

8 DAY CLASSIC MOROCCO

DESTINATIONS

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CASABLANCA



TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Casablanca
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A


Welcome to Morocco! On arrival at Casablanca Airport, you will be met by a Peregrine representative and transferred to your hotel. Your adventure begins at 6 pm with an important welcome meeting. If you arrive with time to spare, then a great option for your limited time in Casablanca is to visit the Villa des Arts. This gorgeous Art Deco gallery building dates back to the 1930s and holds numerous exhibitions of contemporary Moroccan and international art. If you are looking for a different type of cultural experience, then you can discover a unique and fascinating part of Moroccan history at the Museum of Judaism.

While this is an arrival day and you may arrive at any time, please note that hotel rooms are generally only available after midday.

Please be aware that some of our travellers in Casablanca are being approached by locals offering excursions before their Peregrine trip commences. This has been particularly prevalent in and around the hotels used by Peregrine. These guides are in no way connected to Peregrine and we cannot guarantee the safety or quality standards of their tours. We strongly advise customers not to join any tour offered by unauthorised guides.

Optional Activities Religious Casablanca Urban Adventures Tour - MAD1206 Casablanca - The Medina and Beyond Urban Adventure - MAD948

DAY 2

Destination	Casablanca  Meknes
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

This morning you will visit one of the most impressive sites in Casablanca – the massive edifice of the Mosque of Hassan II. Opened in 1993, and second only in size to the great mosque at Mecca, the huge building sits partly on land and partly over sea, and in one area water can be seen through a glass floor. It can accommodate 25,000 worshippers and the main roof is retractable to create an open courtyard. It is one of the only religious sites open to non-Muslims. Later, you will leave Casablanca and drive north along the coast to Rabat (approximately 1.5 hours), the elegant capital of Morocco and its first Imperial city. It contains numerous fine Arab monuments, some dating from the 10th to 15th century Almohad and Merenid dynasties, and others that are far older. Start your visit with a walk through the medina and souks, then explore the lovely walled quarter known as the Kasbah des Oudaïas and enjoy an included local drink. Afterwards, continue the walk to visit Mausoleum of Mohammed V, the vast minaret of the Mosque of Hassan II. In the late afternoon, continue on to Meknes (approximately 2 hours), the sixth largest city in the kingdom, and former capital of Morocco.

DAY 3

Destination	Meknes  Fes
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

This morning you will discover the charming streets of Meknes' medina – the old walled section of the city. Enter via the northern gate, Bab Berdaine, and walk to the shrine of Moulay Ismail who, in the 17th century, turned Meknes from a provincial town into a spectacular Imperial city. Visit Moulay Ismail Mausoleum. This peaceful and spiritual resting

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place of Sultan Moulay Ismail is one of the few sacred sites in Morocco open to non-Muslims. Constructed during his lifetime, the mausoleum's location was chosen by Ismail as it had once housed Meknes's Palais de Justice (courthouse), and he hoped in death to be judged in his own court by his own people. Take some time to soak up the atmosphere of this place before driving out of the city to the ruins of Volubilis (approximately 45 minutes). Volubilis was once a provincial Roman capital, a distant outpost of the empire, and the remains make an undeniably impressive sight. Volubilis is the foremost Roman site in Morocco and was declared a World Heritage site in 1997. Upon arrival you will take a tour around the ruins with a local guide. Please remember to pack drinking water, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen for this tour as it may get hot and you will be exposed to the sun. And, of course, don't forget to take your camera as the town is filled with fantastic mosaics along the Decumanus Maximus, many of which remain intact. After time spent imagining Volubilis as the bustling city it once was, continue on to the living museum of Fes for the night (approximately 1.5 hours). Check in to your hotel in late afternoon, and perhaps spend the evening relaxing in this calming oasis, away from the buzz of the Fes streets.

DAY 4

Destination	Fes
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Fes is the spiritual and cultural heart of Morocco: vibrant, noisy, fascinating and overwhelming – a visual and pungent feast for the senses. It is made up of three distinct 'cities', or quarters, and you will stay in the elegant Ville Nouvelle, or New City, which has a distinctly French character. Today head into the huge, well-preserved medieval old city, known locally as Fes el-Bali, and the mother of all medinas. Medieval Fes was one of the world's great centres of education and culture, both Islamic and Jewish. Its religious institutions and libraries are legendary, its mosques of great renown. Walk through the twisting streets and alleyways, passing donkeys piled high with goods, and explore the speciality sections that divide the souk. Filled with historic khans, madrasas and dye-pits, stalls loaded with fruits, herbs and soups, and where the squawk of chickens, smell of spice and sound of hammering of copper fills the air, it's not hard to imagine yourself back in the Middle Ages. Spend the day exploring the old city, visiting El-Attarine Madrasa, the tanneries and the splendid Fondouk el-Nejjarine, a beautifully restored 18th-century inn. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon and listen to the amazing 'call to prayer' from the roof of your hotel. Your leader will be on hand to talk you through some of the most interesting customs and traditions of Moroccan people. Later in the evening, seek out a memorable dinner of one of the city's signature dishes, the salty and sweet pastille.

DAY 5

Destination	Fes 🚗 Bin el Ouidane
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Bin el Ouidane is your destination today. You will drive approximately 7 hours in a comfortable private van, with frequent stops along the way, and witness the beautiful and ever-changing Moroccan landscape as well as slow, rural life. On many occasions you will have a chance to buy fresh local fruits and vegetables, which are mostly grown in nearby villages. Small village shops often sell original handicrafts too, if you'd like to stock up on souvenirs. Today you will also experience the art of tea-making. Join a local family for a cup of truly delicious mint tea and share a home-cooked lunch with them too. Bin el Ouidane is a small settlement beautifully placed on the bank of the lake, surrounded by sheer rocks. Take a moment to sit back and enjoy the calm and peacefulness of the place. Perhaps take a short walk for a closer look at the majestic Bin el Ouidane dam, an arch-shaped wall that not only provides hydroelectric power to the surrounding settlements, but also irrigates fields in Beni Moussa and the Tadla plains. Without the irrigation system, it would be nearly impossible for local farmers to grow their crops. Everything at this beautifully located homestay is free so remember, there is nothing wrong with sitting back on the terrace and admiring the view.

