

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS MOROCCO DESERT TOUR



DAY 01 – ARRIVE CASABLANCA – MARRAKECH

Arrival in Casablanca - a warm welcome awaiting you by your driver / guide at the Menara airport. Transfer to Marrakech and your hotel or Riad - a traditional former private residence designed in the unique Moroccan style, where you will be given time to settle in and freshen up. In the evening take an orientation tour with your driver and local guide, and witness the carnivalesque public square Djemaa el-Fna come alive at sunset and be amazed by the dancers, snake-charmers, jugglers and narrators. Overnight

DAY 02 – MARRAKECH

After breakfast, you will have full-day tour of the city. Historic visit of Marrakech will include the Menara gardens, a magnificent pool surrounded by flowers, reflecting the image of a beautiful Moorish construction built in 1866 for the dignitaries. See glorious sunsets with the Atlas Mountains as a backdrop. Later will enjoy several impressive sights such as the Koutoubia Minaret (the twin tower of la Giralda in Sevilla, Spain), the Saadian tombs demonstrating Moorish architecture in its perfection. The tombs, consisting of splendid mausoleums built in the sixteenth century. Other sites include: the museum of Dar Si Said with the best display of Berber arts and crafts to be found; the remains of the Badii Palace, a historical monument chosen to host the annual National Festival of Popular Art. The Bahia Palace still hosts dignitaries in the heart of the Mellah (Jewish quarter) today. Lunch will be in local restaurant, then a walk through the colourful souks of Marrakech in the afternoon. Conclude the day with a sunset drink overlooking the exciting Jamaa El Fna Square. Overnight

DAY 03 – MARRAKECH – AIT BEN HADDOU - OUARZAZATE

Depart for Ouarzazate located at the gateway of the desert, the city which fascinates its visitors with its absolute quietness, security and silence reign night and day. We cross the Tizi n'Tichka pass at an elevation of 2206 m, this is an impressive site dividing these Mountains in two distinct aspects - one side acting as a shield to protect the hinterland from the Atlantic Ocean. The valleys and mountains are alive with the daily life of the Berber dwellers, continue through gorgeous scenery to the Kasbah Ait Ben Haddou Morocco's largest Kasbah, this site registered on the list of the world heritage of Unesco since 1987 and where many films were made like: Lawrence of Arabia, the Mummy, Gladiator... Overnight

DAY 04 – OUARZAZATE – TODRA GORGES – ERFOUD – MERZOUGA DUNE

After breakfast brief city tour including Taourirt Kasbah one of the city's main attractions, former palace of Glaoui, Pasha of Marrakech in the 19th century. Its wonderful construction considered as one of the most beautiful in Morocco, with its adobe walls. Continuing to Tinghir and Todra Gorges one of the most beautiful oases of Morocco, you will enjoy the Valley of one Thousand Kasbahs that are scattered in a surreal fashion and seem as if they are sand castles standing erect in the shadow of time., continue to visit the Todra Gorges The Lunch will be in a restaurant under 600 feet high red cliff of the gorges where many of rock climbers come to enjoy their preferred sport. Later we continue our journey, following the ancient Bedouin trading routes parallel with the Middle Atlas, passing a series of the fortified villages with outstanding pre-Saharan architecture. The route to Erfoud is one of the most pleasing of all the Southern routes. The town is in a dry red built of desert and was built by the French as a central administration town. It is known for its rich black fossils marble. The stone is sculpted to bring the fossils into relief on everything from ashtrays to washbasins and more. An experience not to be missed is to watch the sunset from the spectacular Merzouga dunes, an energizing location in the midst of the huge every-changing golden dunes. Overnight (under tent)



