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Morocco’s mystique can be found in medinas that brim with color, soaring mountains that give way to endless desert, and stunning Moorish architecture. Discover the enchanting cities of Marrakech and Fez, venture into rose-colored kasbahs, and visit little-known mountain villages. Listen to the strains of Berber music around a campfire in the Sahara, and stay at a stunning Moorish palace hotel.

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Royal Palace. Tonight, gather for a festive welcome dinner.
Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche (L,D)

Day 3 — Casablanca/Marrakech

Drive through the elegant Anfa neighborhood on the way to Marrakech, Morocco's legendary "pearl of the South." Enjoy a poolside lunch at the hotel before exploring the city of Marrakech. See the splendid Koutoubia Mosque and the Saadian Tombs, and visit Bahia Palace. Explore the labyrinthine streets of the medina, lined with market stalls and craftspeople; and soak up the colorful chaos of Djemma el Fna Square, where snake charmers and magicians captivate the passersby. Tonight, gather for a rooftop reception and dinner accompanied by traditional Gnaoua music in the heart of the old medina.
Sofitel Marrakech (B,L,D)

Day 4 — Marrakech

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through the stunning Majorelle Garden, once owned by Yves Saint-Laurent, and see an exclusive collection of Berber objects originating from diverse regions of Morocco at the Berber Museum. Explore historic Moroccan architecture with visits to the 14th-century Ben Youssef Madrasa and the Museum of Marrakech, located in the Dar Menebhi Palace. After lunch, venture back to the lively medina with our local guide or explore on your own.

Sofitel Marrakech (B,L)

Day 5 — Telouet/Aït Benhaddou/Ouarzazate

Cross the High Atlas Mountains over the Tichka Pass, stopping to board 4x4s for the trip to the Kasbah of Telouet. Once home to the powerful Glaoui clan, the kasbah's crumbling exterior belies its rich tile and woodwork. After lunch in the village, drive through the Ounina Valley to the ancient fortified village of Aït Benhaddou, and delve into its warren of twisting lanes and shops. Continue to Ouarzazate, a former colonial trading post, now known for its movie studios where films like *Gladiator* and *Lawrence of Arabia* were shot.

Le Berbère Palace (B,L,D)

Day 6 — Ouarzazate/Boumalne Dades

Learn about traditional adobe architecture in Taourirt Kasbah this morning. Then set out on the fabled Road of 1,000 Kasbahs. Arrive in Boumalne Dades, a small town nestled amid the crags and plateaus of the semidesert landscape. After lunch, head out on a hike in the dramatic Dades Gorge and visit nearby villages.

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Day 7 — Erfoud/Rissani/Merzouga

Follow the Road of 1,000 Kasbahs to Erfoud, passing spectacular rock formations, oases, and rose plantations. In Erfoud, climb into 4x4s for the drive into the desert. Visit the souk in Rissani, a historic camel caravan stop. Later, ride into the dunes on a camel to watch the sun set on the Sahara. Return to our deluxe Berber tented camp to dine under the star-studded sky and enjoy an evening of Berber folk music and tales around

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Bivouac Tented Berber Camp (B,L,D)

Day 8 — Merzouga/Fez

Awaken early for a walk across the sandscape as the rising sun paints the dunes orange and gold. Return to the camp for a hearty breakfast, then head north into the high-mountain plains on your way to Fez. Arrive in Fez late this afternoon, and check in to our hotel.

Hotel Sahrai (B,L,D)

Day 9 — Fez

Spend the day exploring this magnificent imperial city. Visit the Royal Palace and Fes Jdid, home to the historic Jewish Quarter. Delve into the lively medina, where merchants preside over colorful mounds of spices and tanners soak skins in vats of dye. Discover the 14th-century Bou Inania Madrasa, characterized by its intricately carved stucco walls, arches, and cornices. See the Nejjarine Fountain, covered in exquisite mosaics, and the Kairaouine Mosque.

Hotel Sahrai (B,L)

Day 10 — Fez/Volubilis and Meknes

Today you may choose to explore Fez at your own pace or take an excursion to the Roman ruins of Volubilis, a World Heritage site, and Meknes, Morocco's 17th-century capital. Tonight, toast our Moroccan adventure at a farewell dinner and belly-dancing performance.

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Day 11 — Fez/U.S.

This morning, transfer to the Fez airport for your return flight or transfer to Casablanca for flights departing in the afternoon.

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