



## **Authentic Morocco Marrakech To Fez**

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**Visit:** Marrakech – Atlas-Casablanca – Rabat -- Meknes – Volubilis – Fez

### **Private Touring**

- Flexible Dates
- Flexible Itinerary
- Upgrade Accommodation
- Local Guide Service
- Modern Airconditioned Vehicle

### **Tour Vehicle**

Car or Small Van AC

### **Tour Guide**

Local English only guide

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01: DAY 1 Arrival in Marrakech

Upon your arrival at the airport you will be met and greeted by a representative who will assist you and ensure an easy and fast transfer to your Riad. Overnight stay.

#### Day 02: DAY 2: Marrakech

After breakfast at the hotel. Today, as part of our responsible tourism philosophy we will start our tour visiting the souks of Marrakech but with a special emphasis on the charity work done to help those in difficult social situations. From our riad we will be driven to one of the historical gates of the old city for a walk through the streets of Laksour quarter leading to the Souks. We will visit the women's center Al Kaoutar which helps those without any resources and in extreme poverty to learn a job and therefore earn a living. Here they learn and make high quality products and embroidery such as hand-embroidered table linens, pillow cases, pyjamas, children's clothing, towels and napkins at perfectly reasonable fixed prices and all made in a nonprofit vocational training center. The center has also a day care facility for disabled women and their children. From here we will leave the Medina and drive to the modern part of Marrakech to visit the Amal Association, which is an organization that helps underprivileged single mothers overcome poverty and social stigma by providing them with counseling, and vocational training to become professional cooks and pastry makers. Many of them who used to beg and live on the streets now work in some of the many Riads in Marrakech. After visiting the center, lunch is cooked by the ladies of the association. After lunch we will be invited to a demonstration of Moroccan pastry making. In the afternoon we will discover an exciting blend of modern architecture and an ancient walled medina. We will first stand by the Koutoubia Mosque with its 77m minaret, an architectural landmark dating back to the late 12th century. We will visit the Badii palace built in the 16th century. Here we will admire the marvelous pulpit of the Koutoubia mosque made in 1137 in the city of Cordoba by the best cabinet making artisans of that time. We will continue to the 19th century Bahia palace and discover the intricate work done by the local artisans to decorate this splendid home built by a powerful Vizir for his Harem. We will end our exploration with a stroll inside the Jewish quarter and visit the historical synagogue, SLAT LAZAMA, built in 1492 by Sephardic Jews expelled from Spain. .

#### Day 03: DAY 3: Atlas Mountains. Day With Berbers

After breakfast, Today we will spend the day mingling and getting to know the Atlas mountains' locals. The round-trip through lush Ourika Valley and dramatic Atlas landscapes by luxurious SUV will be your only non-Berber experience on this eye-opening, hands-on adventure. Bake bread and prepare tagine in the kitchen of a village family and get to know them better over a pot of traditional mint tea – made by you! The

conversation should also start to flow, with a little help from your guide! While lunch is simmering, get your hands stuck into wet clay in a ceramics workshop. Later, try your hand at weaving a colourful kilim with the local women behind their prized ancestral looms, and walk the farmterraces to see the sweated labour that goes into ancient irrigation and subsistence farming methods.

### **Day 04: DAY 4: Marrakech – Casablanca – Rabat**

After breakfast we will drive during 03 Hours To reach Casablanca. We will start the visit from the port and the old city area where you will visit the impressive Hassan II mosque to discover one of the most interesting architectural achievements in modern Morocco before you are taken to explore some of the main streets down town that date back to the French protectorate. The buildings here are made in the art-deco style, built and designed back in 1920's. Visit Le "Marché Central", the French food and flower market, before you stop on Mohamed V square, one of the main squares of Casablanca, to admire the neo-Moorish style architecture of several official buildings such as the town hall and the court of justice built in 1930's. Visit the largest church in Casablanca, "Notre Dame De Lourdes", where you will discover one of the most impressive works in stained glass accomplished by a French artist in the mid 1950's. In the Late afternoon continue our drive to Rabat Overnight stay

