

GRAND TOUR TO MOROCCO 7 DAYS FROM MARRAKECH TO TANGIER.

7 DAYS/ 6 NIGHTS

DAY 1, SATURDAY: ARRIVAL TO MARRAKECH

Arrive at Marrakech airport. Meet the driver and transfer to the hotel.

Check in the hotel.

Dinner at the hotel. ***If the arrival is very late (after 22:00 hrs) a cold dinner will be left in the room.

Accommodation in Marrakech.

DAY 2, SUNDAY: MARRAKECH

Breakfast in the hotel.

09:00 hrs. Departure with the local guide from Marrakech. Marrakech Museum: a magnificent palace converted into a private museum and cultural center next to the Ben Youssef Madrasa. Art and culture in a space of 2,108 m² with a Moorish courtyard of 709 m². Afterwards, we will also visit the Ben Youssef Madrasa, a Quranic school of Benimerin origin from the mid-14th century, and the Marrakech Museum, located in the palace of a sultan's minister in the late 19th century. We will also stop to see the Almoravid Dome, which is a small temple built by the Almoravid dynasty in the 12th century. It stands out for its impressive decoration and being one of the few examples of Almoravid architecture in the city. It is a historical treasure that allows visitors to immerse themselves in the cultural and architectural richness of this ancient dynasty. (Monument tickets not included)

13:00 hrs. Lunch at the hotel.

We will take the guided tour of Marrakech. We start with the external visit of the Kutubía, the twin tower sister of the Sevillian Giralda. We will visit the gardens of Menara, have a large pond of 30,000 square meters, which was built in the time of the Almohads, who designed a whole system of underground channels to take advantage of the thawing water of the Atlas and thus be able to use it for irrigation. This system is still used after almost 9 centuries of history... We will also visit the Bahia Palace, dedicated by the vizier to one of his favorites, at the end of the 19th century. We will finish the visit in the famous square of Jmaa el Fna, which at this time of the day becomes the greatest spectacle in the world.

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Orange juice vendors take advantage of the abundance of this fruit in the region to do their business, while others sport the traditional attire of the old water vendors, although they often don't have a drop of water and only try to charge for a photo with tourists. It truly is an amazing place.

For those who want transportation, it will return to the hotel at 20:00 hrs, subject to group agreement with the guide. Those who don't want to return to the hotel can stay in the square and make their own way back.

Dinner on your own

We recommend as optional the dinner of the renowned dinner show **OPTIONAL 20:00 HRS Dinner in Marrakech**. at the Dar Essalam restaurant, which is well worth it for its exquisite Moroccan food, for admiring the ancient palace where it is housed, and for being where Alfred Hitchcock filmed the dinner scene of "The Man Who Knew Too Much" with James Stewart and Doris Day. During dinner, diners are entertained with live performances. Price 35 €.

Overnight in Marrakech

DAY 3, MONDAY: MARRAKECH -TIZNTICHKA -AIT BEN HADDOU -OUARZAZATE

Breakfast at the hotel and check out

8:00 am We will continue our trip towards southern Morocco. We will cross through the majestic mountains of the Alto Atlas and the port of **Tzi'n Tichka**, the door entrance to the desert which is 2260 meter high. Here we will pause to contemplate the spectacular views.

We will continue to **Ait Ben Haddou**, one of the geological wonders of the world, which has been kept maintained throughout the millennium. Next we will visit a grand fortress which has served as a movie set several times for movies such as "Laurence de Arabia", "Gladiator", and "La Joya del Nilo". It is made from different elements, the adobe seems to mix with the dry land over what used to be a flourishing stream and has now been converted to cropland.

Free time for lunch

After the visit of this landmark, we will continue to **Ouarzazate**, former garrison of French troops, located in the meridional zone in the country. Rich with its agriculture and famous for its details in its palm trees, roses and henna that grow on its bank. It is also the mainstay of many movie directors. These attributes have caused numerous economic boosts to this zone and has created many businesses related to the audiovisual world and jobs to many of the residents.

Arrive at the hotel, Check in the rooms

20 :30 hrs dinner at the hotel

Overnight in Ouarzazate

DAY 4. TUESDAY.- OUARZAZATE - TINERGHIR - GARGANTAS DEL TODRA - SAHARA

Breakfast in the Hotel and check out.

