



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

# Morocco: Imperial Cities

# 9-Day, 8-Night Journey

Marrakesh, Casablanca, Fez, Chefchaouen, Meknes, Rabat

Dive into the magic of Morocco on an unforgettable 9-day tour! Explore the captivating imperial cities of Marrakesh, Fez, Meknes, and Rabat. Wander through Chefchaouen's famous blue streets and the ancient Roman ruins of Volubilis. Experience the romance of Casablanca and immerse yourself in Moroccan culture with an authentic cooking class.

This is your chance to discover Morocco's vibrant colors, rich history, and unforgettable flavors.



Hassan II Mosque, Casablanca



Evening food stalls at Jemaa el-Fnaa, Marrakesh



Roman city of Volubilis



View of Medina in Rabat from the harbor



Wander down the blue streets of Chefchaouen



Leather Tannery in Fez

# Highlights

- · Marrakesh Gardens, Palaces, Souks Tour
- ► Casablanca City Tour
- ► Casablanca Cooking Class with traditional outfit
- ► Fez Tour

- ► Blue City, Chefchaouen Tour
- ▶ Meknes Tour
- ► Roman City of Volubilis Tour
- ▶ Rabat Tour

## Inclusions

- ► Hotel Accommodations
- ► Daily Breakfast & 1 Dinner
- ► Airport Transfers
- ► Local guide and driver per itinerary
- ► Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per itinerary

## **Exclusions**

- ► International Airfare
- ► Government Tourism Fee
- ► Travel Insurance
- ► Medical Expenses
- ► Visa Fee (if applicable)
- ► Gratuities
- ► Personal Expenses

# Nearby Airport

Marrakesh - Marrakesh Menara Airport (RAK)

Rabat - Rabat-Sale Airport (RBA)

# 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**.

The rest of the day is free.

Winston Churchill once described **Marrakesh** as the "Paris of the Sahara". There are 4 imperial capital cities in Morocco - Fez, Marrakesh, Meknes and Rabat. This is your first imperial city in Morocco.

[Meals: None]



#### DAY 2: MARRAKESH CITY TOUR

Breakfast in the hotel then enjoy the guided **city tour of Marrakesh** (8 hours in the morning). 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. You may enjoy 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 CASABLANCA

DAY 3: MARRAKESH – CASABLANCA, CASABLANCA CITY TOUR & COOKING CLASS Breakfast in the hotel then transfer to **Casablanca**. (3 hours drive in the morning).

Upon arrival, meet your local guide for a visit of Morocco's largest city. Begin with a guided tour of the grand **Hassan II Mosque**, perched dramatically on the oceanfront. Continue to the charming **Habous Quarter**, known for its Andalusian-style architecture and artisan boutiques. Drive past the Royal Palace (exterior only) and stop at **Mohamed V Square**, the city's administrative heart. End your visit with a scenic drive along the Ain Diab Corniche, with an optional stop at Rick's Café.

This evening partakes Cooking Class with Traditional Outfit (4 hours in the evening).

Friendly hosts, who are eager to share their culinary traditions, guide you through preparing classic family recipes like tagine and couscous. Experience genuine Moroccan hospitality, capture memories in traditional attire for your photo album, and savor a delightful dinner featuring the dishes you've created. [Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

## 3 NIGHT IN FEZ

#### DAY 4: CASABLANCA - FEZ

Breakfast in the hotel then transfer to **Fez.** (3.5 hours drive).

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### **DAY 5: FEZ CITY TOUR**

Enjoy the guided **Fez tour**. (8 hours in the morning)

Spend the day discovering the cultural treasures of **Fes el-Bali**, one of the oldest and most atmospheric medinas in the Arab world. Accompanied by a licensed local guide, explore historical landmarks such as **Bou Inania Madrasa**, **Karaouine Mosque and University**, **Nejjarine Fountain**, and the famous **Chouara Tanneries**. Stroll through the bustling souks, artisan quarters, and hidden courtyards. In the afternoon, enjoy panoramic views of the medina from the Merenid Tombs.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 6: CHEFCHAOUEN CITY TOUR

Breakfast in the hotel followed by a day trip **Chefchaouen** (8 hours in the morning), the "Blue Pearl" of Morocco nestled in the Rif Mountains. Its blue-painted buildings, a 15th-century tradition brought by Jewish refugees from the Spanish Inquisition, symbolize the sky and God. Enjoy a guided stroll through the charming blue-painted streets of the medina filled with artisan shops and cafés. Enjoy the fresh mountain air, and admire views of the surrounding hills.

[Meals: Breakfast]

## 2 NIGHTS IN RABAT

#### DAY 7: FEZ - RABAT | MEKNES CITY TOUR & ROMAN CITY OF VOLUBILIS

Breakfast in the hotel then transfer to **Rabat.** (8 hours in the morning)

En route, stop at **Volubilis**, Morocco's best-preserved Roman archaeological site, to explore ruins and mosaics against the Zerhoun plain. This is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Continue to **Meknes**, an imperial city, to visit the **Bab Mansour Gate** (the grandest of all the imperial Moroccan gateways) and **Moulay Ismail Mausoleum**.

Arrive in Rabat in the late afternoon.

**Rabat** is the capital of Morocco and one of the imperial capital cities on the Atlantic coast. Its historic sites including the Royal Palace, the ancient ruins of Chellah, and the beautifully preserved Kasbah.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### **DAY 8: RABAT TOUR**

After breakfast, explore Rabat's **Royal Palace Mechouar** (exterior only) and the Chellah Necropolis, a blend of Roman and Islamic ruins. Afternoon options include wandering the medina and souks or relaxing on the Corniche. This day combines imperial grandeur with seaside allure.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### **DAY 9: RABAT AIRPORT**

After breakfast, hotel check-out and transfer to Rabat airport (RBA) 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.