government Tourism Fee
- Travel Insurance
- Medical Expenses
- Visa Fee
- Gratuities
- Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Marrakesh - Marrakesh Menara International Airport (RAK)

Itinerary

2 NIGHTS IN MARRAKESH

DAY 1: ARRIVE MARRAKESH

Upon arriving at **Marrakesh** airport (RAK), you'll be met and transferred to your hotel in **Marrakesh**. (1.5 hour drive).

The rest of the day is free.

Marrakesh is well known for its vibrant Jemaa el-Fnaa square, which transforms from a sprawling marketplace by day into an enchanting open-air food festival at night. Beyond the square, don't miss the stunning palaces like Bahia Palace, serene gardens such as Jardin Majorelle, and the city's vibrant arts scene. It is also an imperial city.

[Meals: None]



DAY 2: MARRAKESH CITY TOUR

Breakfast in the hotel then enjoy the guided **city tour of Marrakesh** (8 hours @10am).

Start your day at **Majorelle Garden**, a vibrant botanical oasis. See **Koutoubia Mosque** (exterior only), then explore **Bahia Palace**, a 19th-century Moroccan architectural masterpiece. In the afternoon, dive into the lively souks. End your day at **Jemaa el-Fnaa Square**, experiencing Marrakesh's vibrant street life and authentic flavors. See amazing street performances of traditional activities by storytellers, snake charmers and peddlers of traditional medicines. You'll also have the opportunity to purchase authentic Moroccan argan oil, reputedly rich in nutrients and antioxidants, beneficial to skin and hair.

[Meals: Breakfast]

1 NIGHT IN DADES

DAY 3: MARRAKESH – AIT BEN HADDOU – DADES

Breakfast in the hotel then depart Marrakesh through the spectacular **High Atlas Mountains** via **Tizi n'Tichka Pass** (7,415 feet). Visit **Ait Ben Haddou**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its dramatic earthen architecture has been featured in films such as *Gladiator* and *Game of Thrones*.

Continue through the fragrant **Valley of Roses** to the dramatic **Dades Valley**, known for its winding roads and cliffside kasbahs.

[Meals: Breakfast]

1 NIGHT IN ERFOUD

DAY 4: DADES – TODGHA GORGES – ERFOUD

After breakfast, take a scenic drive through the winding **Dades Gorge** (8 hours in the morning), with opportunities to stop and photograph the stunning rock formations. Continue to the spectacular **Todgha Gorge**, a natural canyon with cliffs rising over 984 feet, ideal for a short walk along the river. Afterwards, pass through palm groves and oasis towns as you head east to **Erfoud**, a town known for its fossils and dates, and is a gateway to the Sahara Desert.

[Meals: Breakfast]

1 NIGHT IN MERZOUGA

DAY 5: ERFOUD – RISSANI – MERZOUGA

After breakfast, depart for **Merzouga** (8 hours in the morning). Visit **Rissani**, a historic trading center with a vibrant market and royal ties. Continue to **Merzouga**, the Sahara's edge, for a **4WD desert excursion**. Visit **Khamlia** for Gnawa music. Meet a nomadic family, explore fossil sites, and enjoy tea at an oasis. Return to Merzouga for a **sunset camel ride** into Erg Chebbi dunes. Arrive at a luxury desert camp for dinner, music, and Berber hospitality

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

1 NIGHT IN OUAZAZATE

DAY 6: MERZOUGA – ALNIF - TAZZARINE – OUAZAZATE

Rise early to watch the sunrise over the dunes, a magical moment in the stillness of the desert. After breakfast, travel through the desert towns of **Alnif and Tazzarine** (8 hours in the morning) crossing stone deserts, ancient routes, and rugged landscapes. In the late afternoon, arrive in **Ouarzazate**, the cinematic heart of Morocco. Known as the "Hollywood of Africa," Ouarzazate is home to legendary film studios and historical kasbahs. If time permits, you can visit the Kasbah Taourirt, once the residence of a powerful Glaoui family and now a symbol of regional heritage.

[Meals: Breakfast]

1 NIGHT IN MARRAKESH

DAY 7: OUARZAZATE - MARRAKESH - AGADIR

After breakfast, leave Ouarzazate and head to Marrakesh.

Optional add-on: Agafay Desert Sunset Dinner with Show.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 8: MARRAKESH AIRPORT

After breakfast, hotel check-out and transfer to **Marrakesh airport (RAK)** for your flight home.

[Meals: Breakfast]

- ▶ Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.
- ▶ The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.

Optional Add-ons:

- ▶ Additional hotel nights are available at the first and last cities for group tours.
 - ▶ Additional hotel nights are available at every city for private tours.
 - ▶ Standard double room is included with your tour. Room upgrades are available in the same hotel.
- Classic 3-star and deluxe 5-star hotels are available for private tours, please advise the budget.