



# MEJDI TOURS

## The Wonders of Morocco

(Scheduled Group Departure)

### Dates & Pricing

March 21 - 31, 2026 (\$4,460 per person, + \$890 single supplement)

Extension Tour: March 31 - April 3, 2026 (\$945 per person, +\$195 single sup.)

November 7 - 17, 2026 (\$4,650 per person, + \$890 single supplement)

Extension Tour: November 17 - 20, 2025 (\$945 per person, +\$195 single sup.)

March 20 - 30, 2027 (\$4,685 per person, + \$945 single room supplement)

Extension Tour: March 30 - April 2, 2027 (\$995 per person, +\$220 single sup.)

November 6 - 16, 2027 (\$4,685 per person, + \$945 single room supplement)

Extension Tour: November 16 - 19, 2027 (\$995 per person, +\$220 single sup.)

**Included**

- 10 nights' accommodation at hotels per itinerary or similar
- 1 MEJDI-Trained local Moroccan guide throughout the tour
- 11 Days of private bus transportation, including private airport arrival and departure transfers
- Meals listed in itinerary: 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 7 dinners
- Bottled water during all touring and light drinks at meals
- Entrances, sites, and honoraria for speakers
- Customary tips for all included services (guides, drivers, porters, restaurant staff)
- Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

**Not included:**

- International airfare
- Travel and Medical insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
- Single Supplement
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section



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## Overview

Embark an immersive journey through Morocco's rich cultural history and centuries-old traditions. Step inside stunning venues, moving from bustling city markets to quiet sanctuaries from the coast, to the mountains and through the Sahara desert. Share meals with Moroccan families, enjoy private performances, and hear about current affairs from local organizations, religious communities, and government. Gain exclusive access to breathtaking sites in Marrakech, Essaouira and Fes, absorbing remarkable views and illuminating the many narratives of an inspiring Moroccan landscape.

**Visit:** Marrakech, Atlas Mountains, Ouarzazate, Erfoud, Sahara Desert, Fes, Casablanca, Essaouira

## Highlights:

- Traditional **Moroccan cooking workshop** celebrating hospitality, flavor and women's entrepreneurship
- Insightful conversations with **journalists, activists and local advocates**
- Explore the legacy of Moroccan coexistence in conversation with local **Jewish community members, Imams, and scholars**
- Private **Hadra performance by local women, Gnawa music, and Sufi storytelling**, presenting Morocco's spiritual heritage and oral tradition
- Tour the world-famous **Atlas Studios**, learn about Morocco's influence on global cinema
- Share intimate meals in **Moroccan family homes** to discover daily life through meaningful exchange
- Support sustainability and economic independence by visiting a women-led **argan oil production cooperative**
- Visit a care center **supporting working animals in Fes**



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## Itinerary:

### **Day 1: Arrival to Marrakech**

Land at Marrakech International Airport and transfer to your hotel. Meet your group for a **welcome dinner and orientation**.

*Hotel: Riad El Walaa, Marrakech (dinner included)*

### **Day 2: Marrakech, Old City**

Walk through the vibrant **Medina of Marrakech**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a visit to the **Mellah, the city's historic Jewish Quarter**. Explore a synagogue and cemetery, engaging in meaningful dialogue with community leaders on Jewish life past and present. After lunch, visit the exquisite **Bahia Palace**, a 19th-century marvel built by a Grand Vizier, known for its intricate tilework and lush gardens. Continue to iconic **Jemaa El Fnaa square**, where performers and vendors embody the city's lively spirit. Meet with a leading journalist / civil society leader for a **conversation on Moroccan current events** before an evening at leisure.

*Hotel: Riad El Walaa, Marrakech (breakfast included)*

### **Day 3: Essaouira - Morocco's coastal soul**

Take a scenic drive through argan tree country, stopping at a **women's cooperative** to learn about traditional argan oil production and economic empowerment in rural communities. Arrive in Essaouira, a breezy coastal city, where history, art, and Atlantic beauty converge, showcasing Portuguese, French, and Berber influence. Visit **Bayt Dakira**, a beautifully restored synagogue and cultural center honoring shared heritage, for a conversation about **Moroccan pluralism** and **Jewish-Muslim coexistence** with a local expert. Join a **guided food tour** through Essaouira's bustling market for lunch, sampling local delicacies from seafood to sweets, then browse the **Medina's artisan workshops**. Explore the rich spiritual traditions of **Gnawa music** before an evening at leisure.

*Hotel: Al-Manara, Essaouira (breakfast and lunch included)*



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## Day 4: Palaces and Tombs

Return to Marrakech to visit **Madrasa Ben Youssef**, once the largest Islamic college in the Medina. Hear how an ancient tradition has been adapted from a **traditional Sufi storyteller**, stroll through the serene **Majorelle Garden** and visit the **Berber Museum**. Later, check out a local photography exhibition and participate in a **hands-on cooking workshop** led by **local women** at La Maison Arabe.

*Hotel: Grand Plaza, Marrakech (breakfast and dinner included)*

## Day 5: Atlas Mountains and Ouarzazate

Drive to a rural Berber village in the Atlas Mountains to learn about the **High Atlas Foundation** and enjoy a group lunch. Continue to **Aït Ben Haddou**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its striking earthen architecture and cultural significance, including a visit with a local carpet-making collective. Conclude the day at the famed **Atlas Studios** in Ouarzazate, a hub of Moroccan filmmaking, then continue to Skoura for the evening.

