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Desert Explorer by 4X4 9 Nights / 10 Days

Day 1 : Marrakech - Arrival

On arrival at Marrakech airport, meet & greet by your English speaking tour escort and private transfer to your hotel.
Overnight in Marrakech.

Day 2 : Marrakech

This morning, we will discover the city's architectural attractions situated inside the Medina : The Koutoubia minaret, the most perfect Islamic religious structure in North Africa. The Saadian Mausoleum displaying high level of decoration, using traditional stucco and Granada-style carving, typical of classical Moroccan buildings. The Bahia Palace, a masterpiece of domestic architecture and Dar Si Said one of the most beautiful palaces, now home to the museum of Moroccan Arts and Crafts. In the afternoon, we will visit the labyrinthine souks in the old town. We will explore colourful alleys and small squares, home to stalls and ateliers devoted to specific crafts. In the early evening, we will head to Djemaa El Fna, the city's main square and the beating heart of Marrakech, where mime artists and street musicians perform at every turn.
Overnight in Marrakech.

Day 3 : Marrakech/Zagora

Early this morning, we will drive along one of the most scenic roads in southern Morocco, following the old tribal pass across the Atlas Mountains which bore the traffic of the old caravan route. En route, we will visit Kasbah Telouet, a former palace of the Berber chieftain El Glaoui. Heading further south, dirt roads take over to Ait Benhaddou along the fabulous Ounila Valley. Perched on a hilltop, this fortified village is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch, we will be driving towards the Saharan mountain ranges of the Anti Atlas via Agdz and then along the Draa valley until we arrive in Zagora, the starting point to explore the desert.
Dinner and overnight in Zagora.

Day 4 : Zagora / Erg Lihoudi

This morning will be at leisure to relax in your hotel. In the afternoon, we will drive south of Zagora along the Draa Valley to the village of Tamegroute where we will visit the library housing about 4.000 manuscripts and the nearby traditional pottery. Afterwards, we will drive to Tagounit where we will take an off-road to our desert camp situated in the sand dunes of Erg Lihoudi. Upon arrival, camel ride in the dunes to watch the spectacular sunset and then back to our camp.
Dinner and overnight in tented camp in Erg Lihoudi.

Day 5 : Erg Lihoudi / Chegaga

After breakfast we will ride camels in the desert to the oasis of Oulad Driss. Here, we will visit an old kasbah, local museum and palmery. Picnic lunch before driving further south via the oasis of Oum Laalag towards the dunes of Chegaga where we will camp near the big dune.
Dinner and overnight in tented camp in Chegaga.

Day 6 : Chegaga / Foug Zguid

Today, we will wake up early to admire the beautiful sunrise in the sand dunes before heading west via the dry lake of Iriki to the remote village of Zaouit Sidi Abdenbi. En route, we will stop to share Saharan tea with the nomads in their Bedouin tents. After a picnic lunch, we will start our fossil prospection in the desert before joining our campsite in the oasis of Foug Zguid.
Dinner and overnight in Foug Zguid.

Day 7 : Foug Zguid / Taroudant

Today, we will head west to Taroudant via the verdant oasis of Tissint where we will stop for tea in a Berber home. We will see the nearby waterfalls before continuing to Tata for lunch. In the afternoon, we will drive to Taroudant via the town of Iggherm, crossing hills interspersed by remote Berber villages and Argan trees orchards.
Dinner and overnight in Taroudant.

Day 8 : Taroudant/Marrakech

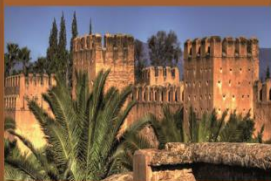
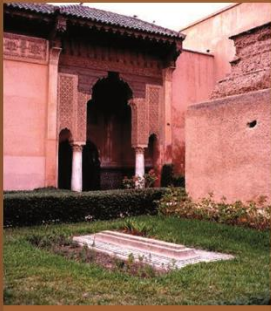
After breakfast, depart for a morning exploration of this charming and ancient ochre-red walled market town. Taroudant is an attractive old capital with rather a sleepy feel and a very relaxing and friendly place. Among the city highlights are the 5 kms ramparts that surround the old town, the colourful tanneries and the bustling souks with the local specialities of silver jewellery. This afternoon, we will drive back to Marrakech via the new highway.
Dinner and overnight in Marrakech.

Day 9 : Marrakech

We will spend this morning visiting the beautiful gardens which are dotted around the city. The Menara gardens, set in an extensive olive grove with its huge pool and fabulous view of the Atlas Mountains, The Jardin Majorelle designed by the French artist Jacques Majorelle. This garden is a fabulous tropical paradise, surrounded by vivid cobalt blue buildings with verdant exotic groves, Lily-covered pools, and sculptural cactuses. The afternoon is at leisure to continue your exploration of Marrakech.
Overnight in Marrakech.

