



## MAGICAL MOROCCO

Private trip

Dates: TBA



Day	Overnight	Highlights	Hotels	Meals
	Tangier	Arrive in Tangier	Palais Zahia	D
	Chefchaouen	Explore Tangier. Drive to Chefchaouen	Casa Perleta	B
	Chefchaouen	Half day guided tour in Chefchaouen	Casa Perleta	B
	Fez	Tour Volubilis and Moulay Idriss, continue to Fez	Ryad Salama	B, D
	Fez	Explore Fez medina with a local guide; tannery, spice market, souks, Qaraouine University	Ryad Salama	B, L
	Fez	Free day in Fez	Ryad Salama	B
	Erfoud	Drive through Middle Atlas Mountains, explore Ziz valley with a local guide, lunch at a local guide's family's home	La Rose du Desert	B, L, D
	Sahara Desert	Merzouga, Lunch at local family's home, 4x4 to encampment, Explore the Erg Chebbi Dunes by camel	Bivouac Chergui, Sahara Deluxe Camp	B, L, D
	Skoura	Sunrise at Sahara, Gnawa Music, Berber Heritage Museum, Valley of the Kasbahs	Les Jardins de Skoura	B,D
	Marrakesh	UNESCO site of Ait Ben Haddou, Tizi N' Tichka Mountain Pass	Riad Adore	B,D
	Marrakesh	Guided tour of Marrakesh: Explore medina and Saadian Tombs, Bahia Palace.	Riad Adore	B,L
	Marrakesh	Explore Atlas mountain villages, hike with a local mountain guide	Riad Adore	B, L
		Fly out of Marrakech		B

# Itinerary

## **DAY 1: ARRIVE IN TANGIER**

Upon arrival in Tangier, you'll be met at the airport and taken to your riad. Afternoon free to relax.

Dinner is included.

Overnight at Palais Zahia

[Palais Zahia](#)

[Address: 76 Rue de la Marine, Tangier, Morocco](#)

[Phone: +212 5399-34000](#)

## **DAY 2 : TANGIER – CHEFCHAOUEN**

In the morning, explore Tangier medina with your driver. Some sights of interest are the American Litigation Museum, the Museum of Moroccan Art and Antiquities, and away from the city, Cap Spartel (where the Atlantic and Mediterranean meet), as well as the Cave of Hercules. After lunch, you'll travel into the Rif Mountains and the 'Blue Town' of Chefchaouen. This once Jewish settlement is now home to a vibrant art scene and offers travelers an other-worldly view into a unique area in all of Africa. (2.5 hours drive)

Breakfast is included at the Dar Shams in Tangier.

Lunch and dinner are not included.

Overnight in Casa Perleta

[Casa Perleta](#)

[Address: Bab Souk - Medina, Chefchaouen 91000, Morocco](#)

[Phone: +212 5399-88979](#)

### **DAY 3 : CHEFCHAOUEN**

Half day guided tour in the Medina of Chefchaouen. Afternoon free to explore the blue town on your own to take photos, sit at the cafes in the town square, try a Moroccan cookie and mint tea.

Jale's note: If you like hats, go to the Hat Man. This funky shop is located toward the top of the medina on the main thoroughfare, Rue Targui. For spices and artisanal soaps, stop by El Jabon Arte Con La Abuela (Soap Art with Grandma) on Zanka Targhi, just a few steps up from the central Place Uta el-Hammam.

Breakfast is included at Casa Perleta  
Lunch and dinner are not included.

### **DAY 4 : VOLUBILIS – FEZ**

You'll have some time this morning before heading to the impressive Roman ruins of Volubilis filled with remnants of the society that once was with their lives and stories depicted in amazingly well-kept mosaics. Following, a quick visit to the sacred town of Moulay Idriss sets the scene before you travel to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Fez. A superb dinner will be served tonight in your riad. (4 hours drive)

Breakfast is included at Casa Perleta.  
Lunch is not included.  
Dinner is included at Ryad Salama  
Overnight at Ryad Salama, Fez

[Ryad Salama](#)

[Address: Derb Ahl Tadlaa N°4 - Talaa Sghira, Fes 30110, Morocco](#)

[Phone: +212 5356-35730](#)

## **DAY 5 : FEZ**

Today, you'll be able to enjoy a guided visit with a local, expert guide through the labyrinth that makes up the ancient medina of Fez. You'll meet your guide at around 9 a.m. this morning to discuss the sites you'd most like to see. Some of the highlights include the tannery, spice market, the Qaraouine University, Koranic schools, visiting craftsmen, and walking through the various souks; all of this unveils even more about Moroccan culture, history, and even cuisine. Today's guided visit ends at around 3:30 p.m. although the guide is more than willing to stay longer if you'd like. Enjoy shopping later in the afternoon.

Breakfast is included at Ryad Salama

Lunch is included during the guided tour

Dinner is not included.

Overnight at Ryad Salama

## **DAY 6 : FREE DAY IN FEZ**

Free day to explore Fez on your own. Optional cooking class (costs extra)

Breakfast is included at Ryad Salama

Lunch and Dinner are not included.

Overnight at Ryad Salama

## **DAY 7: MIDDLE ATLAS MOUNTAINS TO ERFOUD**

Travel from Fez through the Middle Atlas Mountains, which is home to the "Switzerland" of Morocco known as Ifrane. You'll head south where the mountains give way to flat, rocky escarpments and eventually impressive oasis valleys filled with agricultural settlements, villages, and date palms. Following, it's onward to the Ziz Valley oasis for lunch and a short, guided visit of the region's impressive agriculture. You'll then head to Erfoud, known as the gateway to the Sahara, for an overnight in preparation for tomorrow's full adventure. (7 hours drive with several stops)

Breakfast is included at Ryad Salama  
Lunch is included in Ziz Valley  
Dinner is included at La Rose du Desert  
Overnight at La Rose du Desert

### La Rose du Desert

Address: BP 294, N13, Erfoud 52200, Morocco

Phone: +212 5355-76583

Jale's note: This is a simple hotel at the gateway to Sahara. There are beautiful date palms in the garden and pool area.

