



Morocco: 12 Day Detailed Itinerary

Marrakech Magic, Camel Rides & Starry Skies, Chefchaouen Charm, and Coastal Waves

Airport Information:

Arrival Airport: Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport (CMN)

Departure Airport: Marrakesh Menara Airport (RAK)

Day 1: Arrivals & Welcome Dinner

Please plan your flights so that you **arrive at Casablanca Airport (CMN) by 5:00 PM**. This gives everyone a comfortable arrival window before we meet in the lobby at **6:45 PM** for our **7:00 PM dinner reservation**.

After dinner, we'll make our way back to the hotel for a good night's rest before the journey ahead.

Transportation:

 Air-conditioned taxi

Airport transfer  Accommodations

Approximate travel time: 30–45 minutes from airport to hotel

 Air-conditioned taxi

Accommodations  Restaurant

Approximate travel time: 10 minutes each way

Meals included:

 Welcome dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Accommodation in Casablanca

Day 2: Casablanca to Rabat

Wake rested and refreshed, then enjoy breakfast at our accommodations before we hit the ground running. This morning we meet in the hotel lobby at 8:15am and we dive straight into the

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architectural jaw-dropper that is the Hassan II Mosque, perched boldly over the Atlantic. With our local guide, we'll explore its soaring minaret, intricate tilework, and the stories that bring this masterpiece to life.

* For entry into the Hassan II Mosque, shoulders and knees must be covered for both men and women. Clothing should be modest (no low-cut tops, short skirts, or tight/revealing pieces). Headscarves are optional — not required — but you're welcome to bring one if it makes you feel more comfortable.

By afternoon, we drive to Rabat. Walking the streets of Rabat feels like stepping into a living tapestry—woven with centuries-old stone, ocean mist, and a rhythm that hums with quiet power. As Morocco's capital, Rabat balances elegance with edge.

Our local tour guide fills us in on the history of the Hassan Tower and we wander the streets of Kasbah of the Oudayas, a fortified 12th-century citadel perched above the Bou Regreg River. Step through the monumental Bab Oudaia gate—its horseshoe arch carved with floral motifs and Qur'anic verses—and enter a world of whitewashed walls, cobalt blue doors, and winding alleys that feel like a dream in motion. Originally built as a military fortress, the kasbah's thick ramparts and strategic hilltop location once guarded the river mouth and the ancient city of Sala Colonia.

As evening settles in, we arrive at our traditional Moroccan riad in Rabat — a welcoming home for the night where a warm, home-cooked meal awaits us and cozy beds are ready to restore us after a full day of exploring.

Transportation:

 Walking Time

Accommodations  Tour

Approximate travel time: two – three hours

 Air-conditioned private vehicle

Casablanca  Rabat

Approximate travel time: an hour and half

 **Meals included:** Breakfast and dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Accommodation near Rabat

Day 3: Rabat to Chefchaouen

We set off for Chefchaouen from our accommodations at 8:00am. Upon arrival, the maze of blue-washed streets feels almost dreamlike — sapphire walls, cobalt stairways, and quiet corners that make you feel as though you’ve stepped straight into an enchanted fairytale.

Together with our host, our group wanders the Blue City stopping to capture all the most beautiful spots and hidden gems along the way. It’s the perfect blend of exploration and connection — time to take photos, get lost in the charm, and soak in the magic of Chefchaouen without rushing.

As the sun begins to set, we gather with locals overlooking the Blue City. With our hosts, we prepare a traditional Moroccan dinner and enjoy it together as Chefchaouen glows beneath us in shades of blue and gold.

Transportation:



Walking Time

Chefchaouen Walking & Walk to Sunset Dinner

Approximate travel time: one– two hours

Chefchaouen is built into the hills, so expect stairs throughout the walk. The city’s charm comes with elevation — winding pathways, stepped alleyways, and gentle climbs as we explore and make our way to our sunset dinner viewpoint.



Air-conditioned private vehicle

Rabat  Accommodations

Approximate travel time: four and half hours



Meals included: Breakfast and dinner



Accommodation included: Accommodation in Chefchaouen

Day 4: Volubilis & Fes

Before we set off for Fes, the morning is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Take in a slow breakfast overlooking the Blue City from our rooftop terrace, or wander the quiet, blue-washed streets before the day’s visitors arrive. It’s the perfect moment to soak in Chefchaouen’s beauty one last time.

We leave the splendor of the Blue City behind and begin our journey to Fes. Please meet in the hotel lobby at **10:00am** for departure.