Day 10 : Marrakech – Departure

After breakfast, you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Marrakech airport for your onward flight.



Kasbahs and Citadels 7 nights / 8 days



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In the afternoon, we will visit the labyrinthine souks in the old town. We will explore colourful alleys and small squares, home to stalls and ateliers devoted to specific crafts. In the early evening, we will head to Djemaa El Fna, the city's main square and the beating heart of Marrakech, where mime artists and street musicians perform at every turn.
Overnight in Marrakech.

Day 3 : Marrakech /Ouarzazate/Zagora

Today's drive via the Tizi n' Tichka pass will be along one of the most beautiful roads across the High Atlas Mountains. Enjoy breathtaking sceneries and stunning views over small local villages along green valleys all the way to the pre Saharan regions. En route we will stop to explore the impressive U.N.E.S.C.O. protected Kasbah of Ait Benhaddou, the backdrop for many famous films such as Lawrence of Arabia, The Mummy and Gladiator.

After lunch, we will cross the city of Ouarzazate and head South towards the Saharan mountain ranges of the Anti-Atlas. From Agdz we will start driving along the Draa valley inhabited by Berber and African tribes.
Dinner and overnight in Zagora.

Day 4 : Zagora/Rissani/Erfoud

Our expedition today takes us through the huge and verdant oasis of the Draa valley via Tansikht and Nkob, where splendid scenarios of pre-Saharan Reg desert are dotted with Berber villages. The massive Sargho Mount follows, and then arrival at Alnif small villages for a stop. Continue to Erfoud on the edge of the Sahara desert via the villages of Mecissi and Rissani, an important crossroads of the old gold and salt caravan trade between Morocco and the Soudan. From Erfoud get on 4X4 cars and drive approximately 40 miles to Merzouga in the impressive Saharan Erg Chebbi dunes. Here you will start an adventure riding camels across the sand dunes enjoying the emptiness of the sahara desert and a breathtaking sunset before returning to Erfoud.
Dinner and overnight in Erfoud.

Day 5 : Erfoud / Boumalne Dades

The drive to Boumalne Dades will be via the towering Todra Gorges where canyon walls are rising 1200 ft. in places, then through the Berber populated southern slopes of the High Atlas Mountains. We will be following the fabulous Dades Valley, one of the most fascinating sceneries in the south of Morocco until we reach the town of Boumalne.
Dinner and overnight in Boumalne Dades.

Day 6 : Boumalne Dades / Marrakech

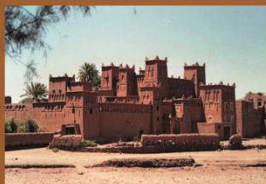
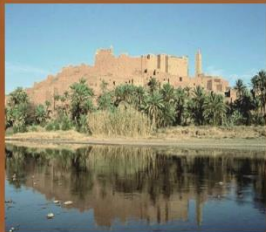
Today, we will visit the oasis of Kelaa Mgouna, famous for its Persian roses and the local perfume essences production. Often called the Valley of the Thousand Kasbahs, this area is home to some of Morocco's finest fortresses and citadels, the largest and most decorated kasbahs in the south. We will stop in the captivating city of Ouarzazate for lunch before crossing the Atlas Mountains along a twisting road with wonderful views as we descend to Marrakech.
Overnight in Marrakech

Day 7 : Marrakech

We will spend this morning visiting the beautiful gardens which are dotted around the city : The Menara gardens, set in an extensive olive grove with its huge pool and fabulous view of the Atlas Mountains, The Jardin Majorelle designed by the French artist Jacques Majorelle. This garden is a fabulous tropical paradise, surrounded by vivid cobalt blue buildings with verdant exotic groves, Lily-covered pools, and sculptural cactuses. The afternoon is at leisure to continue your exploration of Marrakech.
Overnight in Marrakech.

Day 8 : Marrakech - Departure

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Jewish Heritage Tour

7 nights / 8 days



Day 1 : Casablanca

On arrival, meet & greet and private transfer to your hotel in the port city of Casablanca, Morocco's largest metropolis and home to the largest Jewish community of the country. Overnight in Casablanca.



