

# 12/16 Days

# Exotica of Morocco, Sahara Tale and Portugal

Blue Chefchaouen, Red Marrakech, Golden Sahara and Elegant Lisbon

Trip Code: TP12EM for 12 Days; TP16MP for 16 Days

√ 10/14 Nights 

Small Group (Max 26pax)

Escorted Tour 🔙 Coach, Flight

🛏 4 Star Hotel 🔼 Daily Sightseeing



### WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Beaches, medinas, sand dunes, small villages and the Atlas Mountains, Morocco has them all. Morocco Tours provide the ultimate travel experience. A perfect blend of culture and incredible landscapes with a taste of adventure. With the 4 days extension to Portugal, we will experience the culture in Lisbon & relax on the expansive beaches.

- Travel through dramatic red dunes of the Sahara Desert in a camel convoy Join the nightly carnival of fortune-tellers and dancers in UNESCO Jemaa el-Fna square
- Enjoy the fairy-tale land of blue in Chefchaouen
- In Fes, feel like you've travelled back to the Middle Ages in the labyrinthine
- Go behind the scenes of Game of Thrones and Gladiator in Ait

  Benhaddou-fortified red city
- Step to Majorelle Garden and Yves Saint Laurent Museum and explore real Morocco Blue and red
- Tour Lisbon's impressive Jeronimos Monastery and the treasured 16th century Belem Tower, designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Complete Relaxing in Portugal beach resort for 3 days



- Canada Casablanca
- Arrive in Casablanca
- (3) Casablanca Rabat Chefchaouen
- (4) Chefchaouen Fes
- (5) Fes
- 6 Fes Midelt
- Midelt Zagora
- 8 Zagora Ouarzazate Ait Benhaddou
- Ait Benaddhou Marrakech
- Marrakech
- (1) Marrakech Casablanca/Lisbon
- Lisbon/Casablanca North America
- Lisbon North America



### Day 1 Canada - 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 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 (US\$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 (US\$35) - a typical steaming food, the tagine. Then continue northward to Asilah, a beautiful Atlantic costal 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. An optional tagine lunch at a boutique restaurant (US\$40). Then transfer to Fes. Before entering into the city of Fes, stop for a panorama 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,

### Day 5 Fes

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. Visit the spiritual capital: the Medieval Medina and its souks, The Royal Palace, laced the balcony of Jewish quarter of Mellah, Attarine or Bou Anania Medersa, Nejjarine fountain and the outside of Moulay Idriss mausoleum and Karaouine Mosque. Fes is particularly famous for its tanneries, a visit to surrounding tanneries will prove the best point of view over the middle-age charms of this sacred capital at old times. Enjoy dinner at the hotel later this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 6 Fes - Midelt

Departure to Benimellal via Immouzzer Kandar, the cedar woods of the middle Atlas passing by charming ski resort Ifrane then Azrou. You will enjoy snow-capped scenery of the Middle Atlas Mountains and the lush apples valley and agricultural part of the country. Today you will be fascinated by the hospitality on the national commercial route and hosts along the way. Diner and Overnight at Midelt.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 7 Midelt - Zagora

Depart to explore oasis at Eurrachidia and the Ziz Valley. You might never imagine Sahara was just the sea bed where now uncountable fossils buried become already beautiful marble stone. Arrive in Erfoud on the edge of the desert. You may join the optional half-day Sahara Explore Tour(4x4 Jeep tour + camel tour US\$119). Depart by 4x4 Jeep 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, with 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 (US169). Our local friends will prepare a hearty feast, so all you need to do is sit back and relax.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 8 Zagora - Ouarzazate -Ait Benhaddou

This morning, enjoy the beautiful view of the Sahara desert and optional to meet with nomadic families of the Ait Atta Berber tribe and learn about life in this desert of Morocco(US\$40). Afterward, make your way to Ouarzazate for a city tour. Explore the captivatina attractions, including a panoramic photo stop at Kasbah Tourist and a visit to the Cinema studio. As the day progresses, embark on a journey towards Ait Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Marvel at the architectural wonders of this ancient village and check into your hotel for a delightful dinner and an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 9 Ait Benaddhou - Marrakech

Depart for a visit to Kasbah Ait Benhaddou, an awe-inspiring UNESCO World Heritage fortress in southern Morocco. Known for its appearance in renowned films like Lawrence of Arabia, Troy, Gladiator, and Game of Thrones, this Berber village showcases towered and crenulated Kasbahs that once protected valuable trade routes. Journey to Marrakech via the scenic Tizi Ntichka pass 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.This evening, an optional horse-drawn carriage takes you through the lively streets of Marrakesh followed by the famed Jemaa el-Fna (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 10 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 ShowFantasy 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

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### Day 11 Marrakech – Casablanca/ Marrakech – Lisbon

### 16 Days Tour: Depart to Lisbon

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 transfered to Casablanca. After arrival, enjoy your

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 12 Casablanca/ Lisbon 12 Days Tour: Return to North America

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 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 it' custard tarts. Then visit its iconic squares of Rossio, the medieval citadel in the city centre.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 13-15 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 specialities. With a panoramic view over the bay and a relaxing ambience, the beautiful bar allows quests 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 16 Lisbon - North America

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

### **Optional Programs**

- 3 Traditional Morocco Meal Combo (USD\$ 100)
- Marrakech Night Market (USD\$ 50)
- Sahara Jeep & Camel Explore Tour (USD\$ 119)
- Hotel Upgrade: Luxury Sahara Tent Camp (USD \$169)
- Local Saharan family visit with lunch (USD \$40)
- Dinner at restaurant Dar Soukkar (USD\$ 59)
- Quaint Sintra (USD\$ 79)



### Uparade to luxury Palace/Villa hotel for 3 nights US\$300pp

### Hôtel Palais Medina & SPA Fès

located in Fes. next to the shopping center Bori Fez. the Palace has an outdoor pool and a snack bar with panoramic views of the Jbel Zallagh Hill and the ancient medina. It features a luxury spa center. The Palais Medina & Spa, immersed in an Andalusian garden of 5 hectares, offers rooms and spacious air-conditioned suites with breathtaking views of the medina or the gardens.

### Ait Benaddhou Ksar Ighnda

On the edge of the desert, luxury Hotel RIAD KSAR IGHNDA opens its doors for you onto the Atlas Mountains. For discerning lovers of luxurious sensations and relaxation. Spectacular location in the heart of Moroccan desert, next to Ksar Aït Benhaddou UNESCO site -Historic Kasbah surrounded by private gardens -Hammam - Outdoor swimming pool.









### **Upgrade to Luxury Sahara Tent Camp US\$169pp**

Surrounded by nature, you can experience the synergies of the city and live in an authentic Moroccan traditional Villa. With a delicate and ornate architecture in the Arab style, the rooms are distributed around the large central courtyard, where you can enjoy our beautiful garden with swimming pool.







### Sahara Jeep & Camel Explore Tour US\$119pp

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### **Package Includes**

- International Airfare from Toronto in economy class
- Airport taxes
- Flight from Casablanca to Lisbon
- 4-star First class hotel
- accommodation
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- · as indicated
- Services of English-speaking tour **quides**
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- All transportation in the
- destination
- Meals as indicated in the program

### **Package Does Not Include**

- Visa fees Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid Gratuities: 12 Days USD\$168 16 Days USD\$208 per person
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls

### 2023 Departures

Depart	24-Sep	8-Oct	22-Oct	2-Nov

### **2024 Departures**

Depart 1	4-Mar 11-A	Apr 09-May	ay
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12 Days Package Price

16 Days Package Price

From \$3,499 CAD From \$4,599 CAD

\*Leading price is based on specific departure dates in low season. \$100 to \$300 price increases may apply during shoulder season and peak season. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the updated information. https://tripoppo.com

#### **Price Notes**

- Single room supplement fee for standard hotel: \$1,399/person
- Add on airfare from other cities: Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city from \$300, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria \$400, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St.John from \$500
- · Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.