

# **Morocco – Marrakech, Sahara Desert & Essaouira**

A deeper-feeling adventure with Marrakech, a luxury Sahara camp and time to decompress by the sea in Essaouira. All private drivers so you do not have to drive, and plenty of calm built around the intensity of the souks.

## **Day 1 – Arrive in Marrakech**

- Arrive and meet your pre-booked driver for transfer to your riad.
- Settle into the courtyard and have mint tea on arrival.
- Short guided orientation walk to get a feel for the medina without getting lost.
- Dinner at the riad or a nearby restaurant with rooftop views.

## **Day 2 – Palaces & Souks (With Guide)**

- Guided visit to Bahia Palace and the Saadian Tombs.
- Lunch on a terrace above the medina.
- Afternoon guided wander through selected souk lanes – spices, textiles, lamps.
- Early evening back at the riad for quiet time away from the noise.

## **Day 3 – Jardin Majorelle & Modern Calm**

- Morning visit to Jardin Majorelle and the Yves Saint Laurent Museum.
- Coffee or lunch in the new town for contrast.
- Optional hammam and spa treatment in late afternoon.
- Pack for the desert and enjoy a simple dinner.

## **Day 4 – Journey to the Sahara**

- Private driver picks you up early; scenic drive through the Atlas Mountains.
- Stops at viewpoints and for lunch in a small town.
- Arrive near the desert and transfer by 4x4 or camel to your luxury camp.
- Sunset over the dunes, followed by dinner under the stars.

## **Day 5 – Desert Sunrise & Quiet**

- Sunrise walk on the dunes for those who want it.
- Day to relax at the camp: reading, photos, tea and conversation.
- Optional short quad-bike ride or dune walk with a guide.
- Second night in the camp with music around the fire.

## **Day 6 – Travel to Essaouira**

- Morning transfer back to your driver and drive west towards the coast.
- Stops for coffee and viewpoints along the way.
- Arrive in Essaouira; check into a riad within or just outside the medina.
- Evening walk along the ramparts and a calm dinner overlooking the sea.

## **Day 7 – Essaouira at Your Pace**

- Explore the medina's relaxed lanes – art galleries, local shops, cooperative craft stores.
- Lunch in a courtyard café with lots of non-seafood options.
- Afternoon on the long, windy beach – great for walking and photos.
- Optional sunset camel ride on the beach or just tea on a terrace.

## **Day 8 – Free Day & Final Shopping**

- Slow morning with coffee and pastries.
- Pick up any final souvenirs you actually want to bring home.
- Pack and enjoy a final Moroccan dinner in the medina.

## **Day 9 – Departure**

- Private transfer back to Marrakech or Casablanca airport for your flight home.

## **Why this trip fits your answers**

- You wanted something that feels magical and very different from everyday life.
- You do not want to drive, so everything is built around private drivers and guides.
- There is a balance between intense sensory experiences (Marrakech) and real quiet (desert and Essaouira).
- Even though it's further outside your comfort zone, you always have a 'soft landing' back at the riad or camp.
- It's the most 'story-worthy' of the trips – something you will talk about for years.