



Morocco: 5th Annual Girlfriend Getaway

Escape with us to the enchanting gem of Northern Africa!

10 Days, 9 Night Land Package

October 7 – 16, 2022

Depart USA

DEPART...THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER 2022

You will depart from your respective cities. [Flights are booked separately!](#) The group will depart at 8:30pm(EST) on an overnight direct flight of 6hrs 50 min (#AT 201) via **Royal Morocco Airlines** from JFK on October 6, 2022 to **Casablanca Mohammed V International(CMN)**. Arriving on Friday October 7th @ 8:30am(GMT/UTC) in Casablanca. Group return flight from Casablanca will be on October 16th @ 3:50pm on flight# AT 200 via same airline to JFK. Thus far this is only direct and least expensive flight out of JFK @ \$819 RT. However, you're welcome to book separately, and fly from any city, province or country suffice you arrive on October 7th in close proximity to the group flight. Visit www.royalairmaroc.com or www.aa.com to book your flight.

DAY 1: FRIDAY, 7th OCTOBER 2022

Casablanca airport – Casablanca Tour – City of Rabat Overnight

Marhaba! Welcome to Morocco Globetrotting Sisters!

Upon arrival at Casablanca Mohammed V International airport, you will hit the ground running with a **City tour of Casablanca**. You will be escorted by our local English-speaking guide. Casablanca is now Morocco's largest city and commercial capital; Africa's fourth largest port. Your tour will include visits to numerous landmarks, historical sites, and neighborhoods. You will first embark on a walking tour of **Ana district, Ain Diab, Boulevard de la Corniche**, and stroll the **Atlantic boardwalk** lined with restaurants where you will stop for a sumptuous local lunch. You will resume the walking tour with stops at the **United Nations Palace, Mohammed V Square, and The Mosque of Hassan II**. At the end of the walking tour, you will stop at the **central fountain** for a few minutes to catch your breath. Upon completion of the tour, you will be driven in a modern air-conditioned vehicle to the city of Rabat to spend the night. You will check into your **traditional Moroccan Riad** known for its Andalusian architecture. You will enjoy the amenities of your riad before convening for a **traditional Moroccan Welcome dinner**.

Meals: Lunch & Dinner Accommodation: Riad Kalaa www.riadkalaa.com



DAY 2: SATURDAY, 8th OCTOBER 2022

Rabat -Rabat City Tour – Chefchaouen Overnight

After your local Moroccan breakfast, you will embark on a **City Tour of Rabat**.

Rabat, Morocco's capital, rests along the shores of the Bouregreg River and the Atlantic Ocean. It's known for landmarks that speak to its Islamic and French-colonial heritage, including the Kasbah of the Udayas. This Berber-era royal fort is surrounded by formal French-designed gardens and overlooks the ocean. The city's iconic Hassan Tower, a 12th-century minaret, soars above the ruins of a mosque.

Our tour today includes **Oudaia Kasbah**, a heavily fortified town – a medina within the **medina** complete with **mosques, souks**. Stops also includes **Mausoleum of Mohammed V, Hassan Tower**, and historic **Chellah Necropolis**. After lunch at a local restaurant, you will gather your belonging and leave the capital city of Rabat on a 4hrs drive. Take in the breathtaking views of the **Riff Mountains** enroute to the stunning town of Chefchaouen aka blue city. Chefchaouen is a **gorgeous city in northeastern Morocco**. It was founded by the **Moorish exiles** from Spain in 1492 and lies near the Rif Mountains. The humble town and the picturesque medina with a splendid backdrop of the Rif Mountains make it truly stunning. Upon arrival you will settle into your traditional riad and enjoy a sumptuous local meal.

