



Morocco

2024 | APRIL 29 - MAY 11

Day 1

Travel to Morocco

We'll depart Erie in the morning on a private shuttle to the airport and will fly overnight to Casablanca, Morocco.





Overnight: Four Seasons or similar, Casablanca

Day 2

Arrive in Casablanca

Salam Alaykoum, Welcome to Morocco!

Upon arrival at the Casablanca airport, we will be met and driven to our hotel in Casablanca for our first night in Morocco. After having time to freshen up and relax, we will meet our guide at 6PM for a Welcome Meeting. After the meeting, you are free to do as you wish—enjoy your first Moroccan dinner, explore Casablanca on your own, relax at the hotel, etc.

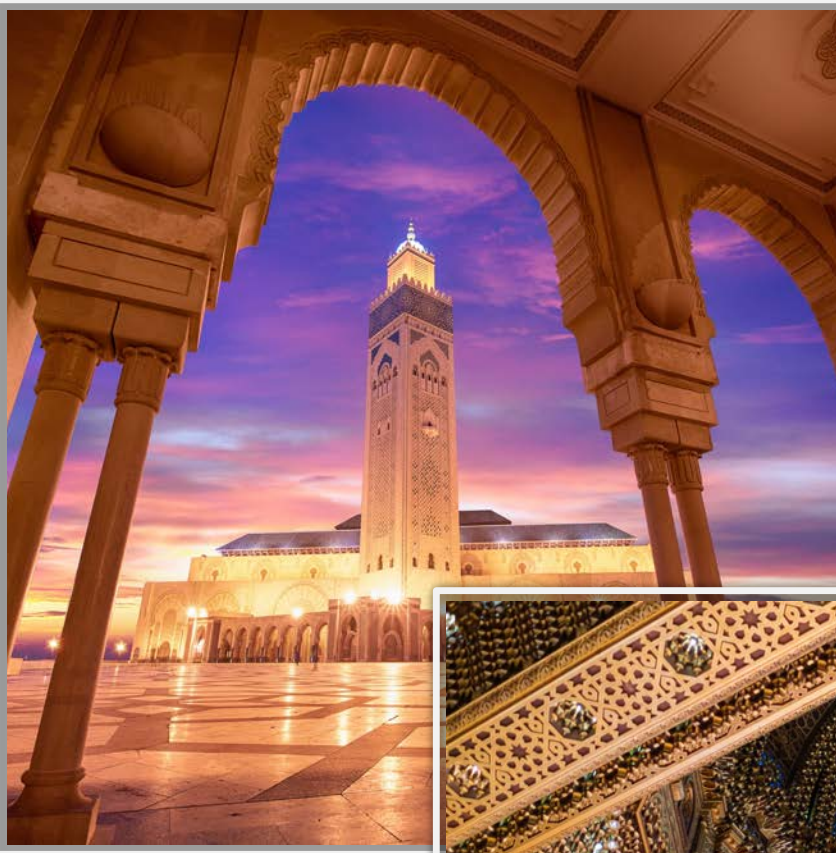
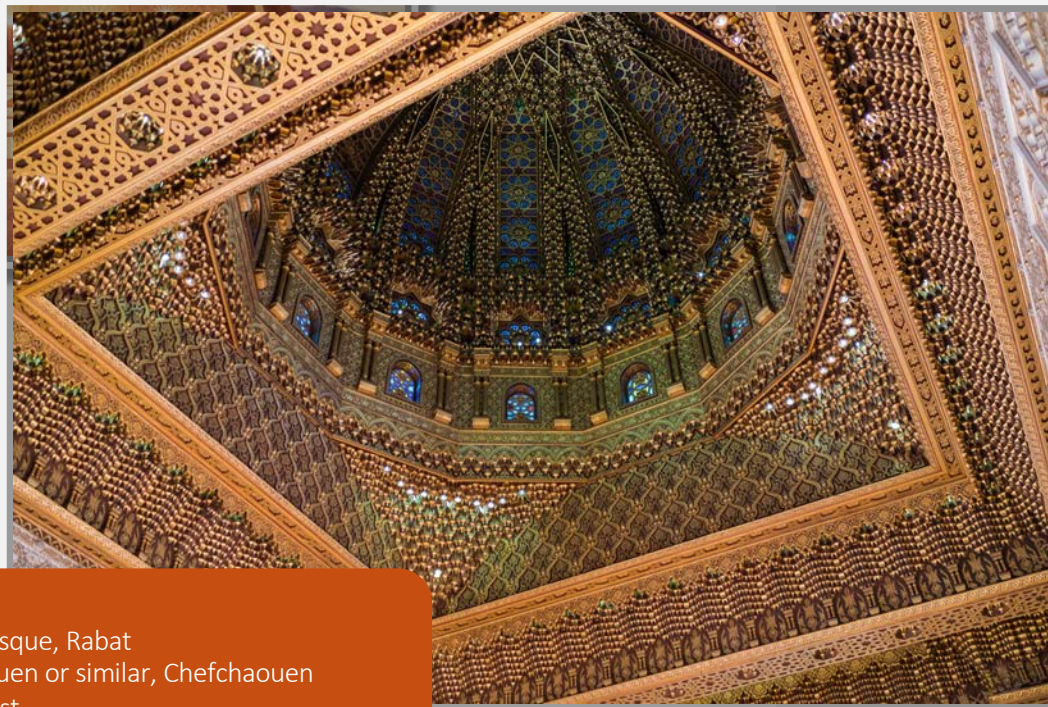
Day 3

