



## MOROCCO - 7N/8D



### ITINERARY

Itinerary:

Day 1: APT / CASABLANCA

Arrival at CASABLANCA Mohamed V airport, meet and greet, then transfer to the hotel. Check in, dinner and accommodation.

CASABLANCA : the "white house" in Arabic Dar El Beida : there were only white houses facing the ocean in the Anfa district. This name was given by the Spanish and Portuguese seamen or sailors who stopped there before the city was built.

Casablanca is today the economic centre and the gateway to the African and European continents, it has attracted many inhabitants and has now the most important population in Morocco. Casablanca is making a "lifting" with a new cornice and new avenues with a new design...



Day 2: CASABLANCA / RABAT / TANGIER

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of CASABLANCA the business capital of the kingdom.

Private sightseeing tour of Casablanca with optional entrance to the fantastic Hassan II mosque representing the best of the Moroccan architectural handicraft designs

Mohamed V Square, United Nations Square, Arab League Park : drive by The Habbous district.

The Corniche Boulevard : stop there at AinDiabCorniche lined with swimming pools and gastronomic restaurants

Anfa : drive there through the most luxurious villas in Casablanca, it was in one of these hilltop houses in 1943, that Churchill and Roosevelt met to plan the Allied landings in Normandy.

Then drive to Rabat, short sightseeing tour: visit of the main monuments

At present capital of the kingdom of Morocco, this city was built by orthodox Muslim Arabs who came from Spain and decided to settle near the Chellah necropolis whose origins stretch back to the Phoenician and Roman era. It was developed and enhanced under the reign of the Almohade king Yacoub El Mansour, who had elected Rabat to become its capital.

Rabat is a garden city with distinctive trees; its elegance combines ancient history with modern culture. We'll start the city tour with:

Dar El Makhzen (Royal Palace) outside view

Hassan Tower walk there by its esplanade

Mohamed V Mausoleum interior visit

Garden of the Oudayaswalk in its garden

Then lunch at a local restaurant in Rabat

Then continue the drive to Tangier via Larache and Asilah

Then check-in to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 3: TANGIER

Once an international city, Tangier has a special character that sets it apart from other Moroccan cities. It has drawn artists and writers, from Henri Matisse to Paul Bowles and writers of the Beat generation. Tangier's port, dominated by the medina, is the main link between Africa and Europe.

This city is becoming more and more beautiful with its flowers... The history of Tangier has been shaped by the sea and by its strategic location on the Straits of Gibraltar.

After breakfast, sightseeing of this mythic city Tangier

Departure towards Cape Spartel, where the Mediterranean sea meets the Atlantic Ocean. Free time to enjoy the fabulous view at the farthest Northwest point of Africa.

Continuing to the Caves of Hercules and visit.

Drive back to downtown

Lunch at a local restaurant by the Kasbah for a beautiful view of the whole city

Then visit of the Mendoubia gardens, then onto the Medina (old town) for a walk ending at the Gran Socco (big market)

Back to the hotel, Dinner & overnight

Day 4: TANGIER / CHAOUEN / FES

Breakfast, transfer to Fes

Drive to Fez via Chaouena charmant small city all white and blue

Lunch there at a local restaurant. Arrive at Fes, Check in at your hotel. Dinner & overnight

Day 5: FES

After breakfast, the whole day will be devoted to discovering FEZ, the oldest of the Imperial Cities, which is well known for its spiritual and educational contributions to the Moroccan culture. Visit of the medieval Medina. You will also explore the famous souks where craftsmen still labor in the age-old oriental tradition.

Discovery of this interesting medina, old city with its well organized handicrafts offering attractive souks and the main monuments that remember the story of this intellectual city where Islam begun.

The Mellah (Jewish quarter) walk there.

The Medina interesting walk there and possibility to make shopping  
Medersa Bou Inania interior visit

Nejjarine Square

The Karaouyne Mosque non muslims are not admitted outside view

The tanneries

The Palaces of Fez El Bali

The modern city drive by

Lunch at an Arab Palace. Continue sightseeing in the afternoon.  
Dinner and overnight

Day 6: FES / MARRAKECH

Breakfast, departure for MARRAKESH via Immouzer du Kandar, a Berber village, Ifrane, a delightful ski resort, and Azrou, a Berber village known for its handicraft cooperative filled with wood carving and carpet weaving.

Lunch at BENI MELLAL, then continuation to Marrakesh.

Arrival , check-in, and dinner and overnight.

Day 7: MARRAKECH

Breakfast, the entire day will be devoted to MARRAKESH's sightseeing, the second oldest Imperial City and definitely the "Pearl of the South". Founded by the Almoravides at the end of the 11th century, MARRAKESH sits in a lush oasis nestled at the foot of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains.

Sightseeing tour of Marrakech: the monuments in the morning and Jemaa El Fna square in the afternoon

Monuments: Menara, Koutoubia, Bahia Palace interior visit and the Saadian Tombs interior

After lunch, continue with sightseeing the souks and the famous Jemaa El Fna square.

Dinner at leisure at an Arab palace in the medina

Day 8: MARRAKECH - AIRPORT CASABLANCA 250 km 3 :00

After breakfast, transfer to airport for your return flight.