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Morocco is a Holiday Paradise thanks to the spectacular Atlas Mountains, the Amazigh (Berber) villages, the lush valleys and Oases, the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean and the huge Sahara Desert. The views to expect during our vacations in Morocco are breathtaking and the people to be met on the trails are some of the warmest and friendliest in the world. Welcome to our authentic vacations and Adventures in Morocco!

Concerning the history of the country, the archaeological evidence proves that the Amazigh (the indigenous people) inhabited the region about two thousand years before the Phoenician colonization of the area between the 08th and the 06th centuries BC. Indigenous Amazigh (Berber) monarchs ruled the area from the 03rd century BC until 40 BC when it was annexed to the Roman Empire. The Muslims conquered the region in the early 08th century AD, and the Moroccan state in the modern sense of the term was established half a century later. Nowadays Morocco is a mixture of all these old civilizations and the modern ones.

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- Accommodation in double / twin / single rooms
- Breakfast daily
- Dinners in Merzouga & Dades
- Modern A/C vehicle during the tour
- English speaking escort guide
- 4x4 from Erfoud to the desert camp
- Camel ride in the desert
- Entrance fees to monuments
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- All taxes

Citie	Deluxe Riads
Raba	Villa
Fe	Riad
Merzoug	Deluxe Camp
Dade	La Perle du
Marrakec	La Maison
Casablanca	Sofitel Casa Tour Blanche 5*

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**29 Dec 2017:** **Casablanca airport – Rabat**

Meet and greet at Casablanca airport, then transfer to Rabat, the administrative Capital of Morocco and one of its oldest cities. Check in at the hotel then enjoy a short tour covering the entrance to the main Royal Palace in Morocco. Overnight in Rabat.

**30 Dec 2017:** **Rabat – Meknes – Volubilis – Fes**

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After breakfast, begin the city tour of Rabat with the Kasbah of the Udayas. This Kasbah was constructed during the realm of the Amazigh (Berber) dynasty the Almohads in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Continue to Mohammed V Mausoleum. This mausoleum is home to the tombs of the current king's grandfather, King Mohammed V, and his two sons King Hassan II and Prince Moulay Abdellah. Next to the Mausoleum, stop at Hassan Tower, which is the towering minaret of the Hassan Mosque. Leave Rabat heading to Meknes, the "Moroccan Versailles" and one of the oldest cities in the kingdom. Meknes was the capital of Morocco under the reign of Moulay Ismail (1672–1727), a contemporary of Louis XIV, before it was relocated to Marrakesh. The city tour of Meknes includes the massive Bab El Mansour gate. Stop to take pictures there. The tour includes also the Harri Souani stables, the medina ramparts, and the entrance to the Royal Palace. Continue along to the UNESCO-sponsored Roman ruins in Volubilis where you will have a guided tour. Volubilis is a Berber and Roman city partly excavated by the UNESCO; it was considered as the ancient capital of the Kingdom of Mauretania. The city was developed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC onward as an Amazigh, then proto-Carthaginian, and from from the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD onward, the city grew rapidly under the Roman rule. After the visit of Volubilis, transfer to Fes for overnight.

**31 Dec 2017:** **Fes (City Tour)**

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Enjoy the city tour of the spiritual capital of Morocco. Begin with the entrance to the largest royal palace in Morocco. This palatial complex is surrounded by high walls with an intricate and elaborately decorated gateway that is permanently closed. After that, enjoy a panoramic view of the ancient medina, followed by an authentic experience at the traditional ceramic crafts village of Fes. Stop next at Fes El Bali, the ancient town or Medina. This medieval centre of Fes has not changed for centuries. Its narrow alleys house amazing historical sites and hundreds of merchants and craftsmen. Visit the famous Kairouine Mosque, built by Fatima Al Fihria in 857. Kairouine Mosque became home of the first university in the world and the world's foremost center of learning at the beginning of the second millennium. After that, discover the University of Al-Karaouine. The university was built by Fatima Al Fihria in 859, and, since then, it has become one of the leading spiritual and educational centers of the Muslim world. In the medina, visit a Merdersa, which is a Coranic school. Complete the city tour of Fes with the leather Souq and the oldest Leather Tannery in the world. The tannery dates back at least nine centuries. Overnight in Fes.

