








12 days from
\$3,199 CAD
 16 days from
\$3,999 CAD

12/16 Days

Marvel of Morocco (& Portugal)

Blue Chefchaouen, Red Marrakech, Golden Sahara

Trip Code:

-  10/14 Nights
-  19/23Meals: 10/14 Breakfast, 9 Dinners
-  Round trip airfares
-  Local transportations: Coach
-  Small Group (Max 22 pax)
-  Sightseeing with entrance fee per itinerary

♥ WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

How to find a place with desert, mountains, beaches, small villages and big cities? Morocco has them all, and it is also known being one of the most tolerant of the Arab nations. Walking on Sahara Desert, losing in Maze of Fes, exploring the blue city – Chefchaouen, that's called the real life experiences.

- ✓ Depart by 4X4 into Sahara Desert and camel ride experience
- ✓ UNESCO night market – Jemaa el-Fna Square
- ✓ Maze of Fes, world's largest car-free urban area and maze
- ✓ Enjoy the fairy-tale land of blue – Chedchaouen
- ✓ Snap photo in Ait Benhad-dou-fortified red city, go behind the scenes of Fame of Thrones
- ✓ YSL Museum (Yves Saint Laurent Museum)
- ✓ Unique Hotel upgrade option available: Luxury Sahara Tent Camp





Day 1 North America to Casablanca

Enjoy a good overnight flight to Casablanca

Day 2 Arrive in Casablanca

Upon arrival in the colorful city, Casablanca, in the morning. Our tour guide has arranged a city tour for you, including the Mohammed V Square, the city's administrative seat, and marvel at the massive Hassan II Mosque, dramatically perched on a promontory on the Atlantic. Its indoor and outdoor space can accommodate 105,000 worshippers. In the Habous district, peruse the market and admire the exterior of the Royal Palace. Pass by Rick's Cafe, followed by a promenade on the Corniche, seaside stunning restaurants and bars area at front of Atlantic. Enjoy optional traditional lunch couscous (\$35), the most famous national menu, at restaurant of Val d'Anfa. You may enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. In the evening, have your welcome dinner in the hotel. **Meals:** Dinner

Day 3 Casablanca - Rabat - Chefchaouen

After breakfast, our tour group will be heading to Rabat, the capital of Morocco. Visit Hassan Tower, part of an unfinished mosque started by a 12th-century caliph. At the incredibly preserved Kasbah of the Udayas, explore the fortress and take a stroll in the French-colonial Andalusian gardens. You may choose the optional lunch (\$35) - a typical steaming food, the tagine. Then continue northward to Asilah, a beautiful Atlantic coastal town with Jewish refugees from Spanish Andalusian, oppressed by the catholic king and queens. The city wall mural is colorful, with annual graffiti festival, and artists all over world come together for a cultural banquet. Transfer to "blue pearl city" Chefchaouen and have dinner in the hotel. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 Chefchaouen - Fes

Chefchaouen, or the 'blue city', is arguably one of the prettiest places in Morocco. Its medina has been lovingly cared for with

striking blue and whitewashed houses, red-tiled roofs and artistic doorways. The blue palette derives from the 15th century, when the town attracted exiles from Spain. Arriving Jewish refugees fleeing the Spanish Inquisition painted their houses blue to reflect their divinity - a tradition that continued through the centuries. Take a stroll through the ancient medina and shop for handicrafts, go hiking in the Rif mountains or simply sit at a cafe and enjoy the pleasure of time passing by. Then transfer to Fes. Before entering into the city of Fes, stop for a panoramic view of the medieval biggest city. Then your guide leads you through the Jewish Quarter, or mellah, built in 1438. By the end of the walk, you'll be at the King's Palace.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5 Fes - Azrou - Beni Mellal

Fes is the spiritual and cultural heart of Morocco with a huge, well-preserved medieval old city that's the mother of all medinas. Explore the sprawling medina of Fes on foot this morning. It's said that this is the world's largest carfree urban area; undistracted by traffic, you're sure to agree that strolling here is a feast for the senses. You'll enter via the Bab Boujloud, or "Blue Gate" and visit the famed Al-Bou Inania Madrasa. You'll also see the famous tannery, known for the iconic view overlooking its dye pits, and a ceramics factory where you can see potters working in the traditional way. Walking downwards AlNajjariyyin square, an old caravanserai place, then view copper craftsmen at work in Seffarine Square. Continue to the Karaouine Mosque and University(outside), the oldest continuously functioning university in the world, founded in the year 859. Transfer to Beni Mellal through Azrou, the crossroads between High Atlas and Middle Atlas. Enjoy dinner at the hotel later this evening after arrival.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 Beni Mellal - Marrakech

