

# BEST OF MOROCCO

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | FROM US\$1825pp\*

BEHOLD THE CACOPHONY OF BAZAARS AND SHIMMERING SAHARA WHEN YOU JOURNEY TO MOROCCO'S CHARMING CITIES OF CASABLANCA, FEZ AND MARRAKESH, INCLUDING VISITS TO THE LIFE-GIVING OASIS OF TINGHIR, TODRA GORGE AND OUARZAZATE.



● START ● OVERNIGHT ● SIGHTSEEING  
● END

## THE Icons

**CITY TOUR** in Fez and Marrakesh

**ORIENTATION** of Rabat, Meknès, Erfoud, Ouarzazate, Essaouira and Casablanca

**VISIT** Midelt, Tafilat Oasis and Bahia Palace

**VIEW** the Royal Palace in Rabat, the Ziz Valley near Tinghir, the Todra Gorge, Ait Ben Haddou and Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca

# YOUR Holiday

DAY

**1 ARRIVE CASABLANCA** Delve into the intrigue and romance of Casablanca immortalised by Hollywood before meeting your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception. **(WR) Hotel: Grand Mogador City Centre**

**2 CASABLANCA – RABAT – MEKNÈS – FEZ (2 NIGHTS)** We continue along the coast to the capital, Rabat, where we'll embark on an orientation tour of the city including views of the grand 17<sup>th</sup>-century palace and Mausoleum of Mohammed V. Travelling to the imperial city of Meknès, we'll see the grand gate of Bab el-Mansour adorned by green and white zellij tiles. We arrive in Fez later today and spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(B) Hotel: Marriott J'nan Palace**

**3 FEZ SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** Join a Local Specialist today to explore the medina, one of the largest thriving medieval centres in the world. See the royal palace and 'Dive Into Culture' during a visit to the round dye pits and tanneries revealing Morocco's ancient leather craft. Spend the rest of the day shopping or relaxing in a lantern-lit courtyard away from the medina crowds. Join your companions this evening for a special opportunity to 'Connect With Locals' over a Be My Guest dinner experience, featuring Moroccan specialities served with wine in a traditional *Riad*. **(B, BMG, 🍷, 🍷)**

**4 FEZ – MIDELT – ERFOUD** We follow the old caravan trail south, stopping lunch in Midelt. Continuing along the palm-fringed Ziz Valley and past the Tafilalt oasis, we arrive in the oasis town of Erfoud, regarded as the Gateway to the Sahara. **(B, L, D) Hotel: Xaluca Kasbah**

**5 ERFOUD – TINGHIR – DADES VALLEY** Journeying west, we arrive in Tinghir, one of the most beautiful oases in southern Morocco. We continue through part of the Todra Gorge and cut through the mountains for one of the most dramatic views in the country. Stop for lunch, then follow the route of a thousand kasbahs to the flourishing Dades Valley. Here we will overnight at one of Trafalgar's 'Stays With Stories', Xaluca Dades, surrounded by panoramic views of the Atlas Mountains. **(B, L, D, 🏠) Hotel: Xaluca Dades**

**6 DADES VALLEY – OUARZAZATE – AÏT BEN HADDOU – MARRAKESH (2 NIGHTS)** Ouarzazate has provided a backdrop for such famous movies as 'Lawrence of Arabia', 'Cleopatra' and 'Gladiator'. Spend some time exploring the sights during your orientation tour. See the UNESCO-listed fortified village of Aït Ben Haddou in the High Atlas Mountains and continue through the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass to Marrakesh - the 'Red City'. Marrakesh is home to Morocco's largest traditional *souk* (market) where you may wish to spend some time learning the art of haggling. **(B) Hotel: Le Meridien N'Fis**

**7 MARRAKESH SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** Visit the ornate Bahia Palace during city orientation with your Local Specialist and spend some time soaking up the energy of

Djemaa el Fna Square in the Old Quarter with its palm readers, acrobats, camels and snake charmers. **(B)**

**8 MARRAKESH – ESSAOUIRA** We travel to the laid-back shores of Essaouira this morning stopping en route to visit a cooperative involved in creating cosmetics from traditional ingredients. Consider a delicious seafood lunch and enjoy some free time before joining a city tour of UNESCO-listed medina, the walled Jewish Quarter and Skala fortress. Spend the rest of the evening at leisure. **(B) Hotel: Coté Océan Mogador**

**9 ESSAOUIRA – CASABLANCA** This morning we journey north to Casablanca where we will enjoy views of the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, built for the late King's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Later, we join our Travel Director and companions for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate an unforgettable voyage of discovery. **(B, FD) Hotel: Grand Mogador City Centre**

**10 DEPART CASABLANCA** Say goodbye to your new-found friends at the end of your Moroccan holiday. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(B)**

## MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

\* All prices are per person, twin share.

Airport transfers: On arrival at Casablanca Airport transfers will operate at 8am, 10am, 12pm and 2pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Casablanca Airport at 7am, 10am and 12pm.

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### TRAVEL DIRECTOR Tip

Head to a rooftop cafe in the Jemaa el-Fnaa square of Marrakesh and sip a cold beverage. The people watching opportunities, in the bustling market below, are sensational. Time your visit during prayers to savour the memorable echo of the muezzin's call.

**Lucian Reed-Drake**

## YOUR HOLIDAY Planner

Start	End	Price PP	Twin Share	Start	End	Price PP	Twin Share
FR 25 OCT	SU 03 NOV	1950		FR 10 JAN	SU 19 JAN	1825	
FR 08 NOV	SU 17 NOV	1825		FR 24 JAN	SU 02 FEB	1825	
FR 22 NOV	SU 01 DEC	1825		FR 07 FEB	SU 16 FEB	1825	
FR 06 DEC	SU 15 DEC	1825		FR 21 FEB	SU 01 MAR	1825	
FR 20 DEC	SU 29 DEC	1995		FR 06 MAR	SU 15 MAR	1950	
FR 27 DEC	SU 05 JAN	2195		FR 20 MAR	SU 29 MAR	1950	

Single Supplement (add to price above): US\$510 p.p.  
 Exceptions 08 Nov 19 to 06 Dec 19: US\$430 p.p.  
 10 Jan 20 to 21 Feb 20: US\$430 p.p.

**New Year's Eve Highlights:** The 27 December 2019 departure will celebrate New Year's Eve in Dades Valley. This specially arranged festive meal celebration will replace one of the included meals featured in the itinerary. Please note, Christmas is not celebrated in Morocco.



### EARLY BIRD SAVINGS

SAVE up to  
**US\$110** p.p.

★ Young traveller discount:  
SAVE US\$190

★ Multiple trip discount:  
SAVE up to US\$55

★ Triple room discount:  
SAVE US\$30 p.p.

★ Past guests:  
Unlock VIP benefits

## TRIP Highlights

Here's just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

### CONNECT WITH LOCALS



Specialty Be My Guest dinner of delicious Moroccan cuisine served with wine at a traditional *Riad* in Fez. **(Day 3)**

### STAYS WITH STORIES



Promising paradise in the middle of the Atlas Mountains, the African-styled Xaluca Dades is surrounded by a spectacular mountainscape with panoramic views of the Dades Valley and its Berber villages. **(Day 5)**

### DIVE INTO CULTURE



Visit a traditional tannery and dye pit for a fascinating glimpse into an ancient practice. **(Day 3)**