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MOROCCO COMPANION TRAVEL

GROUP MOROCCO TOUR

12 DAYS/11 NIGHTS

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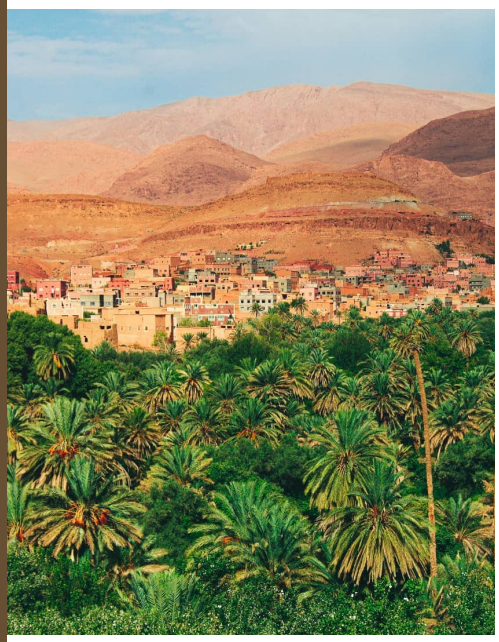
Day 1: Welcome To Morocco
Upon arrival at Casablanca's Mohammed V airport we will greet you and drive you to your hotel where you will ckeck-in and relax.

Day 2: Casablanca – Rabat – Chefchaouen After breakfast at your hotel. We will start our tour by visiting the spectacular Hassan II mosque – the second largest religious building in the world which is open to non Muslims. We then set off to the administrative capital of Morocco, Rabat. In Rabat, you will visit The magnificent Kasbah of Oudayas, Hassan Tower with its uncompleted minaret, the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and the Hassan 2 (father of the current king) as well as the Chellah Necropolis. After lunch, we will travel to Chefchaouen via the city of Ouazzan. Most of the drive will be over the foothills of the Rif Mountains before we arrive at the beautiful pearl of Morocco, Chefchaouen. Overnight in a Riad.

Day 3: Chefchaouen Sightseeing After breakfast, we will start exploring Chefchaouen (known as the blue city). It is a small charming, clean and fresh town. you'll stroll around the old Medina with its old restored kasbah, Plaza Uta Hammam, the square at the heart of the town is really an ideal place to relax. with its steep, narrow cobbled streets and whitewashed walls, blue doors, windows and mountains as a backdrop makes from Chefchaouen a wonderful place for fascinating pictures. After lunch, you will see the natural spring water of Ras Elma. Unlike other parts of Morocco, this town was occupied by Spain. Therefore, there is much influence of the Spanish and Moorish culture. You will have an opportunity to meet with locals, wander in the souks (markets) and enjoy this amazing town. Overnight in a Riad.

Day 4: Chefchaouen – Volubilis – Meknes – Fes
After breakfast, we leave Chefchaouen and cross the Rif mountains to arrive at the ancient Roman town – Unesco World Heritage Site- we will discover its mosaic floors, basilica, temple and triumphal arch. We then head to the Holy town of Moulay Driss (pilgrimage for Moroccans). After Lunch in the town, we continue our journey to Meknes where you will explore: The huge gate of Mansour, the Granary, The Swani basin, the old medina with its souks and Lahdim square where you will relax in one of its cafes. In the late afternoon, We set off for Fes. Overnight in a traditional riad in the Medina.

Day 5: Fes Sightseeing After breakfast, you will be met with a local guide with whom you will start your city tour by visiting first the outside part of the Medina (old city) including The Royal Palace Gate, the Jewish Quarter "Mellah " – dates back to 14th Century. You will also visit the ceramics Cooperative to see traditional Moroccan crafts. Afterwards, you will cover the most important sites inside the medina with a cultural and historical interest including the superb architectural masterpiece of Bou Inania Medersa, Blue gate, the Karaouiyine Mosque, The Big Chouara Tanneries , Medersa Seffarin where people work on metal and make beautiful (lamps , teapots..) and other decorated architectural masterpieces like Attarin Medersa and the Najarian Fountain. In the afternoon, we will take you to the tombs of Merenids to admire a beautiful panoramic view of the medina. Overnight in your Riad.



Day 6: Fes – Ifran – Cedar Forest – Midelt – Ziz Valley – Sahara Desert After breakfast, we will travel through the middle atlas mountains. On the way, we will stop at Ifran, a small charming, clean town, known as " Switzerland of Morocco " because of its similarity to a Swiss alpine resort. We continue south passing through the largest cedar forest in north Africa and home to barbary monkies, we will have a chance to take fascinating pictures and feed the monkies. After lunch in Midelt, we head south via Talghomt pass admiring the beautiful views and landscapes that nature offers us. We arrive at the region of Ziz valley where we will stop for a breathtaking panoramic view for this hidden oasis filled with palm groves. Within around one hour, we will arrive Sahara desert where your camels are waiting for you. After a rest, accompanied with a guide you will ride the camels and cross the high dunes of Erg Chebbi desert, see a magnificent sunset on top of a high dune, then continue trekking towards your camp where you will sleep (tents like the nomads use). After dinner, you'll enjoy Berber music played by nomads around the fire and under a starry sky.

