



COACH TOUR - BEST OF MOROCCO - 8N/9D



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Best of Morocco:
9days Tour (Trafalgar)

This grand circle of Morocco's mountains and cities puts your senses into overdrive - embracing the buzz of mopeds, the scent of spice and the delicate tastes of roses and orange.

You'll enjoy Insider moments like...marvelling at endless shades of red, from earthy terracotta to fierce magenta, as you watch the stained workers hand-dyeing material, using time-honoured methods in the old tannery pits of Fez.

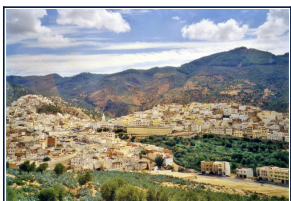


Day 1 : ARRIVE CASABLANCA

Welcome to the Kingdom of Morocco. Tonight meet with your travelling companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception.
Meal(s)

Welcome Reception

Hotel : Golden Tulip Farah



Day 2 : CASABLANCA - RABAT - MEKNES - FEZ (2 NIGHTS)

As you travel along the coast to Rabat, your Travel Director gives a fascinating account of Morocco's history from the French invasion of 1912 until full independence was granted in 1956. Your orientation tour of the city includes the grand 17th century palace which is now a museum, and the 12th century mosque. In the imperial city of Meknes, see Bab el-Mansour, one of the most impressive monumental gateways in North Africa. Arrive later in Fez, the symbolic heart of Morocco and the country's oldest imperial city.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel

Royal Mirage



Day 3 : FEZ SIGHTSEEING

Explore the medina, one of the largest thriving medieval centres in the world, with a Local Specialist during your morning sightseeing tour of Fez, former capital of Morocco. See the royal palace and visit the fascinating dye-pits and tanneries for a Cultural Insight into this ancient practice. Spend the rest of the day seeing the sights of your choice. Shop for beautiful carpets and unique souvenirs in the bustling and fascinating bazaar. Join your companions this evening for a very special Be My Guest experience of Moroccan specialities in a traditional Riad located in the heart of the Medina.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Be My Guest Dining



Day 4 : FEZ - ERFOUD

Follow the old caravan trail south. Stop for lunch in Midelt, a market town set in the high plains between the Middle and High Atlas mountain ranges. Continue along the palm-fringed Ziz Valley, famous for date cultivation, to the Tafilalt oasis on the edge of the Sahara Desert. Your day ends in Erfoud, where beautiful views across the shimmering Sahara have made this a popular location with filmmakers. Dine tonight at your hotel.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Hotel : Kasbah Xaluca Authentic Accommodation



Day 5 : ERFOUD - TINGHIR - DADES VALLEY

Travel west to Tinghir, one of the most beautiful oases in southern Morocco. Continue through part of the Todra Gorge and cut through the mountains for one of the most dramatic views in the country. Follow the route of a thousand kasbahs to the Dades Valley. Your hotel in this region has panoramic views of the surrounding Atlas Mountains.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Hotel : Xaluca Dades Authentic Accommodation

Day 6 : DADES VALLEY - OUARZAZATE - AÏT BEN HADDOU - MARRAKESH (2 NIGHTS)

Travel to Ouarzazate, the setting for a number of famous movies including Lawrence of Arabia, Cleopatra and Gladiator, and see the sights during your orientation tour. Visit Aït Ben Haddou in the High Atlas Mountains. Continue through the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass to Marrakesh - the 'Red City'. Like many other former imperial cities in Morocco, Marrakesh is comprised of an old fortified city - the medina - and an adjacent modern city. Marrakesh is home to Morocco's largest traditional market ('souk') where you might like to do some shopping.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Meridien N'Fis

Day 7 : MARRAKESH SIGHTSEEING

Visit the Bahia Palace during city orientation with a Local Specialist. See Djemaa el Fna Square in the old quarter with its palm readers, acrobats, camels and snakecharmers. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore. Tonight you might like to experience an authentic Moroccan show.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Day 8 : MARRAKESH - CASABLANCA

□ This morning travel north to Casablanca. In Casablanca see the sights during your orientation including views of the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, built for the late king's 60th birthday celebrations. Join your Travel Director and companions this evening for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate a memorable holiday.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Farewell Dinner

Hotel : Golden Tulip Farah

Day 9 : DEPART CASABLANCA

Say goodbye to your new-found friends at the end of your fascinating Moroccan holiday. Transfers are available. Conditions apply.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:

Sightseeing Highlights:

City tour in Fez, Marrakesh and Casablanca

Orientation of Rabat, Meknes, Erfoud and Ouarzazate

Visit Midelt, Tafilalt Oasis, Bahia Palace and Ait Ben Haddou

View the Royal Palace in Rabat, the Ziz Valley in Fez, Tinghir, the Todra Gorge and Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca

Dining

8 hot buffet breakfasts.

2 lunches.

5 dinners

(including Be My Guest).

Travel Highlights:

Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)

Hand-picked 4 and 5 star accommodation

Hand-picked Insider Experiences

Optional Experiences and free time

All portorage and restaurant gratuities

Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras

An expert Travel Director and separate Driver

All hotel tips, charges and local taxes

VIP entry to many sights

Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing

Hotel accommodation featuring twin rooms and private facilities

Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and an on-board restroom

The services of a professional Travel Director and Moroccan National Guide throughout your journey

Complimentary keepsake photo

Airport Transfers