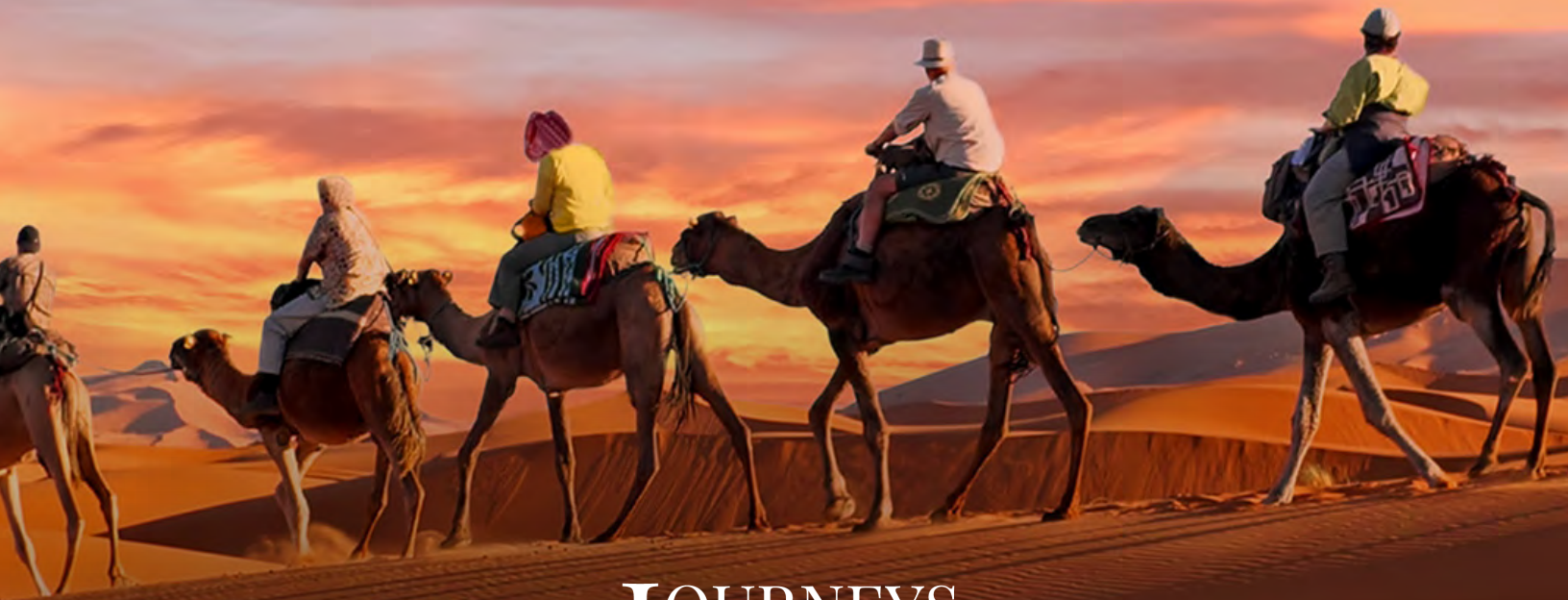


# THE MARVELS OF MOROCCO



JOURNEYS  
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 Land Journey

16 Days

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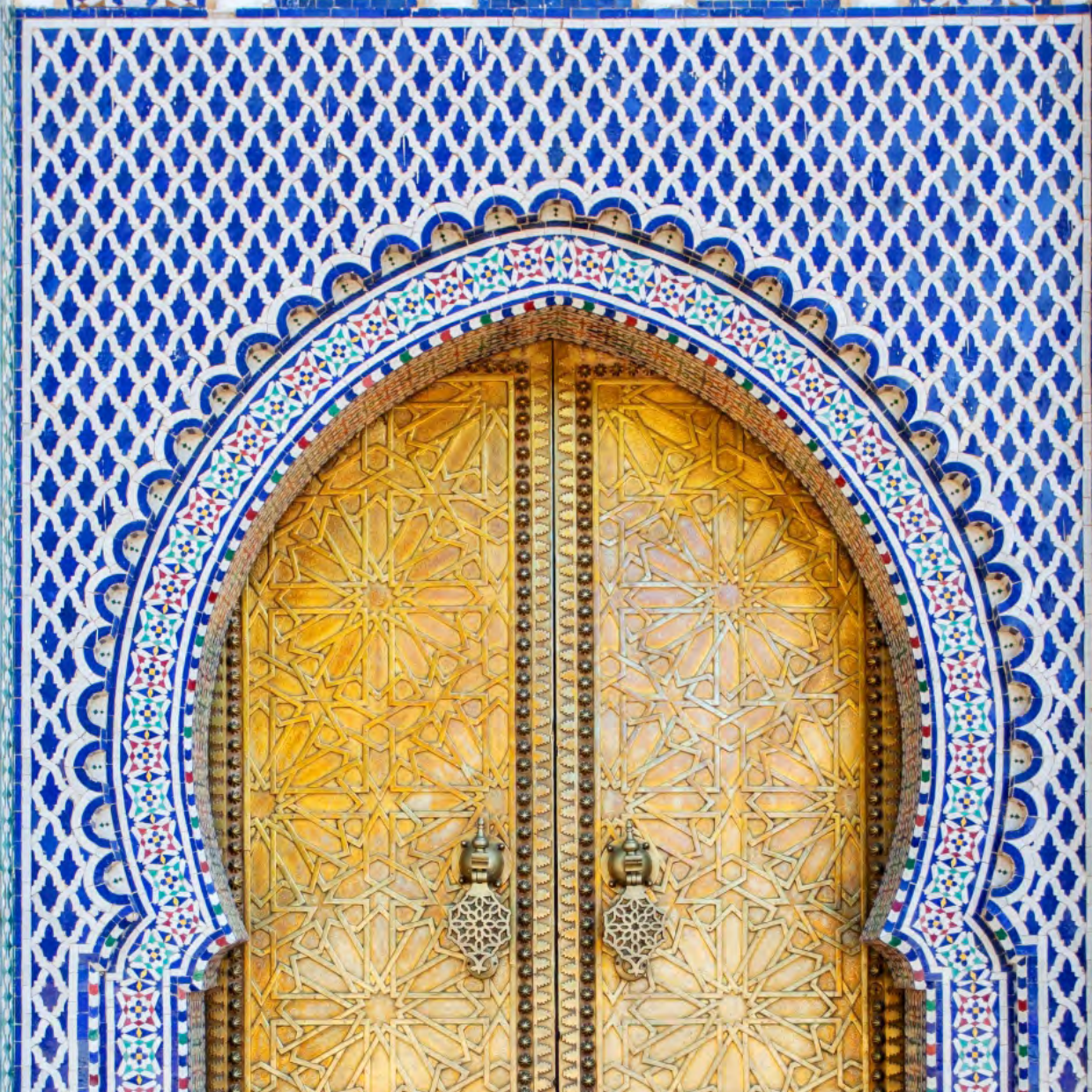
October 12 to  
October 27, 2025

# Discover The Marvels of Morocco

Morocco is a feast for the senses. Wander through the iconic souks of Fez and Marrakech's UNESCO-listed medina. Feel the ocean breeze in the charming coastal town of Essaouira, and ride a camel across the vast Sahara dunes.

Our Journey Manager will be with you every step of the way on this carefully curated, intimate adventure. Designed for your comfort and lifestyle, we hope you love this journey as much as we've loved creating it for you.





## ① Fez

Delve into the enchanting city of Fez, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that transports you back to medieval times. Wander through its labyrinthine streets, where vibrant markets and historical monuments reveal the rich tapestry of Moroccan culture and tradition, showcasing the city's status as a center of art and knowledge.



## ② Sahara Desert

Set off on an unforgettable journey to the Sahara Desert, where you'll be enchanted by the breathtaking vistas of towering sand dunes that shift colors in the sunlight. Experience the unique charm of desert life, complete with traditional tea ceremonies and the magic of a star-filled sky, as you enjoy an evening of feasting and entertainment in this remarkable landscape.



## ③ Marrakech

Marrakech, captivates visitors with its rich history, vibrant culture, and stunning architecture. Known as the “Red City” for its distinctive terracotta buildings, it offers a mesmerizing blend of tradition and modernity. The lively souks, enchanting gardens, and grand palaces provide a feast for the senses. With its warm hospitality and diverse experiences, Marrakech promises to leave a lasting impression on every traveler.