DAY 05 – ERFOUD – MIDELT – IFRAN - FEZ

After an early breakfast you will leave the desert and venture into the Atlas Mountains heading a different part of Morocco. We cross the verdant oasis of Ziz River and passing rows of sky-scraping palm trees and fortified villages characterized by fascinating southern architecture. We stop for lunch in the small town of Midelt, a sleepy village flanked by the verdant beauty of both the Middle and the snow-covered High Atlas Mountains, bursting with colorful minerals that mottle the mountainside in a blaze of ruby, emerald and topaz. Continue through the Middle Atlas mountain range and great forests of cedar trees, terraced farms and sienna mud-brick Berber villages via Ifran a charming ski resort and Azrou an important handicraft centre specialised in the work of cedar wood. Reach Fez in the evening. Overnight

DAY 06 – FEZ

After After breakfast, full-day sightseeing of the city of Fes The, the oldest of the Imperial Cities 1200 year old, which is well known for its spiritual and educational contributions to the Moroccan culture. explore the medieval Medina with it's winding alleys of Arabic-Moorish architecture, savor the scent of spices, orange blossoms, and sizzling lamb kabobs, and watch scenes unchanged for centuries, from donkeys laden with goods to children carrying boards of bread dough to communal ovens. visit the famous souks where craftsmen still work in the age-old oriental tradition , the sites of ancient Koranic schools and old working tanneries, you will feel that you have stepped back into another era. Optional lunch in one of our suggested traditional Moroccan restaurants before continuing to discover the hidden treasures of this old town. Overnight

DAY 07 – FEZ – CASABLANCA AIRPORT - DEPARTURE

Private transfer to Casablanca airport for your outward flight back home



PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON (EURO)				
NUMBER OF PAX	LOW SEASON		HIGH SEASON	
	4 STAR HOTELS	5 STAR HOTELS	4 STAR HOTELS	5 STAR HOTELS
02	848	938	888	1178
03-04	718	768	748	968
05-08	608	668	608	858
Season Dates	01 Jun – 03 Sep 2018		10 Feb – 31 May 18 04 Sep – 31 Oct 18	

PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- Private English speaking driver for the entire trip
- First class accommodation
- Daily breakfasts
- Certified tour guide in Fez, Marrakech
- Entrance fees to historical sites/museums
- Departure transfer

PACKAGE PRICE EXCLUDES

- International air fare
- Travel Insurance
- **Entrance Fee to Hassan II Mosque : 120 Dirham Per Pax**
- Lunches / Dinners
- Tipping to Local Guide/Drivers and Porters at Airport / Hotels
- Personal Expenses

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

CHILD FARE

- Child under 6 years old sharing room with two (2) adults without extra bed: Free of charge.
- Child 6-fewer than 12 years old sharing room with two (2) adults without extra bed: 50% of package cost.
- Child 6-fewer than 12 years old sharing room with two (2) adults with extra bed: 75% of package cost.
- Child under 12 years old sharing room with one (1) adult: 90% of package cost.
- Child 12 years old and above: 100% of adult cost.

BOOKINGS

- You are required to transfer firstly 30% of the total tour price to our Company account in order to confirm your booking.
- In 15 days prior to your departure, you have to pay by bank transfer an additional amount of 70% of the total tour price.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- Clients can cancel at any time. The cancellation will be effected at the time that we receives a written request from the Client and the following cancellation charges will apply:
 - Prior to 6 weeks of departure 10% of the total invoice
 - Within 6 weeks until 4 weeks 20% of the total invoice
 - Within 4 weeks until 2 weeks 70% of the total invoice
 - Within 2 weeks or less no refund is given.
- If any number of the party is prevented from travelling because of death, injury or serious illness of the Client, close relative or friend, redundancy or jury service, it may be possible to transfer the booking to another suitable person or departure date or tour of similar standard and cost provided that written notice is confirmed by us.
- You may transfer to another trip, with different dates and/or itinerary, without penalty by notifying us of your wish to transfer 60 days or more prior to departure.
- After that time, you are subject to the cancellation fees outlined above.
- If a refund is payable by us to the Client, the refund amount will be calculated according to the conditions set out above and with consideration of evidence of exceptional circumstances; Leading Travel Planners will not pay fees charged to the Client by the Client's bank for processing the credited amount.
- All refunds will be paid to you within two weeks to a month. However, during the peak period, refunds may take around six weeks to be paid.