

# **Colors of Morocco – AAA Tour**

## **The Details**

- **13 nights accommodation**
- **On some dates additional accommodations may be used**
- **Services of a tour manager**
- **All on-tour transportations and related fees**
- **Hotel-to-hotel baggage handling**
- **Round trip home to airport sedan service provided when you purchase airfare through Member Choice Vacations. One transfer per person, per reservation. (Restrictions Apply)**
- **13 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 8 dinners**

Get to know the vibrant culture and colorful backdrops that are distinctively Morocco. Explore Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world, on a walking tour in the medina, where donkeys and mules laden with goods still walk the ancient market. Make your way to your desert camp in a Jeep 4x4 and spend a full day exploring the Sahara Desert. Travel the rugged “Road of a Thousand Kasbahs” to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kasbah Ait-Ben-Haddou. In Marrakech, get a true taste of Moroccan hospitality during an interactive cooking class at a women’s cooperative. Experience Morocco's deep history, unique atmosphere, and welcoming people on an unforgettable journey.

Itinerary featured is for May 2025 - May 2026 tour departures. Departures prior will vary. On some dates alternate hotels may be used. Pricing is per person, double occupancy, land only, based on June 16, 2025 travel date. Single supplement from \$900. Call AAA for current airfare rates and availability.

### **Day 1 - Overnight Flight**

On a captivating adventure through a land of centuries-old culture and customs, discover the "Land of Sunset" and "Gateway to Africa" – the place they call Morocco.

## **Day 2 - Casablanca, Morocco - Rabat - Tour Begins**

*Flower Town Hotel & Spa, Rabat*

Welcome to Morocco! After you land in Casablanca you'll transfer to Rabat. Depending on your arrival flights, you may join your local Tour Manager on a vicinity walk to get acquainted with the area around your hotel in Rabat, your home for the next two days.

## **Day 3 - Rabat**

At the end of your day, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

*Flower Town Hotel & Spa, Rabat*

Breakfast, Dinner Included

Come to know Rabat on an in-depth tour\* with a local guide who'll share his knowledge of this city and its architectural gems. Visit the Chellah, a walled town containing both Roman ruins and a medieval necropolis. Explore the mausoleum of Mohammed V, the epitome of modern Moroccan design. The mausoleum's ornate woodwork, marble, and bronze ornamentations make this a tomb truly fit for a king. See the Kasbah de Oudaias and its whitewashed buildings. Enjoy free time to explore on your own in the afternoon. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

The Rabat city tour may change due to Royal or Government official events.

## **Day 4 - Rabat - Fes**

Indulge in a tour and a tasting at a winery estate.

*Riad Yacout, Fes*

Breakfast, Lunch Included

Depart Rabat for Fes this morning. En route to Fes, stop at a winery estate for a tour, tasting, and lunch. Explore the winery's grounds on a guided tour through the vineyard and cellar, taking in sweeping views of vines and tasting some of the vintages. End your tour with lunch at the estate. Then continue on to Fes, where you'll spend the next three nights at a riad. Today breakfast and lunch will be included.

## **Day 5 - Fes**

Explore Fes, one of the holiest Muslim cities in the world.

*Riad Yacout, Fes*

Breakfast, Dinner Included

Get ready to discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn about its history as a center of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion. Visit the royal palace and Al-Qarawiyyin University (UNESCO), the oldest continuously operating university in the world, admiring its high arches and Andalusian influences. On a walking tour of the ninth-century medina, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

## **Day 6 - Fes**

Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

*Riad Yacout, Fes*

Breakfast Included

Enjoy your day at leisure in Fes. Explore the city further, strolling through marketplaces or visiting a museum. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour of Meknes and Volubilis. On this full-day tour, experience Meknes, one of four Imperial cities in Morocco, where you'll see the Bab Mansour gate. After an included lunch, travel to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its impressive and well-preserved Roman ruins. Today breakfast will be included.

