Imperial Cities, Saharan Sands 10 days

A Moroccan medley, taking in the delights of Morocco's four Imperial Cities - Marrakech, Fes, Rabat and Meknes, the ancient kasbah of Ait Benhaddou, Casablanca and the rolling dunes of the Sahara.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Marrakech / Ends in: Marrakech
- Departs: Saturdays - year round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:9, Lunch: 3, Dinner: 4
- Hotel Rating: 2-3 star
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
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TOUR MAP:

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Day 1: Marrakech

Saturday. Upon arrival at Marrakech airport you'll be met and transferred to our hotel in the centre of town. This evening there will be a welcome meeting and dinner at 18:00hrs, after which you're free to explore the delights of Djemaa el Fna, the exuberant market place, which literally comes alive at night. Overnight - Marrakech

Day 2:

Marrakech - Casablanca - Rabat. Today we travel to Rabat, stopping en route to visit Casablanca and the see the exterior of Hassan 2 Mosque, which has the tallest minaret and is the third largest mosque in the world - it can hold 25,000 worshippers at any one time. There is an optional visit inside the mosque for those who would like to explore further. Continuing on, we spend the afternoon and evening in Morocco's capital city Rabat and visit some of the highlights of Rabat, including the impressive Chellah - a necropolis and complex of ancient, medieval ruins. Overnight - Rabat

Day 3:

Rabat - Meknes - Volubilis - Fes. Travelling on to Fes today, we stop at the Imperial City of Meknes, which became known as the Versailles of Morocco due to its impressive buildings and elaborate monuments. After free time to explore the city we continue on to tour the incredible UNESCO listed Roman ruins of Volubilis, which date back to AD40. Reaching the Imperial City of Fes late this afternoon the evening is free for you to relax or explore. Overnight - Fes

Day 4: Fes

Fes is the oldest and largest medieval city in the world and its medina is a cacophony of aromas, sights and sounds. Today we enjoy a guided tour of Fes el Bali - the old walled city and visit the dye-pits, tanneries before returning to our hotel to prepare for an optional night of Moroccan entertainment and food at a restaurant in town. Overnight - Fes

Day 5: Midelt

Fes - Midelt. This morning we journey over the Moyen Atlas to Midelt, which is a beautiful alpine area. Surrounded by huge pine trees, this tranquil mountain setting is a great spot to cool down and relax after the hustle and bustle of Fes. This afternoon we soak up the scenery on a short hike. Overnight - Midelt

Day 6:

Midelt - Erg Chebbi - breakfast. Today we enjoy a scenic drive, followed by a tasty Moroccan lunch and an afternoon relaxing and swimming. It is then time to head towards the great desert and Merzouga, where we transfer to camels for a trek into the Sahara Desert for a night at our Berber Camp. We enjoy local food, music and an amazing night out under the Saharan stars. Overnight - Berber Camp

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Day 7: Todra Gorge

Erg Chebbi - Todra Gorge - Dades Gorge - breakfast. Leaving the desert, we travel on to Todra Gorge. This 1000ft gorge is surrounded by towering vertical limestone cliffs and is known as Morocco's Grand Canyon. The charm of Todra lies in its changing colours as the sun slowly moves from east to west. There's time to explore the gorge before we continue on to scenic Dades Gorge, where we spend the night. Overnight - Dades Gorge

Day 8:

Dades Gorge - Ait Benhaddou - Marrakech. En route back to Marrakech today we stop to explore Ait Benhaddou, an incredible ancient fortified kasbah which has featured in many a blockbuster movie, including Gladiator and Laurence of Arabia. Overnight - Marrakech

Days 9 - 10: Marrakech

Marrakech - breakfast. On day 9 we take a guided tour and see the sights of Marrakech, Morocco's fourth Imperial City. Inside the rose coloured medina walls is a tangle of winding streets and alleys that open onto verdant gardens and bustling souks. At the heart of the medina is Djemaa El Fna, the city's exuberant market place and towering over it, is the famous Koutoubia Mosque, the tallest building in the city. The rest of the day is free to explore the city. On Monday (day 10) our Moroccan adventure ends after breakfast and hotel check out.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Marrakech – UNESCO-listed medina, mosque, palaces and souks
- Casablanca - Morocco's largest city
- Rabat - the lively capital city
- Meknes - a great Imperial city
- Fes – the oldest medieval city in the world, medina dye pits and tanneries
- Midelt - scenic alpine region
- Fes - the oldest medieval city in the world
- Erg Chebbi sand dunes - beginning of the Sahara
- Todra Gorge - towering red canyon
- Ait Benhaddou - UNESCO Listed ancient kasbah
- Volubilis – UNESCO-listed Roman ruins

What's Included

- 9 Breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners including a traditional Berber meal our Sahara camp.
- 8 nights 2 - 3 star hotels

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- 1 night camping in the Sahara
- Guided tour of Rabat, Volubilis, Fes and Marrakech
- Specialist local guides at some sites
- Arrival transfer from Marrakech airport on day 1
- Camel trek into the Sahara and a hike in Midelt
- Escorted by an English speaking tour leader
- Transportation and transfers in private 4x4 landcruisers or mini van.
- All road taxes and tolls

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Gratuity for your tour guide/driver. Budget USD$2 - 3 per person per day. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture.
- Tipping Kitty: USD $50

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $1,649

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
01 JUN - 10 JUN	USD $1,649	USD $279
15 JUN - 24 JUN	USD $1,649	USD $279
13 JUL - 22 JUL	USD $1,649	USD $279
27 JUL - 05 AUG	USD $1,649	USD $279
10 AUG - 19 AUG	USD $1,649	USD $279
24 AUG - 02 SEP	USD $1,649	USD $279
14 SEP - 23 SEP	USD $1,649	USD $279
28 SEP - 07 OCT	USD $1,649	USD $279
12 OCT - 21 OCT	USD $1,649	USD $279
26 OCT - 04 NOV	USD $1,649	USD $279
09 NOV - 18 NOV	USD $1,649	USD $279
23 NOV - 02 DEC	USD $1,649	USD $279
07 DEC - 16 DEC	USD $1,649	USD $279

2014

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
25 JAN - 03 FEB	USD $1,649	USD $279
15 FEB - 24 FEB	USD $1,649	USD $279
01 MAR - 10 MAR	USD $1,649	USD $279
15 MAR - 24 MAR	USD $1,649	USD $279
12 APR - 21 APR	USD $1,649	USD $279
26 APR - 05 MAY	USD $1,649	USD $279
17 MAY - 26 MAY	USD $1,649	USD $279
31 MAY - 09 JUN	USD $1,649	USD $279
14 JUN - 23 JUN	USD $1,649	USD $279
28 JUN - 07 JUL	USD $1,649	USD $279
12 JUL - 21 JUL	USD $1,649	USD $279
26 JUL - 04 AUG	USD $1,649	USD $279
09 AUG - 18 AUG	USD $1,649	USD $279
23 AUG - 01 SEP	USD $1,649	USD $279
13 SEP - 22 SEP	USD $1,649	USD $279
27 SEP - 06 OCT	USD $1,649	USD $279
11 OCT - 20 OCT	USD $1,649	USD $279
25 OCT - 03 NOV	USD $1,649	USD $279
08 NOV - 17 NOV	USD $1,649	USD $279
22 NOV - 01 DEC	USD $1,649	USD $279
06 DEC - 15 DEC	USD $1,649	USD $279
23 DEC - 01 JAN	USD $1,649	USD $279