

Marrakech Express

5 Days | Marrakech to Essaouira



Head to Morocco for a long weekend with a difference. Explore magical Marrakech, camel trek into the Sahara Desert and spend an incredible night at a Berber camp amongst the dunes and relax by the beach in enchanting Essaouira on the Atlantic Coast.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Essaouira - Enjoy free time in this ancient medina with its wind swept beaches and current day fishing village
- Marrakech – Discover the UNESCO-listed medina, mosques, palaces and souks (explored independently)
- Zagora - Take a camel trek into the Sahara desert and spend a night under the stars in a traditional Berber style camp

What's Included

- Transportation and transfers in private 4x4 or mini van/touring vehicle
- Entrance fees to all included sites
- 4 breakfasts and 2 dinners including Berber camp dinner
- 3 nights 3 star hotel and 1 night camping in the Sahara
- Arrival transfer from Marrakech airport on day 1

- Sahara camel trek & night in a Berber camp
- Essaouira - beachside bliss and free time
- Escorted by an English speaking tour leader
- All road taxes and tolls

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$30pp, paid in USD or local currency
- Gratuity for your tour guide. Budget approx USD\$2 - 3 per person per day. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture
- International flights and visa

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Marrakech



Welcome to Morocco! Following your transfer from the airport to our joining hotel you can relax by the hotel pool before the pre-departure meeting at 18.00 where you

will meet your fellow travellers. **Overnight - Marrakech (D)**

Day 2 : Sahara Camel Trek



Today we enjoy a stunning drive over the High Atlas en-route to Zagora. We pass through the Draa Valley a green and lush land of palmeries and amazing vistas. It is then time to head towards the great desert, 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 - Zagora (B, D)**

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Day 3 : Marrakech



Leaving the desert, we travel back to Marrakech. We arrive back in Marrakech where we have dinner in Djemaa El Fna (at own cost).

Overnight - Marrakech (B)

Day 4 : Coastal Relaxation



We leave Marrakech after breakfast and take a leisurely drive to Essaouira; a colourful fishing town situated within 15th century Portuguese fortifications, where great beaches and surf beckon. You have the day to relax on the beach or alternatively explore the UNESCO-listed medina with its various souks and woodcarving workshops. Any city gate leads to the medina, so you're unlikely to get lost. The beach is in front of the Medina and there are plenty of cafés with terraces, both ideal for relaxing for a few hours. Blue doors and window frames abound as do the artists shops – buy a carpet or Thuya wood carving or sit on the beach sipping a mint tea as the sun sets. There is the opportunity to do some optional activities, such as quad biking, surfing, horse trekking and wind surfing. Enjoy a great night out in Essaouira. **Overnight - Essaouira (B)**

Day 5 : Essaouira



After breakfast this morning over-looking the Atlantic, the day offers free time for you to independently explore. Hotel check out is at 12 noon and at this point our holiday concludes. If you would like to end your holiday in Marrakech, please see below.

(B)

HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

El Andalous Hotel & Spa

Just 10 minutes from the airport, the El Andalous Hotel and Spa offers a welcome respite from the hubub of the city. Evoking the golden age of Arab-Andalusian culture; exotic and romantically rich. Guest rooms are well furnished with excellent en suite facilities as well as private balconies. The hotel pool is great place to relax by and enjoy a tasty beverage or two. The medina is just a 20 minute walk from here or a cab can get you there in a few minutes!



Desert camp

Camping out in the Sahara Desert is an incredible experience! You can climb to the top of a desert dune to watch the setting sun, relax around a camp fire for dinner and even sleep outside under the desert stars at night.



Hotel Miramar

Enjoying an enviable location just a 15-minute walk from the beach and some of the city's key sights, Hotel Miramar combines 4-star comfort with local convenience. Each of the 45 guest rooms benefit from a separate sitting area, room service and satellite television, there's also free WiFi throughout the property. After a day of sightseeing guests can unwind in the on-site spa, which offers a variety of treatments, or those that prefer to relax during the day can opt to head to the hotel's private sand beach.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room/tent. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who would like their own room/tent 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. Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. Please **DO NOT** book flights until we have confirmed that the tour is guaranteed to operate.

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16 May	USD 695	USD 845
30 May	USD 695	USD 845
13 Jun	USD 695	USD 845
20 Jun	USD 695	USD 845
27 Jun	USD 695	USD 845
04 Jul	USD 795	USD 945
11 Jul	USD 795	USD 945
18 Jul	USD 795	USD 945
25 Jul	USD 795	USD 945
01 Aug	USD 795	USD 945
15 Aug	USD 795	USD 945
22 Aug	USD 795	USD 945
29 Aug	USD 795	USD 945
05 Sep	USD 795	USD 945
12 Sep	USD 795	USD 945
19 Sep	USD 795	USD 945
26 Sep	USD 795	USD 945
03 Oct	USD 795	USD 945
17 Oct	USD 795	USD 945
31 Oct	USD 795	USD 945
07 Nov	USD 695	USD 845
21 Nov	USD 695	USD 845
05 Dec	USD 795	USD 945
22 Dec	USD 795	USD 945

PRICES / DATES 2020

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10 Sep	USD 795	USD 945
17 Sep	USD 795	USD 945
24 Sep	USD 795	USD 945
08 Oct	USD 795	USD 945
22 Oct	USD 795	USD 945
29 Oct	USD 795	USD 945
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26 Nov	USD 695	USD 845
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23 Jan	USD 695	USD 845
13 Feb	USD 695	USD 845
27 Feb	USD 695	USD 845
12 Mar	USD 795	USD 945
26 Mar	USD 795	USD 945
09 Apr	USD 795	USD 945
23 Apr	USD 795	USD 945
07 May	USD 695	USD 845
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