

Best of Morocco

10 Days

1 Country

16 Meals

From US\$2250 Per person, twin share

An in-depth Morocco trip featuring all the exciting sights, sounds and flavours befitting of its status as the gateway to Africa. Explore the ancient alleyways of Fes, spend the evening like a local in a *riad* and learn about the healing touch of Moroccan ingredients like argan oil.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Fes and Marrakesh with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Rabat, Meknès, Erfoud, Ouarzazate, Essaouira and Casablanca
- **Visit** a traditional tannery and dye-pit in Fes, Midelt, Tafilalet Oasis, Bahia Palace and a Moroccan pharmacy in Marrakesh
- **View** the Royal Palace in Rabat, the Ziz Valley near Tinghir, the Todra Gorge, Ait Ben Haddou and the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca

Your holiday

Day

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Welcome to Casablanca Delve into the intrigue and romance of Casablanca, immortalised by Hollywood, before meeting your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)**

Hotel: Novotel City Center
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Journey to Rabat, Meknès and on to Fes We continue along the coast to the capital, Rabat. Here we'll embark on an orientation tour of the city including views of the grand 17th-century Palace and Mausoleum of Mohammed V. Travelling to the imperial city of Meknès, we'll see the grand gate of Bab el-Mansour adorned by green and white *zeillij* tiles. We arrive in Fes later today and spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(B)** **Hotel: Marriott Jnan Palace**
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Discover Vibrant Fes Join a *Local Specialist* today to explore the Medina, one of the largest thriving medieval centres in the world. See the Royal Palace and *Dive Into Culture* during a visit to the round dye-pits and tanneries, revealing Morocco's ancient leathercraft. Spend the rest of the day shopping or relaxing in a lantern-lit courtyard away from the Medina crowds. Join your companions this evening for a special opportunity to *Connect With Locals* over dinner for a *Be My Guest* experience, featuring Moroccan specialties served with wine in a traditional *riad*. **(B, BMG, 🍷, 🍷)**
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Onwards to Erfoud We follow the old caravan trail south, stopping for a lunch in Midelt. Continuing along the palm-fringed Ziz Valley and past the Tafilalet oasis, we arrive in the oasis town of Erfoud, regarded as the 'Gateway to the Sahara'. **(B, L, D)**

Hotel: Kasbah Xaluca
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Off to Tinghir Oasis and the Stunning Dades Valley Journeying west, we arrive in Tinghir, one of the most beautiful oases in southern Morocco. We continue through part of the Todra Gorge and cut through the mountains for one of the most dramatic views in the country. Enjoy a memorable lunch, then follow the 'Route of a Thousand Kasbahs' to the flourishing Dades Valley. Here we will overnight at one of Trafalgar's *Stays With Stories*; Xaluca Dades, surrounded by panoramic views of the Atlas Mountains. **(B, L, D, 🍷)** **Hotel: Xaluca Dades**



Overnight in the scenic Dades Valley.
Experience Morocco's Berber culture first-hand as you overnight on the edge of the majestic Atlas mountains overlooking the Dades Valley. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

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Venture through the High Atlas Mountains to Marrakesh Ouarzazate has provided a backdrop for such famous movies as 'Lawrence of Arabia', 'Cleopatra' and 'Gladiator'. Spend some time exploring the sights during your orientation tour. See the UNESCO-listed fortified village of Ait Ben Haddou in the High Atlas Mountains and continue through the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass to Marrakesh - the 'Red City'. Marrakesh is home to Morocco's largest traditional *souk* (market) where you may wish to spend some time learning the art of haggling. **(B)**

Hotel: Le Méridien N'Fis
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Explore Marrakesh Visit the ornate Bahia Palace during a city orientation with your *Local Specialist* and spend some time soaking up the energy of Djemaa el Fna Square in the Old Quarter with its palm readers, acrobats and snake-charmers. **(B)**
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Continue to Coastal Essaouira We travel to the laid-back shores of Essaouira this morning. Stopping en route, we *Dive Into Culture* to visit a cooperative involved in creating cosmetics from traditional ingredients. Consider a delicious seafood lunch and enjoy some free time before joining a city tour of the UNESCO-listed Medina, the walled Jewish Quarter and Skala fortress. Spend the rest of the evening at leisure. **(B, 🍷)** **Hotel: Coté Océan Mogador**
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Return to Casablanca This morning we journey north to Casablanca where we will enjoy views of the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, built for the late King's 60th birthday celebrations. Later, we join our Travel Director and companions for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate an unforgettable voyage of discovery. **(B, FD)** **Hotel: Novotel City Center**
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Farewell Morocco Say goodbye to your newfound friends at the end of your Moroccan holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

" This itinerary shows Morocco in all of its glory, from the towns and cities to the desert, mountains and beaches. It is totally different to any other country we have seen, a country of contrasts, colour and excitement. Not to be missed. "

Our Guest: M. Moore on
Best of Morocco

Your 2022 Holiday Planner

Start Casablanca	End Casablanca	Start Casablanca	End Casablanca
■ Sun 02 Jan	Tue 11 Jan	Fri 09 Sep	Sun 18 Sep
■ Fri 14 Jan	Sun 23 Jan	Fri 16 Sep	Sun 25 Sep
■ Fri 28 Jan	Sun 06 Feb	Fri 23 Sep	Sun 02 Oct
		Fri 30 Sep	Sun 09 Oct
■ Fri 11 Feb	Sun 20 Feb	■ Fri 07 Oct	Sun 16 Oct
■ Fri 25 Feb	Sun 06 Mar	■ Fri 21 Oct	Sun 30 Oct
■ Fri 11 Mar	Sun 20 Mar	■ Fri 04 Nov	Sun 13 Nov
■ Fri 25 Mar	Sun 03 Apr	■ Fri 18 Nov	Sun 27 Nov
■ Fri 01 Apr	Sun 10 Apr	■ Fri 02 Dec	Sun 11 Dec
Fri 15 Apr	Sun 24 Apr	■ Sat 17 Dec	Mon 26 Dec
Fri 22 Apr	Sun 01 May		2023
Fri 29 Apr	Sun 08 May	■ Mon 02 Jan	Wed 11 Jan
		■ Fri 13 Jan	Sun 22 Jan
Fri 13 May	Sun 22 May	■ Fri 27 Jan	Sun 05 Feb
Fri 27 May	Sun 05 Jun		
Fri 10 Jun	Sun 19 Jun	■ Fri 10 Feb	Sun 19 Feb
Fri 24 Jun	Sun 03 Jul	■ Fri 24 Feb	Sun 05 Mar
Fri 08 Jul	Sun 17 Jul	■ Fri 10 Mar	Sun 19 Mar
Fri 22 Jul	Sun 31 Jul	■ Fri 24 Mar	Sun 02 Apr
		■ Fri 31 Mar	Sun 09 Apr
Fri 05 Aug	Sun 14 Aug	■ Fri 14 Apr	Sun 23 Apr
Fri 19 Aug	Sun 28 Aug	■ Fri 21 Apr	Sun 30 Apr
Fri 26 Aug	Sun 04 Sep	■ Fri 28 Apr	Sun 07 May
Fri 02 Sep	Sun 11 Sep		

■ These departures may vary in itinerary, hotels, and inclusions in line with seasonal changes.

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If you're looking even further ahead, this trip departs most Fridays from April to October 2023. Visit our website for dates and today's best prices.

Connect With Locals
WR Welcome Reception
B Breakfast

Stays With Stories
L Lunch
D Dinner

Dive Into Culture
RD Regional Dinner
FD Farewell Dinner

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