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## Colors of Morocco

with Optional 4-Night Northern Morocco: Chefchaouen & Tangier Pre Tour Extension

October 12 - 26, 2025



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight  
Days 2, 3 Flower Town Hotel & Spa, Rabat  
Days 4 – 6 Riad Yacout , Fes  
Day 7 Kasbah Xaluca Erfoud Hotel , Erfoud  
Days 8, 9 Relaxing Desert Camp, Merzouga  
Day 10 Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades  
Days 11 – 13 Es Saadi Hotel, Marrakesh  
Day 14 Barcelo Anfa Casablanca , Casablanca

***On some dates alternate hotels may be used.***



**Day 1: Sunday, October 12, 2025 Overnight Flight** On a captivating adventure through a land of centuries-old culture and customs, discover the “Land of Sunset” and “Gateway to Africa” – the country called Morocco.

**Day 2: Monday, October 13, 2025 Casablanca, Morocco - Rabat - Tour Begins** Welcome to Morocco! After you land in Casablanca you'll transfer to Rabat. Depending on your arrival flights, you may join your local Tour Manager on a vicinity walk to get acquainted with the area around your hotel in Rabat, your home for the next two days.

**Day 3: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Rabat** Come to know Rabat on an in-depth tour\* with a local guide who'll share his knowledge of this city and its architectural gems. Visit the Chellah, a walled town containing both Roman ruins and a medieval necropolis. Explore the mausoleum of Mohammed V, the epitome of modern Moroccan design. The mausoleum's ornate woodwork, marble, and bronze ornamentations make this a tomb truly fit for a king. See the Kasbah de Oudaïas and its whitewashed buildings. Enjoy free time to explore on your own in the afternoon. At the end of your day, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 4: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 Rabat - Fes** Depart Rabat for Fes this morning. En route to Fes, stop at a winery estate for a tour, tasting, and lunch. Explore the winery's grounds on a guided tour through the vineyard and cellar, taking in sweeping views of vines and tasting some of the vintages. End your tour with lunch at the estate. Then continue on to Fes, where you'll spend the next three nights at a *riad*. (B, L)

**Day 5: Thursday, October 16, 2025 Fes** Get ready to discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn about its history as a center of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion. Visit the royal palace and Al-Qarawiyyin University (UNESCO), the oldest continuously operating university in the world, admiring its high arches and Andalusian influences. On a walking tour of the ninth-century medina, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. (B, D)

**Day 6: Friday, October 17, 2025 Fes** Enjoy your day at leisure in Fes. Explore the city further, strolling through marketplaces or visiting a museum. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour of Meknes and Volubilis. On this full-day tour, experience Meknes, one of four Imperial cities in

Morocco, where you'll see the Bab Mansour gate. After an included lunch, travel to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its impressive and well-preserved Roman ruins. (B)

**Day 7: Saturday, October 18, 2025 Fes - Midelt - Erfoud** Cross some of Morocco's most breathtaking desert landscapes on the way to the Sahara. En route, pause in Midelt to bask in majestic views of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Arrive in Erfoud, called the "Door to the Desert," and where many famous movies were filmed, including *The Prince of Persia* and *The Mummy*. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Sunday, October 19, 2025 Erfoud - Sahara Desert** This morning, get to know about local life at El Maadid Ksar, a village with narrow lanes surrounded by ancient fortified walls. Spend some time walking through town and get an authentic look into how local people live, like the farmers who spend their days tending to fields on the outskirts of the village. This evening, make your way into the Sahara aboard a Jeep 4x4 for a two-night stay in a luxury tented camp in the desert, under the stars. (B, D)

**Day 9: Monday, October 20, 2025 Sahara Desert** Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara in stunning hues of orange, yellow, and red. This morning you'll have the opportunity to ride through the dunes on the back of a camel. Continue your day by traveling to the village of Khamlia. Meet with locals for an eye-opening and meaningful discussion before experiencing traditional sub-Saharan *Gnawa* music. The next step of your desert expedition brings you to meet a nomadic group. You'll learn about this ancient way of living and how its traditions have changed. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the desert. This evening, sit with your Tour Manager and learn more about the importance of Islam in Morocco through the centuries and its impact on today's day-to-day life in sub-Saharan Africa. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 Sahara Desert - El Khorbate - Boumalne du Dades** Return to the edge of the desert this morning and marvel as the sun illuminates the sweeping sands. Visit the fortified village of El Khorbat. Dating back to the 17th century, this village showcases Jewish and Muslim architecture and artifacts. Learn more about Berber culture while visiting the museum within the village. Enjoy a simple lunch at a local restaurant. This **Impact Moment** supports a business whose profits are used to conserve the cultural heritage and improve the living conditions of this small community. Later, arrive in Boumalne du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, palmeraies, and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech** Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs," where turreted fortresses rise up like sandcastles along this ancient trading route. Arrive at the UNESCO site of the Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers that make the Ksar a striking feat of Moroccan architecture. Before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech, enjoy a homemade meal, then continue along the Tizi n'Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains, and Berber villages. (B, L)

**Day 12: Thursday, October 23, 2025 Marrakech** Among the mosques and palaces, souks, and riads, visit the Jardin Majorelle, an iconic site that showcases the beauty and ingenuity of Morocco's cultural heritage. Next, visit the ancient El Bahia palace, whose architecture is a distinct blend of both Islamic and Moroccan styles. Then **it's your choice!** Embark on a walking

tour with a local guide, stopping at shops along the way **-OR-** relax in a traditional *hammam*, a community bathhouse where locals still gather to relax, cleanse, and socialize today **-OR-** return to the hotel to relax by the pool. (B, D)

**Day 13: Friday, October 24, 2025 Marrakech** Today experience an **Impact Moment** and join a local women's training center for an interactive cooking class. Head to a garden on the property to source your herbs and vegetables and learn the secret to making the country's most celebrated dish: *tagine*. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, perhaps you'll join an optional horse-drawn carriage ride through Marrakech, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

**Day 14: Saturday, October 25, 2025 Marrakech - Casablanca** Depart Marrakech for Casablanca this morning. Upon arrival in Casablanca, visit the largest functioning mosque in Africa, the Hassan II Mosque. Learn about the history and the significance of this mosque on a privately led tour. Gaze upon the intricate, colorful artistry of the ceramic tile and hand-carved stone of this architectural wonder. Then say goodbye to your Tour Manager and fellow travelers during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 15: Sunday, October 26, 2025 Casablanca - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close this morning. (B)



### Experience It! Sahara Desert

Covering over three million square miles of northern Africa, the Sahara is said to encompass a staggering 10% of the African continent. It's often referred to as the world's largest desert, but it's actually the largest "hot" desert, losing overall status to Antarctica. Scientists believe that the Sahara has been inhabited since 6000 B.C. The Egyptians, Phoenicians, and Greeks are just some of its former residents. Today, the population is around four million and consists mainly of nomads who move from place to place due to the harsh conditions. Imagine daily life with an average temperature of 86°F. Temperatures can regularly exceed 122°F during the hottest months of the year. Over time, the wind, heat, and dry weather have created a tapestry of stunning landscapes that include sand dunes, sand seas (called ergs), barren stone plateaus, gravel plains and salt flats.