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DAY 6

Destination	Bin el Ouidane 🚗 Marrakech
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today you will drive for approximately 3 hours from Bin el Ouidane to Marrakech. There's no rush as the scenery on the way is always interesting, and you will enjoy a stop en route at Ouzoud Falls. Spend some time admiring these multi-tiered falls, then continue to Marrakech. On arrival in Marrakech you will check in to your beautiful riad, or Moroccan mansion. This evening, why not head to the great square of Djemaa el-Fna, one of the largest public spaces in the world and unique to Marrakech. When night falls it transforms into a hive of activity. Henna painters, performers and storytellers share the square with a street food bazaar, packed with stalls loaded with Moroccan delicacies. You can enjoy a bite of famous Moroccan pastries with a glass of freshly squeezed orange juice, and then finish your day with a cup of tea on one of the rooftop restaurants overlooking the square.

DAY 7

Destination	Marrakech
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast today, meet your local guide and set off on a morning tour of the old medina, through the bustling souks that are the lifeblood of the city. Explore tranquil courtyards filled with the scent of orange blossom and the many salons and chambers that make up Bahia Palace. This splendid mansion was built in 1866 for a former slave who rose to power within the government. Stop by the Koutoubia Mosque; its famous minaret is the prototype for others of its kind around the world. Then walk back through the streets of the old medina to Djemaa el-Fna. The rest of the day is free to explore further or shop in the bazaar. Perhaps visit Le Jardin Secret, a traditional medina garden revived for the 21st century. This historic riad has one of the most beautiful courtyards in Marrakech, combining exotic and traditional Islamic gardens that are fed by the original khattara, an underground irrigation system. Or head back into the medina, where every step brings a new smell, a new sight or a new gift to buy. Watch skilled artisans perfect their craft, practice your haggling skills or take a break from the hustle to sip on tea or share a tajine, filled with the aromas of Morocco. For your final evening, perhaps dine on Moroccan specialities with your old-new friends in one of the traditional riads in Marrakech.

DAY 8

Destination	Marrakech
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your trip ends today after breakfast. Check-out time is usually around midday and you are free to leave at any time. If you have arranged a private airport transfer, you will be advised of the pick-up time. Additional accommodation can be pre-booked if you wish to spend more time exploring here. Speak to your leader about the wealth of extra activities to do around Marrakech.

Optional Activities Marrakech - Luxury Spa Hammam & Massage - MAD750 Marrakech - Heart of the Atlas Mountains Cycling Day Tour - MAD2000 Marrakech - Magical Marrakech City Cycling Tour - MAD350 Marrakech - Palmery Cycling Tour - MAD350 Marrakech - Hot Air Ballooning - MAD2050 Marrakech - Imlil & Around Day Tour - MAD1817 Marrakech - Asni & Ouirgane Day Trip with Lunch - MAD1806 Marrakech - Oukaïmeden Day Tour - MAD1882 Marrakech - Quad Biking Barrage Lalla Takerkoust - MAD1650 Marrakech - A Taste Of Marrakech: Inside the Medina Urban Adventure -

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MAD605 Marrakech - Tajine Cookery Class Urban Adventure - MAD640 Marrakech - Quad Biking the Rock Desert & Palmgrove - MAD715 Marrakech - Ourika Valley Day Tour - MAD1817 Essaouira - Food & Culture Urban Adventure - MAD1554

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
Expert tour leader
Private vehicle, Taxi
Comfortable hotel (1 night), Traditional riad (3 nights), Guesthouse (1 night), Feature stay (2 nights)
In depth sightseeing

Fine Print

EXCLUSIONS

International Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional
Tipping/Gratuities

OPTIONAL TOURS

Religious Casablanca Urban Adventures Tour - MAD1206
Casablanca - The Medina and Beyond Urban Adventure - MAD948
Marrakech - Luxury Spa Hammam & Massage - MAD750
Marrakech - Heart of the Atlas Mountains Cycling Day Tour - MAD2000
Marrakech - Magical Marrakech City Cycling Tour - MAD350
Marrakech - Palmery Cycling Tour - MAD350
Marrakech - Hot Air Ballooning - MAD2050
Marrakech - Imlil & Around Day Tour - MAD1817
Marrakech - Asni & Ouirgane Day Trip with Lunch - MAD1806
Marrakech - Oukaimeden Day Tour - MAD1882
Marrakech - Quad Biking Barrage Lalla Takerkoust - MAD1650
Marrakech - A Taste Of Marrakech: Inside the Medina Urban Adventure - MAD605
Marrakech - Tajine Cookery Class Urban Adventure - MAD640
Marrakech - Quad Biking the Rock Desert & Palmgrove - MAD715
Marrakech - Ourika Valley Day Tour - MAD1817
Essaouira - Food & Culture Urban Adventure - MAD1554

Optional tours are booked and paid on tour.

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HOTEL LIST

Casablanca - Hotel Kenzi Basma or similar
Meknes - Riad Ritaj or similar
Fes - Riad Tafilalet or similar (feature stay)
Bin el Ouidane - Guest house l'eau vive or similar
Marrakech - Riad Challa or similar

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 \$570 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.

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$400 deposit per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$376 per person within 28 days.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 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 booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!