On our way, we’ll make a meaningful stop at Volubilis, the ancient Roman city whose remarkably preserved mosaics, arches, and villas offer a vivid window into Morocco’s early history. This UNESCO World Heritage site feels almost suspended in time — a quiet, open-air museum set among rolling hills.

After exploring the ancient Roman ruins of Volubilis, we continue our journey toward Fes. Our accommodations sit inside the walled medina — the largest car-free urban area in the world, a living labyrinth of history, culture, and tradition.

Not quite ready to end the adventure, your host will take anyone interested to a few local shops near our riad — a chance to browse handmade goods, meet local artisans, or simply wander the medina's winding pathways together. The evening is yours to explore at your own pace.

As our first day in Fes comes to a close, settle into the comfort of our traditional Moroccan riad. Prefer a slower evening? Head up to the rooftop terrace, where sweeping views of the medina stretch out beneath you and the city begins to glow in the soft light of dusk.

Walking Time

Approximate time: under one hour

 Air-conditioned private vehicle

Chefchaouen  Volubilis

Approximate travel time: three – three and half hours

 Air-conditioned private vehicle

Volubilis  Fes

Approximate travel time: one and half hours

 **Meals included:** Breakfast and light lunch

 **Accommodation included:** Accommodation in Fes (2 nights)

Day 5: Fes Explored Deeper

After a full travel day yesterday, we ease into the morning with a slow breakfast at our riad and time to relax before meeting our local guide at **10:00am**. Today is all about diving deeper into the cultural heart of Fes at a comfortable, unhurried pace.

With our guide leading the way, we step through **Bab Boujloud (the Blue Gate)** and into the UNESCO-listed medina. We explore the stunning **Medersa Bou Inania**, wander through artisan quarters, pause at the historic **Nejjarine Fountain**, and wind our way toward the **Qarawiyyin Mosque & University**, one of the oldest educational institutions in the world.

We'll also visit the **centuries-old tanneries**, watching artisans work with the same traditional methods that have shaped Fes for generations — a vivid, unforgettable window into the city's craftsmanship.

Before wrapping up, we visit the **Mellah (Jewish Quarter)** for a different perspective on the city's layered history.

Outside the city walls, we stop at the **Royal Palace Gate**, known for its ornate golden doors and intricate zellij tilework. While the palace itself is closed to the public, the exterior remains one of the most photographed landmarks in Fes.

We also visit a traditional pottery and zellij workshop, where artisans shape clay by hand, fire it in glowing kilns, and chisel intricate tiles with incredible precision. Watching mosaics come together piece by tiny piece is mesmerizing — a true Fes highlight.

Our guided portion ends early afternoon, giving you the rest of the day to unwind back at our riad — stretch out on the rooftop terrace, journal, or simply soak in the quiet beauty of Fes from above as the day slows down.

 Walking Time

Fes Walking Tour

Approximate travel time: three – four hours

 **Meals included:** Breakfast and dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Accommodation in Fes (2 nights)

Day 6: Fes - Ifrane - Cedars Forest - Midelt - Ziz Valley & Sunset Camel Rides in the Sahara

We wake early this morning for our journey toward the Sahara. Please meet in the riad lobby at 7:00am with your bags packed and ready for departure. Our hosts will prepare breakfast to go, which you can enjoy as we begin the drive.

As we head south from Fes, our drive becomes a constant change of dramatic scenery and landscapes — from the cool alpine charm of Ifrane, to the towering cedars where we stop to meet the shaggy, curious Barbary macaques.

We continue through Midelt for lunch before the mountains open into sweeping views of the Ziz Valley. From above, we take in the lush palm groves, a striking ribbon of green cutting through the desert cliffs — a beautiful preview of the shifting terrain ahead.

From there, we continue toward Merzouga. Enter our once-in-a-lifetime experiences. The only way to reach our desert camp is by 4×4, and you're in for one unforgettable ride. We kick up sand as we carve across the Sahara, the landscape shifting around us like a living painting. Upon arrival, we mount our camels and ride deeper into the Sahara, watching the sun melt into the dunes in a wash

of gold. As the light fades, we make our way to our luxe desert camp — a warm welcome of Berber music, glowing lanterns, and a night sky overflowing with stars.