### **Day 05: DAY 5: Rabat – Meknes – Volubilis Fes**

After breakfast we start our tour of Rabat which is an elegant city as it has been serving as the capital of Morocco and the official residence of the kings since the early 20th century. Yet this capital maintains a traditional Moroccan character like all the historical cities of the country. Our morning tour begins with the fortified Kasbah Oudaya including the 17th century royal residence and its Andalusia style garden. Mohamed V Mausoleum, a masterpiece of the Moroccan art and craft next to which stands the medieval Hassan Tower built in the late 12th century. We leave Rabat and head inland to the city of Meknes which served as the capital of Morocco in the 17th century for the Sultan Moulay Ismail. This king had a reputation of a ruthless warrior but he was also a builder as during his 55-year reign, he developed Meknes from a small town into a majestic capital with gigantic ramparts, monumental gates, palaces and more than 15 miles of exterior walls. Our tour leader will take us for a comprehensive tour of the city's highlights such as the impressive granaries and stables built by the Sultan for his cavalry, the Mausoleum of the King located inside a beautifully built mosque, the monumental gate of Bab El Mansour dominating El Hedim square and the colorful food market. In the afternoon we will go for a drive across a beautiful countryside to the archaeological site of Volubilis, the largest of the Roman colonies established in Morocco between the 1st and the 2nd centuries AD. We will be guided through this World Heritage site of which the excavated ruins are particularly noted for their amazing colorful mosaics and remains of Roman monuments such as the Basilica, the Temple and the Arch of Triumph. At the end of the afternoon we will drive to the city of Fez to check into our hotel. Overnight Stay.

### Day 06: DAY 6: Fes

After breakfast Fes is the oldest royal city in Morocco. Founded in the 9th century, it is said to be the most complete medieval city of the Arab world as it has preserved all its medieval aspects and way of life. Fez will stimulate all our senses as we go for a guided tour inside Fes el Bali (old Fes), across food and spice markets, handicraft quarters, auction squares and colorful stores. We will see the local communal bakeries and have a look into children's pre-schools, enter artisan workshops and discover the secrets of their ancestral arts, walk by many historical fountains, mosques and sanctuaries. We will also see the traditional weavers and the famous tanneries. We will stop for a break in the Museum Nejjarine specialized in the art of woodwork and cabinetmaking. We will go inside the 14th century Medersa (theological school) to admire its intricate architecture and will see from outside the University of al-Qarawiyyin which is the oldest university in history founded in 857. In the afternoon we will visit the royal palace built in the late 19th century as a Summer residence for the king Hassan; inside we will see the central four parts garden and the museum of Fez traditional arts established here in 1915. From there we will continue to Fez El Jedid (new Fez) to discover what used to be the largest Jewish quarter in Morocco dating back to the time of the migration of the Jews from Spain in the late 15th century. We will take a walk inside this quarter to see the 17th century synagogues. Overnight stay

### Day 07: DAY 7: Departure Fez

After breakfast, you will be assisted and transferred at Fez airport with the formalities and an easy check in.

#### **Inclusion**

- 06 Nights accommodation at hotels as shown above or similar
- A/C Private deluxe car Vito or Via at Disposal
- High qualified English Speaking guide throughout
- All Visits and activities as per the itinerary
- Entrance Fees to The Monuments
- Water in the car during the tour
- All Local taxes..

#### **Exclusion**

- International / Domestic Airfare
- Optional activities
- Meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program
- Personal equipment
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Voluntary tips for guides or drivers
- Travel and medical insurance
- Personal expenses
- Certain meals not included please refer to Inclusions

### **Note**

Optionals on request at additional costs.

These are starting from fares subject to revision at the time of booking

Hotels

Riad Kniza

Villa Mandarine

Riad Fes

### **Tour Dates & Pricing**

