

# MAGICAL MOROCCO & DOURO DISCOVERY

## DESTINATIONS

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# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Casablanca
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today you will arrive in the legendary city of Casablanca. We'll meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. Here, during a Welcome Reception, you'll meet your fellow guests and Tour Director.

Stay: Mövenpick Casablanca (or similar)

## DAY 2

Destination	Casablanca 🚗 Rabat 🚗 Meknes 🚗 Fez
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, set off on a city tour of Casablanca. Your first stop is Hassan II Mosque, the largest mosque in Africa with its impressive 210-metre-tall minaret. A visit to the League of Arab States Park and the Mohammed V Square rounds off your city tour. Continue on to the nearby city of Rabat, Morocco's capital, and after some free time to enjoy lunch along the river front, set off on an exploration of the city. Hop back onto your coach for the drive to Meknes. Here, discover the iconic gateway of Bab Mansour. You'll also enjoy a visit to the Hari Souani Granary before continuing to Fez.

Stay: Two Nights, Fez, Barceló Fès (or similar)

## DAY 3

Destination	Fez
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

### INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Indulge your taste buds with a tasting of Moroccan coffee and sweets.

Fez was founded more than 1,200 years ago and is one of the oldest continuously inhabited medieval settlements in the world. Fez is divided into distinct parts: the typical old walled city (Fez-el-Bali) and a French-built new town area (Ville Nouvelle). The old town enjoys World Heritage status and has an entirely car-free centre. Walking through this area you'll pass spice markets, food stalls, tanneries, guilds and souks. During your time in Fez, you'll visit the University of al-Qarawiyyin, the oldest existing, continually operating university in the world. Afterwards, stop in at Bou Inania, an educational institute which also doubles as a mosque.

## DAY 4

Destination	Fez 🚗 Marrakesh
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Today, you'll head through the desert towards Marrakesh. En route, stop at the Swiss-style village of Ifrane. With its incredible chalet-houses with red pointed roofs, carefully manicured parks and alpine-resort atmosphere, Ifrane is now known as the Switzerland of Morocco. Enjoy some time here to take some photos and stretch your legs. After time back on the road, stop at Beni Mellal, a town nestled at the foothills of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Here, enjoy lunch at

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a local restaurant. Pass by an array of Berber villages as you close in on Marrakesh, an oasis city boasting a heady mix of ancient ramparts, secret tombs, lush gardens and colourful souks.

Stay: Three Nights, Marrakesh, Radisson Blu (or similar)

### DAY 5

Destination	Marrakesh
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, we will set off on a tour of two of Marrakesh's most iconic attractions – the Bahia Palace and Majorelle Gardens. It is clear why Bahia Palace is translated from Arabic to mean 'brilliance'. The palace and gardens showcase the finest examples of Moroccan and Islamic architecture. Admire stained-glass windows, zellij mosaics, painted wooden ceilings and marble-paved courtyards. Moving on to the Majorelle Gardens, wander through gardens which took French artist Jacques Majorelle over 40 years to create. The afternoon is yours, so enjoy time on your own terms. Perhaps explore the medina, or sit back with a refreshing cup of mint tea and watch the local life.

### DAY 6

Destination	Marrakesh
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today is free to relax at your own leisure, exploring the delights of Marrakesh as you wish. You might like to join a Moroccan cooking class, or enjoy a guided discovery of the riads hidden away in Marrakesh's medina. This evening, we will celebrate our Moroccan adventure with a Farewell Dinner, accompanied by traditional belly dancers and live music.

### DAY 7

Destination	Marrakesh ✈️ Porto 🚗 Vila Nova De Gaia 🚆
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Say goodbye to Morocco today. After breakfast, fly to Portugal, where you will be transferred from the airport to your river ship, the MS Douro Serenity. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Reception as you take in the sights along the Douro River.

Stay: Seven Nights, aboard your river ship, the MS Douro Serenity

### DAY 8

Destination	🚆 Régua, Mateus Palace, Pinhão
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

### INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a sumptuous dinner of traditional dishes and dessert at a picturesque local quinta, a Portuguese winery.


Today you begin your cruise along the spectacular Douro River. As you cruise this morning, you'll take part in a

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Portuguese language lesson, during which you'll learn some essential phrases of this beautiful language. Disembark your ship in Régua and join an excursion by coach to the splendid Gardens and Palace of Mateus. Tour this living museum which is still owned by the Count of Vila Real. Afterwards, travel by coach to Pinhão for a special dinner.

