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The Wonders of Morocco

(Scheduled Group Departure)

Included 9 nights' accommodation at hotels per itinerary or similar
1 MEJDI-Trained local Moroccan guide throughout the tour
8 Days of private bus transportation, including private airport arrival transfers
Meals listed in itinerary: 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners
Bottled water during all touring and light drinks at meals
Entrances, sites, and honoraria for speakers
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not included: International airfare
Travel and Medical insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement costs
Customary tips for all included services (guides, drivers, porters, restaurant staff)
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Itinerary:

Day 1- November 8: Arrival to Marrakech (No Guide, No Transportation)

Land at Marrakech International Airport and transfer to your hotel for check in.

Hotel: Riad El Walaa, Marrakech (No Meals included)

Day 2- November 9: Marrakech, Old City (Guide, Private transportation)

Meet your guide at the lobby for a quick orientation and begin the vibrant **Medina of Marrakech**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a visit 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**,



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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**.

Hotel: Riad El Walaa, Marrakech (breakfast included)

Day 3- November 10: Palaces and Tombs (Guide, Private transportation)

Return to Marrakech to visit historic sites including **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: Riad El Walaa, Marrakech (breakfast & Dinner Included)

Day 4- November 11: Atlas Mountains and Ouarzazate (Guide, Private transportation)

Drive into the Atlas Mountains to visit a rural Berber village with the **High Atlas Foundation**, followed by 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. Continue to Skoura for an evening at leisure.

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

Day 5- November 12: Into the Sahara (Guide, Private transportation)

Visit an off-road **nomadic community living in traditional caves** near Bou Tharar for insight into Morocco's heritage, then stop in the lush **Valley of the Roses** before reaching **Tinghir**. After lunch, take a short walk for views of the 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)



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Day 6- November 13: Dunes and Midelt (Guide, Private transportation)

Wade into the desert dunes and join a workshop on **Gnawa music in Khamlia**. Pass through **Rissani** and continue to **Erfoud** to see its fortress, fossils and surrounding landscape. Discuss the relationship between Jewish and Muslim communities of the region over centuries, then continue to Midelt for the evening. Head to a nearby village for a warm **hospitality dinner at a local family home**.

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

Day 7- November 14: Journey to Fes (Guide, Private transportation)

Journey to Fes via scenic drive through the Middle Atlas, stopping in **Azrou** for lunch and picturesque photo opportunities. 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 remote region. Nearing 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 included)

Day 8- November 15: 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)**, explore the historic **tanneries, metalworkers, tiles workshop and Al-Attarine Madrasa**. Discuss Islamic tradition and community life with a **local Imam** and **visit a local care center** supporting working animals in the city.

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

Day 9- November 16: Fes to Casablanca

Depart Fes for Casablanca, stopping **for a meeting at the home of Jewish community member** for a conversation on contemporary Moroccan Jewry, followed by a visit to the local school and synagogue. Visit the impressive **Hassan II Mosque** by the sea in the afternoon, followed by time to experience the mosque **hammam** (*optional time permitting, costs not included*) or explore the city at leisure. Gather in the evening for closing reflections and a festive farewell dinner.



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

Day 10- November 17: Departure Day

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

Hotel: N/A (breakfast included)