*Hotel: Riad Aman, Skoura (breakfast, lunch and dinner included)*

## Day 6: Into the Sahara

Visit an off-road **nomadic community living in traditional caves** near Bou Tharar for insight into Morocco's ancient heritage, then stop in the lush **Valley of the Roses** before reaching **Tinghir**. After lunch, take a short walk for views of the dramatic **Todgha Gorge** and arrive in Merzouga for a **sunset camel ride**. Have dinner as a group, followed by a drum circle and campfire under the stars.

*Hotel: Desert Camp, Merzouga (breakfast and dinner included)*

## Day 7: Dunes and Midelt

Wade into the desert dunes and then hear **Gnawa music in Khamlia** (*if a similar visit did not occur in Essaouira*). Pass through **Rissani** en route to **Erfoud** for views of its fortress, fossils and the surrounding landscape. Discuss the relationship between Jewish and Muslim communities of the region over centuries, then continue to Midelt for the evening. Enjoy a warm **hospitality dinner at a family home in the nearby village**.

*Hotel: Villa Pomme d'Or, Midelt (breakfast and dinner included)*



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## Day 8: Journey to Fes

Journey to Fes via scenic drive through the Middle Atlas, stopping in **Azrou** for lunch. Pass through **Ifrane**, known as the “Switzerland of Morocco,” to appreciate the magnificent building of the **al-Akhawayn University**, where an expert provides a new perspective on this region. Near Fes, stop to browse an artisan **ceramics workshop** and take in a panoramic view of the city from the **Marinid Tombs**. In the evening, enjoy a **private Hadra Sufi music performance** by local women and dinner at **Dar Chadia**.

*Hotel: Jnan Palace Hotel, Fes (breakfast and dinner included)*

## Day 9: Old Medina

Discover the largest medina in North Africa, a labyrinth of over 9,000 alleys filled with vibrant colors, scents, and craftsmanship. Walk through the **Mellah (Jewish Quarter)** and explore the historic **tanneries, metalworkers, tiles workshop** and impressive **Al-Attarine Madrasa**. Discuss Islamic tradition and community life with a **local Imam** and **visit a care center** supporting working animals in the city.

*Hotel: Jnan Palace Hotel, Fes (breakfast and lunch included)*

## Day 10: Casablanca

Depart Fes for Casablanca, stopping **for lunch at the home of a Jewish community member** for a conversation on contemporary Moroccan Jewry. Visit the impressive **Hassan II Mosque** by the sea in the afternoon, followed by time to experience the mosque **hammam (optional, time permitting)** or explore the city at leisure. Gather in the evening for closing reflections and a festive farewell dinner.

*Hotel: Best Western Plus Casablanca City Center, Casablanca (breakfast, lunch and dinner included)*

## Day 11: Departure Day

Head to the airport to catch flights back home. *(or first day of optional extension, see below)*

*Hotel: N/A (breakfast included)*



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## **Optional Extension**

Chefchaouen, Tangier & Rabat

### **Included:**

- 3 nights' accommodation at hotels per itinerary
- 1 Moroccan MEJDI-Trained guide
- 4 days of private transportation, including airport transfer
- Meals listed in the itinerary: 3 breakfasts
- Entrance, sites, and honoraria for speakers
- Water on bus throughout tour
- Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

### **Not Included:**

- International airfare
- Travel insurance - highly recommended
- Customary tips for drivers, guides, hotels and portage fees
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section



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## Itinerary

### **Extension Tour Day 1: Chefchaouen**

Drive to the artsy, blue-washed town of **Chefchaouen** in the Rif mountains, founded as a kasbah from which to defend Morocco against Portuguese invasion. Tour the **Old City** and explore its narrow lanes and maze-like medina. Find a rooftop for sunset views of the surrounding landscape, followed by an evening at leisure.

*Hotel: Dar Jazmin Hotel, Chefchaouen (breakfast included)*

### **Extension Tour Day 2: Tangier**

Set off for **Tangier**, beginning with a visit to the medina. Visit **Cape Spartel**, the **Cave of Hercules** and a nearby **lighthouse** before an evening beside the ocean.

*Hotel: Palais Zahia Hotel, Tangier (breakfast included)*

### **Extension Tour Day 3: Rabat**

Reach **Rabat**, Morocco's capital city on the Atlantic Ocean at the mouth of the river Bou Regreg. Visit the **Mausoleum of Mohammed V**, with its intricate tile work and grand marble tomb, adjacent to the unfinished **Hassan Tower**. See **Dar-al-Makhzen**, the King's primary residence (outside only), and **Kasbah Oudaya**, a tranquil Andalusian-style neighborhood of twisting lanes, surrounded by blue and white buildings. Explore the **Kasbah**, **old town** and **market**, followed by an evening at leisure.

*Hotel: Riad Zyo Hotel, Rabat (breakfast included)*

### **Extension Tour Day 4: Departure Day**

Transfer to the airport for your departing flights.

*Hotel: N/A (breakfast included)*