<http://www.darechchaouen.com/eng/>

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Accommodation: Dar Echchaouen Chefchaouen





DAY 3: SUNDAY, 9th OCTOBER 2022

Chefchaouen City Tour- Depart for Fes (Fez)

After breakfast you will be escorted by your guide on a city **Tour of Chefchaouen**. With its distinctive pale blue, whitewashed buildings, and winding alleyways, Chefchaouen is a charming place with strong Andalusian connections. It was here that many **Jews and Moors** fled during the **Spanish Inquisition**. Highlights of your day includes a short **hike** to the ruins of the "Spanish" mosque with its fantastic **panoramic view**; a visit to the **Ras el-Ma**, where the city's **freshwater springs** from the mountain; and a stroll through the wonderfully restored kasbah and **picturesque gardens**. Afterwards you will wander at leisure through the **medina shopping** for **arts and crafts** or lounging in one of the many **outdoor cafés** where we will enjoy a local lunch. During the evening we will gather our belongs and driven to the city of Fes. Upon arrival in Fes we will enjoy a local **dinner at riad Salam restaurant** before checking into **our exquisite 5-star Riad where you will stay for 2 nights**. <https://www.riadelaminefes.com>

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Accommodation: Riad El Amine Fes





DAY 4: MONDAY, 10th OCTOBER 2022

Fes – Fes City Tour – Walled City – Medina

After breakfast you will embark on a Fes City Tour.

Fes is the **cultural capital** and one of the most complete medieval Islamic cities in the world. Strolling through the gates and walls into the alleyways will transport you back in time. The streets are just as they were since been built in the 8th century, with high walls that protect the courtyards inside from the heat of the midday sun. Fes boasts one of the **oldest universities**, **beautiful mosques**, and **fascinating souks** reminiscent of traditional open-air markets. You will embark on a walking tour to some of the major points of interests. You'll visit the **Place an-Nejjarine**, where an ancient caravanserai overlooks a fountain; wander outside the **great Qayrawan mosque**, passing **14th century merchant's shops**; head to the **tanneries - where leather is stained in vats** of strikingly colored dyes. The **souk al- Attarine** will beckon you with the scent of exotic spices that fills the air. Upon completion of the walking tour, you will have lunch before strolling about at leisure. Feel free to experience a **traditional public hammam bathhouse** before being escorted back to your Riad. Tonight, you will remain in Fes. Dinner is at leisure @ your own expense tonight. **Accommodation: Riad el amine**

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch <https://www.riadelaminefes.com>



DAY 5: TUESDAY, 11th OCTOBER 2022

Fez – Ifrane – Midelt – Merzouga- luxury camp-Bedouin-Berber (7-8hrs Drive Approx.)

After breakfast you will check out of your Riad and depart on a magical journey via modern air-conditioned vehicle into the **Atlas Mountains**. The **Atlas Mountains** are a series of **mountain** ranges in northwestern Africa. The Atlas Mountains are primarily **inhabited by Berber populations**. You will make several stops along the way in various cities and towns. Your first stop is the ancient **Moroccan Swiss town called Ifran**. You will explore the area on foot and enjoy **local mint tea** with a **Berber family**. You will continue onward as we start to slowly descend into the Middle Atlas ranges and wind up in the **palm oasis** of the **stunning Ziz Valley**. You will explore the charming city of **Erfoud** and **Rissani** and enjoy lunch at one the local restaurants. Then you will continue your journey into the desert of **Merzouga**. You will head off into the **vastness of the dunes on a camel caravan** accompanied by **camel teers**. The sturdy camel has been crucial to desert life over the centuries, being used to ship the precious cargoes from Sub Saharan African to the trading ports of the Mediterranean coast. You can **ride or walk alongside** as you slip into the pace of the **caravan** led by **Berber guides** and marvel at the awesome spectacle of the desert, and the solitude and silence that comes with it. You will settle into your desert tent before convening with the group for a **traditional Berber dinner around a campfire** with **singing and drumming** under the beautiful stars. We will utilize this dining experience to learn more about the people native to Morocco. **Accommodation: Desert Luxury Camp** <https://www.desertluxurycamp.com/>

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner





DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 2022

Merzouga- Todra Gorge – Dades Gorge – Tinerhir (Tinghir) 4 .5hours Drive

Enjoy a lovely breakfast in this desert oasis. Take a stroll and take in the marvelous surroundings before our departure. On our way you will also stop at a school in the village of **Khamlia** to distribute **school supplies** to local **Berber** and **Sudanese children**. Leaving the desert behind you'll head up into the **Atlas Mountains to the Todra Gorge**, a spectacular gash in the hills that surround **Tinerhir**. The region is dotted with deserted **kasbahs**, **palmeries** and **mud- brick villages**, creating a photographer's paradise. The cliffs loom above as you approach the mouth of **Todra Gorge**. Rising to 300m, the honey-colored hues of the sheer face change constantly as the sun moves across the sky. **Local Berber** people can often be seen moving their **herds** through the gorge. Heading into the gorge you'll have the chance to **stretch your legs on a walk to fully appreciate the beauty of the area**. You will stop for lunch at a local restaurant enroute to your overnight accommodation in **Dades Gorge**. Upon arrival you will enjoy the amenities of this lovely hotel before your sumptuous dinner after a long journey. The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Accommodation: Xaluca Dades

