
Moroccan Odyssey

A COX & KINGS PRIVATE TRAVEL JOURNEY

Casablanca ✧ Fez ✧ Meknes ✧ Volubilis ✧ Marrakech ✧ Essaouira

TOUR DETAILS

10 Days / 9 Nights

START

Casablanca

FINISH

Marrakech

PRICE:

October 1, 2009 thru October 31, 2010

\$ 6465 per person double occupancy

Holiday Supplement may apply

2011 Prices: to be advised

WHAT'S INCLUDED

All hotel accommodations as noted

Breakfast daily

All drives, transfers and sightseeing by private car and driver

Services of local guides and entrance fees into historical sights and museums

Services of a Cox & Kings tour escort/guide

Baggage assistance at all airports and hotels

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

International air travel

Travel insurance

Airport departure taxes

Personal items and alcoholic beverages

Gratuities to escort, guides, drivers, hotel services

The Kingdom of Morocco boasts stunning natural beauty and an extraordinarily rich and varied cultural heritage. In this magical land of legend and color, the souqs and thousand-year-old labyrinth medinas of fabled Fez, Meknes and Marrakech await your discovery. Experience one of the world's great cuisines while luxuriating in Morocco's famed riads, all luxuriously appointed and decorated in typical Moroccan style.

Day One

Arrive Casablanca/Fez

An early arrival in Casablanca where you will be met and driven to Fez, a drive of approximately 3 hours.

Riad Fes [Deluxe room]

Day Two

Meknes, Volubilis B, L

Today drive through Moroccan countryside past fields of wheat, mint, mimosa and cork trees towards Meknes. A cultural center of Morocco for more than ten centuries, Meknes boasts a fascinating medina (old city) and maze of streets filled with colorful stalls and architectural delights such as the Bab el-Mansour. Continue to Moulay Idriss, Morocco's holiest city, and then onto the Roman ruins at Volubilis, famous for the Triumphal Arch and exceptionally fine mosaics depicting colorful scenes from classical mythology.

Day Three

Fez B

Cultural and symbolic heart of Morocco, Fez el-Bali is the world's largest and most beautiful living medieval city. A thousand year-old labyrinth of 300 mosques and 9,400 winding streets and alleyways that is home to countless ateliers, and markets. Tour the 14th century Medersa Bou Inania (theological college), famous for its Koranic scriptures in stucco, zellij tiles and carved wood. Explore the 13th century tanneries and henna and spice souqs (markets) as you wind your way through hidden squares, such as the Place an-Nejjarine.

Days Four

Fez to Marrakech B

A leisurely drive brings you through the Middle Atlas range and a landscape of Berber villages and ancient cedar forests. Stop for lunch in the Tadla region at Beni Mellal, famous for its oranges,

grapefruits, giant apricots and scented figs. This is a full day's drive, including stop for lunch.

Villa des Orangers, Deluxe room or similar luxury boutique riad

Day Five Marrakech B

Today tour the Saadian Tombs, El Badi Palace and the 12th century Koutoubia mosque. Meander your way through the medina, exploring an endless procession of souqs, mosques and medersas. Just before sunset visit the Djemaa el-Fna, the enormous square and atmospheric wonderland of torch-lit food stalls, snake charmers, storytellers and acrobats.

Day Six Marrakech B

Today drive outside of Marrakech to experience the High Atlas Mountains with its majestic scenery. You will lunch at the famed Residence de la Roseaie with its beautiful gardens overflowing with roses of every color imaginable. Return in the afternoon to Marrakech.

Optional: tour some of Marrakech's beautiful gardens, including the Majorelle Garden, one of the cities most delightful spots as well as Menara Park

Optional: Cox & Kings Culinary Signature Event – see details listed separately.

Day Seven Marrakech to Essaouira B

Today drive to Essaouira, which stands on a peninsula permanently swept by the trade winds. Navigators in classical antiquity would pause here on their journey up and down the Moroccan coast. From the Phoenicians to the Romans, Portuguese and French, all left their touches on this coastal town. In 1949 Orson Welles chose Essaouira's imposing battlements as the setting for his movie, *Othello*.

L'Heure Bleue, Junior suite

Day Eight Essaouira B

From behind its ramparts the blue and white town of Essaouira, ancient Mogador, seems to defy the ocean. There are many art galleries tucked away in the fortified town, and through almost every doorway can be seen a craft workshop. As you tour the 8th century ramparts interesting architectural features include gates and windows with intricately carved decoration.

Day Nine Return to Marrakech B

Today drive back to Marrakech for overnight.

Villa des Orangers, Deluxe room or similar boutique riad

Day Ten Marrakesh - Home B

Transfer to Marrakech's Airport for your homeward bound flight.

End of Tour Arrangements

Please Note: As this tour is operated on an individual basis, hotel accommodations availability is according to the clients' requirements. Please be aware that minimum night stay requirements may apply during the Christmas & New Year holidays.

Ideal time to travel: Morocco enjoys both a temperate and desert climate. Travel is best done from September through May.

Tour Notes: Certain monuments and tourist attractions in Morocco are closed for religious holidays. If in the event your visit to any of these cities falls on a day when these sites are closed, your tour will be adjusted accordingly. Please also note that this program requires extensive walking over uneven and rocky terrain and some long days of touring with early morning starts.

Please Note: No visas are required for US Passport holders visiting Morocco.

A Cox & Kings 'Culinary Signature Event'

Moroccan food is rightly recognized as one of the world's great cuisines, and within the city of Marrakech can be found several restaurants that excel in their culinary creations. The location of many of these kitchens is magical: either in traditional restored houses or tucked away down small alleyways. Known in the past as one of Africa's most famous and legendary restaurants, La Maison Arabe today offers cooking workshops designed for visitors to Marrakech, both amateurs and professionals alike, an opportunity to discover the pleasures and delights of preparing and becoming familiar with one of the great cuisines of the world.

FROM: \$215 per person

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