## ④ Essaouira

Essaouira, a picturesque coastal town on Morocco's Atlantic coast, is celebrated for its relaxed atmosphere and stunning natural beauty. The well-preserved medina features whitewashed buildings adorned with blue accents, reflecting a blend of Berber, Portuguese, and French influences. With its vibrant arts scene, bustling markets, and fresh seafood restaurants, Essaouira offers a captivating cultural experience and a serene escape for all who visit.



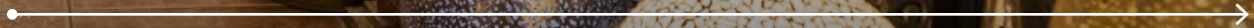
## ⑤ Casablanca

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Casablanca, Morocco's largest city, is a vibrant center filled with energy and cultural richness. Its striking architecture features a mix of contemporary skyscrapers and historic landmarks, including the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, which commands attention by the sea. The city's lively markets, bustling waterfront, and diverse culinary scene immerse visitors in the authentic essence of urban Moroccan life, making it a captivating destination that showcases the heart of the country.



# Journey Itinerary





## Day 1

# DEPART FOR CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

Start your Journey with us by enjoying a private car pick up service from your home. Upon arrival at the airport, guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow guests, and board your flights to Morocco. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details, allowing you to embrace your Journey.

### **Overnight: Flight**





## Day 2

# CASABLANCA

On arrival in Casablanca, we meet our friendly local guide. Following a morning drive around the coastal city, we visit the Hassan II Mosque, whose minaret soars 175 metres above the city. After a light lunch, a scenic drive takes us to Rabat, where we enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Enjoy dinner at our hotel and take the time to settle-in and meet fellow travellers.

**Overnight: Rabat, Tour Hassan Palace \*or similar**

**Meals: L, D**

## Day 3

# RABAT

The “Fortified Place,” the literal meaning of Rabat is the capital city of Morocco. Its wide boulevards are filled with out-of-the-ordinary 7th-century historical monuments. Today we explore the administrative capital of Rabat and witness the marble Mohammed V Mausoleum decorated with exquisite zellige (geometric mosaic tiles) and the unfinished but ever striking Hassan Tower, which was meant to be the largest minaret in the world. Then we pay a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kasbah of the Udayas. It is within these historical walls that the city of Rabat began in the 12th century. After lunch, enjoy an afternoon of free time before joining us for dinner at a local restaurant.

**Overnight: Rabat, Tour Hassan Palace \*or similar**

**Meals: B, L, D**





## Day 4

# MOULAY IDRIS & VOLUBILIS

After breakfast, we head to the imperial walled city of Fez, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site that will transport you back to medieval times; upon arrival, we explore the holy town of Moulay Idriss. Spread over two hills at the base of Mount Zerhoun, it holds a special place in the hearts of the Moroccan people. A new dynasty began here with Moulay Idriss bringing the religion of Islam and starting the construction of this marvelous city. At the archaeological site of Volubilis, our guided tour exhibits the partly excavated Roman city commonly considered the ancient capital of the Roman-Berber kingdom of Mauretania. Savour lunch in Meknes, followed by a visit to the old imperial capital. Enjoy the famous Bab Mansour Gate, the Jewish Quarter, and the vast El Hedim Square before settling into your hotel in Fez later this afternoon.

**Overnight: Fez, Marriott Jnan Palace\*or similar**

**Meals: B, L, D**

## Day 5

# FEZ: IMPERIAL CITY

An exhilarating day in the religious capital of Morocco awaits. Cradle of a thousand-year-old monarchy, Fez shares her memories of 12 centuries of history and shows us the refinement of Hispano-Moorish culture. After a visit of the Medina, a UNESCO World Heritage site, we continue to the Bou Inania Madrasa and the Nejjarine fountain. Following lunch the afternoon is yours to continue exploring or maybe treat yourself to a Hammam.

**Overnight: Fez, Marriott Jnan Palace\*or similar**

**Meals: B, L, D**





## Day 6

# FEZ

This morning we continue exploring Fez. Our first visit is to see the exteriors of the Royal Palace and the Bab Bou Jeloud gate. Following a visit to a tannery in the heart of the bustling souk, we enjoy lunch at the beautiful Palace restaurant. We continue our exploration with a visit to the pottery district to discover the art of Moroccan ceramics and tilework before some free time in the afternoon to do as much or a little as you please. Dinner this evening is at our hotel.