<https://xaluca.com/hotelxalucadades>



DAY 7: THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER 2022

Dades Gorge - Skoura Oasis - Ouarzazate - Ait BenHaddou - Marrakech appx 5 1/2 drive

Today we set onto **Ouarzazate** and nearby **Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou**. This is probably the best-preserved fortified Kasbah in the country. With its dramatic walls of red earth, slit windows and crumbling towers, it is a magnificent example of a traditional stronghold. Chosen as a location for **Hollywood films** such as **Lawrence of Arabia**, **Jewel in the Nile**, and more recently **Gladiator**, Ait Ben Haddou sits upon a lofty pinnacle of rock overlooking a river. Dating from around the 15th century, its importance as a trading post gradually waned, and today's inhabitants live from farming... and as film extras! Then we set onto the dramatic drive of **Tizi** and **Tichka** that will take us to Marrakech opening the landscapes to some breathtaking views of many **Berber villages**, snowcapped mountains, and green valleys. You will enjoy dinner at your riad in Marrakech. <https://www.palaissebban.com>



Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Riad Palais Sebban





DAY 8: FRIDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 2022

Marrakech – City & Cultural Tour – Old Town – Yves Saint Laurent Mansion



After breakfast you will depart on a city tour of Marrakech. You will arrive at **Djemaa El Fnaa square** from where you'll start a walking tour to explore the **old town** (medina). Vehicles are not allowed in this part of the city. You will visit the highly decorated tombs of the **royal family of Saadian**, the **majestic ruins** of the **Baddi palace** built by Ahmed El Mansour using the most precious materials such as onyx, gold and marble traded for the weight of sugar and **Bahia Palace**. You will walk along the Jewish market. You will also visit the outside of

Koutoubia Mosque; the dominant mosque of Marrakech and its minaret that watches over Marrakech for more than 800 years. You will enjoy a local lunch before embarking on a drive to visit the beautiful **Jardin Majorelle Garden and Yves Saint Laurent Mansion**.

Upon completion you will return to your hotel to enjoy the amenities before we depart for a fancy dinner at the coveted **Fantasia-chez Ali**. **Accommodation: Riad Palais Sebban**

<https://www.palaissebban.hotels-marrakesh.com>

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner





DAY 9: SATURDAY, 15TH OCTOBER 2022

Day Trip to Essaouira -Beach – Seafood- Wine Tour- Hammam -Argan Women Initiative

Today is all about relaxation as your 10-day tour of Morocco winds down.

After breakfast you will be taken on a day trip to the **famous beach town of Essaouira**.

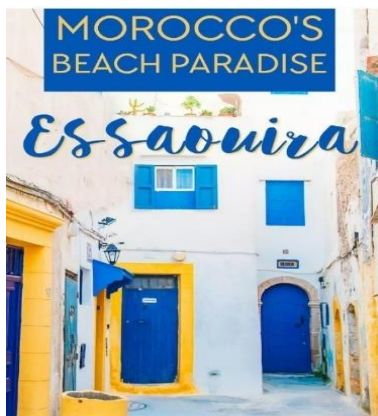
Essaouira is a charming small town on the coast, well-known for its charming appeal and gorgeous landscapes. The people in town create beautiful crafts, wood furniture, and amazing unique pieces sold among the gorgeous winding streets.

People travel from all over the world to Essaouira to purchase **native Moroccan argan oil** at the **local women's cooperative**. You will observe the entire process to create this oil, done by hand into one of the most versatile oils imaginable, delicious in salads and as an anti-aging and moisturizing treatment for the skin.

Continuing the journey, you'll enjoy some relaxation and fun in the sun on the beach. Your lunch will be fresh catch seafood straight from the ocean and prepared on the spot. It's truly the best place to chill after a trip to the desert. Afterwards we will go on a 30-minutes wine tour before returning to Marrakech. Tonight, dinner is at leisure (own expense) as you pack and prepare to leave the following day. We suggest a Hammam Spa or just enjoy the amenities of the hotel.

