



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

# Morocco: Imperial Cities

8-Day, 7-Night Journey

Marrakech, Essaouira, Meknes, Fez, Chefchaouen, Tangier, Rabat, Casablanca

Explore Morocco's captivating imperial cities: Marrakech, Meknes, Fez, and Rabat. Discover the charming coastal beauty of Essaouira, wander through Chefchaouen's blue-washed streets, and experience the romance of Casablanca. Journey to Tangier, where Europe meets Africa. Immerse yourself in Morocco's vibrant colors and rich culture on this unforgettable tour.



Hassan II Mosque, Casablanca



Evening food stalls at Jemaa el-Fnaa, Marrakech



Old city of Essaouira



Blue fishing boats in the port of Essaouira



Wander down the blue streets of Chefchaouen



Fez, Morocco's cultural and spiritual capital

## **Inclusions**

- ► Hotel Accommodations
- ► Daily Breakfast
- ► 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
- Gratuities
- ► Personal Expenses

## **Nearby Airport**

Casablanca - Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport (CMN)

# Itinerary

#### **3 NIGHTS IN MARRAKECH**

#### **DAY 1: ARRIVE CASABLANCA**

Upon arriving at Casablanca airport (CMN), you'll be met and transferred to your hotel in **Marrakech**. (3 hour drive).

The rest of the day is free.

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

[Meals: None]



#### DAY 2: MARRAKECH CITY TOUR

Breakfast in the hotel then enjoy the guided city tour of **Marrakech** (8 hours @9am). Explore the vibrant blend of history, culture, and modernity in this captivating city.

Wander through the lively streets of the **Medina** and experience the sensory overload of **Jemaa el-Fna square**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. You will enjoy amazing street performances of traditional activities by storytellers, snake charmers and peddlers of traditional medicines. It is also filled with food vendors and local merchants. Enjoy free time to explore more of Marrakech at your leisure.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### **DAY 3: ESSAOUIRA CITY TOUR**

Explore the city of Essaouira on a guided tour (8 hours @9am).

Depart for the charming coastal city of **Essaouira**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its laid-back vibe, stunning beaches, and vibrant medina. Stroll through its bustling souks and admire the blue-and-white architecture. Explore the historic Skala fortress overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, witness local artisans crafting exquisite thuya woodwork and savor the city's renowned seafood.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### 2 NIGHT IN FEZ

#### DAY 4: MARRAKECH -FEZ, MEKNES CITY TOUR

Breakfast in the hotel then transfer to Fez. (7 hours @9am)

En-route visit the imperial city of **Meknes**, the "Moroccan Versailles" and one of the oldest cities in the kingdom. Stop at the massive **Bab El Mansour gate** which is the grandest of all the imperial Moroccan gateways. Visit **El Hedim Square**, part of the citadel and palace complex and **Mausoleum of Moulay Ismail**, a historic Islamic funerary complex that contains the tomb of Sultan Moulay Ismail.

Continue to Fez which is an imperial city and the spiritual capital of Morocco. Overnight in Fez.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 5: FES CITY TOUR

Enjoy the guided city tour of Fez. (8 hours @9am)

Explore the mesmerizing **medina**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Wander through its maze-like streets, discovering stunning madrasas, historic mosques, traditional tanneries, and vibrant souks filled with artisan crafts. Experience the rich history and timeless traditions that make Fez an unforgettable destination.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### 1 NIGHT IN TANGIER

#### DAY 6: FEZ - TANGIER, CHEFCHAOUEN CITY TOUR

Breakfast in the hotel then transfer to **Tangier**. (6 hours @9am)

Enroute, visit **Chefchaouen**, the "Blue City" and one of the most majestic places to visit in Morocco. It is famous for its blue-washed streets, charming squares, and relaxed atmosphere. Continue your journey to the coastal city of Tangier where Mediterranean and Atlantic influences blend seamlessly.

Enjoy the city tour of Tangier. Overnight stay in Tangier.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### 1 NIGHT IN CASABLANCA

### DAY 7: TANGIER - CASABLANCA

Breakfast in the hotel then depart to Casablanca. (4.5 hours @9am)

Enroute we visit **Rabat**, Morocco's elegant imperial city and current capital. Enjoy a captivating panoramic tour of Rabat city.

See **Mohammed V Mausoleum, Hassan Tower** (a minaret built in 1195), the peaceful **Kasbah of the Udayas** (a 12<sup>th</sup> century hilltop fortress with stunning views over the Atlantic Ocean).

Continue to **Casablanca** for a panoramic city tour. Pass by the vibrant **Mohammed V Square**, the upscale **Anfa** residential district and the impressive **Hassan II Mosque** (exterior), one of the largest mosques in the world. Stroll along the beautiful **Ain Diab Corniche**, a lively seaside boulevard. Overnight in Casablanca.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### **DAY 8: CASABLANCA AIRPORT**

After breakfast, hotel check-out and transfer to Casablanca airport (CMN) 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.