 Walking Time

Approximate travel time: less than an hour

 Air-conditioned private vehicle

Fes  Merzouga (Sahara Desert)

Approximate travel time: eight hours with stops

 **Meals included:** Breakfast and dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Accommodation near the Sahara

Day 7: Sahara Desert Adventures

Wake to the calm of our desert camp as the first light stretches across the dunes. Enjoy a slow morning or head out to explore the vast Sahara by foot — the silence out here feels almost otherworldly.

For those craving a burst of adventure, hop on four-wheelers for the ride of a lifetime, kicking up sand as you fly across the dunes in one wild, unforgettable rush. You can also try sandboarding, gliding down the soft slopes of the Sahara on a board for a thrill that's equal parts fun and surreal.

Learn how traditional desert bread is made — baked in the sand with a nomadic family. A simple, beautiful hands-on experience that connects you to the rhythms of desert life.

As afternoon settles in, we make our way toward Todgha Gorge, where sheer limestone walls rise dramatically on either side of the valley. Our stay for the night is at a warm, family run guesthouse tucked along the riverbed. The property opens onto a peaceful terrace overlooking the palm groves and the rugged canyon landscape — a quiet, grounding contrast to the towering cliffs just beyond.

This evening, we're welcomed to dinner on the terrace, where homecooked Moroccan dishes are served with views of the gorge glowing in the late-day light. It's a simple, beautiful moment: fresh air, good food, and the kind of stillness that makes this region unforgettable.

 Walking Time

Approximate travel time: less than an hour

 Camel Journey

Approximate camel ride time: 1–1.5 hours Gentle pace, limited walking other than short distances on soft sand.

 Air-conditioned private vehicle

Merzouga (Sahara Desert)  Todgha Gorge

Approximate travel time: four hours total between stops

 **Meals included:** Breakfast and dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Accommodation in Todgha Gorge

Day 8: Todgha Gorge Awaits & Desert Drama Meets Cinematic Majesty

After days of movement, we slow the pace and settle into the breathtaking beauty of Todgha Gorge — a place where the canyon walls rise straight into the sky and the whole world feels carved from stone and light. Our stunning accommodations overlook the gorge itself, giving you front-row views of the epic landscape right from your room. Sunrises here are something special — the canyon glows, the light shifts, and it feels like the whole place is waking up with you. It's the perfect pause in the middle of our journey — grounding, scenic, and unforgettable.

With our local guide leading the way, we take an easy walk along the gorge floor, where the river winds between towering cliffs and the air stays cool and crisp. As we wander, he shares stories of the people who call this valley home — how the clay buildings are shaped by tradition and climate, how families rely on the land, and how the local food systems sustain their community in this dramatic landscape.

Our walk leads us to a women's weaving co-op, where no two rugs are ever the same. Each piece is hand-woven, rich with symbolism, and tells the story of the woman who created it. It's a beautiful, intimate look at the artistry and heritage of the region.

Next up — Ait Ben Haddou, a UNESCO-listed ksar that looks like it was carved straight out of a movie set—because it was. *Gladiator*, *Game of Thrones*, *The Mummy* ... they all filmed here. It's a real mudbrick fortress, stacked into the hillside, with winding alleys, crumbling towers, and breathtaking panoramic views.

Onward to Marrakech — where we step through carved wooden doors and into our intricately tiled riad, a quiet world tucked inside the pulse of the medina. Unwind in your rooftop room with mountain views stretching into the distance, or sip mint tea as you meander through mosaic-lined corridors that glow in the afternoon light.

 Walking Time

Todgha Gorge

Approximate travel time: less than an hour

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Transportation:

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Todgha Gorge  Ait Ben Haddou

Approximate travel time: three hours

 Air-conditioned private vehicle

Ait Ben Haddou  Marrakech

Approximate travel time: three hours

 **Meals included:** Breakfast

 **Accommodation included:** Accommodation in Marrakech (4 nights)

Day 9: Marrakech Magic

Wake refreshed before stepping into the pulse of Marrakech, where every corner hums with life. Enjoy a slow, easy morning at our riad — sip mint tea on the terrace, savor breakfast, and take your time easing into the day. At 10:00am, we meet our expert local guide and begin exploring the city's most iconic sites. Our guide will lead us through the city's winding streets, unveiling its hidden gems and legendary landmarks. Marvel at the intricate beauty of the Bahia Palace, and uncover the secrets of the Saadian Tombs, a resting place of sultans and warriors, hidden for centuries behind the Kasbah Mosque. We wander through the halls of Ben Youssef Quranic Mosque to uncover tucked away splendor. Your guide will help you gain confidence navigating the labyrinthine streets of the Medina and bring Marrakech's rich history to life.