We recommend taking a small backpack and carrying in it what we are going to need this day because today we are going to sleep in the desert. When we arrive in the desert we will leave most of the luggage in the van and we will take only this small backpack with what we will need to spend the night

Breakfast at the hotel and check out

07:30 hrs. Departure from the hotel to continue our journey along the well known route of the Kasbahs.

We will pass by Boumalne Dades, where the Valley of the Roses is located. Then we will continue towards Tinerghir, where we detour towards the Todra Gorges. There, we will be able to admire marvellous palm groves that help to support the heat of these places.

Free time for lunch.

In the afternoon we will continue our route towards Merzouga, where we will leave the vehicle to change to camels. Then, we will cross the field of dunes mounted on camels; this takes approximately 1 hour and a half. If the client is not in physical condition or does not wish to make this journey, he/she will have to pay a supplement of 25 € for the transfer to the camp by 4x4. The return trip will in any case be by 4x4 for all clients.

Then we will sleep in khaimas in the middle of the Sahara desert from where we will be able to contemplate and discover an spectacular starry sky.

Dinner and overnight in Khaimas.

After dinner there will be a fire with the music of Berber drums.

Overnight in Sahara desert

DAY 5. WEDNESDAY - SAHARA - IFRANE - FEZ

Sunrise in the Sahara. Its dunes extend to the horizon and some rise more than 150 m. The experience of seeing the first rays of sunrise in the Sahara is impressive.

Today it is obligatory to get up early for an unforgettable date with the sunrise. We will go out at night to be able to contemplate it from the dunes and to admire the different tonalities that is acquiring the sand as the Sun goes up.

Return in 4x4 to the Kasbah, for it we will border the field of dunes crossing the tracks that previously were used in the rally to Dakar.

Breakfast in the kasbah

We will continue to **Fez**, one of the first empire cities. It originated from the 8th century. It is also one of the first sacred cities of the muslim culture in Morocco. It also has the honor have having one of the most ancient universities in the world.

On the way we will cross the middle and high Atlas, with several stops on route
Dinner at the hotel

Overnight in Fez

DAY 6, THURSDAY . - FEZ - CHEFCHAOUEN

Breakfast in the hotel and check out.

Walking through the labyrinthine streets of Fez transports us to past worlds in which potters, forgeers and craftsmen coexist with the foreign visitor, who never ceases to be surprised by observing its people and smelling the multiple aromas and smells that flood the atmosphere of this city.

9:00 Tour of the old medina and the city of Fez with a local guide. We will start with a panoramic view of the city, including the Merinides tombs. Afterwards we will visit Fez el Jedid, including the Alhuitas Square, outside the Royal Palace and Dar el Makhzen.

The old Medina is a true labyrinth, with more than 9,400 streets, tall buildings, and winding and narrow pathways that allow little light to reach the floor.

We will continue to the walking visit of Fez el Bali. We will visit the spice souk of Attarin and the souk of Jenna. We will arrive at Nejjarin Square where the founduk of the same name is located and we will visit the Bounania Madrasa. We will continue towards the Es Seffarin square to finish the morning in the tanners' quarter and see the tanneries.

Mirrors, perfumes, chickens, pigeons, silverware, gold, babouches, sandals, chadors, chilabas, drums, vegetables, fruits, pottery, ceramics, forging, spices, portraits of the king, cereals, books, glassware and everything imaginable, everything... is here.

The constant jolting of the donkeys, loaded with goods from various sources, transports you to another world only broken by the scream of "barak" with which the owner of the animal warns passers-by of the passage of the donkey.

Free time for lunch

In the afternoon Depart to **Chefchaouen**

Dinner and overnight in Chefchaouen

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DAY 7, FRIDAY .- CHEFCHAOUEN - TANGER

Breakfast in the hotel

9:00 hrs Tour through the blue city with a local guide and free time in Chefchaouen

It is located in a natural park, declared as a natural reserve biosphere. Chaouen is a town on a mountain, white and blue, with its wise, kind, and respectful people who offer visitors beautiful panoramas of the urban slope. Beautiful local artisan showings can be seen here as well as enjoying a certain calmness that hard to find nowadays. This place really has you wishing for a return once you leave.

Free time after the guided visit

Free time for lunch

Check out 12:00

14:30 hrs Depart towards Tanger.

Arrival Tangier and transfer to your hotel, port or airport and end of our Services.

