# Gateway to Morocco

April 1 - 13, 2026

# Overnight flight + 11 nights 13 days | 22 meals

## Highlights:

Casablanca • Rabat • Chefchaouen • Volubilis • Meknes • Pottery & Mosaic Class • Fez • Middle Atlas Mountains • Erfoud • Rissani • Ksar • Dades Gorge • Ouarzazate • Aït-Ben-Haddou • Tizi n'Tichka Pass • Marrakech

## Tour includes:

Round trip airfare Eleven nights accommodation Eleven breakfasts Eleven dinners Meal gratuities Local tour manager Local step-on guides Local guide gratuities

### Accommodation:\*

Casablanca Rihab Hôtel Rabat Chefchaouen Dar Echchaouen Maison d'hôtes & Riad Fez Riad Marjana Suites & Spa

Hôtel Gauthier

Erfoud Belere Arfoud RS Hotel Karam Palace Ouarzazate Marrakech Palm Menara Hotel

\*Hotels are subject to change to similar properties

AGELESS PEACE OF MIND PLAN NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS TOUR

Medical & Cancellation Insurance Recommended Passport Required

PRICE PER PERSON including all taxes

Double or Twin: \$8,129

Single: **\$9,399** 

Deadline to Register: December 23, 2025



Must be able to climb at least two flights of stairs, negotiate steps with railings, and tolerate periods of standing during guided tours



A country of dazzling diversity, Morocco has majestic mountains, sweeping deserts and ancient cities, and it welcomes travelers with warm hospitality and the perfect glass of mint tea. Morocco's natural assets include broad beaches, the waterfall-flushed mountains of the High Atlas, and of course the showstopper: the Sahara Desert. Many travellers are enthralled by the imperial cities and the vestiges of culture intertwined with ancient desert trading routes in mud-brick fortress settlements.

Moroccan cuisine is a vibrant blend of Arab, Berber, Andalusian, Mediterranean, and African influences, resulting in a unique and flavourful culinary experience. It's known for its bold spice profiles, featuring ingredients like cumin, cinnamon, turmeric, ginger, and saffron. Staples include couscous, tagine (a slow-cooked stew), harira (a lentil soup), and pastries like pastilla. There will be many opportunities to savour local delicacies.

#### DAY ONE: VANCOUVER-CASABLANCA

Depart on your Moroccan adventure mid morning from Vancouver. After a brief stop in Montreal an overnight flight will take you to Casablanca, Morocco's largest and most modern city, known for its mix of cultures and modern infrastructure.

DAY TWO: CASABLANCA

Meals: D

After arriving this morning the group will visit the Hassan II Mosque for a guided tour. Set on an outcrop jutting over the ocean with a 210m-tall minaret it's a showcase of the finest Moroccan artisanship: hand-carved stone and wood, intricate marble flooring and inlay, gilded cedar ceilings. Afterwards check in to the hotel for some free time to rest and explore your surroundings. Enjoy dinner with the group this evening.

DAY THREE: CASABLANCA - RABAT Meals: B, D

Travel up the coast to Rabat, a cultural city deeply rooted in history with masterpieces decorating its streets and squares. A local guide will introduce you to this fascinating city on a tour which will include a visit to Kasbah Oudaia, a historic fortress with vibrant streets and lush gardens; and views of the Royal Palace and Mausoleum of Mohammed V. The afternoon is free to explore. Perhaps stroll through the medina...the old, typically walled, and often maze-like city center found in many North African cities. It's a historical district and often contains narrow streets, souks (markets), fountains, palaces, and mosques.

DAY FOUR: RABAT-CHEFCHAOUEN Meals: B, D

A scenic drive awaits enroute to Chefchaouen, known as Morocco's Blue City, the whole city seems to be rinsed in azure. Upon arrival take a light afternoon walk led by the tour manager through the medina's blue washed alleys, an opportunity to mingle with the local population, and to smell and taste delights. Enjoy dinner at the hotel with the group.