Casablanca & Rabat

After breakfast, we will head out for a group guided tour of Hassan II Mosque. During the tour, which will last about 45 minutes, you will discover the most ambitious project of late King Hassan II—one on which the entire country has contributed to make happen.

Following the mosque tour, we will continue to our next stop—Rabat, where we will see the Marble Mausoleum of Mohammed V (and the similarly spectacular Hassan Tower). Afterwards we'll continue to the Blue City of Chefchaouen—our home for the next two nights. After checking in and getting settled into our rooms, we will go on a brief orientation tour of the surrounding area.

Highlights: Hassan II Mosque, Rabat
Overnight: Dar Echchaouen or similar, Chefchaouen
Meals included: Breakfast



Day 4

Chefchaouen

Today is your day! Spend the day getting lost with your camera in the winding blue lanes and alleys, people watching from a cafe, and enjoying a cup of tea with a friendly local. Our guides know all the best cafés, photo tours, henna artists, and local experiences if you want to join in an optional activity or even hike up to score the best views.



Overnight: Dar Echchouen or similar, Chefchaouen
Meals included: Breakfast



Day 5 | Fes

Today we'll head to Fes, but first we'll visit the Heritage-listed Volubilis, which was once a provincial Roman capital—a distant outpost of the empire. The remains make an undeniably impressive sight. Upon arrival, we'll take a tour around the ruins with a local guide.

After the tour, we'll board the bus and travel through the Moroccan countryside, passing the imperial city Meknes. We'll stop for a photo opportunity before continuing to Fes—our home for the next two nights.

After checking in at the hotel, we'll finish the day with dinner at local family house, where we'll enjoy one of the city's signature dishes—pastilla (or bastilla)—a salty and sweet pastry parcel.



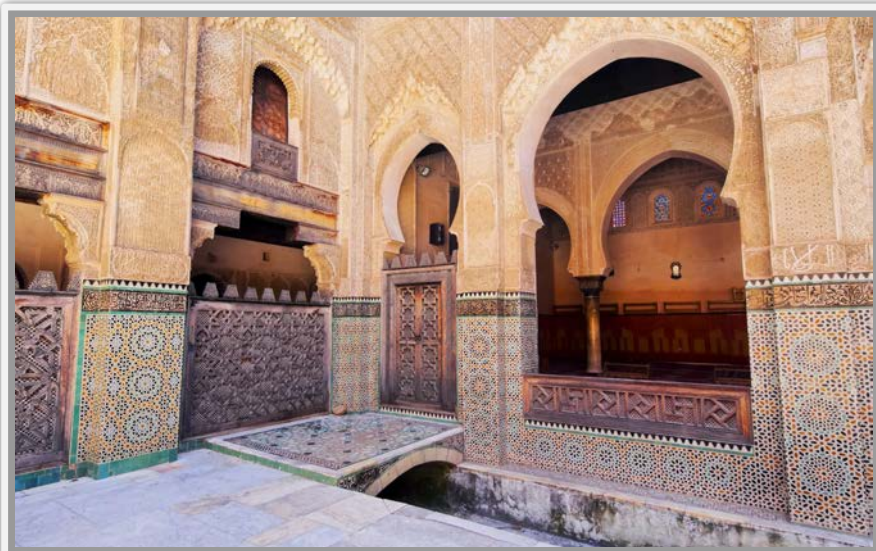
Highlights: Volubilis, Pastilla Dinner
Overnight: Marriott Hotel or similar, Fes
Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 6