Final prices per person based on double or triple room: 695 €

Price includes:

Transfers for arrival and departure at the airports

Private transport for the whole tour with English-speaking driver

2 nights in Marrakech at Hotel Ayoub 4* or similar on half board basis

1 night in Ouarzazte at hotel Kenzi Azghor 4* or similar on half-board basis

Camel ride in the dunes of Merzouga

1 night in Khaimas with bath in Merzouga (Khaimas Kasbah Tuareg Camp) on half board basis.

Transfer by 4x4 in the desert from the dune camp to the Kasbah le Tuareg

1 night in Fez at Menzah Zalagh 4* hotel or similar on half board basis.

1 night in Chefchaouen at Riad Casa Hassan or similar on half board basis

Local guides in Marrakech, Fez and Chefchaouen

Basic travel assistance insurance

Hotel taxes

Management fee, 15 €.

Price does NOT include:

Flights or other means of transport not included in this programme.

Cancellation insurance, we inform you that you can contract an optional one, please consult us.

Drinks at dinner and/or lunch.

Entrance fees to monuments according to the programme.

Single room supplement 210 €.

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Room in the desert, consult options
Everything that is not specified in the price includes

IT IS MANDATORY THAT YOU BRING YOUR CURRENT PASSPORT WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF AT LEAST 6 MONTHS FROM YOUR TRIP

ACCOMODATIONS

<p>Hotel Kenzi Azghor 4* Dirección: Av. Prince Moulay Rachid, Ouarzazate 45000, Marruecos Teléfono: +212 5248-86501</p>	<p>JAIMAS MERZOUGA Khaimas Kasbah Touareg Khaimas with toilet</p>	<p>MENZEH ZALAG 4* 10 Rue Mohammed Diouri, Fes 30000, Morocco +212 5359-32234</p>
<p>HOTEL AYOUB 4* Rue Ibn Qodama Marrakech 40000, Marruecos Tel: +212 5244-33374</p>	<p>CASA HASSAN Chaouen</p>	

Warning: The anticipated hotels are susceptible to change from unforeseen needs, but we will always maintain the same or higher quality.

Transportation methods:

Land Transportation

All the transportation in Morocco will be done in a minivan of maximum 15 seats.
There will be 4x4 Jeeps to take passengers from the tents to the Kasbah in the desert.
We will also have **Camels** for crossing the sand dunes

GUIDES

If the group does not exceed a minimum of 12 participants, it will not be a tour guide and it will be local guides.
Groups higher than 12 participants will be held by the tour guide and wont be local guides.

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**MINIMUM OF PERSONS:**

This trip requires a minimum of 2 people in order to guarantee the departure.

FORM OF PAYMENT

30% per person at the moment of reservation, the rest must be paid 21 days before the departure date.

PLACE OF PAYMENT

Bank transfer or credit card.

Emergency phones

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Meals

The program includes 5 dinners, 1 lunch, and 6 breakfasts

The rest of the meals are not included in the price.

None of the drinks at dinners or lunches are included in the price.

Trip Organization

This trip was organized by Calin Asesores de Viajes CIAN 410810-3

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Cancelation Fees

The client may at any moment drop the contracted services and receive a refund in the amount paid. But he/she must compensate the agency for the following costs:

Procedural costs of 15 €/person

21 days before the start of the trip the cancelation cost becomes 100 €/person

Additionally,

- A) There is a penalty of 5% of the trip's total cost if the cancelation occurs more than 10 and less than 15 days before the start date.
- B) There is a penalty of 15% of the trip's total cost if the cancelation occurs between 3 and 10 days before the start date.
- C) There is a penalty of 25% of the trip's total cost if the cancelation occurs within the 48 hours prior to the beginning of the trip.
- D) If the client fails to show up he/she is obligated to pay the entire amount of the trip, abandoning in this case unresolved amounts.

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Minors

Minors must be accompanied by their parents or another direct family member. If minor is unaccompanied by a direct relative, he/she will need to carry signed authorization from their guardians.

General Information

It is **ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY** to bring a **CURRENT PASSPORT** with an expiration date of at least 6 months beyond the date of the trip. The agency assumes no responsibility and will not provide any refund to a client who does not comply with this requirement.

Visas

The agency assumes no responsibility for issues regarding visas. For more information you can visit the following link: <http://www.descubreMarruecos.com/visados.aspx>

We recommend to foreigners that they check the number of entrances into Spain allowed to them. If you have a one time entrance you may encounter problems with the Spanish police upon return.

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