



*** Short trip 1 week – 8 days / 7 nights ***

MOROCCO'S IMPERIAL CITIES

The Imperial Cities of Morocco with their ancient palaces, the spiritual center FES of the country – a drive through the Ziz-Valley into the Sahara with a camel excursion and overnight stay in a desert camp – side trips to the Todra and the Dades Gorge, the Rose Valley and the old Kasbah of Ait Benhaddou with stunning views of the mountains of the High Atlas are the hot spots of this tour – as well as the oriental and vibrant city of Marrakech.

DAY 1

MARHABA IN CASABLANCA

Arrival at destination – passing a short visit of the Hassan II. Mosque being one of the largest mosques in the world. Later we head to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, where you check in to your Ryad, overnight stay with breakfast.

DAY 2

RABAT – FES

In the morning half-day visit of the city with a city guide: the Hassan tower signifying the recent town's landmark, as well as the king's palace and the mausoleum of Mohammed V. Further highlights are the Meridian Tombs known as the Chellah, next to the residence of Moulay Ismail and the Souk el Ghezal square, which was formerly the trading centre and slave marketplace. Later we drive to Fes where you spend the following 2 nights in your Ryad in the medina, overnight with breakfast.

DAY 3

FES

The day will be dedicated to discover the city of Fez, the oldest of the imperial cities, founded by Idriss II, and nowadays the center of irradiation of Arab-Muslim culture. We visit the Andalusian Mosque, tanneries, the potteries, and the Medina. After Lunch we continue the visit the Hispanic-Arab buildings, the Medersas.

DAY 4

IFRANE – ZIZ VALLEY – ERFOUD – DUNES OF MERZOUGA – CAMEL TREK AND DESERT CAMP

After breakfast we depart from Fes through the Middle Atlas. We will stop in Ifrane for seeing the monkey forest and enjoying the Moroccan Switzerland area before continuing to Erfoud along the Ziz Valley by a series of fortified villages with its architecture announcing the pre-Saharan oasis. Arrival in the dunes of Merzouga (Erg Chebbi) in the late afternoon. We meet the dromedaries from where you will mount your camels and trek out with your camel-driver into the heart of the desert for about 2 hours into the setting sun – an unforgettable adventure! They bring you to a desert camp with traditional nomad tents where you can relax, have dinner, listen to traditional music around the camp fire, or wander into the sands and marvel at the stars...

Day 5

RISSANI – TODHRA GORGES – DADES GORGE

In the early morning we wake up to climb up to the top of the dune to enjoy the magnificent sunrise. After taking a breakfast in the camp we leave the desert and pass through the palm tree area to the High Atlas area, stopping at Erfoud to visit its renowned Fossil Museum, featured in David Attenborough's recent BBC TV series about the origins of life on earth. We head to Todra Gorge where we stroll through the famous gorge with its stunning cliffs. Later we drive to the nearby Dades Valley where we spend overnight in a traditional Kasbah Hotel.

Day 6

ROSES VALLEY – AIT BENHADDOU – MARRAKECH

On our way to Marrakech we take the Road of the 1000 Kasbahs passing the Valley of Roses to Ait Benhaddou, a former Glaoui Kasbah along the Caravan Route between the Sahara and Marrakech. We enter the fortified old town and enjoy the view over the river into the mountains of the High Atlas. Later we climb up the mountain range, crossing the pass Tich 'n Tizka with an altitude of 2.260m. Along the way we will stop several times to take photos and enjoy the beauties of the High Atlas. In the late afternoon we arrive in Marrakech where you check in to your Ryad in the Medina, 2 overnight stays with breakfast.

