# Abercrombie & Kent



# **ROMANTIC MOROCCO: THE LAND OF THE KASBAHS**

Duration: 8 Days/ 7 Nights

Explore Morocco in a romantic and luxurrious journey!

### **Programme Overview**

Casablanca, Fès, Erg Chebbi Dunes, Ait Benahddou and Essaouira

# **Highlights**

Dinner at Rick's Café, Casablanca

Horse riding on the beach along with a picnic lunch

Kasbah style dinner at a private beach on La Corniche

Reservations service at special restaurants

Visit to an isolated marabout's tomb at the edge of the ocean and the salt flats

Horse-drawn carriage ride while visiting the garden

Reservations for a 1001 night dinner show

Night on the Sahara Desert at the Erg Chebbi Dunes

Special dinners/lunches organized

History and culture discovery of the Portuguese city of Essaouira

# **A&K Advantage**

Breeze through customs and immigration formalities upon arrival with special VIP assistance

Gain an insider's perspective on Andalusian garden owner's private secret grounds and discover his studio where you can design your very own perfume

A private visit to the Photography House along with special wine & dinner

Explore beautiful Kasbahs and a private lunch near Ait Benahddou, a part of the World Heritage List of UNESCO

Trip to Ounagha, where you will enjoy Olive Oil & Argan oil

Wine tasting at 'Val d'Argan' French owned winery

Private arrival and departure airport transfers The services of an Abercrombie & Kent Representative

\* On arrival in each country, you are welcomed by your A&K Representative who conducts a briefing on your time in the country. An A&K Representative is always at hand to provide unparalleled 24/7 support, be it local travel tips or reconfirming arrangement details, to providing recommendations for restaurants and shopping. Should you ever need help or advice, dial your A&K Representative's mobile phone for prompt and courteous service at any time.

# **Detailed itinerary**

### DAY 1

### ARRIVE CASABLANCA-Sightseeing & Dinner at Rick's Café

On arrival you receive VIP airport assistance and are quickly whisked through customs and immigration. You will be met by your A&K Representative and transferred to your hotel by a private vehicle where you will be assisted with check-in. Originally settled by Berbers in the seventh century; Casablanca today is a bustling, French-influenced center.

This afternoon, join your private guide for a tour of this port city, stopping at the formidable Hassan II Grand Mosque. Its minaret is the tallest religious structure in the world, and part of the mosque's floor is glass, enabling worshippers to kneel directly over the sea.

Enjoy dinner at Rick's Café, housed in a 1930's mansion. It is the mythical saloon from the 1942 film "Casablanca".

On return to the hotel room you will be welcomed with candles and roses petals a perfect setup for a romantic ambience.

Overnight: Le Doge Meal Plan: D

#### DAY 2

# CASABLANCA-Horse riding on the beach, private picnic lunch and Kasbah style private dinner setting

Your A&K Representative will accompany you in your private vehicle to Club Hippique le Barry for horse riding on the beach. A private romantic lunch picnic will be organized for you to enjoy the ambience.

Stroll hand in hand on the beach and spend the day at leisure.

Enjoy a romantic private dinner organized specially for you in a Kasbah style at a private beach on La Corniche.

Overnight: Le Doge Meal Plan: B, L, D

### DAY 3

# CASABLANCA-FES-ERG CHEBBI DUNES-Lunch at La Maison Bleue & night at a Moroccan caidal styled tent

Indulge in a complimentary rose petal bath and breakfast in bed.

Your private vehicle will take you for a lazy lunch to La Maison Bleue, Fès. Built in 1915, this exquisite residence still bears the mark of its first and eminent owner, Mohammed El Abbadi, an astrologer, man of law and professor at the University of Qaraouiyine. His library remains and bears witness to the culture and knowledge that prevailed in this dwelling. The dishes are prepared according to the purest traditions. The Moroccan traditional cuisine is subtle and elegant, and is a worthy match for this privileged venue.