This morning, visit this beautiful town irrigated of Tadla. Walk up to the fortress on the cliff top near by and take a



panoramic view of Beni Mellal including the fortress Ras al Ain and garden Ain Asserdoun. Then transfer to Marrakech, red capital of Moroccan Dynasty. An optional tagine lunch at a boutique Palace restaurant (US\$40). Check in the hotel and have a rest. This evening, an optional horse-drawn carriage takes you through the lively streets of Marrakech followed by the famed Djemaa el Fna square(US\$50), which is included in UNESCO's list of sites of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. 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. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7 Marrakech - Ouarzazate

This morning begin your tour at Majorelle Gardens, a botanical marvel set in the heart of Marrakech and Museum Yves Saint Laurent. These 2 places representing the continuity of Andalusian art of Moorish Dynasty over 1000 years. Then, you will find an exquisite artwork of Bahia Palace, where 360 rooms were once adorned with Italian marble and Sudanese gold. For a more recent archaeological find, you'll see the richly decorated tombs of the Saadi Dynasty. Continue to Ouarzazate via the road of the thousand Kasbahs, and the Dades Valley, famous for its roses and the yearly Rose Festival. Visit Women Cooperative workshop to know precious argan oil production and how it helps ladies to live on their hands. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8 Ouarzazate - Zagora - Sahara Desert

Enjoy a city tour of Ouarzazate, a desert city at the gates of the Sahara, where productions such as Lawrence of Arabia,

The Sheltering Sky and Black Hawk Down were filmed. This morning visit Taourit Fort, you will meet with some well-known faces of local residents, who have worked for several worldly famous films made here. Then drive towards the mighty Sahara Desert. Drive through changing scenery, from barren mountainsides to fertile valleys, pausing in frontier towns of M'Hamid, before reaching the end of the road at the small Saharan settlement. Depart by 4x4 caravan into the desert. With a backdrop of the orange-coloured Erg Chigaga sand dunes, the charming Saharan village feels wonderfully isolated, like the modern world has left it behind. The Erg Chigaga dunes are the most stunning in the country and an essential part of any visit to Morocco. An erg is a vast sea of shifting wind-swept sand that's formed into picturesque, undulating crests and valleys. Camel ride: it is a must when we are in Sahara, beautiful scenery accentuated with different lights. Spend the night in a hotel or choose to upgrade to the luxury Sahara tent camp with private toilets and shower and sleep under the stars (US\$169). Our local friends will prepare a hearty feast, so all you need to do is sit back and relax.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9 Zagora, Sahara Dunes Area - Ait Benaddhou

This morning, enjoy the beautiful view of Sahara desert and meet with nomadic families of the Ait Atta Berber tribe that live here and learn about life in this wildest desert of Morocco. Optional Local Saharan family visit with lunch (US\$40), feel hospitality of Saharan people. Join a local guide to uncover the underground Kasbah and its unique ceramic pottery industry. Pass through an outstanding beauty of Atlas gorge, visit an intriguing library filled with ancient scripts of science, literature, the Koran and stories of the prophet Mohammed (subject to unregulated opening times). Continue on to your destination of Ait Benhaddou. Centuries ago, this was an important stop for caravans carrying salt across the Sahara. Today its grand kasbah, a fine example of clay architecture, has been listed as a World Heritage site. After

heading to your nearby hotel for the night, maybe sit back on the roof top terrace and watch the sun setting over the magical Kasbah. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10 Ait Benaddhou - Marrakech

Perched on a hilltop and almost unchanged since the 11th century, Ait Benhaddou is one of Morocco's most iconic sites. Its grant kasbah is one of the most beautiful in Morocco and the fortified village is a fine example of clay architecture. If you think you recognize the place, you probably do, as the town has a long list of film and TV credits, including Lawrence of Arabia, Game of Thrones and Gladiator. Enjoy a walk through the winding streets of old town, making your way to the top of the hill, from where you can enjoy the views across the surrounding plains. Transfer to Marrakech, and the rest of the day is free to explore further or shop in the bazaar. Perhaps head 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 pure scent of Morocco. Tonight, you may join the optional Dinner Show Fantasy of Andalusian Night. We'll drive you to the "Sugar Palace" - the place Dar Sukkar. In this popular night show, you will enjoy the diner with Gnaoua music, Alaouite history, Harem belly dance and romantic voices.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11 Marrakech - Casablanca (12 Days)

