

Best of morocco

Tour Pace - This tour has a comfortable, balanced pace with two-night stays in Fez, Marrakesh & Casablanca. The southern Saharan towns of Erfoud and Ouarzazate are overnight stops. Travelling days are comfortable with frequent stops en route for rest and photos.

Hotels - All hotels are modern and well equipped, ranging from the Casablanca Royal Mansour Meridien to the recently opened Crown Palace in Fez and the Belere in Erfoud with bungalow accommodation set among beautiful gardens on the edge of the Sahara.

Fellow Passengers - Your travelling companions on this tour will share your sense of adventure, love of different cultures and desire for new experiences. History buffs are in for a treat as are photographers and lovers of natural beauty, with such scenic contrasts to admire.

Highlights - The labyrinths of the imperial cities of Meknes, Fez and Marrakesh contrast with the dramatic gorges and oases of the snow-capped High Atlas Mountains and the solitude of the Saharan Desert that lies beyond and has always fascinated travellers.



Koutoubia Mosque

DAY 1 – FRI – ARRIVE CASABLANCA. Welcome to Morocco, considered the 'Jewel of North Africa'! Known to the Arabs as "the farthest land of the setting sun!", it is land so intrinsically beautiful and rich with heritage, it has attracted seekers of the exotic over the centuries. Even for the most seasoned travellers, there is much to see and do. Take your **Complimentary transfers** from Casablanca Airport to the tour hotel, then relax and settle in. Tonight join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a **Welcome Drink**. **Hotel: Royal Mansour Meridien.** (D)

DAY 2 – SAT – CASABLANCA – FEZ. After a **sightseeing tour of Casablanca**, depart for the capital **Rabat** to see the **mausoleum of King Mohammed V** and the **Royal Palace**. Now on to one of the kingdom's imperial cities, **Meknes**, dating back to the 11th century, its surroundings remaining unchanged for centuries. Make a **rare highlight visit inside the Mosque and see Bab el-Mansour gateway before continuing to Fez**. **Hotel: Crown Palace.** (BB,D)

DAY 3 – SUN – FEZ. A day packed with fantastic sights and smells as you **tour this carefully preserved university city**, which had its golden age in the fourteenth century, during the reign of the Merinides dynasty. Visit the **medina** of Fez and walk through its old streets. See one of the **oldest universities in the world**, taking time to haggle in the **Bazaar** and see **Moroccan pottery**. Oriental rugs are an attraction for bargain hunters – witness this most important handicraft of Fez. **Enjoy a superb Moroccan Dinner and a Folklore Show with drums and belly dancing.** (BB,HD)

DAY 4 – MON – FEZ – ERFOUD. Leave the bustle of the city behind and head for the spectacular snow-capped **High Atlas Mountains**. Pass through Ifrane before reaching the great cedar forests of Azrou. Travel up through the magnificent **Ziz Gorges**, past palm fringed towns to Er Rachidia, built by the French at an important crossroads. Your destination is **Erfoud**, on the edge of the Sahara Desert. **Hotel: Belere.** (BB,L,D)

DAY 5 – TUE – ERFOUD – OUARZAZATE. This morning there is the option of mounting camels, 'the ships of the desert', to witness the glorious daybreak in the Sahara. Later, venture towards the oasis of Tinehir, noted for its silver and jewellery workshops. Take a detour to explore the **Todra Gorge** – the Grand Canyon of the Sahara. At Boumalne-du-Dades, encounter the dry rugged Dades Valley, dotted with oases of figs, olives, date palms and with castellated mud houses hugging the slopes. The route concludes at Ouarzazate, film capital of Morocco, with everything from Lawrence of Arabia to Star Wars being filmed here. **Hotel: Le Berbere Palace.** (BB,L,D)

DAY 6 – WED – OUARZAZATE – MARRAKESH. Get your cameras ready as you stop at the village of **Ait Benhaddou**, boasting one of **Morocco's finest kasbahs**. Continue via the spectacular **Tizi n'Tichka** Pass before descending past charming mountain villages, dense woods and green fields to the ochre coloured city of **Marrakesh**. **Hotel: Atlas Medina & Spa.** (BB,D)

DAY 7 – THU – MARRAKESH. Sightseeing includes an exploration of the fascinating **Medina** (old town), the **Koutoubia Mosque**, whose minaret dominates the Marrakesh skyline, and a **visit to the secluded tombs of the Saadi dynasty**, hidden behind high walls. After some time to watch the dancers, storytellers and acrobats at the bustling **Djemaa El Fna Square**, take a scenic drive south of Marrakesh to the beautiful **Ourika Valley**. **Visit a Moroccan family home to witness a traditional mint tea preparation ceremony before returning to your hotel.** Tonight, maybe consider an optional horse and buggy ride to the magical Jemaa el Fna Square to enjoy the sights and sounds by night, followed by dinner in a typical Moroccan restaurant? (BB)