Fes

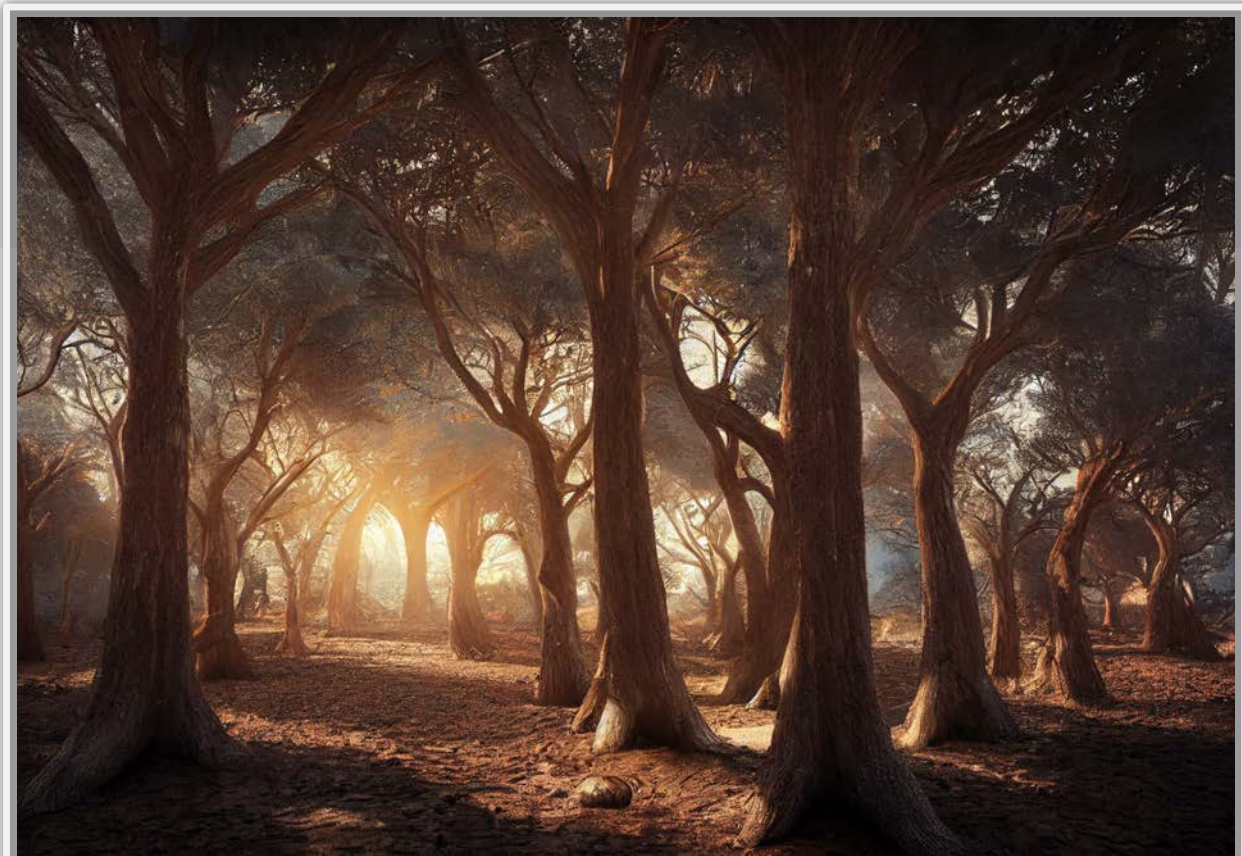
Today will include a guided walking tour of the old city, known locally as Fes el Bali. Step back into the Middle Ages in the labyrinth of the Medina, which is alive with craftsmen, markets, tanneries, and mosques. Pass donkeys piled high with goods (this is one of the largest car-free urban zones in the world) and explore the specialty sections that divide the souk. Visit Medresse el Attarine and the splendid Funduk Nejjarine—a beautifully restored 18th century inn. You'll also see the famous tannery, known for the iconic view overlooking its dye pits, and a ceramics factory where you can see potters working in the traditional way.



