

# Robson Ranch Road Runners presents ...



Djemaa El Fna market, Marrakesh



Rissani Village

## Morocco Sahara Odyssey

**Morocco:** Rabat, Fez, Sahara Tented Camp, High Atlas Mountains, Ouarzazate, Marrakesh, Casablanca



**16 days** starting from **\$6,945**  
including international airfare  
from DFW

Single Supplement: **FREE**

**Departure Date:** OCT 16, 2027

**Return Date:** OCT 31, 2027

**Activity Level:**

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Moderate

### ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Casablanca, Morocco
2-3	Rabat
4-6	Fez
7	Erfoud
8-9	Sahara Desert
10-11	Ouarzazate
12-14	Marrakesh
15	Casablanca
16	Return to U.S.

### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Northern Morocco: Chefchaouen, Tangier & the Berbers of the Rif

PRE-TRIP: 5 nights from **\$1,695**

The Atlantic Coast: Artistic Essaouira & Casablanca

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## ITINERARY

### Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart today on an overnight flight to Casablanca.

### Day 2 • Arrive in Casablanca, Morocco • Rabat

An O.A.T. representative will meet you at the airport in Casablanca and assist with the transfer to your hotel in Rabat. Later, meet your fellow travelers who took the optional pre-trip extension to *Northern Morocco: Chefchaouen, Tangier & the Berbers of the Rif*.

Meals: D | Le Diwan Hotel or similar

### Day 3 • Rabat

After breakfast this morning, we have a brief introduction to the Arabic language before heading out on a guided tour of Rabat. We see the exterior of Rabat's Royal Palace and its impressive *Bab ar-Rouah* (Gate of the Winds), and visit the ruins and wild gardens of the Chellah, a 14th-century Merinid

necropolis. We'll visit a historic coffee shop in the region and end our discoveries at the Kasbah Oudeya, a citadel built in the twelfth century.

Meals: B,D | Le Diwan Hotel or similar

### Day 4 • Overland to Fez

Today we leave the coast and Rabat behind, and set off for Fez—locally referred to as *Fes*. We'll drive past sweeping fields, rolling countryside, and tree-covered slopes, some of which may be speckled with poppies, prickly pears, olive trees, or snow, depending on the time of year. We'll make a stop along the way in El Khemisset to stretch our legs and perhaps get a cup of coffee at a famous coffee shop there.

Upon arrival in Fez, we'll set off on foot to the *medina*—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Vendors fill market stalls with colorful handcrafted goods, and on either side of us, donkey carts and motorbikes zip past as we

## IT'S INCLUDED

- 14 nights accommodation (13 nights if you are taking our optional post-trip extension to Essaouira & Casablanca)
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation
- 34 meals—14 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 11 dinners, including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner (31 meals—including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner—if you are taking our optional post-trip extension to Essaouira & Casablanca)
- 15 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, camp staff, and luggage porters
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure

carefully traverse the narrow, maze-like lanes of the ancient walled city. Then we'll check into our *riad*—a Moroccan home that has been refurbished into a hotel.

Meals: B,L | Hotel Riad Salam or similar

### Day 5 • Fez • Home-Hosted Dinner

Set out for a day of exploration in Fez. First, go to the traditional Jewish quarter, the *mellah*, to visit a 17th-century synagogue. Afterwards, stroll through the *souks* (marketplace) of the Old City—the *medina*. Later, enjoy an exclusive **Home-Hosted Dinner** with a local family.

Meals: B,L,D | Hotel Riad Salam or similar

### Day 6 • Fez • Optional Volubilis & Meknes tour

The day is free for you to make your own discoveries in Fez. Or, you may choose to join a full-day optional tour of two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Volubilis and Meknes.

