



WOMEN'S TRAVEL GROUP ENCHANTED MOROCCO

2020 Tour Prices (per person)

MAIN TOUR

Based on minimum 10 passengers

Land price based on double occupancy:

\$3,050 Per Person

Single Room Supplement:

\$960 Per Person

Please ask for prices for small group of 6 travelers

OPTIONAL - DESERT CAMP SAHARA

Land price based on double occupancy:

\$200 per person additional

Single supplement \$200

Inclusions

- 12 nights accommodation – as per itinerary outline
- Meals as indicated (12 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 5 dinners)
- Transportation in private bus 10-14 pax = 16 seat bus 15-20 PAX = 27 seat 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 Berber tent in the desert. Join us for an African adventure with markets, minarets, and muezzins.

Optional pre-tour: The Blue City – Chefchaouen See below

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 and enjoy a welcome dinner.

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. (B)

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 Ghita Palace 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 (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 the 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 Berber-style 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 and geography. Continue to Ouarzazate. Overnight **Berber Palace Hotel 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 **Hotel Kenzi Menara Palace 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 sites of historical and cultural interest. 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 famous Majorelle Gardens, designed by the French Artist, Jacques Majorelle in 1924, and purchased by Yves St Laurent in 1980. Late afternoon, visit the New City Gueliz and its different art galleries. Overnight Riad Bahia Salam or similar. (B)

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 Hassan II Mosque. Late lunch at Rick's Cafe. (BL)

Overnight Hotel Novotel Casablanca

Day 13 Wednesday, April 29 Casablanca/Home International Airport for your departure flight. (B)

OPTIONAL PRE TOUR

Chefchaouen - the Blue City

POST TOUR - 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

**For reservations, please contact
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Pre - Tour Chefchaouen

April 14 Arrive Casablanca

After clearing government formalities at Casablanca Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel (D) **Kenzi Basma or similar**

April 15 Chefchaouen

Travel to Chefchaouen. "Chefchaouen" Hanging like a crescent from twin mountains, the town is a 15th century relic of the Muslim civilization of Andalusia. Check in at your Riad. This afternoon your guide will accompany you on a leisurely walking tour which includes the medina and the streets lined with craftsman and their wares. **Overnight at Riad Lina or similar.** (BLD)

April 16 - Chefchaouen - City Sightseeing

Full day city tour of Chefchaouen, which is called also Chaouen, known for the blue-washed buildings of its old town. Founded in 1471 by Moulay Ali Ben Moussa Ben Rached El Alami, Chefchaouen served as a Moorish fortress for exiles from Spain. Over the centuries, the city grew and welcomed Jews and Christian converts alike. Nestled into a fold of the Rif Mountains the walls of the town are painted a pale ochre to diminish the intensity of the sun. The roofs are covered with brown tiles and resemble those found in southern Spain. The alleyways climb to little squares often crossed by Andalusian arches. Visit "Rass El Ma" a waterfall, located on the top hill where local women gather to wash clothes. Overnight at Riad Lina or similar. (BD)

April 17- Chefchaouen to Rabat

Transfer to Rabat to Join group (B)

Post Tour La Mamounia Marrakech

La Mamounia Marrakech - A legendary palace that is part of the fabric of Marrakech, its history, colors and traditions. Boasting incredible views of the gardens, the Atlas Mountains and the Koutoubia Mosque, the rooms suites and luxury suites boast all the elegance of a 5-star palace hotel.

Day 12 April 29 Marrakech (B)

Midday transfer from your hotel to La Mamounia.

Indulge in all the hotel has to offer. The spa at La Mamounia offers guests an unforgettable journey into the senses. Hammam, sauna, ghassoul, argan...the stuff that dreams are made of! Walk up the Majorelle blue stairs and follow the dreamy glow of the Oriental lighting. A vast space is devoted to wellness, with massages, body treatments and more.

Overnight La Mamounia

Day 13 April 30 Marrakech (B)

Private guided shopping in the souks

Overnight La Mamounia

Day 14 Marrakech/ Home (B)

Transfer to the airport in Marrakech for your onward flight If you prefer, we can arrange an overland transfer to **Casablanca Airport**

Enchanted Morocco

Reservation Form | - April 17 - 29, 2020

Name as listed on Passport:

First Middle Last
Passport number _____ Date of Issue: _____ Date of Expiry: _____
Birth: _____ Preferred Departure City: _____
Prefer a single Requesting a share Please note special dietary needs:

DESERT CAMP UPGRADE \$200 Yes _____ No _____ Single Add \$200 _____

Pre Tour Blue City Yes No Single Share

Post Tour La Mamounia Yes No Single Share

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Day _____ Night _____ E-mail: _____

In case of emergency please notify:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Tel: () _____ - _____ Business: () _____ - _____ Email: _____

I accept/decline Travel Insurance (refer to Terms & Conditions): Accept Decline

\$ _____ \$500 deposit

Form of Payment: Check Enclosed Credit Card Use this link to pay online:

<https://www.sitatours.com/tours-credit-card-form>

I have read the Terms & Conditions which apply and agree to abide by the same.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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