Highlights: Fes, Foundouk Nejjarine, Mederssa Attarine
Overnight: Marriott Hotel or similar, Fes
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 | Atlas Mountains

After breakfast we will travel to Ifrane—situated in the middle of the beautiful Atlas Mountains. We'll venture into a cedar forest, famous for its sweeping views over the surrounding valleys, before we continue to Midelt. Midelt boasts stunning views. We'll enjoy the beautiful backdrop of the High Atlas Mountains before making our way to Erfoud. Finish your day by lounging by the hotel pool with views over the dunes or enjoy the hotel spa.



Day 8 | Merzouga Desert

Today we'll jump into 4WDs to visit the Merzouga desert, the village of Hassilabiad, and the very popular village of Khemlia, which is populated by the nomads that came to Morocco in 15th century from the Sub-Saharan countries like Ghana. In this village you can enjoy their music, dance, and see their beautiful dress. For lunch enjoy Madfouna local dish, bread with stuffed veggies, meat and herbs (vegetarian option is available). In the later afternoon, drive to your camp in the middle of the sunset and enjoy sunset camel ride.

Highlights: Khemlia, Camel Ride
Overnight: Jaimas Madu or similar, Merzouga
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 9 | Ouarzazate

Highlights: Todra Gorges
Overnight: Berber Palace or similar, Ouarzazate
Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

For today's journey, we'll follow the fabled 'Road of 1,000 Kasbahs,' winding past the mud-brick forts of the High Atlas, tracing the Dadès Gorges route across the Valley of Roses and zigzagging through ancient rust-red and mauve mountains past historic kasbahs (castles) and ksour (fortified villages). The drive will take us through the valley, where we will spy Kelaat Mgouna—renowned for its roses peeking through roadside hedgerows, and Skoura's historic mudbrick castles. Dinner is included at the hotel.





After breakfast, we'll visit to Ait Benhaddou—a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site and almost 1,000-year-old ksar. This spectacular ksar has served as the backdrop for more than 15 productions, including *Gladiator* and *Game of Thrones*. We'll join a local non-profit association called Tawesna for mint tea. Afterwards, we will ascend through the High Atlas Mountains to an incredible 2,260m before arriving in Marrakech in the late afternoon. After checking into the hotel, our guide will take us an orientation walk in the Medina. A carnival of snake charmers, soothsayers, acrobats and conjurers, musicians and dizzyingly diverse Moroccan cuisine, this main square hasn't stopped bustling since its creation in the 11th-century.

Day 10

Marrakech



Highlights: Ait Benhaddou, Tea
Overnight: La Mamounia or similar, Marrakech
Meals included: Breakfast



Day 11 | Marrakech

After breakfast we will have a cooking class with a local chef at La Maison Arabe, where you can pick fresh herbs and all ingredients for preparing a delicious Moroccan tagine.

After lunch, we'll meet our local guide and set off on an afternoon tour of the old medina and visit Bahia Palace. This splendid mansion was built in 1866 for a former slave who rose to power within the government. After the palace, we'll visit the Koutoubia Mosque; its famous minaret is the prototype for others of its kind around the world, including La Giralda in Seville.

We'll end the tour at the tropical gardens of the French painter Jacques Majorelle before having the remainder of the day at leisure.



Highlights: Cooking Class, Bahia Palace
Overnight: La Mamounia or similar, Marrakech
Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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\$8,750 USD per person (Includes: Air | Accommodation | Ground Transportation | Listed Tours | Guides | Some Meals | Gratuity)

Highlights

- Casablanca, Marrakech, camel rides, cooking class,
- Luxury hotels, Including a 5-Star glamping camp in the desert
- Bahia Palace, Majorelle Gardens & Yves Saint Laurent Museum

Optional Activities *(not included in price of the trip)*

- Hammam & Massage in a luxury spa - MAD750
- Palmery cycling tour - MAD350
- Hot Air Ballooning - MAD2050
- Urban Adventures - A Taste Of Marrakech - MAD605

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