Meals: B,D | Hotel Riad Salam or similar





## Day 7 • Cross the Middle & High Atlas Mountains • Erfoud

Our journey into the Sahara begins today, as we drive approximately 300 miles across the Middle Atlas mountain range, winding through beautiful pine groves and giant cedar forests. In the late afternoon we descend into Erfoud, a small trading village that is the gateway to the vast Sahara Desert. Along the way, meet with a semi-nomadic family (when possible) and delve into their way of life.

Meals: B,L,D | Kasbah Hotel Chergui or similar

## Day 8 • Off-road Sahara adventure • Meet local family • Overland to Sahara Desert camp

Board 4x4 vehicles and head through the desert to our private tented campsite. Along the way, you'll enjoy an O.A.T.-exclusive visit with members of a local desert community. Afterwards, you may join your Trip Experience Leader on an optional sunset dune hike. Take in a traditional Moroccan cooking demonstration this evening.

Meals: B,L,D | Kasbah Yasmina Hotel

## Day 9 • Sahara Desert walk & camel ride • Farm visit • Khamlia

Choose to rise before dawn to watch the sunrise in the Saharan dunes followed by a guided walk. Later, explore the desert on the back of a camel (weather permitting). Then, journey by 4x4 vehicle to a local farm, followed by a visit to the remote village of Khamlia for a lively *Gnawa* musical performance. Later, enjoy a cup of tea with nomadic women, and learn about Islam from our Trip Experience Leader.

Meals: B,L,D | Kasbah Yasmina Hotel

## Day 10 • Ouarzazate • Berber museum

Set off for the oasis town of Ouarzazate, making a stop in Tinejdad to take a walk inside one of the ancient fortified *ksars* (walled cities). We'll also visit a Berber museum before arriving in Ouarzazate.

Meals: B,L,D | Le Berbère Palace or similar

## Day 11 • A Day in the Life of Asfalou village • Imik Simik Women's Association • Ouarzazate

Experience **A Day in the Life** of Asfalou village where you'll sit for tea with the family of a



local brick maker. Then, visit the **Grand Circle Foundation**-supported Imik Simik Women's Association, where we'll meet some local women who are learning new skills to improve their lives.

Meals: B,L,D | Le Berbère Palace or similar

## Day 12 • Cross High Atlas Mountains • Marrakesh • Djemaa El Fna

Travel through the High Atlas Mountains to Marrakesh. Along the way, pause high above narrow green valleys to take in sweeping views. Once we arrive in Marrakesh, we'll check into our *riad*. Tonight, walk to Djemaa El Fna to sample food from the street stalls.

Meals: B,L | Riad Palais des Princesses or similar

## Day 13 • Marrakesh • Horse-drawn calèche ride

Explore Marrakesh on foot, stopping at the Koutoubia minaret, the Moorish spice market, the opulent Bahia Palace, and the famous *medina*. Later, you may choose to join your Trip Experience Leader to see a demonstration of Berber weaving. Afterwards, ride through Marrakesh in a traditional horse-drawn *calèche*.

Meals: B,L | Riad Palais des Princesses or similar

## Day 14 • Marrakesh • Optional tours • Controversial Topic: Feminist youth activism

Discover Marrakesh from above on our optional Marrakesh Hot-Air Balloon Ride, or join our optional Marrakesh Museums tour. This evening, a local young woman will lead a conversation about a **Controversial Topic**: the personal choices of young Moroccan women while adhering to social norms.

Meals: B,D | Riad Palais des Princesses or similar

## Day 15 • Casablanca & Hassan II Mosque

Upon arrival in Casablanca, visit the Hassan II Mosque followed by a discovery walk through the city center. Then, enjoy lunch at the Women's Solidarity Association. Travelers taking our *The Atlantic Coast: Artistic Essaouira & Casablanca* post-trip extension will depart for Essaouira after breakfast.

Meals: B,L | Radisson Blu Hotel Casablanca or similar

## Day 16 • Return to U.S.

Head to the airport after breakfast for your flight to the U.S.

Meals: B



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\$5,495

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