**Overnight: Fez, Marriott Jnan Palace\*or similar**

**Meals: B, L, D**

## Day 7

# IFRANE, MIDELT, ERFOUD

Today we travel an idyllic route to the Sahara Desert. Along the way, admire the parade of mountains, valleys, forests, and desert. We stop in the city of Ifrane which is unlike any other town in Morocco. Located at an altitude of 5,460 feet above sea level in the Middle Atlas region, this small hill town has a Swiss alpine feel to it. With neat red-roofed houses, blooming flower beds, lake-studded parks and snowbound winters, this remarkable European styled town is often referred to as “Morocco’s Switzerland.” Next, we visit Azrou, which translates literally to “rock” in the local Amazigh language and is named for the large, black volcanic outcrop in the centre of town. Lunch is near the town of Midelt in the plains of the Middle Atlas. Our drive continues to Erfoud for a relaxing evening and dinner at our hotel.

**Overnight: Erfoud, Kasbah Hôtel Xaluca Arfoud \*or similar**

**Meals: B, L, D**





## Day 8

# MEZOUGA

Merzouga lies on the edge of Erg Chebbi, a monumental series of sand dunes that reach heights of 160 metres, larger than many skyscrapers. It's an amazing sight, especially as the dunes change colour in the setting sun from shades of gold to orange, pink and purple. Here our desert adventure by 4x4 begins as we climb to the top of a hill for spectacular views of the rolling sand dunes. Enjoy a tea ceremony with a local nomad family, before continuing into the dunes for a picnic lunch. After you have settled in your luxury tented camp, we set off on a camel ride to bask in the golden sunset over the dunes. We return to the camp to enjoy a Berber feast and entertainment under the star-filled sky!

**Overnight: Merzouga, Sahara Sky Camps**

**Meals: B, L, D**



## Day 9

# BOUMALNE DADES & OUARZAZATE

We depart for the Todra Gorge, situated on the east side of the High Atlas Mountains. It is recognized around the world as one of the most spectacular canyons – a 300-metre-deep fault of limestone that offers just enough space for a crystal-clear river and a small path for hikers. After lunch, we head towards Boumalne Dades along the “Route of 1,000 Kasbahs,” famous for its beautiful and charming landscapes, as well as its idyllic gorges. Our senses then come alive as we visit the Valley of Roses, home to Morocco’s largest rose water and rose oil manufacturers. In the evening, we arrive in Ouarzazate and enjoy dinner at our hotel.

**Overnight: Ouarzazate, Le Berbere Palace \*or similar**

**Meals: B, L, D**





## Day 10

# OUARZAZATE, AÏT BEN HADDOU, MARRAKECH

A city of palm trees, sandy streets and fort-like buildings, Ouarzazate has stood at the edge of the Sahara Desert for hundreds of years. After a visit of the Ouarzazate film studios, we head to the ancient village of Aït Ben Haddou. This fortified city is full of towering kasbahs and crumbling walls with only five families still living inside the fortress of Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou.

We enjoy lunch before travelling along the famous camel caravan route and over Tizi n'Tichka to Marrakech. We settle into our riad in the heart of the city for a relaxing dinner and evening.

**Overnight: Marrakech, Hotel Radisson Blu \*or similar**

**Meals: B, L, D**

## Day 11

# MARRAKECH

Originating from the Amazigh (Berber) words, “amur kush,” Marrakech means “Land of God.” One of the Imperial cities of Morocco, its location and contrasting landscape make it an enviable destination in Morocco. Our exploration is vast and includes a visit of the

Menara Gardens, one of the oldest gardens in Marrakech with an immense olive grove dotted with palm and cypress trees. Next, we visit the Mellah (Jewish Quarter) and the Bahia Palace, one of Marrakech’s most imposing buildings. A visit to Marrakech would not be complete without seeing the well-known Koutoubia Mosque. Following lunch, we explore the souks and the famous Jemaa el-Fna Square.

