

## MOROCCO TAILOR-MADE



### **DAY 1: CASABLANCA ARRIVAL**

On arrival at Casablanca airport, meet your guide and then begin your journey to Rabat a 2 hour drive (62kms). The drive via the Atlantic Coast, passes through several small towns including Asila, Alraich & Oualidia. In Rabat, visit the old sea wall offering a great view over the Bouregreg River and the Oudaia Kasbah with its characteristic blue houses and brass door knockers which indicate the occupation of the owners and then the covered markets and the unfinished Hassan Mosque.

**Overnight at Riad Elkebira.**

<http://www.darelkebira..com/en/terrace.php>

### **DAY 2: RABAT – MEKNES – FEZ**

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Leaving Rabat, head through very pictureseque countryside towards Fez. Visit the imperial city of Meknes and the wonderful Volubilis Roman ruins en route.

The journey is 223 kms (5 hours driving including stops in Meknes and Volubilis)

**Overnight at Riad El Yacoute, 3 nights**

<http://www.riadyacout.com/en/>

### **DAY 3: FEZ**

**B,L**

This morning you will have a locally guided visit of the historical monuments of Fez including the Koranic schools, souks, squares and gardens. Visit the tannery, wool dyers and potters precinct. After lunch you will also visit the Nejjarine Fountain and a carpet co-operative. Visit the gate of Bab Boujloud, the ancient ramparts and the front entrance of the Royal Palace which is adjacent to the Jewish quarter (the order of visits may be different).

### **DAY 4: FREE DAY IN FEZ**

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Art galleries, military museum and souks at your leisure

**DAY 5: FEZ – TODRA GORGES B,L,D**

After breakfast, your destination is the Todra Gorge, travelling via the Middle Atlas Mountains, through cedar forests and via Errachidia and the Ziz Valley. Pass through several small villages including Azrou, Ifra (a winter ski resort), Boulmane & Elhajeb. This is a drive of 420 kilometres (6-7 hours including stops)

**Overnight at Dar Ayour, 1 night**

<http://www.darayour.com/anglais/acceuil.php>

**DAY 6: TODRA GORGES - SKOURA B,L,D**

Visit the Palm Oases and then continue along the 1000 kasbahs way to the Dades Valley. Pass through several towns including Kelaa Mgouna (the centre for rose growing in Morocco, used for parfum, soap and other cosmetic products, distributed all over the country. Skoura is another magnificent oasis and the Kasbah hotel is located deep within the palm groves. French run with great food. The property grows all of its own food and farms organically.

This is a drive of 200km (3-4 hours inclusive of stops).

**Overnight at the Kasbah Sawadi, 1 night**

<http://www.sawadi.ma/en/lodging/>

**DAY 7: SKOURA - AIT BENHADOU - IMLIL B,L,D**

Leave the Oasis and head to Ait Benhadou, an ancient UNESCO listed heritage site.

This restored Kasbah is located near the Atlas Studios and has been used for many a desert themed films (including Gladiator). Then cross over the Atlas Mountains via Telouet and Tizi n'Tichka (2260m), the highest pass road in Morocco, with stunning views from the zigzagging road. Pass through the Berber valleys of Imouzzar and Taddarte. This is a drive of 305km (6 – 7 hours inclusive of stops)

**Overnight at the Riad Assarou, 1 night**

<http://www.hostelscentral.com/str-zh-23257.html>

**DAY 8: IMLIL VALLEY – AZZADEN VALLEY (ATLAS MOUNTAINS) B,L,D**

Trek up towards Azzaden valley via Tizi Mzik (2584m). There are stunning views over Ait Mizane valley and the surrounding summits, with our destination arrival to Tizi Oussemm village.

**Overnight at the Berber house, 1 night**

**DAY 9: AZZADEN VALLEY - IMLIL B,L,D**

After breakfast, head back to the Imlil valley through on a different path via Tizi Oudid pass (1900m) & Mattat village. Return to Marrakech

**Overnight at the Riad Assarou, 1 night**

**DAY 10: IMLIL - ESSAOUIRA B,L**

Drive to Essaouira, visiting the Argan women's cooperative on the way. Argan oil has now made its way to every corner of the world rather like aloe vera.

After the check in, the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to wander around this former Portuguese fortified town. (The drive is 242 kms – 4 hours including stops)

**Overnight at the Riad Mimouna, 1 night**

<http://www.riad-mimouna.com/>

**DAY 11: ESSAOUIRA - MARRAKECH****B,L**

Take an early morning stroll through the harbour and along the Portuguese ramparts of this picturesque port town. After breakfast, begin a guided visit of the medina, stop for coffee and Portuguese pastries, and browse in the galleries as you wish. Travel back to Marrakech in the afternoon. After check-in, head towards the main square of the medina at sunset and have dinner in one of the many restaurants or be brave and eat at the various outdoor stalls with the locals.

**Overnight at the Riad Bahia Salam.** (175kms 3 hours drive), 2 nights

<http://www.riadbahiasalam.com/>

**DAY 12: MARRAKECH****BL**

After breakfast, start a guided visit of the most important historical sites in the medina.

In the morning visit the Saadian Tombs, Bahia Palace, Dar Si Said Museum, the Medersa Ben Youssef, the Qoubba Almoravides, Koutibia and various souks.

In the afternoon take a horse drawn caleche to visit the Majorelle Gardens, Menara Garden & Tanner and Jemaa Elfna. (the order of visits may vary.)

**DAY 13: MARRAKECH****B**

After a leisurely breakfast you will be taken to the airport for your flight to Spain. Farewell your guide and depart Marrakech your next destination.

Approximate Cost: \$1300 per person based on 4 travellers.

**Services included:**

- All accommodation as per the above itinerary.
- All transfers, Private vehicle
- All meals (except dinner in Marrakech, Essaouira & Fez).
- English speaking guide (both for the hiking & tour).
- Local guide in Marrakech, Fez & Essaouira for the visit of the monuments.
- Cook to prepare the meals during the trek.
- Mules to carry the luggage during the trek in the Atlas Mountains.
- Horse caleche in Marrakech to visit Majorelle Garden, Menara Garden