**01 Jan 2018:** **Fes – Ifrane – Midelt – Erfoud – Merzouga**

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After breakfast, transfer to the Sahara desert. The journey takes you through the Middle Atlas Mountains. Stop first in Ifrane, a charming town and ski resort in the Middle Atlas region of Morocco. Ifrane is famous for its Alpine climate, European-style houses and its 1665 metres (5,460 ft) in elevation. The town experiences snow during winter months and a cool climate during summer. Ifrane is also the place where the lowest temperature was ever recorded in Africa, -24 °C in 1935. While in Ifrane, expect to find animals like the threatened Barbary Macaque and local tree species such as the native Atlas cedar, Scrub oak and the introduced London plane. Continue through many Amazigh (Berber) villages before getting to Midelt. Stop for an optional lunch there then continue through the Ziz valley to Erfoud. *Enjoy a **4x4** journey to Merzouga where you will have **dinner** and overnight in a charming Desert Camp.*

**02 Jan 2018:** **Merzouga – Tinghir – Dades** **(BD)**

*Enjoy an early morning sunrise camel ride along the golden sand dunes.* After breakfast, drive to Tinghir via Rissani and Tinjdad. Tinghir is a gorgeous 40km oasis, which boasts one of the largest palm groves in the country. Stop at the famous Todra Gorge, a 300m wall, carved deep into the High Atlas Mountains. Thanks to its robust rock sides with many uneven surfaces, Todra Gorge is popular among rock climbers. More than 150 routes rated French Grade 5+ to 8 have been bolted in the canyon. Todra Gorge was featured on the premiere of the [United States reality show Expedition Impossible](#). Optional lunch at a local restaurant then leave Tinghir heading to Dades. The drive is spectacular, winding through stunning desert landscapes, villages with the expansive Jebel Sarhro lunar-scape. Dinner and overnight in Dades.

**03 Jan 2018:** **Dades – Ouarzazate – Ait Ben Haddou – Marrakech** **(B)**

After breakfast, enjoy the visit of Dades, also known as valley of figs. Dades valley featured prominently in a 2012 advertisement for the Cadillac CTS. After the visit of Dades, transfer to Marrakech. The drive is spectacular, with hundreds of Kasbahs lining the route. Stop first at Kelaat M'Gouna, a big town which is famous for cultivating roses. Expect to find many fine, rose-infused products there. Continue to Ouarzazate, also known as "Morocco's Hollywood". Visit Taourirt Kasbah, which is considered one of the most beautiful kasbahs in Morocco. Next, visit the film studios where some of the most famous desert landscapes were and are still being shot. Leave Ouarzazate to the spectacular fortress of Ait Ben Haddou. The village is a great example of earthen clay architecture that has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987. Ait Ben Haddou is an iconic landscape immortalized in such films as "The Man Who Would Be King (film) (1975)", "Jesus of Nazareth (1977)", "The Last Temptation of Christ (1988)", "Gladiator (2000)", "Son of God (film) (2014)", etc. Continue to Marrakech crossing the High Atlas Mountains for overnight.

**04 Jan 2018:** **Marrakech (city tour)** **(B)**

Winston Churchill described Marrakech as "Paris of the Sahara". Start your city tour with the Kotoubia Mosque, the largest in Marrakech and one of the oldest mosques in the world. The minaret, 77 metres (253 ft) in height, includes a spire and orbs. It was completed under the reign of the Almohad Caliph Yaqub al-Mansur (1184 to 1199), and has inspired other buildings such as the Giralda of Seville and the Hassan Tower of Rabat. Your next stop is the Bahia Palace, and the Saadian Tombs. The Bahia Palace was built in the late 19th century and was intended to be the greatest palace of its time. The name "Bahia" means "brilliance", and as in other buildings of the period in other countries, it was intended to capture the essence of the Islamic and Moroccan style. The Saadian tombs on the other side date back from the time of the sultan Ahmad al-Mansur (1578-1603). The tombs were discovered in 1917 and were restored by the Beaux-arts service. Optional lunch at a local restaurant, then continue to the world famous Jema El Fna Square where you will enjoy amazing performance of traditional activities by storytellers, snake charmers, peddlers of traditional medicines. Complete the city the tour of Marrakech with the visit of the bustling souks in the old medina. Overnight in Marrakech.

**05 Jan 2018:** **Marrakech – Casablanca** **(B)**

After breakfast, transfer to Casablanca, the economic capital of Morocco and its largest city. Begin the city tour with the famous Hassan II Mosque, the largest mosque in the country and one of the largest mosques in the world. Its minaret is the world's tallest at 210 metres (689 ft). Hassan II mosque was completed in 1993. Stop next at Mohammed V Square in the city center. Complete the city tour with a refreshing promenade along Ain Diab Corniche, which is one of the city's most fashionable districts. Ain Diab Corniche offers expansive views along the Atlantic Ocean and a cluster of stylish hotels and beach resorts. Overnight in Casablanca.

**06 Jan 2018:** **Casablanca airport** **(B)**

After breakfast, transfer to Casablanca airport for your departure flight.

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