

TOUR TO MARRAKECH

**9 APRIL 2020
SEMANA SANTA**

DEPARTURE DATE: APRIL 9TH , 2020

THURSDAY APRIL 9TH, 2020 SEVILLE – RABAT - MARRAKECH

5:45AM. Assemble in Seville at Prado de San Sebastián, Glorieta del Cid, Puerta del Pabellón de Portugal Torre del Oro.

06:00AM. Departure to Algeciras where we take the Ferry to Tanger Med.

Once in Tanger Med our Moroccan guide will join us and we leave Early to Rabat, visiting the city and **Mausoleo of Mohammed V** and the famous **Tour Hassan**.

Free time for lunch in Rabat.

Continue to Marrakech, arrive to the hotel, check in and dinner.

FRIDAY APRIL 10TH, 2020 MARRAKECH

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 AM We began our tour in Marrakech with a visit of the outer walls of *Kutubía*, the twin sister tower of Seville's Giralda, and the *Menara* gardens. Afterwards we will continue to the *Bahia Palace* and the exterior part of the Kasbah Mosque. We will finish the day in *Jmaa el Fna Square*, where you will have one hour of free time and then be transferred to the hotel.

Lunch at hotel.

Free time for afternoon and dinner.

We also recommend you to visit *Jmaa el Fna Square* in the evening. This is a wonderful way to appreciate and enjoy how the atmosphere changes so peacefully with the sunset.

Also, in the evening, we will be offering; as an optional dinner choice, Che Ali dinner show, which represents different tribes in Morocco and their traditions.

SATURDAY APRIL 11TH, 2020 MARRAKECH

Breakfast at the hotel

09:00 AM Half day trip to Ourika's valley, in the route to the High Atlas Mountains, in where we will meet a Berber family and enjoy of the impressive views of this mountain range.

Return to Marrakech where we will have the opportunity to ride a camel

Back to the hotel and free evening in Marrakech.

Dinner at the hotel.

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH, 2020 MARRAKECH - CASABLANCA - SEVILLA

Breakfast at the hotel.

Early departure to Casablanca, sightseeing tour of Casablanca, the industrial and economic life. Optional entry to the Great Mosque Hassan II, a masterpiece of Islamic architecture.

Free time for lunch.

Continue to Tanger Med.

Arrive to the port of Tanger Med, board the ferry at 17:00 PM, the ferry leaves to Algeciras.

Bus to Seville.

End of our services.

Final price per person: 249 € in double and / or triple room.

The price includes:

- ✓ Private bus from Seville
- ✓ Ferry from Algeciras to Tanger Med and port taxes.
- ✓ 3 nights in 3 * Marrakech hotel half board
- ✓ 3 breakfasts & 1 lunch & 2 dinners
- ✓ Camel ride
- ✓ Bus for entire tour
- ✓ All entrances to monuments mentioned in this program
- ✓ Accompanying national guide throughout the journey in Morocco
- ✓ Tour manager from the agency
- ✓ Local guides in all Moroccan cities visited
- ✓ Travel Insurance

The price does not include:

Insurance cancellation fees, however this is available for purchase.
Drinks for lunch and/or dinner.
Tips

It is mandatory to have a valid passport which must have an expiration date greater than 6 months before the tour end date. Should the customer not comply with this requirement, the organizing travel agency has no liability and will not refund any money.

Passport Controls

While on the ferry on the way to Morocco, you must look for the policemen counter and have them stamp your passport. This will allow entry into Morocco. It is very important that you have your passport stamped during the voyage, if not, the authorities will not allow you to leave the ferry and the rest of the group will lose time waiting for you.

Visas

The travel agency assumes no liability for visa issues, for more information about visas visit the following link: <http://www.descubremarruecos.com/visados.aspx>

May we remind travelers that the Spanish police monitor the number of entries you have to Spain (which is reflected in your passport on your Spanish visa.) If you have a single-entry on your Spanish visa you may have problems with the Spanish police when you try to reenter Spain.

National Guide

A Moroccan guide will meet the group upon arrival in the port of Tanger Med.

Organization of the trip:

This trip was organized by
Calin Asesores de Viajes CIAN 41810-3
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ACCOMMODATION

Half board included in the following hotel:

MARRAKECH Hôtel Majorelle. Boulevard Allal Al Fassi, Marrakech 40000, Marruecos.

Tél : +212 5243-09940

<http://www.hotel-majorelle.com/>

NOTE: In the unlikely event that the hotel is unavailable due to major force, the travel agency will provide accommodation in other hotel with similar or higher star ratings.

FERRY

Initially we will cross the strait ALGECIRAS to Tanger Med. You must reconfirm this schedule with the travel agency 48 hours before departure. The travel agency does not assume any responsibility derived from delays in the ferries and reserves the right to change ports if necessary.

WHAT TO BRING?

Unfortunately, while many humanitarian aid organizations send things to Morocco, many of these items never reach its destination. In some cases, trade comes into place. With a small contribution, you can help someone.

