

Morocco Private Tour & Lux Desert Camping

Please note that all of the itineraries listed in our web site are actual private tour itineraries we have prepared for clients over the past 12-18 months. By the very nature of what we do, each private tour itinerary is custom, exclusive and unique unto itself. Our over-riding goal is to create lifelong memories that you and your family will forever carry deep within your hearts.

Overview

The kingdom of Morocco has quickly developed into the new “in” chic destination of North Africa. With a rich native culture and civilization, Morocco boasts eight UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the ancient Roman city of Volubilis and the Medina of Fez, the most amazing walled city dating back to the 13th-century. If wanting to explore more of Morocco, there are many great cities we highly recommend adding to your itinerary, which can be found [here](#).

Best Travel Time: [Spring](#) [Fall](#)

MOROCCO

Temperature Range

Highs: Low 80’s

Lows: Mid 50’s

Area

710,850 SQ KM

274,461 SQ MILES

Population

35 Million

Language

Arabic, Berber, French & Spanish

Capital

Rabat

Currency

Dirham

Day 1

Fly to Casablanca

Through our sister company, premium air provider TRAVNET, we may assist with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

Day 2

Arrive Casablanca + Private Transfer to Fes

Upon arrival at Mohammed V International Airport, you will be privately transferred to Fes for check-in at the Palais Faraj.

Fez Palais Faraj Suites & Spa

Designed by noteworthy Jean Baptiste Barian, a specialist in Arab Andalusian architecture, this restored palace is located on the South Hill with breathtaking views of the bustling, historic Medina. All 25 suites include meticulously designed Moroccan textiles and artwork. We very much enjoyed the tasty breakfasts on the hotel’s terrace during our stay here. A recent client remarked on the stunning views of the historical Medina (as well as the artichoke and

lamb tagine!)

Accommodations: Fez Palais Faraj Suites & Spa

Day 3

Fez Private Tour

After breakfast, you will be met by your local guide and driver for a full-day tour of Fez, our favorite city in Morocco! Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you will wind through the 9,000 narrow lanes discovering the cultural fabric and structures of the ancient past. Additional stopovers include the 600-year-old Chouara Tanneries. If interested in Morocco’s 3,000-year-old Jewish heritage, we can arrange a private tour through the walled Jewish neighborhoods, also known as “Mellah.”

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodations: Fez Palais Faraj Suites & Spa

Day 4

Fly Fez/Merzouga

Following breakfast, you have the option of taking a private Jetstream 32 to Merzouga (a 45-minute flight versus an eight-hour drive).

Upon arrival, you will be privately transferred to the edge of the desert where you will be fitted with protective fabrics and climb aboard your camel for your ride over the sand dunes to camp! At the Erg Chebbi tented camp, you will enjoy a tea and pastry reception. At night, you will have the opportunity to see the shifting dunes amidst a burning sunset and finish with star-gazing.

Erg Chebbi Desert Camp

Despite the far-flung location of the Erg Chebbi Desert Camp from Fez (approximately 300 miles), we feel an Erg Chebbi overnight luxury experience ("glamping"!) is among the most unique highlights of any private tour of Morocco. This remote camp is surrounded by rolling sand dunes (up to 500-foot-high), offering spectacular sunsets! There will certainly be no roughing it at this camp, as each luxury ensuite tent includes wall-to-wall rugs, nice linens and mattresses, a toilet, sink, and hand-held showers. Dinner and breakfast dining is provided with a high-touch Berber style hospitality. Despite the distance and time to arrive at this place, we feel a one night stay here is well worth the effort.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodations: Erg Chebbi Desert Camp

Day 5

Private Transfer Merzouga/Skoura with Todra Gorges Stopover

After breakfast at Erg Chebbi, you will be privately driven to Skoura. Your route will include a visit to the Todra Gorges and the impressive and picturesque oases that they hide. You will travel through the southern slopes of the High Atlas Range, following the Dades Valley as you pass by the flourishing crops, irrigation canals, and palm trees. Along the way, you will stop at a small yet fascinating private museum in a Ksar near Tingherir, which houses exhibits that showcase local art, culture, and history.

Dar Ahlam

Though we have stayed at the Le Berber Palace in the past, we feel the 16-room (nine suites and three villas) luxury Dar Ahlam Skoura to be a truly heavenly place and the premier property in the entire Skoura and Ouarzazate region. An approximately 25-mile-drive to the historic sites of Ouarzazate and Aït Benhaddou, Dar Ahlam is set in remote desert surroundings, located in a lush Skoura palm grove. The design and outward look of the hotel are of a traditional 19th-century Kasbah, though the rooms are updated with the modern 5-star amenities. A nice touch is the wood fires burning in the bedroom and bathrooms, ideal for the cold desert nights. Somewhat similar to AMAN, Dar Ahlam's philosophy is relaxation from western stress with very little modern-day influences; no TV's or phones! Based on an understated, non-traditional luxury concept, the hotel has no reception desk, while daily meals are set in different locations, dependent on the day's cultural theme. Although the heated outside pool is very nice, lively camel and river excursions are enjoyable options. Among

our favorite morning routines here to walk among the lush palm groves and gardens and, of course, enjoy the spa!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Dar Ahlam

Day 6

Discretionary Free-Day in Skoura

Today, you will have discretionary use of the various activities and excursions offered by the Dar Ahlam in Skoura.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Dar Ahlam

Day 7

Private Transfer Skoura/Marrakech with Ouarzazate & Aït Benhaddou Stopover

After breakfast at Dar Ahlam, you will visit the French Garrison city of Ouarzazate (war-zazat) enroute to Marrakech. Your route to Ouarzazate includes the Zat Valley — think of a Moroccan Amalfi Coast without the water! Located in the foothills of High Atlas, you will continue on to Aït Benhaddou — a UNESCO World Heritage Site quite worthy of its title. Aït Benhaddou is also noteworthy as a venue of many past and current movie scenes, including those from *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Gladiator*, *The Mummy*, and a Lynch family HBO favorite, *Game of Thrones*! After your visit, you will arrive in Marrakech. Here in Marrakech, you will have a chance to visit Jemaa el-Fna — perhaps one of the most exuberant marketplaces in the world!

La Mamounia

Originally opened in 1923, this 210-room Moorish-style iconic luxury hotel recently completed a comprehensive three-year restoration. Under the guidance of Parisian designer Jacques Garcia, the detailed, meticulously laid-out renovation was carried out by over 1,000 craftsmen in the property on any given work-day. We were happy to see La Mamounia's stunning outdoor pool is still intact (through redesigned) as well as a new indoor pool. If bodywork enthusiasts, we are sure you will very much enjoy the opulent, up-dated 27,000 sq. foot spa (must be 16 or older). Set amid 17 acres of lush gardens with olive and orange groves, La Mamounia is considered Marrakech's premier luxury hotel among Morocco's elite. What the Hassler is to Rome, we feel the La Mamounia is to Marrakech. The only downside here is La Mamounia's somewhat snooty dress code. Casual wear is only permitted in the poolside Le Pavillion de la Piscine restaurant, while smart and dressy wear is required in all other areas. Of special note, Winston Churchill came here to paint, staying at the then grand old La Mamounia and called it, "Simply the nicest place on Earth to spend an afternoon."

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: La Mamounia

Day 8

Marrakech Private Tour

Following breakfast at La Mamounia, you will enjoy a full-day of private touring in Marrakech. Your private guide will take you the 1570 Koranic School and the Koutoubia Mosque, considered to be the model religious structure in all of northern Africa. After a nice lunch, you will journey to Jardin Majorelle via horse-drawn

carriage for a glimpse at this eclectic blue Moroccan villa. In the evening, you will enjoy a unique dinner where Gnaoua musicians or dancers may entertain you while you enjoy a traditional Moroccan or Mediterranean meal.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: La Mamounia

Day 9

Cooking Class + Atlas Mountains Hike or Kasbah Tamadot Visit

Following breakfast at La Mamounia, you have the option of taking a cooking class in the village of Tameslought where you will learn to cook traditional Moroccan cuisine. After enjoying your freshly cooked lunch, you will trek up the Atlas Mountains, where natural unspoiled beauty spreads before you. If wishing for a different way to spend your day, you may opt to travel to Kasbah Tamadot, a high-altitude resort in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains and first renovated over 25 years ago by the Venetian interior designer Luciano Tempo. Here you may enjoy a very nice spa, an indoor and outdoor pool, and some very delicious meal options.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodations: La Mamounia

Day 10

Fly Marrakech/Home

Following breakfast, you will be privately transferred to the Marrakesh Menara Airport for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast