

Morocco 2024 Cultural & Leisure Tour Part II

9 Days, 8 Night Land Package October 17 – 25, 2024

Depart USA DEPART...WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2024

The group flight will be a direct overnight **(6hrs 50 min)** via **Royal Morocco Airlines** departing from **JFK**(NYC) on the 16th of October and arriving in Casablanca, Morocco **(Casablanca Mohammed V International(CMN)** the morning of the 17th. Additional flight information will be provided once the airline releases on or by the end of December 30, 2023. However, you are free to book with any carrier and fly from any city, state, province or country suffice you arrive on October 17, 2024. Visit <u>www.royalairmaroc.com or www.aa.com</u> to book your flight.

DAY 1, Thursday: 17th OCTOBER

Casablanca airport – Casablanca Tour

Marhaba! Welcome to Morocco!

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**. You will resume the walking tour with stops at the **United Nations Palace**, **Mohammed V Square**, and **The Mosque of Hassan II**. Upon completion of the tour, you will check into your hotel, freshen up, and convene for your welcome dinner.

Accommodation: Val D'Anfa Casablanca or Similar

Meals: Welcome Dinner



DAY 2, Friday: 18th OCTOBER

Casablanca- kenitra - Chefchaouen (5hrs drive)

After breakfast you will check out of your hotel in Casablanca. You will be driven across the Riff Mountains to the stunning town of **Chefchaouen aka Blue Town**. You will take in the breathtaking scenery and enjoy a local lunch along the way. Upon arrival you will check into your beautiful Riad and enjoy a local Moroccan dinner.

Accommodation: Riad Hicham

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 3, Saturday: 19th OCTOBER

Chefchaouen - City Tour- Fes (4hrs drive)

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 you will enjoy a local lunch. During the evening you will gather our belongings and drive to the city of Fes. Upon arrival in Fes, you will enjoy a local **dinner at riad Salam restaurant** before checking into **our exquisite 5-star Riad Sayeda Alhora**

Accommodation: <u>Riad Sayeda Alhora</u> Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner







DAY 4, Sunday: 20th OCTOBER

Explore Fes - visit the medina, leather tanneries, souks etc.

After breakfast you will commence a city tour of Fes. Fes is known as the cultural capital and is one of the most complete medieval Islamic cities in the world. Passing through the gates and walls into the alleyways beyond transports you back in time. The streets are just as they were when they were built in the 8th century, with high walls that protect the courtyards inside from the heat of the midday sun. Enormous theosophical colleges, beautiful mosques and fascinating souks spilling their goods onto the pavement are all part of the scene. You will have a walking tour to some of the major points of interest as well as some free time to wander. 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. In the souk al-Attarine the scent of exotic spices fills the air and close by a hammam, or traditional bathhouse, steams

away the stresses of life. Upon completion of the tour you will return to your Riad to relax and enjoy a sumptuous local dinner.

Accommodation: Riad Sayeda Alhora

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



DAY 5, Monday: 21st OCTOBER

Fes - - Hello Marrakech (appx 6hrs drive)

After breakfast you will be picked up at 8am and depart for Marrakech city via highway. There will be several stops in local towns along the way. You will stop for lunch at one of the local restaurants.

Upon arrival in Marrakech, you will check into your Riad where you will spend the remaining 4 nights. Take the time to relax, enjoy the amenities and have dinner at leisure.

Accommodation: Riad Anya Marrakech

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



DAY 6, Tuesday: 22nd OCTOBER

Exploring Marrakech - City Tour

Pick up at 9am / finish around 4pm

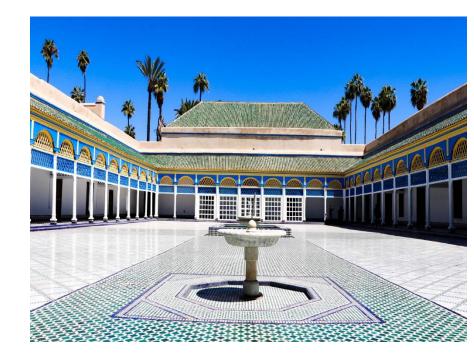
After breakfast join your guide this morning to explore Marrakech and the delights it has to offer. The tanneries around Bab Debbagh normally work in the morning and still cure leather in a way that has not changed for hundreds of years. There are plenty of other places for you to visit too. You could take in the Palais de la Bahia, built at the end of the 19th century for Si' Ahmed ben Musa, the Grand Vizier of Sultan Moulay al Hassan. Only part of the palace is open, as the royal family still makes use of a fair proportion of the building. The beautiful courtyards and splendid living quarters provide a picture of a grand bygone lifestyle. Another possibility is the Dar Si Said, housing the Museum of Moroccan Arts. This former royal townhouse now contains beautiful art and craftwork from all corners of the country. Later, you will return to your Riad to relax and have dinner.

Visit points:

- -La koutoubia mosque
- Bahia palace
- Jemaa El Fenna
- Souks (market)

Accommodation: Riad Anya Marrakech

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner





DAY 7, Wednesday: 23rd OCTOBER

Marrakech - Day Trip to Agafay Desert (30 minutes' Drive)

You will be picked up early in the morning by bus to our base (Located in the middle of the Jbilet Mountains, North-East of Marrakech) for about a 30 minutes' drive. There you will enjoy a continental breakfast while watching the balloon getting inflated. After a gentle take-off, we will float where the wind takes us for approximately one hour in front of the high Atlas Mountains. By the landing you will get your flight certificate and enjoy the freshly made berber breakfast in the tent. Meet your driver at 11am then have a Transfer to agafay desert . After the camel ride you will have lunch at a beautiful luxury camp complete with local entertainment . After lunch you'll meet your guide to be transfered back to your Riad. Upon arrival you will enjoy your dinner at leisure.

Accommodation: Riad Anya Marrakech

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner





DAY 8, Thursday: 24TH OCTOBER

Free day in Marrakech - Relaxation - Optional Hamman Spa

Today is a free day to relax! We recommend you have a hammam and spa experience.

What is Hamman?

A hammam (Arabic: حمّام, 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 Hamman 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.

Enjoy the day pampering yourself! Today lunch and dinner will be at leisure at your own expense. Tonight, you can choose an optional night on the town.

Accommodation: <u>Riad Anya Marrakech</u> Meals: Breakfast Optional Nightlife: Marrakesh Night Life, Dinner & Entertainment (Own Expense)

DAY 9: 25TH OCTOBER

Transfer to Marrakech airport 15 minutes appx

This is the last day of your Morocco tour. After breakfast you check out from your Riad and meet your driver who transfers you to Marrakech airport for your flight back home. This ends your magical experience in Morocco. Until next time we bid you farewell! Safe Travels!

Meals: Breakfast





Questions?

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