Visite les villes imperial du Maroc

Type : Circuit mixte (4×4, dromadaire). Durée : 15 Jours, 14 Nuit. ville de départ : Casablanca ville d'arrivée : Casablanca Hébergement : Bivouac stable, Hôtel. Repas : en Demi-Pension.

#### **Product Description**

trip around Morocco 15 Days Tour, you will discover the imperials cities and the desert.

#### Trip around Morocco 15 Days Tour

#### DAY 01: Casablanca (arrival)

Your *guide-driver* will meet you at your arrival gate to take you immediately to check-in to your hotel For about 40 minutes drive to the hotel in the modern city. Depending on arrival time, it is possible to make first visits.

With more than three million inhabitants. Can measure the largest Moroccan city. This is surprising, since Casablanca 100 years ago no more than 25,000 people housed. Especially the coexistence of powerful streets and skyscrapers on the one hand and the typical oriental architecture on the other hand create a very special fascinating atmosphere. The biggest attraction of Casablanca is the Hassan II Mosque, which you will visit the next day.

#### DAY 02: Casablanca – Rabat – Meknes

After breakfast you will visit the highlights of Morocco metropolis and see the waterfront, the Hassan II Mosque, the quaint quartier Habbous and the Place Mohamed the fifth. Then drive through the highway about 90 km above the capital Rabat, where you will visit the following sights after lunch: the Royal Palace (outside) and thegovernment district, the famous Hassan Tower, the landmark of the city, the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and the tomb ofMerinides sultans. Then the drive (about 160 km, highway) by a major agricultural region of Morocco to King City Meknes, which is known for its 40 km long city wall with magnificent gates. Overnight in an authentic Riad.

#### DAY 03: Mekens – Voulubilis – Fez

Today is the day of travel in time!!. Through the Jewish Quarter takes you to the royal town of Imperials cite. Here lie the remains of a huge granary from the 17th century and the mausoleum of Moulay Ismail. On a walk through the Old Town is the place El Hedim and the famous gate of Morocco, the Bab Mansour.

The first stop will be in the ancient Romans city of Volubilis. Volubilis was a critical city in the imperial Roman department of Mauritania (modern day Morocco, and the Western Sahara) during the reign of Caracalla. Volubilis is impressively well preserved and the genius of Roman urbanism is still intact. The two central integral streets in every Roman castrum, the Cardo and Decumanus, are prominent. The cardo is the boulevard which runs north-south and the Decumanus, east-west. The intersection of the two is the heart of every roman city. There you will find the ruins of the ancient forum.

Jumping forward in time and just few minutes away is the venerated citadel of Moulay Idris, founded in the 8th century by Moulay Idris AI Akbar, grandson of the Prophet Mohamed (s.a.w.s). This citadel is considered to be both the cradle of Sufism to Moroccan society as well as the first Islamic capital for the premier Arab dynasty. The city was created primarily for the indigenous population that migrated with Moulay Idris from the Middle East.

Finally, you have reached your destination, the city of Fez in the ninth century . In the evening you will have a taste of most of the imperial cities . You can visit sites outside the old walled city, whose walls , doors and borjs ( Moorish Forts ) . After this aperitif introduction to Fez , you will have dinner at the Riad

#### DAY 4: Fes (visit)

Undeniably fascinating, Fez stimulates the senses with its haunting yet beautiful sounds, visual splendor, and evocative smells. The most ancient of the imperial capitals and the most complete medieval city of

the Islamic world, Fez is reminiscent of a city suspended in time, unfazed by the constantly evolving world outsides of its walls. Fez owes nothing to the Western world, save electricity.

Time spent in Fez will reveal much about the sophistication of the Moroccan artisanal, providing an unparalleled learning experience to those who cross its path. Your morning will be spent visiting the Medina. Our specialized guide will take you on a historic discovery of the city of Fez starting at the King's Palace and its Meshwar with ramparts and majestic gates.

Next, you will explore the Jewish quarter, a 15th century citadel with all its Moorish maze architecture and medieval glory. Visits to Sephardic synagogues and mausoleums of holy Rabbis will be the highlights of this part of town. You will return to your hotel for dinner and other accommodation.

#### Day 5: Fez – Midelt

Today you will leave the Oriental Fes and head south through the "Switzerland" of Morocco: Irfan (ski area) and inhabited by Barbary apes cedar forests of the very scenic Middle Atlas and the interesting valley of Morocco Ziz Valley. Midelt is below a hillside of the Middle Atlas and feet of the High Atlas and is the geographic center of Morocco. Enjoy their afternoon in a beautiful Kasbah in the traditional style. A small hike in the mountains is also scheduled today (optional).

#### Day 6: Midelt – Erfoud – Rissani – Merzouga

After a leisurely breakfast, drive through "Gorges du Ziz", a bizarre canyon with oases and date palms. Then you come to the first sand dunes and beautiful oases of the country. A short visit to the former capital of Tafilalt: Sijilmassa (Rissani). After Rissani its Merzouga, the desert oasis, this is the edges of the largest dune area after the Chegaga dunes of south east of Morocco, and embedded with lush palm groves, surrounded by the reddish-golden sand dunes of Erg Chebbi. Next ride their camels in the depths of the Sahara. Enjoy the peace and space of the fantastic dunes and the romantic sunset on one of the huge dunes summit. Dinner and overnight in typical desert environment. (Overnight in a nomad tent).