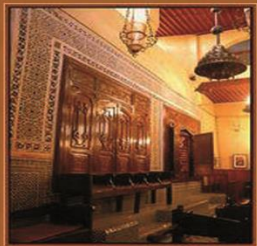
Day 2 : Casablanca/Rabat

Morning visit the Hassan II Grand Mosque, the highlight of Casablanca, followed by a visit to the Mellah, the Jewish quarter, with its temples and synagogues. Continue on to the Museum of Moroccan Judaism displaying collections of religious books, costumes and artifacts reflecting the rich past of the Jewish civilisation. Early afternoon depart Casablanca for Rabat via the main highway linking these two major cities. Upon arrival, visit Rabat's cultural highlights : The Hassan Tower, an excellent example of the gorgeous Mauresque style and the nearby mausoleum dedicated to Mohamed V, the founder of modern Morocco and protector of the Moroccan Jewish community during world war II. We will also visit the Mellah with its narrow streets, colourful courtyards and beautiful synagogue. Overnight in Rabat.



Day 3 : Rabat/Meknes/Fez

This morning we will travel to Meknes, one of the Imperial capitals of Morocco, once inhabited by a large Jewish community . See the city's impressive monuments : Bab Mansour gateway, one of the finest great gates of Morocco, The Granaries and the Royal Stables. Visit the Jewish quarter and its old cemetery facing the former Hebraic Thalmud-Thora school. There are Hebraic epitaphs dating from the Christian era and Greek inscriptions still appearing in the local Synagogues. There are 11 synagogues in the new Jewish quarter of which eight are still functioning today. On to Volubilis, the largest Roman site in Morocco with its Triumphal arches, basilicas and superb mosaic floors. Arrive in Fez in the afternoon. Overnight in Fez.



Day 4 : Fez

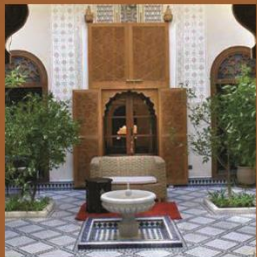
Discover the secrets of the medieval medina-city of Fez El Bali (old Fez), founded in the 9 th. century. See the Karaouine, one of the oldest still functioning university, the Attarine Medersa (Koranic college), a jewel of Hispano-Moorish architecture, the Nejjarine Square and its beautiful fountain and the nearby Fondouq (Caravanserail), now converted to a museum of carpentry artefacts. The medieval Medina is a UNESCO world heritage site. In the afternoon visit the Mellah, the Jewish quarter built in the 14th century, once home of most influential Talmudic scholars of all times such as Rabbi Isaac Alfasi and Maimonides in the years 1160 to 1165.

See the cemetery where the Rabbis and the Saints of the Jewish community are buried. Some of the tombs are over 1600 years old. Walk in the the Mellah to admire the beautiful Hispano-Moorish building style brought by the Jews from Andalucia and visit the Aben Danan synagogue (17th century). The old Jewish quarter provides an interesting insight into the typical local Jewish architecture. Overnight in Fes.



Day 5 : Fez/Marrakech

After breakfast, we will journey into the cedar forested Middle Atlas, North Africa's greatest mountain range. We will be crossing Berber villages of Azrou and Khenifra en route to Beni Mellal situated in the heart of the fertile Tadla Plain. The latter part of the journey sees the road descend from the Atlas Mountains further south and down into the Haouz Plain, before reaching Marrakech. Overnight in Marrakech.



Day 6 : Marrakech

Discover the city's architectural attractions situated inside the Medina : the Koutoubia minaret, the most perfect Islamic religious structure in North Africa, the Saadian Mausoleum displaying traditional stucco and Granada-style carving and the Bahia Palace, a masterpiece of domestic architecture.

In the afternoon, stroll through the 16th century Jewish quarter and visit the Rabbi Hanania Hachohen cemetery, the burial place of Rabbi Mordechai Ben Attar and Rabbi Pinhas Hachohen. We will visit the labyrinthine souks in the old town to explore colourful alleys and small squares, home to stalls and ateliers devoted to specific crafts. In the early evening, we will head to Djemaa El Fna, the city's main square and the beating heart of Marrakech. Overnight in Marrakech.



Day 7 : Marrakech/Essaouira/Marrakech

Today we will journey to Essaouira on the Atlantic coast. Visit the city of Mogador, once one third Jewish and now known as Essaouira. See the Jewish cemetery in the Mellah, place of annual pilgrimage to the grave of the venerated Rabbi Haim Pinto whose home and synagogue are preserved as a historic and religious site.

We will also visit the city's fortifications and Scala, a mixture of Berber and Portuguese architecture, and the 18th. century Medina with its carpentry cedar and thuya wood ateliers before returning to Marrakech. Overnight in Marrakech.

Day 8 : Marrakech – departure

After breakfast, you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Marrakech airport for your onward flight.

World Heritage Sites Morocco Tour

Totally cultural program



Day 1 : Casablanca/Rabat

(Rabat, Modern Capital and Historic City: a Shared Heritage)

On arrival at Casablanca airport, meet & greet and private transfer to Rabat via the main highway linking these two major cities.