A private charter flight will transport you to Er-Rachidia. Hop into your private four-wheel-drive vehicle for a drive across the stunning Erg Chebbi Dunes to your exclusive A&K Desert Tented Camp in a remote area of the Sahara Desert. Enter the wilderness of the desert, then what lay in front of you is your private camp settled exclusively for you. You are welcomed with mint tea and pastries and led to your private Moroccan caidal-styled tent that combines elements of Berber and Bedouin styles. Decorated with colorful carpets, it comfortably sleeps two, and has its own private bathroom with a shower and toilet next door. Climb the highest dune, camel ride like Laurence of Arabia and watch the colors of a Sahara sunset.

Enjoy a wonderful Bedouin dinner around the fire and overnight in a luxurious tent.

Overnight: Desert Tented Camp

Meal Plan: B. L. D

### Day 4

ERG CHEBBI DUNES-MARRAKECH-Explore Andalusia Garden, insider access to the owner's private grounds where you can design your own perfume

Your private charter will bring you back to civilization at Marrakech.

Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride to the Andalusia gardens. Discover the amazing gallery exposing a collection of more than fifty Moroccan artists. Behind the gardens push a small door, and reveal the owners private secret grounds. Here in his studio discover musk, lavender and jasmine to design your very own perfume under, the direction of Mr. Benchabane the artist who created the famous "Soire de Marrakech" perfume.

Later in the evening, a private visit to the Photography House opened just for you, animated by the curator of this fabulous place. A romantic dinner & wine on the terrace will be organized and animated by lights.

Overnight: Taj Palace Meal Plan: B, D

### Day 5

### MARRAKECH-AIT BENAHDDOU-MARRAKECH-Sightseeing and private lunch

Explore beautiful Kasbahs and a delightful private lunch near Ait Benahddou. You will travel by a private helicopter from Marrakech. Fly above the Atlas Mountains to the South of Morocco. Discover the village of Ait Benahddou, one of the jewels of Morocco, which is part of the World Heritage List of UNESCO, and where many movies have been filmed.

Enjoy a private lunch in this amazing setting with a wonderful view. Return back to Marrakech in the late afternoon.

On return to the hotel you will be welcomed with champagne and fruits to a candlelit room for a romantic ambience.

Overnight: Taj Palace Meal Plan: B, L

### Day 6

### MARRAKECH-OUALIDIA-MARRAKECH-Sightseeing & 1001 night dinner show

Your private vehicle will transport you to Oualidia for an Atlantic Ocean escape, a boat trip along the lagoon. Cruise through a series of narrow channels to an isolated marabout's tomb at the edge of the ocean then your boatman will take you further ahead to see the salt flats.

Enjoy a romantic lunch picnic on the beach.

Reservations for a 1001 night dinner show with a romantic setting will be in order. Comfortably seated on rich cushions under one of the various "Caïdales" tents you will taste the dishes that made Moroccan cuisine world famous. During this delicious meal enjoy folkloric troops, musicians, and acrobats from all over Morocco. They will entertain, astonish, captivate and surprise you. A calligrapher will write your names in Arabic to offer you a most beautiful souvenir.

Overnight: Taj Palace Meal Plan: B, L, D

### Day 7

# MARRAKECH-ESSAOUIRA-MARRAKECH-Olive oil, Argan oil & wine tasting at "Val d'Argan" and explore Essaouira

You will be driven down to Ounagha in a private vehicle where you will enjoy Olive Oil & Argan oil and also wine tasting at 'Val d'Argan' French owned winery.

Later discover history and culture in the Portuguese city of Essaouira. A delightful sea food lunch served in a neighboring restaurant. And what better way to finish this incredible day than with a camel ride on the beach or a kite surf lesson.

Return to Marrakech by the evening.

Overnight: Taj Palace Meal Plan: B, L

# Day 8

# DEPART MARRAKECH

You will be transported to the airport by your private vehicle; our A&K representative will assist you during the checkout formalities. Clients should be at the airport 2h00 before take-off time.

Meal Plan: B