Day 7: Tour of The Dunes – Visit Nomad Families – Merzouga Waking up early morning is " a must to " to see one that could be the most beautiful sunrise in your life. After breakfast, we will begin our desert excursion in the Sahara desert to explore the different parts of the desert. First, we will see the lake of Merzouga that is home to exotic birds, then head directly to the middle of Sahara desert where nomads with their animals still live a traditional life, we will sip a cup of tea with them and see how they live. Afterwards, we take the route where Rally Paris Dakar used to race, then we get to Mifis mines that once used to be exploited by France, time to visit them. We continue our journey by heading directly to Khamlia village that is inhabited by black Berber people originally from Mali, Niger ...We will have a chance to listen to their music and dance. Lunch in the village (Berber Pizza). Then, we set off to visit an impressive oasis on the edge of sand dunes before we end up our day in your Riad

Day 8: Merzouga – Rissani – Arfoud – Todra Gorges – Dades Valley After breakfast at your hotel. We'll leave the immense desert and travel towards the city of Rissani, once a major stopping place for the Saharan-caravans route; if it coincides the day markets which take place on Thursday, Thursdays and Sundays we will have an opportunity to visit the souk – the largest one in the region. We then set off to Erfoud – fossil town. Here, you will see stalls selling crystals and precious stones as well as fossils. The workshop using Marmar is open to visitors. We then continue our journey to Dades valley passing through villages such as Millab, Tinjdad, Ait Isa to arrive later to Todra valley which is a green one surrounded by mud villages and mountains. Driving around 30 min we get to Todra gorges: a narrow vertical passage with vertical cliffs 300m high rising dramatically on each side, they are a popular destination for climbing lovers. Lunch in the town, continue to Dades valley where you will see the fascinating rock formation known locally as "monkies fingers" as well as beautiful mud kasbahs. Overnight in a hotel overlooking the valley.

Day 9: Dades Valley – Rose Town – Ouarzazate – Ait Benhaddou – Marrakech Today, we travel to Rose town where rose petals are processed into rosewater or exported to perfume industries. The festival of roses is held here every May. As we travel from Rose town to Skoura you will see so many kasbahs among the greenery of Dades valley. The small town of Skoura is surrounded by thousands of palm groves and the most beautiful kasbahs in southern Morocco are to be found here. Continue our journey to Ouarzazate " Hollywood of Africa " -with the biggest cinema studios in Morocco, then to the most famous, filmed, and photographed kasbah of Ait Benhaddou – A Unesco World Heritage site – We'll have free time to visit it and have lunch in the village. After, we head to Marrakesh via high atlas mountains (2260), admiring the special Berber villages on the mountain's sides. Arrive in Marrakesh in the evening. Overnight in a riad in the heart of the Medina.

Day 10 : Exploring Marrakesh After breakfast, you will start your city tour exploring Marrakesh (the red city of Morocco). The guide will ensure that you see the most important spots with historical and cultural interest including The Bahia Palace, the Saadian tombs, Ben Youssef Koranic school as well as the largest traditional souk in Morocco. After lunch in one of the local restaurants, you can visit the Koutoubia tower and the Majorelle Gardens. Overnight in your riad.

Day 11 : Essaouira Sightseeing

After breakfast, we will travel to Essaouira. Since this is the region of Argan trees, we may see goats climbing trees to eat Argan nuts. We may also visit a Women's Cooperative of Argan to learn about the benefits of the oil, from culinary and cosmetics to medicines. After several stops on the way, we'll arrive in Essaouira and start our explorative day by visiting the ramparts called Skalla fortress. The Medina- Unesco World Heritage Site – with beautiful arts and crafts including objects carved of local Thuya wood. Lunch in a Moroccan way, freshly bought fish " cooked to order ". Essaouira is also known as " City of the wind ", it attracts surfers from different parts of the world. It was occupied by Romans, Phoenicians, and Portuguese. Thus, there is a big influence noticed in its architecture. It's a small town with a lot of history. In the afternoon, we'll return to Marrakesh. Overnight in your Riad.

Day 12 : Back Home After breakfast, we'll pick you up from your riad and drive you to the airport either Marrakesh or Casablanca for your flight. End of 15 Days tour from Casablanca via Sahara desert.