The inscribed city encompasses the new town conceived and built under the French Protectorate from 1912 to the 1930s. It also encompasses older parts of the city dating back to the 12th century including the Hassan Mosque and the Almohad ramparts and gates.

Overnight in Rabat.

Day 2 : Rabat/Meknes/Fez

(Meknes & Volubilis, World Heritage Sites)

This morning visit Rabat's cultural highlights : The Hassan Tower, an excellent example of the gorgeous Mauresque style and the nearby mausoleum dedicated to Mohamed V, the founder of modern Morocco, before travelling to Meknes, one of the Imperial capitals of Morocco.

Meknes became a capital under the powerful Alawite sultan Moulay Ismaïl (1672–1727). The sultan turned it into an impressive city in Spanish-Moorish style, surrounded by high walls with great doors, where the harmonious blending of the Islamic and European styles of the 17th century are still evident today.

On to Volubilis, the largest and most well preserved Roman site in Morocco. The Mauritanian capital, founded in the 3rd century B.C., became an important outpost of the Roman Empire and was graced with many fine buildings. Later this afternoon arrive Fez, the cultural and spiritual capital of Morocco.

Overnight in Fez.



Day 3 : Fez

(The Medina of Fez, World Heritage Site)

Morning visit Fez El Bali (old Fez) founded in the 9th century and home to the oldest university in the world. The city reached its height in the 13th–14th centuries under the Merinids, when it replaced Marrakesh as the capital of the kingdom. The urban fabric and the principal monuments in the medina – medersas, fondouks, palaces, residences, mosques and fountains - date from this period in the afternoon, visit Dar Batha, the museum of Moroccan Arts, housing historical and artistic collections of wood carvings, embroidery, tribal carpets and ceramics. Continue on to Fez El Jedid (New Fez). Most notably, it is home to the Royal Palace and the Mellah, the old Jewish quarter, providing an interesting insight into the Jewish architecture.

Overnight in Fes.



Day 4 : Fez/Marrakech

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Overnight in Marrakech.



Day 5 : Marrakech

(The Medina of Marrakesh, World Heritage Site)

Discover the city's architectural attractions situated inside the Medina. Founded in 1070–72 by the Almoravids, Marrakesh remained a political, economic and cultural centre for a long period. Its influence was felt throughout the western Muslim world, from North Africa to Andalusia. It has several impressive monuments dating from that period: the Koutoubiya Mosque, the Kasbah, the battlements, monumental doors, gardens, etc. Later architectural jewels include the Badia Palace, the Ben Youssef Medersa, the Saadian Tombs, several great residences and Djemaa El Fna square, a veritable open-air theatre listed by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The Djemaa El Fna Square is one of the main cultural spaces in Marrakesh. It represents a unique concentration of popular Moroccan cultural traditions performed through musical, religious and artistic expressions.

Overnight in Marrakech.

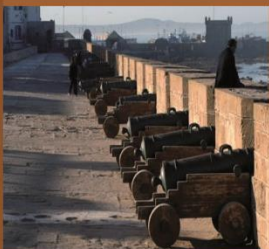


Day 6: Marrakech/Essaouira

(The Medina of Essaouira, World Heritage Site)

Depart to the old fortified fishing port of Essaouira situated on the Atlantic coast. Essaouira is an exceptional example of a late-18th-century fortified town, built according to the principles of contemporary European military architecture in a North African context. Since its foundation, it has been a major international trading seaport, linking Morocco and its Saharan hinterland with Europe and the rest of the world. See the impressive town fortifications consisting of an amazing mixture of Portuguese and Berber military architecture. Explore the souks and the carpentry workshops devoted to cedar and thuya wood carving. See Gnaoua Art galleries which are dotted in the city, and visit the fortified fishing port.

Overnight in Essaouira.

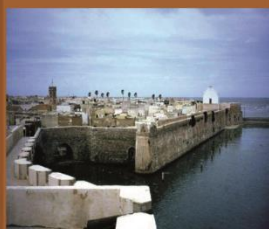


Day 7 : Essaouira/Casablanca

(The Portuguese City of El Jadida, World Heritage Site)

Today travel to Casablanca along the coastal road. En route stop at El Jadida. The Portuguese fortification of Mazagan, in the city of El Jadida, was built as a fortified colony on the Atlantic coast in the early 16th century. It was taken over by the Moroccans in 1769. The fortification with its bastions and ramparts is an early example of Renaissance military design. The surviving Portuguese buildings include the cistern and the Church of the Assumption, built in the style of late Gothic architecture. The Portuguese city of Mazagan is an outstanding example of the interchange of influences between European and Moroccan cultures, well reflected in architecture, technology, and town planning.

Overnight in Casablanca.



Day 8 : Casablanca - departure

After breakfast, you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Casablanca airport for your onward flight.