## **DAY 8: SAHARA DESERT ENCAMPMENT**

Following breakfast, you'll travel to the Sahara Desert and the region of Merzouga. The landscape quickly changes from rocky sahel where distant dunes will soon make themselves known. Before heading into the golden sand, you'll be able to enjoy a visit to a village to enjoy lunch prepared by local women who enjoy sharing their traditional methods of food preparation. You'll enjoy this local speciality for lunch and after a short siesta head into the dunes by 4x4 to your deluxe Sahara encampment. Once at the camp and settled in, an optional sunset camel ride awaits. Those who do not wish to ride camels can simply walk into the dunes to enjoy this mesmerizing setting as day turns to dusk with the stars making themselves known. Once back at the camp, dinner will be served followed by some local music fireside. Feel free to dance among the dunes until your heart's content. (2 hours drive)

Breakfast is included at La Rose du Desert  
Lunch is included in Merzouga  
Dinner is included at the Sahara Camp  
Overnight at the Chergui Bivouac Sahara Desert Camp

### Chergui Bivouac Sahara Desert Camp

No address available as the camp is in the Sahara

Phone: +212 535578504 / 0034 629 88 37 87

## **DAY 9 : VALLEY OF THE KASBAHS - SKOURA**

You can watch the sunrise over the dunes before breakfast is served. You'll check out of the Sahara Camp and drive to Khemlia Village to enjoy the local Gnawa music. Then you'll drive a few hours away to the roadside town of Tinjedad. Once here, located behind the buildings is an impressive ksar with Berber heritage museum that makes a worthwhile stop (and serves nice lunches). Following, you'll travel through the Dades Valley region and to Skoura, an area referred to as the Valley of Kasbahs. You'll travel deep within the valley to a wonderful garden kasbah hotel. (6 hours drive)

Breakfast is included at the Sahara Deluxe Camp

Lunch is not included

Dinner is included at Les Jardins de Skoura

Overnight at Les Jardins de Skoura

[Les Jardins de Skoura](#)

[Address: Skoura, Morocco](#)

[Phone: +212 5248-52324](#)

## **DAY 10 : AIT BEN HADDOU – TELOUET – MARRAKESH**

After your time in Skoura, you'll travel to the UNESCO site of Ait Ben Haddou that has been used in various films as an impressive backdrop. After exploring the kasbah, you can choose if you'd like to add one hour to your day of transport by visiting the more hidden ruins of Telouet, which was once the base of the prominent Glaoui family that ruled southern Morocco before being overthrown by the current monarchy. You'll then travel over the stunning Tizi N' Tichka mountain pass that connects Morocco's south to Marrakesh. You'll be in safe hands with your driver as you climb in altitude and descend down to Marrakesh. Once in Marrakesh, you'll have time to settle in to the riad before some exploration of the main square and dinner is served at the riad this evening. (6 hrs drive)

Breakfast is included at Les Jardins de Skoura

Lunch is not included

Dinner is included at Riad Adore

### Overnight at Riad Adore

Address: 94 Derb Tizzougarine Dar el Bacha Marrakech

Phone: +212 5243-77737

## **DAY 11: MARRAKESH**

Today is filled with learning about one of the world's most magically sounding cities (and a former capital of Morocco), Marrakesh. You'll meet with your guide at 9 a.m. this morning to discuss some of the more prominent and hidden monuments and sites you might like to see. Some of the more impressive monuments in the city are the Saadian Tombs, Bahia Palace, and various gardens including the Majorelle Gardens and Secret Gardens located within the ancient medina walls. Lunch is included on the guided visit today that ends around 3:30 p.m. or later if you'd like to keep exploring!

Breakfast is included at the riad.

Lunch is included while touring with your guide.

Dinner is not included.

## **DAY 12 : MARRAKESH**

After breakfast, your driver will take you to the cooking class. Afternoon free. Optional (extra cost) evening food tour (walking tour with a local culinary guide, eating at 4-5 different restaurants, couscous specialty, etc,..)

Breakfast is included at the riad.

Lunch is included with the cooking class

Dinner is on your own

## **DAY 13 : DEPART MARRAKESH**

Transfer to the airport for your flight. [Airport Transfer Included]. Your driver will give you departure time from the hotel to the airport.

**What's Included:**

- Small boutique hotel accommodations throughout
- All private transport with a driver in air conditioned van
- 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 6 dinners
- Guided visit of Marrakesh
- Luxury Sahara Desert Encampment & camel ride
- 4x4 rides in the desert
- Ziz Valley Walk & Lunch prepared by a local family
- Special Berber lunch in a village home, prepared by local women
- Private Guided Visit of Fez with lunch
- Entrance fees to the sites mentioned in the tour
- Half day guided tour in Chefchaouen
- Sahara guide

**What's not included:**

- International airfare
- Gratuities for driver and guides
- Entrance fees at optional sites
- Alcoholic beverages and meals other than listed above
- Personal expenses or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Spa, Turkish bath and henna
- Laundry and items of a personal nature
- Activities on free days
- Entrance fees coverage does not cover Majorelle and the YSL Museum, the Secret Gardens, Photography Museum

Optional cooking class in Fes and evening food tour in Marrakesh are available at an extra cost.

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