## **Day 7 - Fes - Midelt - Erfoud**

*Kasbah Xaluca Erfoud Hotel*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included

Cross some of Morocco's most breathtaking desert landscapes on the way to the Sahara. En route, pause in Midelt to bask in majestic views of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Arrive in Erfoud, called the "Door to the Desert," and where many famous movies were filmed, including The Prince of Persia and The Mummy. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

## **Day 8 - Erfoud - Sahara Desert**

Experience the desert by 4x4 and during your 2-night camp stay.

*Sahara Desert camp, Merzouga*

Breakfast, Dinner Included

This morning, get to know about local life at El Maadid Ksar, a village with narrow lanes surrounded by ancient fortified walls. Spend some time walking through town and get an authentic look into how local people live, like the farmers who spend their days tending to fields on the outskirts of the village. This evening, make your way into the Sahara aboard a Jeep 4x4 for a two-night stay in a luxury tented camp in the desert, under the stars. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

## **Day 9 - Sahara Desert**

Meet with locals for an eye-opening and meaningful discussion before experiencing traditional sub-Saharan Gnawa music.

*Sahara Desert camp, Merzouga*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included

Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara in stunning hues of orange, yellow, and red. This morning you'll have the opportunity to ride through the dunes on the back of a camel. Continue your day by traveling to the village of Khamlia. The next step of your desert expedition brings you to meet a nomadic group. You'll learn about this ancient way of living and how its traditions have changed. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the desert. This evening, sit with your Tour Manager and learn more about the importance of Islam in Morocco through the centuries and its impact on today's day-to-day life in sub-Saharan Africa. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

## **Day 10 - Sahara Desert - El Khorbat - Boumalne Du Dades**

This Impact Moment supports a business whose profits are used to conserve the cultural heritage and improve the living conditions of this small community

*Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included

Return to the edge of the desert this morning and marvel as the sun illuminates the sweeping sands. Visit the fortified village of El Khorbat. Dating back to the 17th century, this village showcases Jewish and Muslim architecture and artifacts. Learn more about Berber

culture while visiting the museum within the village. Enjoy a simple lunch at a local restaurant. Later, arrive in Boumalne du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, palmeraies, and burnished mud-brick homes. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

### **Day 11 - Boumalne Du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech**

UNESCO site of the Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou.

*Es Saadi Hotel*

Breakfast, Lunch Included

Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs," where turreted fortresses rise up like sandcastles along this ancient trading route. Arrive at the UNESCO site of the Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers that make the Ksar a striking feat of Moroccan architecture. Before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech, enjoy a homemade meal, then continue along the Tizi n'Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains, and Berber villages. Today breakfast and lunch will be included.

### **Day 12 - Marrakech**

*Es Saadi Hotel*

Breakfast, Dinner Included

Among the mosques and palaces, souks, and riads, visit the Jardin Majorelle, an iconic site that showcases the beauty and ingenuity of Morocco's cultural heritage. Next, visit the ancient El Bahia palace, whose architecture is a distinct blend of both Islamic and Moroccan styles. Then it's your choice! Embark on a walking tour with a local guide, stopping at shops along the way -OR- relax in a traditional hammam, a community bathhouse where locals still gather to relax, cleanse, and socialize today -OR- return to the hotel to relax by the pool. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

### **Day 13 - Marrakech**

Select your own ingredients before a culinary workshop at a local women's cooperative.

*Es Saadi Hotel, Marrakech*

Breakfast, Lunch Included

Today experience an Impact Moment and join a local women's training center for an interactive cooking class. Head to a garden on the property to source your herbs and

vegetables and learn the secret to making the country's most celebrated dish: tagine. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, perhaps you'll join an optional horse-drawn carriage ride through Marrakech, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Today breakfast and lunch will be included.

#### **Day 14 - Marrakech - Casablanca**

*Barcelo Anfa, Casablanca*

Breakfast, Dinner Included

Depart Marrakech for Casablanca this morning. Upon arrival in Casablanca, visit the largest functioning mosque in Africa, the Hassan II Mosque. Learn about the history and the significance of this mosque on a privately led tour. Gaze upon the intricate, colorful artistry of the ceramic tile and hand-carved stone of this architectural wonder. Then say goodbye to your tour manager and fellow travelers during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

#### **Day 15 - Casablanca - Tour Ends**

Breakfast Included

Your tour comes to a close this morning. Today breakfast will be included.