By early afternoon, we wrap up the guided portion and the rest of the day is yours — wander the medina at your own pace, browse for handcrafted treasures, relax back at the riad, or settle into a quiet café to watch the city move around you.

As the sun sets, dive into the electrifying energy of the night market, where sizzling street food, hypnotic music, and dazzling lights create an unforgettable spectacle.

 **Walking Time**

Walking Tour

Approximate walking time: three - four hours

 **Walking Time**

Riad  Night Market

Approximate walking time: 15-20 minutes each way

 **Meals included:** Breakfast

 **Accommodation included:** Accommodation in Marrakech (4 nights)

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Day 10: Marrakech Uncovered

This morning, awaken to the soothing ritual of a traditional hammam—a centuries-old cleansing experience that is both rejuvenating and deeply cultural. Begin in the warm steam room, where the heat opens your pores and relaxes your muscles. Then, indulge in an invigorating black soap scrub, followed by a vigorous exfoliation with a kessa mitt, leaving your skin silky smooth. As warm water is poured over you in rhythmic motions, the experience becomes almost meditative, washing away stress and fatigue. Unwind with the soothing sound of trickling water, fragrant mint tea, and delicate Moroccan cookies—a perfect moment of relaxation before stepping back into the vibrant rhythm of Marrakech.

This afternoon is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Wander the souks and get lost in the colors, scents, and textures of Marrakech — every turn leads to a new discovery. Slip into a rooftop café for mint tea or coffee with sweeping medina views, or try to score tickets to the iconic Majorelle Garden, the famous “blue one” that feels like stepping into a living work of art.

If you’re craving a deeper cultural moment, explore one of Marrakech’s local museums, like the Dar El Bacha Museum of Confluences, the Photography Museum, or the Maison de la Photographie, each offering a beautiful window into Moroccan history and artistry. Or simply let yourself drift through the winding alleys of the medina, where artisans hammer brass by hand, spices spill from woven baskets, and everyday life unfolds in the most captivating ways.

This is your time to slow down, follow your curiosity, and soak in the energy of the Red City exactly how you want.

Walking Time

Approximate walking time: up to an hour

 **Meals included:** Breakfast

 **Accommodation included:** Accommodation in Marrakech (4 nights)

Day 11: Atlas Mountains Await

Please meet in the lobby at **8:30am**. You’re welcome to enjoy an early breakfast at the riad or grab a simple breakfast to go — we’ll be heading into the Atlas Mountains for a full day of fresh air, waterfalls, and Berber hospitality.

Our stop? We journey deep into the valley toward Setti Fatma, a village surrounded by rushing rivers, terraced fields, and cool mountain air. Instead of hiking, this is our time to slow down and

simply *be* in the beauty of the High Atlas. We settle in by the river, letting the sound of the water and the fresh breeze do the work — a peaceful pause in the middle of our journey.

Local henna artists are often nearby, offering beautiful, traditional designs for anyone who wants a quiet cultural moment while relaxing by the water.

Midday, we're welcomed for a traditional Moroccan lunch at a simple riverside restaurant or Berber home (depending on the day's conditions). It's warm, homemade, and deeply tied to the valley's way of life.

After lunch, we make our way back through the valley, stopping for photos, small moments, and anything that catches our curiosity.

As evening settles in, we gather at our riad for one final meal — savoring good food, warm company, and the memories we've created along the way.

Walking Time

Approximate walking time: under an hour

 Air-conditioned bus

Marrakech → Atlas Mountains

Approximate travel time: an hour and half each way

 **Meals included:** Breakfast and dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Accommodation in Marrakech (4 nights)

Day 12: Departure

Departure day — Depart from Marrakesh Menara Airport (RAK). Your flight can depart at any time, but if you're not ready to end your adventure, your host can arrange additional tours to explore more of the region's stunning landscapes and thrilling experiences. Think breezy coastal towns like an Essaouira Day Trip or dive deeper into Marrakech's magic.

Your prearranged airport transfer will take you to the airport in time for your scheduled departure.

A quick note: Morocco's airports are silent, so you won't hear boarding or gate announcements over the speakers. Be sure to check the departure screens regularly for any updates to your flight.

 Air-conditioned taxi

Marrakech Accommodations → Marrakech Airport

Approximate travel time: 15 – 20 minutes

 **Meals included:** Breakfast

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