### DAY 9

Destination	 Vega De Terrón, Castelo Rodrigo
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today, cruise across the border into Vega de Terrón in Spain. Enjoy some time at leisure before joining an excursion to Castelo Rodrigo. This tiny village sits atop a hill overlooking both Spain and Portugal, and features a number of well-preserved ruins, an impressive castle and a magnificent stone statue of Santiago Matamoros. After exploring this charming little town, you'll board a coach and return to your ship.

### DAY 10


Destination	 Salamanca, Barca D'Alva
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

#### INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a Flamenco show and lunch and be entranced by captivating Flamenco dancers as they astound you with their stomping feet in a fiery performance.

Today you'll disembark and board a coach to set off for the glorious Spanish city of Salamanca. This gorgeous city is arguably one of the most beautiful in Spain, and boasts sunlit sandstone buildings along with a majestic city square and an ancient university. Here you'll enjoy an Insider Experience. Afterwards, return by coach back over the border to Barca d'Alva, the last Portuguese village along the Douro, where your ship awaits. Back on board this evening, enjoy a traditional Portuguese barbecue dinner.

### DAY 11

Destination	 Régua, Lamego
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

#### INSIDER EXPERIENCE


Enjoy a tasting of local port wine, Portugal's most famous tippie.

This morning after breakfast, enjoy a Portuguese cooking demonstration on board as your ship cruises past Pinhão to Régua. On arrival, head to a local quinta, which boasts outstanding views over the Douro Valley. Afterwards, board a coach and take a scenic drive past swathes of expansive vineyards, visiting the picturesque village of Lamego and the elaborately decorated baroque cathedral, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies, an important Portuguese place of pilgrimage. While in Lamego, visit one of Portugal's best museums, home to a vast collection of paintings, tapestries and jewellery.

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### DAY 12

Destination	 Régua, Entre-Os-Rios
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, enjoy free time to explore Régua — you may like to wander along the riverfront, or venture into the lovely Old Town. Afterwards, continue on to the riverside town of Entre-os-Rios. On arrival, enjoy free time to explore this gorgeous, vibrant town as you please. Tonight, be treated to an energetic performance of traditional Portuguese folk music back on board at a special Captain's Dinner.

### DAY 13

Destination	 Vila Nova De Gaia, Porto
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast, cruise back to the enchanting city of Vila Nova de Gaia. On arrival, join a tour of nearby Porto, where you'll be led past a collection of the city's most famous attractions, and visit a local port winery for a tour and tasting. This afternoon, there's ample time for you to step back out to explore Porto at leisure. You might choose to take an optional excursion to the World Heritage-listed city of Guimarães. This evening back on board your ship, enjoy a final Farewell Dinner.

### DAY 14

Destination	 Porto
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

After enjoying a final breakfast on board, transfer to the airport in Porto for your onward flight.

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### Inclusions

#### WHATS INCLUDED

Six nights in premium accommodation  
Seven nights on a premium river ship, the MS Douro Serenity  
The expert services of a Travelmarvel Tour Director, Cruise Director and local guides  
28 meals – 13 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 9 dinners  
Onboard water stations, plus tea and coffee, soft drink, beer and local wine during lunch and dinner on your cruise  
Explore 18 towns, villages and cities  
Transfers, port charges and tipping  
Superior twin share accommodation  
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

### Fine Print

#### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

##### Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$1000 deposit per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$1,719 per person within 28 days.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 100 days prior to departure.

##### Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)

Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected

Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests

Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab

Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)

Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking

Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur

#### OPTIONAL TOURS

None

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EXCLUSIONS	Airfares Personal Expenses Travel Insurance Optional activities Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional
CABIN BEDDING AND UPGRADES	7 Nights onboard a premium Travel Marvel River Ship  Window Stateroom - Included Each stateroom features an en suite bathroom and personal climate control; great storage; queen or twin bedding with plush linen; plus a TV, safe and mini-fridge.  *Upgrade prices may vary depending on which category of cabin is chosen. Please enquire within to receive the exact upgrade prices for each Cabin.
HOTEL LIST	Casablanca - Mövenpick Casablanca or similar Fez - Barceló Fès or similar Marrakesh - Radisson Blu or similar 7 on a premium river ship, the MS Douro Serenity

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

#### Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$3,200 subject to availability.

#### Triple Share

Not available.

#### Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

#### Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.