#### Day 7: Merzouga – Erfoud – Tinghir

Anyone wanting to experience early in the morning the magic moment of the sunrise today is to get up early. After breakfast outdoors on the mild morning sun ride through the sand dunes back to the hotel kasbah where you can prepare for the onward journey. Today you drive through the oasis town of Erfoud where you will visit a local marble factory. Then you will find a wonderful ride through large Oasis- and Berber villages to Tineghir where the Todra Valley begins. Tomorrow we drive up to the imposing Todra, a narrow gorge wish its 500-meter vertical drop of rocks. Spend night in a hotel.

#### Day 8: Tinghir – Boumaln dades – Skoura – Ouarzazte – Ait ben haddou

You will travel west toward the Valley and gorges of Todra, which lies right between the Atlas Mountains and the Sahara Desert. You will reach Tinghir, the town where we will be spending the night. Only 15 kilometers from Tinghir inside the Valley of Todra, you will find the Todra's highest and narrowest gorges in the region. Next, you will travel through the Dadès valley, where the springs, thousands of Persian roses bloom in hedgerows, filling the air with their heavenly perfume. Continue to skoura, the road of 1000 Kasbahs scattered along the road, majestic sandcastles with a visually appealing, timeless beauty. Ouarzazte the Moroccan Hollywood visit the Kasbah of taourirt and studios of cinema. Contained your journey to the famous Kasbah ait ben haddou, overnight and dinner in a Kasbah.

#### Day 9: Ait ben haddou – Marrakech

Your journey will lead you to the highest pass in Morocco, the Tizi-n-Tishka pass, at an altitude of 2260 feet. This pass divides the mountains into two distinct facets: the harsh, stark side acting as a shield that protects the hinterland from the harsh, dry expansion of the Sahara, and a lush side, soft and evergreen, which collects the moisture from the Gherbi winds of the Atlantic Ocean.

You will arrive in Marrakech, a city of pleasure for both visitors and locals, where southern tribesmen and Berber villagers bring their goods to market and find a variety of entertainment. To tourists, the city is a feast for the imagination, full of incomparable beauty, situated before the towering mountains that provide a thrilling backdrop. After a visit to the bustling Jemaa El Fna square, you will conclude your day with dinner and other accommodations at your hotel.

#### Day 10: Marrakech (Visit)

You will devote your morning to the exploration of Marrakech's many historical sites, starting at the Minara, a magnificent pool surrounded by flowerbeds, reflecting the image of an exquisite Moorish edifice. It was constructed in 1866 for dignitaries, who enjoyed glorious sunsets with the ethereal Atlas Mountains as a backdrop. The pool also functions as an innovative irrigation system that is serving dry life in the desert.

Your tour will cover many impressive sites, including the Koutoubia Minaret (which is identical to la Giralda, a tower found in Sevilla, Spain), and the Saadien tombs, which demonstrate Moorish architecture at its best. The tombs consist of sixteenth-century mausoleums, which had lain walled-in and undiscovered until 1917. Next, you will explore the gardens of the Agdal then the Marjorelle. Finally, you will return to your hotel for dinner and other accommodations.

#### Day 11: Marrakech – Ourika Valley

You will begin your day with an excursion to the Ourika Valley, where you will visit the traditional Berber Souks, as well as the Jewish shrines. After lunch, you will visit the Berber Museum of Arts and Crafts to learn about the dwellers of these mountains and their products before you discover their workshops and sophisticated, hand-made products. You will return to Marrakech for dinner and other accommodations at your hotel- riad.

#### Day 12: Marrakech – Essaouira

You will begin your day by traveling to Essaouira (Mogador), a picturesque city with a rich history, and fascinating antiquity, Essaouira was occupied by the Phoenicians and Carthaginians, supplied essential purple dyes to the Romans, absorbed the sophisticated Jewish arts of silversmith, and spent centuries as a Portuguese enclave.

Despite the obvious influence of these civilizations, Essaouira has managed to remain a small, authentic Berber town. Alive with the breath of fresh air provided by the Atlantic, Essaouira is a jewel nestled in the ragged coast, with a vast expanse of empty sands trailing back along the promontory towards the South. After an introductory tour, you will conclude your day with dinner and other accommodations in your hotel- riad

### Day 13: Essaouira (sightseeing)

Spend a day visiting the port city of Essaouira with its fisheries and marine gate built in 1806. Tour the museum Sidi Mohammed ben Abdallah and discover the musical instruments and Andalusian objects of the Gnawa.

#### Day 14: Essaouira – Casablanca

You will travel to Casablanca, stopping at El Oualidia for a seafood lunch. You will continue onward to El Jadida, where you will visit the citadel, evidence of the 11th century Portuguese occupation. Finally, you will arrive in Casablanca, having completed a journey that has led you through immeasurable antiquity. You will conclude your day with a farewell dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

#### Day 15: Casablanca – Airport

In the morning, your driver will meet you at your hotel to assist you with your luggage and transport you to the Mohamed V Airport. Your driver will assist you with your check-in and bid you farewell.

Included in the price :

- Transport in 4 × 4 with driver / guide (4 × 4, fuel included).
- 01 Night in the bivouac and in the desert (tent) 13 night hotel riad kasbah.
- Half board.
- 14 dinner / 14 breakfast.
- dromedary backpacking.

Not included :

- The drinks.
- lunch.
- Tips.
- personal expenses.
- paid visits.

N.B:

- free of charge for children under the age of 04 accompanied by their parents.
  30% discount for children from 04 to 08 years accompanied by their parents.
  25% discount for children aged 8 to 14 accompanied by their parents