DAY FIVE: CHEFCHAOUEN Meals: B, D

This morning visit the Kasbah fortress - a kasbah is a citadel or fortified quarter of a city. It's often the oldest or most prominent part of a city, with strong defensive walls and gates. The Kasbah in Chefchaouen stands in the middle of the old quarter and with lush gardens and a museum it is a must-see. The remainder of the day is free to relax or explore.

#### DAY SIX: CHEFCHAOUEN-VOLUBILIS-MEKNES-FEZ Meals: B, D

Travel south inland to Volubilis, a partly excavated Berber-Roman city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its well-preserved Roman ruins, including impressive mosaics. Next, visit Meknes, one of the imperial cities. The group will view the Babel Mansour, a huge gate with arches and mosaic tiling which leads into the former imperial city. As well visit the Mausoleum of Sultan Moulay Ismail, who made the city his capital in the 17th century, with beautiful courtyards and fountains. Arrive in Fez for a two night stay.



DAY SEVEN: FEZ Meals: B, D

This morning a local guide will give the group a guided tour of Fez, the oldest of Morocco's four imperial cities, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The tour will include visits to the Madrasa El-Attarine, a beautiful 14th century Islamic college; and the Nejjarine Museum, showcasing the traditional craftsmanship and artistry of Moroccan woodworking. As well view the Royal Palace and tanneries. In the afternoon take part in a Moroccan tradition with an Art Argile Pottery and Mosaic Class.

DAY EIGHT: FEZ-ERFOUD Meals: B, D

Today is a scenic drive enroute to Erfoud through the Middle Atlas Mountains which are covered with cedar forests. You will journey through the town of Azrou with an opportunity to see its wild monkeys and take in the beautiful scene of the Ziz Valley with its thick, lush canopy of palm trees between old, striated cliffs from the Jurassic era. After checking in to the hotel for a two night stay there is an optional sunset 4x4 drive into the dunes.

DAY NINE: ERFOUD - RISSANI - ERFOUD Meals: B, D

Enjoy a half day excursion to the historic town of Rissani, the gateway to the Sahara Desert. It was once a significant stop on ancient trade routes. It has a lively souk (traditional market) where visitors can experience real Moroccan life and flavours. The group will have a guided tour of the souk and Ksar (fortified village) followed by a visit to a fossil workshop. Return to Erfoud and have the remainder of the day at leisure.

DAY TEN: ERFOUD - OUARZAZATE Meals: B, D

Spectacular scenery awaits today on the drive through Dades Gorge with awe-inspiring landscapes and serpentine roads and across the dramatic Atlas foothills. Arrive in Ouarzazate, a caramel coloured oasis set against the blue African sky, nicknamed the door of the desert, for a one night stay.

DAY ELEVEN: OUARZAZATE – AÏT-BEN-HADDOU – MARRAKECH Meals: B, D

Depart for Marrakech this morning with scenic stops along the way. Visit the UNESCO-listed Kasbah of Aït-Ben-Haddou (Ksar of Aït Benhaddou) one of Morocco's most impressive historic landmarks and a popular film location for Hollywood movies. As well cross over the Tizi n'Tichka Pass (226om) which connects Marrakesh with the southern oases and offers spectacular mountain scenery. Arrive in Marrakech for a two night stay.

DAY TWELVE: MARRAKECH Meals: B, D

This morning a local guide will introduce the group to Marrakech, known as the "red city" due to its buildings and ramparts constructed of beaten clay, it is the first of Morocco's four imperial cities. Stroll through the rose-hued medina which is packed with restored palaces, restaurants, and boutiques. Visit the Bahia Palace built in the 19th century and the Koutuoubia Mosque built in the 12th century. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore or relax. The group will have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY THIRTEEN: MARRAKECH - CASABLANCA - VANCOUVER Meals: B

Depart Marrakech for Casablanca for the return flight to Vancouver with many memories of your incredible Moroccan adventure.