**Overnight: Marrakech, Hotel Radisson Blu \*or similar**

**Meals: B, L, D**





## Day 12

# MARRAKECH

This morning we visit the Majorelle Garden, made in the 1920s by the French painter Jacques Majorelle, with marble pools, raised pathways, banana trees, groves of bamboo, coconut palms and bougainvilleas. Perhaps unsurprisingly as the garden was designed by a painter, the garden is composed and coloured like a painting. Many of the built features were painted in a dark blue ('Majorelle Blue' which works very well with the soil, climate and plants. Next we visit the Yves Saint Laurent Museum which is entirely devoted to the work of the legendary fashion designer. Following lunch in a local restaurant the afternoon is at your leisure. This evening dinner is at our hotel.

**Overnight: Marrakech, Hotel Radisson Blu \*or similar**

**Meals: B, L, D**

## Day 13

# ESSAOUIRA

This morning we travel to Essaouira, known as Morocco's "windy city." A combination of spectacular beaches, great sea and the almost constant tropical trade winds has changed this city from a hardworking port into one of the world's greatest sites for windsurfing, kiteboarding and other exhilarating watersports. The city has a dual heritage, and this can be seen in the mighty walls that surround this old Moroccan trade centre. Once a Portuguese fortress, rusting cannons between the ramparts still point out to sea. There is a certain European feel to the construction of the city once known as Mogador. Following lunch and a wine tasting at a local vineyard, we visit an Argan Oil Women's Cooperative before checking into our hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

**Overnight: Essaouira, MGallery by Sofitel \*or similar**

**Meals: B, L, D**





## Day 14

# ESSAOUIRA

A day dedicated to relaxation, exploration, or quiet time. This endearing seaside resort and fishing port extends on a narrow peninsula, ensuring rapturing views from all angles. Your lunch and afternoon are free for you to explore on your own. This evening, we dine in a lovely local restaurant.

**Overnight: Essaouira, MGallery by Sofitel \*or similar**

**Meals: B, L, D**

## Day 15

# SAFI, EL JADIDA, CASABLANCA

In Safi, discover this hidden gem, nestled on the shores of the Atlantic. Safi has two beating hearts; one in the old town, lined with shops offering the beautiful blue Safi ceramics, all lying in the shadows of the gorgeous Portuguese Citadel, and the new, bustling with modern energy. In El Jadida, discover the famous Portuguese fortified city of Mazagan built at the start of the 16th century. The UNESCO-listed site is often considered to be one of the country's best examples of military design. This afternoon, we arrive in Casablanca with free time to relax at your leisure.

**Overnight: Casablanca, Hyatt Regency** \*or similar

**Meals: B, L, D**





## Day 16

# HOME

We bid “wadaeean” to our new friends and make our way to the airport for our flights home. Enjoy our private car to your home.

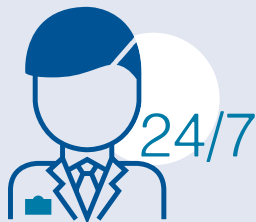
**Overnight: Home**

**Meals: B**



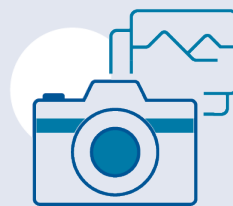
# Signature Inclusions on this Journey

In addition to our essentials, your Journey includes our following Signature Inclusions:



## 24/7 Professional Journey Manager

- Will travel with you from Canada and handle every detail
- In addition to knowledgeable local guides



## Memorable Private Excursions

- Private excursions crafted by our team
- All sightseeing & entrance fees included



## Private Car Pick-up Service

- Within a 200-kilometre radius, let your Journey begin in elegant comfort with a private chauffeured car to the airport



## Generous Tips & Gratuities

- For the porters, local guides, hotel staff & many more, paid by us on your behalf

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## Our essentials included with your Journey:

- **13 nights** in outstanding hotels
- **1 night** in comfortable desert camp
- **Most meals included** (14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners)
- **Round-trip airfare** from Toronto
- **All taxes** as well as port & service charges
- **“Whisper” radios** included for use during excursions
- Other gateways & travel classes available
- Porterage for one piece of luggage per person
- Hassle-free visas handled & processed for Canadian citizens
- Complete information & assistance leading up to your departure
- Branded overnight carry-on or backpack

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# All-Inclusive Fares

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Double Occupancy

\$10,490

Single Occupancy

\$12,490

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