This morning you may join the optional Morocco Cooking Class to gain a newfound appreciation for Moroccan cuisine. The small group class includes shopping at the market, preparation of a traditional dish and lunch. Then create a traditional Moroccan meal such as couscous or 'tagine'. Finish by enjoying lunch with fellow students in a traditional Moroccan dwelling. This afternoon you will be transferred to Casablanca. After arrival, enjoy dinner at famous restaurant Mercado. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12 Casablanca - Canada

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6 Days/5 Nights

Lisbon extension

from Only \$800/person with Air

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Day 12 Lisbon

In Lisbon, the tour begins with a stop at the top of Edward VII's Park to enjoy a magnificent view over the hills of Lisbon and the River Tagus. Next, view the treasured 16th century Belem Tower and the Jeronimos Monastery, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards,



visit the Cathedral of Lisbon and enjoy the elegant Liberdade Avenue. This afternoon is free on your own. You may savor at the most famous pastry shop in Portugal for its custard tarts. Then visit its iconic squares of Rossio, the medieval citadel in the city centre. **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 13 Lisbon

For the next three days, you will enjoy the beautiful beach and sunshine. A buffet breakfast is served every morning at the hotel. It is only steps away from the sandy beach with an outdoor swimming pool. Here you may try tasty Portuguese-style meals, with an emphasis on fresh fish and seafood specialties. With a panoramic view over the bay and a relaxing ambience, the beautiful bar allows guests to unwind with a drink while enjoying the sunset. The seafront promenade features several cafés and quaint little shops. You may also join the optional tour to quaint Sintra(US\$79), the "Glorious Eden" of Lord Byron, and ancient summer retreat of the royal court, highlighted by lavish romantic castles and stunning monuments. Visit the Sintra Royal Palace, a 15th-century royal residence, containing one of the largest tile collections in Portugal. **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 14/15 Lisbon

Enjoy the beautiful beach and sunshine today. **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 16 Lisbon -Canada

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. **Meals:** Breakfast

Upgrade to Luxury Sahara Tent Camp US\$169/p

Zagora Luxury Desert Camp offers a splendid atmosphere of desert night life for peace seekers, desert lovers and stars followers! Amid fascinating red sand dunes, tents are set up in the traditional Berber shape. There are currently 12 tents for accommodation, in addition to a restaurant tent, and bathrooms.



Upgrade to luxury palace/villa hotel for 3 nights US\$260/p

Chefchaouen Dar Ba Sidi&Spa

Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace

Ait Benaddhou Ksar Ighnda or Temple des Arts



2022				
Depart	Return (12 days)	Package price	Return (16 days)	Package with Lisbon
16-Apr	27-Apr	\$3,399	01-May	\$4,299
14-May	25-May	\$3,499	29-May	\$4,399
23-Sep	04-Oct	\$3,499	08-Oct	\$4,399
16-Oct	27-Oct	\$3,499	31-Oct	\$4,399
05-Nov	16-Nov	\$3,199	20-Nov	\$3,999

2023				
Depart	Return (12 days)	Package price	Return (16 days)	Package with Lisbon
18-Mar	29-Mar	\$3,199	02-Apr	\$3,999
15-Apr	26-Apr	\$3,399	30-Apr	\$4,299
13-May	24-May	\$3,499	28-May	\$4,399
23-Sep	04-Oct	\$3,499	08-Oct	\$4,399
07-Oct	18-Oct	\$3,499	22-Oct	\$4,399
21-Oct	01-Oct	\$3,399	05-Nov	\$4,299
04-Nov	15-Nov	\$3,199	19-Nov	\$3,999

Package Includes

- Small groups of maximum 22 travelers guaranteed
- Flights Toronto-Casablanca, Casablanca -Toronto
- Other departure cities available with add-on airfare.
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 10 nights' accommodation in Morocco
- All transfers
- Flight from Marrakech to Lisbon (16 days)
- 19/23Measl: 10/14 Breakfast, 9 Dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in air-conditioned vehicles
- Comprehensive, guided sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary

Package Does Not Include

- Visa fees (if apply)
- Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid Gratuities: USD\$132/person (12 days), USD\$156/person (16 days)
- Personal expenses of any kind

Price Notes

- Single room supplement fee for standard hotel: \$1100/p for Morocco, \$300/p for Lisbon
- Add on airfare from other cities: Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city from \$300, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria \$350, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St.John from \$400
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the updated information.