You can take anything that you no longer use to Morocco. Someone will be sure to find use for it, especially second hand clothing, shoes, pens, pencils, notebooks, backpacks, handbags, antibiotics such as amoxicillin (which costs nearly 20 Euros in Morocco and less than 5 Euros in Spain), pharmaceutical products like alcohol (which has a luxury price in Morocco), aspirin, candy and trinkets, hats, caps anything you can think of.

We recommend you bring anti-mosquito lotion as well as a mosquito electric vaporizer.

TRANSPORTATION:

By bus or van depending on the number of participants.

MEALS

In Morocco there is vegetarian food, please inform the guide if you have any special dietary needs.

Four dinners, two lunches and all the breakfasts are included on the tour. All other meals are not included, although the guide will provide you with information on alternative options. Drinks are not included in any of the meals; you must pay the waiters directly.

At the end of the journey

Your opinion is very important to us. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to fill out the following questionnaire about the tour. Please go to the following link: <http://www.descubremarruecos.com/encuestas.aspx>

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

Always ask for price before buying, especially in bars and restaurants. Please do not allow the waiter to bring you food without previously asking for it and knowing how much it is going to cost you.

For getting around, we recommend you use the *petit taxis* (blue with yellow stripes), it fits up to 3 people and has a taximeter. However, if the driver does not activate the taximeter at the beginning of your journey, please remind him to turn it on... The average price for a short ride is less than € 2.

All explanations will be in Spanish.

Beware of drinking tap water and using ice; this has caused gastroenteritis in the past.

Bargaining: it is mandatory and necessary. Divide the initial price by 5 to start the game. Always let the seller give the final price. Don't be surprised if a seller asks for a very expensive price at first; they do this to provoke you. With good negotiating skills, you can get a good price.

Tips are usually not included in the final price; ten percent tips are usually given, and € 0.50 per suitcase.

In restaurants, alcohol is very expensive, so we recommend drinking mineral water and/or soft drinks.

For those who smoke and drink, we recommend buying tobacco and alcohol in the duty free shop on the ferry. It is much cheaper on the ferry than in Morocco.

LANGUAGE

Besides Arabic, which is the official language, the Arabic dialect, Berbers dialect, is widely spoken. Although most Moroccans speak French, many also speak Spanish.

RELIGION

Islam is the official religion of Morocco, however it also coexists perfectly with other beliefs.

CUSTOMS

Although access to the mosques and sacred places are prohibited for non-Muslims, people of other religions are permitted to visit the Great Mosque Hassan II in Casablanca. The mint tea is the symbol of hospitality and is offered frequently. In the markets it has been used to haggle prices. We recommend always asking for permission before taking someone's picture.

WEATHER

Morocco offers the possibility to change climates in a few hours: from the snow-capped Atlas to the desert or the beach. The average annual sunshine is more than eight hours a day in Agadir, Fez, Marrakech and Ouarzazate, with an average temperature of 21 ° C. It is hot in summer.

CLOTHING

Light clothing for the day and warm clothing for the night, especially in the interior and south parts of the country and in particular if you travel between the months of September and March.

HEALTH

Vaccines: No vaccine or Malaria treatment is necessary for travelers coming from Europe. Some safety measures: Avoid water from rivers. Bottled water is recommended. Health care in Morocco for foreigners is not free.

MOROCCAN CURRENCY

The Dirham (Dh) is the Moroccan currency (1 Euro is a bit more than 10 Dirhams.) There are bills of 10, 50, 100 and 200 Dirhams, coins of 1, 5, 10 and 20 Dirhams and coins of 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents. The import and exportation of Dirhams are forbidden by law. It is recommended to change money in banks or in official establishments. Save receipts so when you exchange unspent Dirhams they should return up to 50% of the total charged.

MEANS OF PAYMENT

Credit cards are generally accepted in large hotels, boutiques, restaurants, and sometimes even in the markets. It is possible to withdraw money in banks with a credit card or with a check. There are *Exchange* places in some large cities too.

ELECTRICITY

220 watt in new buildings (sometimes 110 watt in old buildings), the plugs are European style.

TAXIS

Very inexpensive, "small taxi" (maximum 3 people) can be recognized by their color. Always the same in each city: red in Casablanca, blue in Rabat ... They only circulate within the city limits and not, for example, to the airport as in the case of Casablanca. They can also pick up other passengers who are going the same route. You should always discuss the price before departing if there is no taximeter.

For groups or individuals, you should use the “big taxis “(maximum 6 people). They travel throughout the city center, inter-city and outskirts. It is also advisable to agree upon a price in advance.

DRIVER

Documents: Driver License, the gray card and international insurance (green card.) If you do not own the car a certified proxy is needed in addition.

SAFETY

Do not pronounce the word *moro* or anything similar. This is highly offensive to the Moroccans. Replace these words with the word Moroccan.

Do not walk alone at night; always be in groups of at least 4.

It is not well seen that women drink alcohol in bars at night. They can be taken for “night workers.”

Always ask before taking someone’s picture.

Never say when we will go back to Spain, or where we are going, in general, do not give out any information whatsoever of this program.