<https://www.palaissebban.com>

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch Accommodation: Riad Sebban



Moroccan Women Argan Oil Initiative



Argan oil is a plant oil produced from the kernels of the argan tree (*Argania spinosa* L.) that is endemic to Morocco. In Morocco, argan oil is used to dip bread in at breakfast or to drizzle on couscous or pasta. Most argan oil is produced by local cooperatives of mostly native Berber women. This initiative **protects Morocco's argan forests and supports women's economic empowerment.**



Moroccan Wine Tasting

Among the countries of North Africa Morocco is known for having the best natural potential for producing quality wines due to its high mountains and cooling influence of the Atlantic.



Hamman Spa

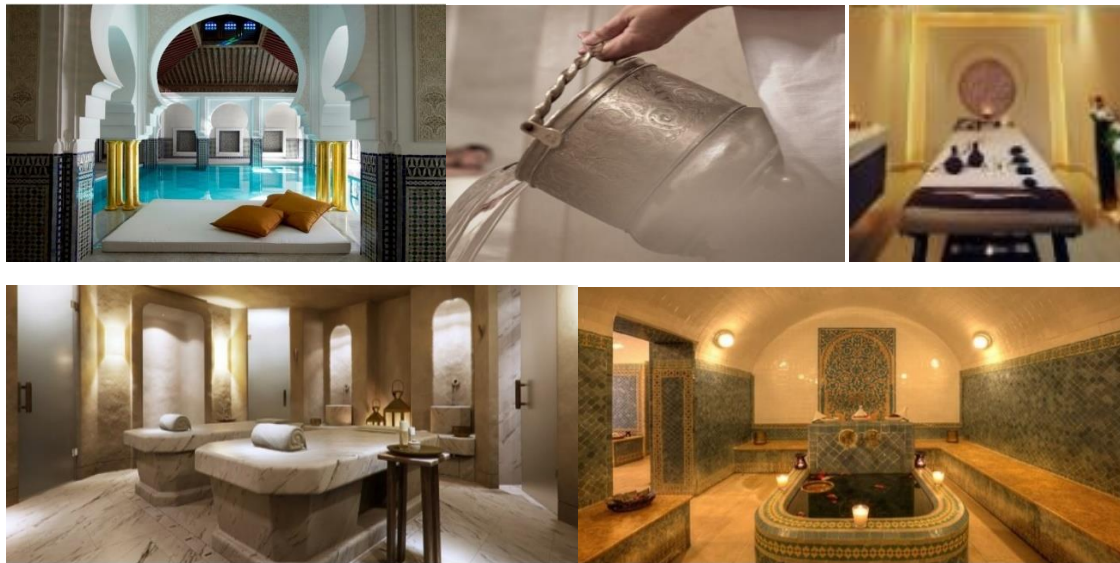
What is Hamman?

A hammam (Arabic: حَمَّام, romanized: ḥammām, Turkish: hamam) is a type of steam bath or a place of public bathing associated with the Islamic world. It is a prominent feature in the culture of the Muslim world and was inherited from the model of the Roman thermae. Muslim bathhouses or hammams are historically found across the Middle East, North Africa, al-Andalus (Islamic Spain and Portugal), Central Asia, India etc. **The hot steam used during hammam boosts the immune system by dilating the blood vessels and increasing circulation in the body**, opening pores so toxins can be released. Rejuvenates the body. There is something genuinely transformative about the power of hot steam to restore tired, aching muscles. Intensely invigorates.

[Moroccan hammam](#) consists of a bathhouse with multiple rooms (dry and steamed) for cleaning the body and soul according to traditional ritual performed by another person. In addition, there are also Hamman Spa that provides both traditional and modern spa treatments.

Hamman Spas are available at all your accommodation except in the Sahara Desert.

Consequently, we urge you to take advantage of this quintessential Moroccan experience.



DAY 10: SUNDAY, 16TH OCTOBER 2022

Depart to US - After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to the Mohammed V International Airport to depart for the US. This ends your magical experience in Morocco. Until next time we bid you farewell!! Safe Travels! **Meals: Breakfast**