Day 7

MARRAKECH

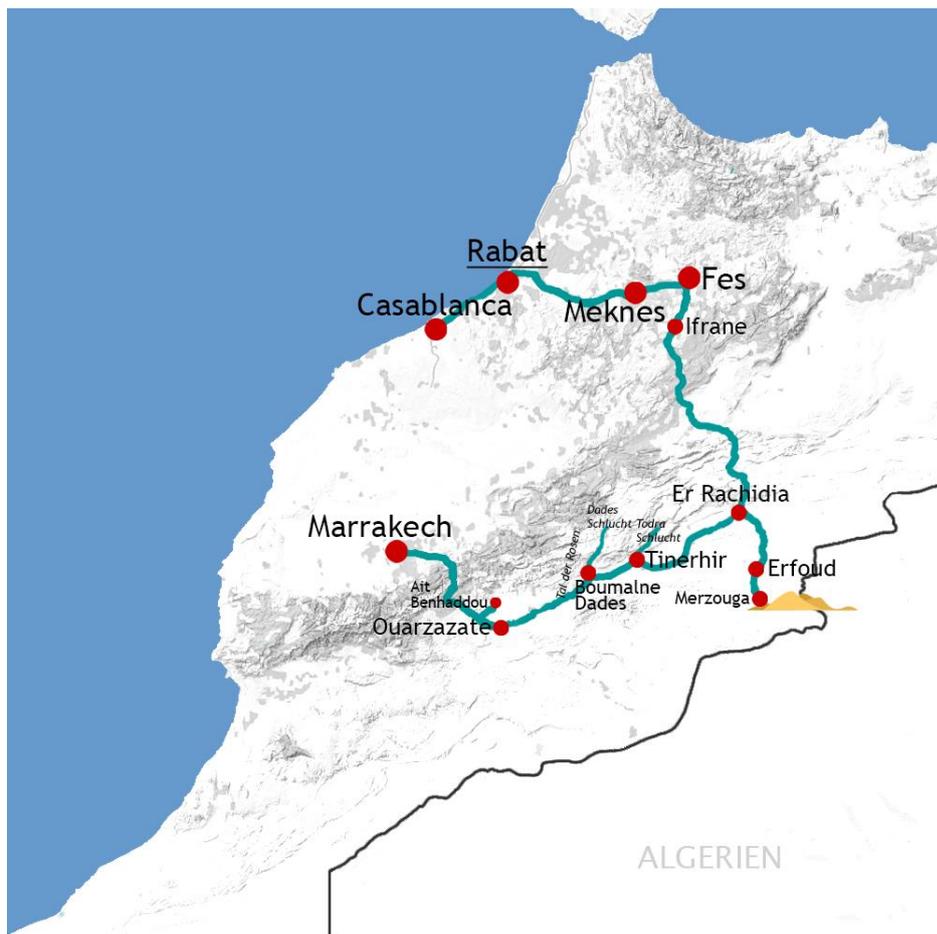
In the vibrant, oriental city of Marrakech our we spend our last day. The city guide will come in the morning to bring you to enjoy Marrakech and visit interesting places: sightseeing of the Koutoubia mosque, the Saadian Tombs and the palaces Dar Sidi Said and the Palais Bahia, as well as the Mellah and the souks are on the program. Arrangement of the half-day tour as desired with your city guide. Highlight is the Medina with its colourful daily life and the market place "Djema el fnaa".

DAY 8

FLIGHT BACK HOME FROM MARRAKECH

It is time to say good-bye to our hosts and take our flights back home.

ROUTE



PRICE

Per person in double or twin room – with 2 pax	10.200 MAD
Per person in double or twin room – with 4 pax	7.600 MAD

BENEFITS

- Transfer Airport - Hotel - Airport
- 2x overnight stay in ***hotels with half-board in a double/twin room
- 5x overnight stay in ***hotels bed & breakfast
- 7 days driving in a comfortable, air-conditioned off-road vehicle, petrol included
- Care by a driver familiar with place – and the desert
- 1x camel trekking with overnight stay in a luxury tent, half-board
- City guide in Rabat, Fes and Marrakech

Short-term program changes reserved