

Moroccan Discovery

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TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

DAY 1 – DEPART ADELAIDE

Depart Adelaide for Casablanca with Qatar Airways via Doha.

WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

DAY 2 – ARRIVE CASABLANCA

Welcome to Morocco! On arrival at Casablanca Airport, we will be met and transferred to our hotel. This evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant where we will enjoy Mediterranean cuisine. Casablanca: Hotel Kenzi Basma - D

THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

DAY 3 – CASABLANCA - MEKNES

This morning we will visit one of the most impressive sites in Casablanca – the massive edifice of the Mosque of Hassan II. The huge building is part on land and part on sea, and in one area water can be seen through a glass floor. Later, we leave Casablanca and drive north along the coast to Rabat, the elegant capital of Morocco.

In the late afternoon, we continue to Meknes, the sixth largest city in the kingdom, and former capital of Morocco.

Meknes: Riad Ritaj - B

FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

DAY 4 – MEKNES - CHEFCHOUEN

This morning we will discover the charming streets of Meknes' medina, exploring the elaborately decorated public buildings hidden in these winding streets. Later, we travel to the town of Chefchaouen, known as the 'blue city' and arguably one of the prettiest places in Morocco. Much of Chefchaouen was recreated by Andalusian refugees escaping the Reconquista, so you might feel like you're in the hills of Spain while exploring its streets. Ease into the relaxed pace of life in this rural retreat. Take a stroll through the ancient medina and shop for handicrafts.

Chefchaouen: Dar Mounir - B

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

DAY 5 – CHEFCHOUEN

Today we explore Chefchaouen and take a morning guided tour of the sights, sounds, and smells of the medina. This evening we will enjoy a home-cooked dinner with a local family.

Chefchaouen: Dar Mounir - B, D

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

DAY 6 – CHEFCHOUEN - FES

Today drive to the ruins of Volubilis, the foremost Roman site in Morocco a World Heritage Site since 1997. We will continue to the living museum of Fes for the night. After checking in to our hotel in late afternoon, we will enjoy a memorable dinner of one of the city's signature dishes, the salty and sweet pastille.

Fes: Riad Dar Bensouda - B, D

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

DAY 7 – FES

Fes is the spiritual and cultural heart of Morocco: vibrant, noisy, fascinating and overwhelming – a visual and pungent feast for the senses. It is made up of three distinct quarters. Medieval Fes was one of the world's great centres of education and culture, its religious institutions and libraries are legendary. Walk through the twisting alleyways and explore the specialty sections that divide the souk. Filled with historic khans, dye-pits, stalls loaded with fruits, herbs and soups and the sound of hammering of copper fills the air, it's not hard to imagine yourself back in the Middle Ages.

Fes: Riad Dar Bensouda - B

TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

DAY 8 – FES

Today is at leisure

Fes: Riad Dar Bensouda - B

WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

DAY 9 – FES - MERZOUGA

Today, we leave the intensity of the city behind for the simplicity of the High Atlas Mountains. Drive south, inland through a variety of spectacular scenery – fertile valleys, cedar and pine forests and barren, rocky landscapes – to the small town of Midelt. The Erg Chebbi 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. We will ride camels into the edge of the Sahara Desert, enjoying a spectacular sunset along the way. Enjoy dinner at the hotel tonight.

Merzouga: Hotel Kasbah Tomboctou - B, L, D





THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

DAY 10 – MERZOUGA

After breakfast, we travel to a nearby village by 4WD to enjoy the local Gnaoua music and lunch at the traditional artists' town of Tissardmine. Enjoy dinner at the hotel tonight.

Merzouga: Hotel Kasbah Tomboctou – B, L, D

FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

DAY 11 – MERZOUGA - AIT BEN HADDOU

Today travel to Ait Benhaddou. On route visit Skoura, home to several privately owned kasbahs. The remainder of the day is at leisure before dinner at our hotel.

Ait Ben Haddou: Kasbah Titrit – B, D

SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

DAY 12 – AIT BEN HADDOU

Today visit the Kasbah Ait Benhaddou, perched on a hilltop and almost unchanged since the 11th century. The fortified village is a fine example of clay architecture and the town has a long list of film and TV credits, including Lawrence of Arabia, and Gladiator. We will enjoy a walk through the winding streets of old town, where we can enjoy views across the surrounding plains. Later we will take tea with a local family before enjoying dinner at the hotel.

Ait Ben Haddou: Kasbah Titrit – B, D

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

DAY 13 – AIT BEN HADDOU - MARRAKECH

We continue through the winding roads of the Atlas Mountains to Marrakech, an ancient, exotic city wrapped in European modernity. This evening we visit the great square of Jemaa el Fna, 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.

Marrakech: Hotel Opera Plaza – B

MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

DAY 14 – MARRAKECH

After breakfast we set off on a morning tour of the old medina, through the bustling souks that are the lifeblood flowing through the city. Explore tranquil courtyards filled with the scent of orange blossom, and the many salons and chambers that make up Bahia Palace. We stop by the Koutoubia Mosque; its famous minaret is the prototype for others of its kind around the world. The balance of the day is at leisure.

Marrakech: Hotel Opera Plaza – B

TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

DAY 15 – MARRAKECH

This morning we join our local expert for a cooking class at La Maison Arabe. Since opening in 1946, La Maison Arabe has achieved a legendary status in Marrakech. Ideally situated in the medina, La Maison Arabe today offers cooking workshops by a dada (traditional Moroccan cook). Enjoy the efforts of the morning for lunch, before heading back to the hotel or exploring on our own.

Marrakech: Hotel Opera Plaza – B, L

WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

DAY 16 – MARRAKECH - ESSAOUIRA

After breakfast leave for Essaouira, a city where the medina brushes up against the Atlantic Ocean and where we will spend the next two nights. On route we stop at an Argan oil cooperative and a family-owned vineyard. Argan oil is highly-prized for its culinary and cosmetic uses and is only produced in Morocco.

Essaouira: Le Medina Essaouira Hotel – B

THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

DAY 17 – ESSAOUIRA

Today is at leisure.

Essaouira: Le Medina Essaouira Hotel – B

FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

DAY 18 – ESSAOUIRA - CASABLANCA

Today we travel back to Casablanca for our final night in Morocco. In the evening, we will enjoy a farewell dinner at Ricks café.

Casablanca: Hotel Kenzi Basma – B, D

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

DAY 19 – DEPART CASABLANCA - DOHA

This morning is at leisure before we transfer to the airport for our flight to Doha.

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

DAY 20 – DEPART DOHA

Arrive into Doha early this morning. Spend the day in Doha visiting the Museum of Islamic Art and the Souq before our evening flight home.

Doha: Accommodation to be advised

Monday 23rd SEPTEMBER

DAY 21 – ARRIVE ADELAIDE

Welcome Home! We will arrive into Adelaide this afternoon.



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