

THE *Imperial* CITIES OF MOROCCO

2 N. Casablanca- 1 N. Meknes- 2 N. Fez – 2 N. Marrakech-2 N. Essaouira

Starting at \$715,00 p.p. (group of 15 passengers) Available guaranteed departures starting 2 persons
Our specialists can tailor an itinerary to meet your specific requirements and desires.

DAY 1: AIRPORT • CASABLANCA ///

Arrival at the Casablanca Mohammed V airport. You'll be welcomed and assisted by our staff and checked in at the hotel. We'll begin a sightseeing tour of Casablanca, the economic capital of Morocco. The tour will include a visit of Mohammed V square, Royal palace and habbous district, the residential area of anfa, the United Nations Square, the Ain Diab Corniche, and the Hassan II mosque (the largest mosque in Africa decorated with beautiful tiling of the utmost craftsmanship). D

DAY 2: CASABLANCA • RABAT • MEKNES ///

After breakfast, departure to the second imperial city Rabat, the administrative capital of the Kingdom of Morocco. At arrival we'll kick off our sightseeing tour with a visit to the marvellous sumptuous Mohamed V Mausoleum, the Hassan Tower, the Ouadayas garden, the Mechouer, and the ramparts and walls surrounding the Royal palace. Then we will depart to Meknes which was the capital city under the reign of Moulay Ismail (1672-1727). This city is famous for its 40 km long city walls that preserve the most beautiful gate of Morocco, Bab Al Mansour. We will also visit the Royal Stables which housed up to 12,000 horses of Sultan Moulay Ismail. Overnight in Meknes. B/D

DAY 3: MEKNES • MOULAY IDRIS • VOLUBILIS • FEZ ///

After breakfast, departure to Fez via the holy city of Moulay Idriss where the founder of the Islam in Morocco is buried; this town is famous for its green rooftops and offers one of the most picturesque views of Moroccan town life. On our way to Fez, we will also visit the roman city of Volubilis. Volubilis features the best preserved excavations in this part of northern Africa dating from the Roman Empire. In 1997 the site was listed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Overnight in Fez. B/D

DAY 4: FEZ ///

After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour of the oldest imperial cities, founded around 790 by Idriss Ier. Fez, who was for many centuries a political and intellectual capital of Morocco, had become a center for meetings and exchanges. It is reported that Pope Sylvester II 999-1003 stayed in his youth to study in Fez after which he introduced Arabic numerals to Europe. The Medina of Fez, one of the most beautiful in the world Heritage listed by UNESCO mondial. Fez has retained many vestiges



of its past: the mosque and university Karaouine, the largest in Morocco, the Andalusian Mosque, the Fountain Nejjarine Zaouia Moulay Idriss, the medina and souks. B/D

DAY 5: FEZ • BENI MELLAL • MARRAKECH ///

After breakfast, we will depart to Marrakech passing by the Berber village of Immouzer du Kandjar and Ifrane and arrive to Beni Mellal. It sits in the foot of Mount Tassemit and is one of the agricultural centers of Morocco. We will arrive to Marrakech late afternoon. Overnight in Marrakech. B/D

DAY 6: MARRAKECH ///

After breakfast, tour of Marrakech, the southern capital, situated at the crossroads of the desert, mountains and plains of the Atlantic. The red city and its atmosphere are enough to seduce the most demanding. Medina, covering an area of 600 hectares, is one of the largest medina in Morocco and most populated of North Africa. The famous walls of the old city of Marrakech underwent significant changes at the whim of dynasties. Thus, they were repeatedly punched in the new gates (Bob in Arabic). Today, the height of the walls are between 8 and 10 meters and they cover a total distance exceeding 19 km. Historic visit to the Koutoubia minaret dating from the twelfth century a symbol of the city, Also enjoy a visit to Djema'a El-Fna, in the heart of Marrakech, with its acrobats, snake charmers, and a maze of alleyways lined with souks. B/D

DAY 7: MARRAKECH • ESSAOUIRA ///

After breakfast, departure to Essaouira, formerly known by its old Portuguese name "Mogador". Essaouira is a citadel with a prestigious past. It has been occupied since prehistoric times and was famous for its Tyrian factory which supplied Rome with the legendary purple dye. A cradle for artists of all kinds, Essaouira is also well known for its fishing port and market, a hive of activity day or night. During your time in Essaouira you will have a visit to the port, the Scala, the municipal market, jeweler's quarter and a handicrafts complex. Overnight in Essaouira. B/D

DAY 8: ESSAOUIRA • CASABLANCA ///

After breakfast, you will depart to Casablanca. Spend the day at your leisure. Overnight in Casablanca. B/D

DAY 9: CASABLANCA • AIRPORT ///

After breakfast, you will be transfer to Casablanca airport for your flight back home. B

NB: This program is subject to change. However, the content of the program will be always respected.

INCLUDED ///

- Transfers
- Accommodation in 4* hotels on half board basis, from dinner first night to breakfast last day
- Transportation by Minibus or autobus as per the number of participants
- English Speaking Guide during visits
- Local Guides during visits in cities
- Entrance fees to the monuments as described in the program

NOT INCLUDED ///

- International Air Tickets
- The lunches
- Drinks
- Personal expenses
- Optional tours
- Insurance
- The cost of \$ 2.00 per \$ 1,000 of travel services purchased, which cover the contribution to the compensation fund for customers of travel agents
- Any item not specified as being included in the program.