



WOMEN'S TRAVEL GROUP ENCHANTED MOROCCO

2020 Tour Prices (per person)

MAIN TOUR

Based on minimum 10 passengers

Land price based on double occupancy:

\$2,890 Per Person

Single Room Supplement:

\$885 Per Person

Please ask for prices for small group
of 6 travelers

OPTIONAL - Luxury DESERT CAMP UPGRADE

Land price based on double occupancy:

\$200 per person additional

Single supplement \$200

Inclusions

- 12 nights accommodation
– as per itinerary outline
- Meals as indicated (11 breakfasts & 7 dinners)
- Transportation in private bus
10-17 pax = 27 seater bus
- Sightseeing w/ entrance
fees – as per itinerary
- English speaking national guide
at disposal throughout



April 17 - 29, 2020

Morocco combines truly exotic sights, customs and people. An optional pre - tour to the 'Blue City' of Chefchaouen is offered. Our trip touches ancient crossroads from the Roman North to the Berber Atlas Mountains and ends in the thrilling desert oasis of Marrakech . We travel in April, when the weather is ideal and there is still snow on the mountains. Some nights are spent in authentic Riads: Classic Moroccan homes built around a courtyard and fountain. Special experiences include an optional night in a luxurious Berber tent in the desert. Join us for an African adventure with markets, minarets, and muezzins.

Day 1: Friday, April 17 - Arrive Casablanca / Rabat

Arrive at Casablanca Airport. You'll be met and transferred to Rabat. This evening meet your guide for a tour briefing and enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. **Le Diwan by M Gallery or similar (D)**

Day 2: Saturday, April 18 Rabat

Morning panoramic city tour of Rabat. Sightseeing of the "Imperial Garden City" begins with the Kasbah of Oudayas, Hassan Tower and walls of the Mechouar surrounding the Royal Palace. (BL)

Day 3: Sunday, April 19 - Rabat / Fes

After breakfast we depart for Fes, arriving in mid-afternoon. Check into your hotel. In the late afternoon, your guide will take you on an orientation walk. **Riad Yacourt or similar (BL)**

Day 4: Monday April 20 Fes

Full day exploratory journey of Fes: the oldest cultural and spiritual Imperial City in Morocco. Begin with the Medina where you visit the many hidden treasures that only the inhabitants know about. Fes served as the capital of Morocco for more than 350 years and is home to the University of Al Karaouine, the oldest operating university in the world. Your guided tour will take you to the Nejjarine Fountains and the famous Tanneries. Visit countless Souks, including food/spice souks and a communal bakery. Enjoy a short visit to the famous ceramic factory, and then take in wonderful panoramic views over the whole city. In the afternoon, visit the new city and its art galleries. Overnight **Riad Yacout or similar. (B)**

Day 5 Tuesday, April 21 - Fes Free day

or Optional tour: Volubilis/Meknes
Discover Volubilis, the amazing roman archaeological site excavated in the early 20th century revealing the Roman Empire's most remote city. Here we will admire the beautiful, well-preserved mosaics, as well as different Roman monuments such as the capitol and triumphal arch. Meknes is one of the Imperial Cities as it was built and became prosperous in the 17th century under the rule of a powerful sultan. Moulay Ismail with tireless passion and an indomitable will, undertook to make this Meknes a capital with its palaces, mosques, fountains, terraces, gardens, stables, and shops.

Lunch included in optional tour



Day 6: Wednesday, April 22 - Fes / Ifrane / Azrou / Midelt / Erfoud

Depart by way of the Atlas Mountains, Berber villages and the ski towns of Ifrane and Azrou look (more like Bavaria than Morocco!) to Erfoud, with a stop in Midelt and Errachidia along the way. Continue to Erfoud. Overnight at **Kasbah Chergui or similar.** (BD)

Day 7: Thursday, April 23 - Erfoud / Rissani / Merzouga

Mid-morning travel to Rissani: The capital of the Tafilalet where the Alaouites dynasty ancestors are buried. Visit the 17th century Kasbah and the imposing ruins of Ksar Abbar. Stop for a picnic lunch and tea with Nomads. Proceed to the golden sand dunes of Merzouga, one of the unforgettable sights in Morocco. Switching to camels, trek into the vast and silent Sahara to watch the sunset. We then return to Erfoud, or

OPTIONAL overnight at a deluxe Desert Camp - those that do not wish to overnight in tents will stay in the hotel in Erfoud. (BLD)

Day 8: Friday, April 24 - Merzouga / Todra Gorge / Ouarzazate

Early in the morning, witness the unique sunrise: watch the pink disc of the sun appearing over the gigantic dunes of Merzouga. Mid-morning departure via Tinejdad and Tinghir, on the "Road of 1,000 Kasbahs". Stop at Todra Gorge - the highest, narrowest gorge in Morocco. Here you will have the opportunity to meet locals and learn about the culture. Continue to Ouarzazate via El Kelaa. Overnight **Berber Palace or similar** (BD)

Day 9: Saturday, April 25 - Ouarzazate / Marrakech

Morning visit to Kasbah Taourirt, which was the capital of the local dynasty in the early 20th century when the French foreign legion built their base here. Travel to Kasbah Ait Benhaddou, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, and served as a backdrop for filming international movies. This afternoon continue to Marrakech traveling across the Tichka Pass (7,730 ft.). Along the way visit a local women's run Argon oil cooperative. Overnight **Riad Bahia Salam or similar.** (B)

Day 10: Sunday, April 26 - Marrakech - City Sightseeing

Today we will start exploring Marrakech "the red city of Morocco". Your guide will ensure that you see the sites of historical and cultural interest. Begin the city tour with a visit to the

View Koutoubia Tower, landmark of the city, then visit the Saadiens Tombs dating from the 16th century, a necropolis richly decorated and discovered in 1917. Bahia Palace built in the 19th century, consisting of rooms decorated with stunning paintings and mosaics. This afternoon, explore the botanical treasures of Marrakech. Visit the Majorelle Gardens designed by the French artist, Jacques Majorelle in 1924 and purchased by Yves St. Laurent in 1980.

Overnight **Riad Bahia Salam** or similar. (BD)

Day 11: Monday, April 27 - Marrakech - Optional Essaouira excursion

Choose to spend the day at leisure to explore the city on your own or an Optional tour:

Full day excursion to Essaouira on the Atlantic Coast (approx 2 ½ hour drive each way). Tour of the medina, the ramparts, the Skala, the marquetry craftsmen carving "Thuja" wood inlaid with ivory; the fishermen's port, the silver jewelers, the Mellah Jewish quarter, the art galleries and Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdullah museum. Enjoy some time by the golden beach before returning to Marrakech in late afternoon.

The farewell dinner will be at the authentic Moroccan restaurant, DAR YACOUT, including select wine and soft drinks. Overnight **Riad Bahia Salam** or similar. (BD)

Day 12: Tuesday, April 28 - Marrakech / Casablanca

Transfer overland to Casablanca. Sightseeing will include an inside tour of Hassan II Mosque (unless closed for tours) Lunch at Rick's Cafe. Overnight **Kenzi Basma or similar** (BL)

Day 13 Wednesday, April 29 Casa/Home
Transfer to the airport for the flight home or **stay longer at luxurious La Mamounia Marrakech.**

Not Included:

- Meals not mentioned
- Beverages with meals
- Tours not mentioned
- International Air & Airport taxes
- Insurance
- Tipping/gratuities
- Items of a personal nature such as telephone, laundry, beverages

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