DAY 8 – FRI – MARRAKESH – CASABLANCA. Heading towards the Atlantic coast, say goodbye to the snake charmers of Marrakesh and drive back to **Casablanca** and spend your last afternoon of the tour at leisure enjoying this vibrant modern city at your own pace. **Hotel: Royal Mansour Meridien.** (BB,D)

DAY 9 – SAT – CASABLANCA. Sadly, your Moroccan adventure comes to an end today. There are **complimentary transfers** to the airport. (BB)

9 Days ~ Morocco

Visit a Moroccan Family Home
Witness a Mint Tea Preparation Ceremony in the Ourika Valley



Ouarzazate
In the midst of the Southern deserts



Meknès
Visit one of the few Moroccan Mosques open to non-Muslims



Fèz Moroccan Dinner
A Moroccan dinner, folklore show and belly dancing



Shop for Moroccan souvenirs



Key
 PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
 HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
 LOCALLY GUIDED TOUR
 CENTRAL HOTELS & NIGHTS
 See hotel details on pages 168-172

Enjoy our Premium Highlights plus these extra tour features

Excursions & Sightings

- View the Royal Palace, Mohammed V Mausoleum and Hassan Tower in Rabat
- Visit the Bab el-Mansour Gate in Meknes
- Visit the Medina and shop for Moroccan carpets in Fez
- Visit the pottery workshops of Fez
- See the Ziz Gorges and the Oasis Region of Tinehir
- View the spectacular scenery of the High and Middle Atlas Mountains
- Visit the Kasbah of Ait Benhaddou
- Visit the Saadi Tombs and see the Koutobia Minaret in Marrakesh

Guided City Tours

Indepth sightseeing tour in Rabat, Meknes, Fez, Marrakesh & Casablanca

Insight's First Class Services

- Professional Tour Director to escort you
- Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach
- Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- Insight Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
- Complimentary arrival transfer Day 1 and departure transfer Day 9

Quality Dining

- Highlight Dinner and Folklore Show with belly dancing in Fez (HD)
- 8 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 2 Lunches (L), 6 three-course table d'hôte Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

9 days from US\$165 per day

Starts - Ends	Price	TG	May 16 - May 24	Price	Aug 08 - Aug 16	Price
Mar 21 - Mar 29	\$1575		May 23 - May 31	\$1550	TG Aug 22 - Aug 30	\$1499
Mar 28 - Apr 05	\$1575	TG	May 30 - Jun 07	\$1485	TG Sep 05 - Sep 13	\$1499
TG Apr 04 - Apr 12	\$1575	TG	Jun 06 - Jun 14	\$1485	TG Sep 12 - Sep 20	\$1499
Apr 11 - Apr 19	\$1575		Jun 13 - Jun 21	\$1485	Sep 19 - Sep 27	\$1525
TG Apr 18 - Apr 26	\$1575	TG	Jun 20 - Jun 28	\$1485	TG Sep 26 - Oct 04	\$1550
Apr 25 - May 03	\$1575		Jun 27 - Jul 05	\$1485	Oct 03 - Oct 11	\$1550
TG May 02 - May 10	\$1550		Jul 11 - Jul 19	\$1485	TG Oct 10 - Oct 18	\$1550
TG May 09 - May 17	\$1550	TG	Jul 25 - Aug 02	\$1485	Oct 17 - Oct 25	\$1550
					Oct 24 - Nov 01	\$1550

Supplements

Single room	\$400
Extra accommodation in Casablanca	
per person, per night	Twin Single Triple
Royal Mansour Meridien	\$63 \$90 \$59

Join this tour from London?

Inclusive of return flights London/Casablanca.	
01 Jan '08 - 07 Feb '08	\$728
08 Feb '08 - 31 Mar '08	\$781
01 Apr '08 - 15 Apr '08	\$834
16 Apr '08 - 17 Jul '08	\$781
18 Jul '08 - 24 Aug '08	\$834
25 Aug '08 - 31 Oct '08	\$781
01 Nov '08 - 12 Dec '08	\$728
13 Dec '08 - 28 Dec '08	\$834
29 Dec '08 - 09 Feb '09	\$728

Reductions (See page 20)

Share a triple room	SAVE \$135 p.p.
Young traveller 5-17 yrs	SAVE up to \$158
Early payment	SAVE up to \$158 p.p.
Frequent traveller	SAVE 5%
Extra tour discount	SAVE up to \$79 p.p.

Notes

REF: E938. Prices are US\$ per person sharing a twin.

TG These departures are guaranteed to operate. Tours depart Fridays & return Saturdays.

The coach used on this tour does not have an on-board washroom.

A similar tour also operates during low season. See Insight's European Autumn, Winter & Spring brochure for details.

Complimentary airport transfers

Arrival transfers on Day 1 depart from Casablanca Airport at 09.00, 11.00, 13.00, 15.00 hours. Return transfers from the tour hotel on Day 9 will arrive Casablanca Airport at 07.00, 10.00 & 12.00 hrs.

Included Premium Highlights are worth approx. US\$166

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BOOK EARLY
TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT