



# Morocco & Egypt Escorted Tour – with Nile River Cruise 14 days from \$4999

**per person twin share. Single Supplement \$1400. Book by 22 Dec 2017.**

Departs Australia: 27 Oct, 10 or 24 Nov 2018, 02, 09, 26, or 23 Feb and 09 & 23 March 2019

## ***Escorted Package Includes***

- Return economy airfares from All Australian Capital Cities to Casablanca & Cairo.  
One way economy airfare from Casablanca to Cairo.
- 12 nights First Class accommodations
  - 1 night Rabat
  - 2 nights Fez
  - 2 nights Marrakesh
  - 1 night Casablanca
  - 2 nights Cairo
  - 4 nights Nile Cruise on M/S Radamis 1
- All transfers

- 22 meals: 12 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager & Egyptologist throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary

### **Special Features**

- Visit the ancient Roman ruins of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Take a short bus tour of the imperial city of Fez
- Enjoy a special home hosted dinner by a local family in Fez
- Admire the 12th century Koutoubia Minaret, used as the prototype for Seville's La Giralda tower
- View Hassan II Mosque, build to commemorate the former king's 60th birthday
- Pyramids and Sphinx in Giza, Egyptian Museum.
- 4 night Nile River Cruise from Luxor to Aswan visiting Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Menmon, Karnak and Luxor Temples, Edfu & Kom-Ombo.

### **DAY 1, Saturday - Depart for Morocco**

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### **DAY 2, Sunday - Arrive in Casablanca & Travel to Rabat**

Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to your hotel in Rabat where you have the rest of the day at leisure to explore the capital city of Morocco or relax in your hotel for your upcoming adventure. This evening, enjoy a complimentary welcome Moroccan mint tea with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager

**Overnight:** Rabat

### **DAY 3, Monday - Rabat Sightseeing then Travel to Fez**

This morning, enjoy a city tour of Rabat. View the Royal Palace and the ancient ruins of Chellah, the Oudaya Kasbah, and the Hassan Tower. En route to Fez, stop and visit the ancient ruins of the Roman city of Volubilis where you will get a chance to see the wonderfully preserved original mosaics, Roman Road, and city layout. As you travel through the Moroccan countryside, pass by the Holy City of Moulay Idriss for a photo opportunity. This evening, upon arrival in Fez, enjoy a short bus tour of the imperial city conducted by your Tour Manager on the way to the hotel

**Overnight:** Fez

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 4, Tuesday - Full Day in Fez**

Enjoy a full day at leisure to bravely wander the old medina yourself or choose to take the guided *optional* tour where you will visit the many hidden treasures of the medina that only a Moroccan guide will know. Fez served as the capital of Morocco for more than 400 years and is home to the University of Al Karaouine, the oldest operating university in the world. It is particularly famous for its tanneries and the Fes el Bali Medina. A short visit to the surrounding leather shops give you the best view of the tanneries. View the Attarine Medersa, Moulay Idriss mausoleum, and visit the Nejjarine Fountains and Museum. Opportunities for shopping for authentic Moroccan carpets. Finally, view the exterior of the Royal Palace and walk through the famed Jewish quarter of the medina where you will get a chance to walk through one of the few remaining Jewish cemeteries in Morocco. Though the city has endured periods

of hardship, it has emerged more vibrant than ever, boasting its own distinctive culture, art, and even cuisine. This evening, enjoy a special dinner hosted by a local family and learn about Moroccan culture and traditions\*

*Home hosted dinner in Fez may be moved to another day, according to your host's availability.*

**Optional:** Full Day Fez (AM)

**Overnight:** Fez

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 5, Wednesday - Travel to Marrakesh**

This morning, depart for Marrakesh, a day-long journey taking you through the ever-changing landscape of the Moroccan valleys and Atlas Mountains along the way. Kindly note that this will be the longest coach ride of your tour. You will depart Fez in the early morning and arrive to Marrakesh in the early evening. Included will be sufficient rest stops for your comfort and a break for lunch. Your journey begins with beautiful views of the mountains around Ifrane and ends in the dry flatlands around Marrakesh, allowing you to experience the depth of the country's terrain. This evening, enjoy a short bus tour of Marrakesh, conducted by your Tour Manager en route to your hotel. Over the next day you will have ample opportunity to explore this city including the famous Djemaa el Fna Square and wide boulevards lined with restaurants and cafes

**Overnight:** Marrakesh

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 6, Thursday - Morning Tour of Marrakesh**

Morning tour of this fabulous city begins at the 16th century Saadian Tombs, where Saadian royalty found their final resting place. Continue to the Koutoubia Minaret and the beautiful Bahia Palace. You will also have the opportunity to shop for authentic Moroccan argan oil before strolling through the bustling Medina to Djemaa el Fna Square, the lively center of the city. Then, perhaps join the *optional* couscous cooking demo followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. Continue to the magnificent Majorelle Botanical Gardens, inspired by French artists and fashion designer Yves St. Laurent. The rest of the day is yours for independent discoveries. Tonight, an *optional* horse-drawn carriage ride takes you through the nightlit streets of Marrakesh ending at a popular restaurant. A typical Moroccan dinner is served while you listen to live music and watch an elegant belly dancing performance that caps off the night

**Optional:** Marrakesh Culinary Demonstration & Majorelle Gardens with Lunch (PM)

**Optional:** Dinner with Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride (PM)

**Overnight:** Marrakesh

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 7, Friday - Travel to Casablanca & City Tour**

After breakfast, travel to Casablanca and transfer to your hotel. Later this afternoon, tour Casablanca. Your half day sightseeing tour includes the exterior of the Hassan II Mosque\*\*, the largest Mosque in Morocco and the beautiful Corniche seaside. Take a moment to catch your breath at the end of your Moroccan adventure to admire the serenity of the Atlantic Ocean. Continue on a short drive through the residential areas of Casablanca to the city center to visit the Mohamed V Square, the Habous quarter and the Notre Dame de Lourdes Cathedral. Tonight, say goodbye to your fellow travelers and enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant on the Corniche\*\*

*\*Due to winter months and earlier prayer time schedules, afternoon interior visits are not possible.*

*\*\*Please note that the Farewell Dinner ends around 10:30 PM. Departure flights scheduled shortly after midnight may require missing part of the dinner.*

**Overnight:** Casablanca

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 8, Saturday - Depart Morocco**

Transfer to Casablanca airport for your departure flight from Morocco to Egypt.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **Day 8 – Cairo**

Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be met by our travel representative in Egypt and transferred to your hotel for overnight.

### **Day 9 –Cairo (Pyramids, Museum)**

After breakfast your private Egyptologist tour guide and driver will pick you up and start your tour. Drive to Giza and visit the Pyramids. See the Great Pyramid, a royal burial chamber and the Sphinx. Lunch en route. Visit the Egyptian Museum; this houses a magnificent collection of Pharaonic antiquities, especially the golden treasures of Tut Ankh Amun. Return to hotel for overnight (B,L)

### **Day 10 – Luxor (Karnak & Luxor Temple)**

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to Cairo airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival to Luxor, our representative will pick up you for embarkation on your Nile Cruise. visit the great Luxor Temple and the magnificent Karnak Temple of Amun with its famous Hypostyle Hall and the 134 huge columns, the Statue of Ramses II, the Obelisk of Queen Hatshepsut and the Sacred Lake.

Overnight in Luxor (B, L, D)

### **Day 11 – Luxor (West Bank)**

In the morning your sightseeing in Luxor includes the West Bank (Thebes) where some of the richest treasures in the world exists, including the Tomb of Tut Ankh Amun (optional) and other royal tombs including Ramses VI in the Valley of the Kings, you will be able to visit some of these tombs, Visit Hatshepsut funerary temple at Dier El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. Then transfer back to your Cruise for lunch. In the afternoon you will sail through the locks of Esna to Edfu and dinner on board and Overnight. (B, L, D)

### **Day 12 – (Edfu & Kom-Ombo)**

In the morning, Sail to Edfu, visit Edfu temple, than sail to Kom Ombo, where you will visit the Sobek Temple, dedicated to the two gods, which offers beautiful murals and reliefs. Sail to Aswan and Overnight (B, L, D)

### **Day 13 - (High Dam, Philae temple, Felucca)**

After breakfast you will visit the High Dam, and Philae Temple. In the afternoon you

will sail on an Egyptian felucca around Elephantine Island and the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener Island and the Agha Khan Mausoleum. Overnight in Aswan (B, L, D)

### **Day 14 – Final departure**

After breakfast, disembarkation from the ship, transfer to Aswan airport for your flight back to Cairo, than transfer for your finale departure.

#### Le Diwan Rabat, Rabat



This first class hotel is located in downtown Rabat near the Embassies.

#### Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace, Fez



This deluxe hotel is located in the residential district, on the outskirts of the new center of Fez.

#### Movenpick Hotel Mansour Eddahbi Marrakesh, Marrakesh



This deluxe hotel is situated in the heart of Marrakesh's Hivernage district.

#### Kenzi Tower Hotel, Casablanca



This deluxe hotel, soaring far above any other structure, is located in the beautiful city of Casablanca.

Cairo Barcelo Pyramids Hotel or similar

Nile Cruise Ship M/S Radamis 1 or similar

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWZiqv\\_54Eo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWZiqv_54Eo)

<http://www.egypt-nile-cruise.com/ms-radamis-i-nile-cruise/>

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### Full Day Fez with lunch

Join a day-long tour devoted to Fez, the oldest of the imperial cities, which is best known for its spiritual and educational contribution to the Moroccan culture. Your tour includes visits to the medieval Fez el Bali Medina (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Attarine Medersas, Nejjarine Fountains and Museum, and the exteriors of the Al Karaouine mosque and Moulay Idriss mausoleum. A short visit to the surrounding leather shops will provide the best view of the famous tanneries. After a light lunch is provided at a beautiful riad within the medina. You will also have the chance to explore the famous Souks, where craftsmen still practice their trades the traditional way. In the afternoon, visit Fes Jdid, the modern district of Fez, where the Royal Palace and Jewish Quarter are located.

Departs at 8:00 am. Approximate tour duration is 8 hours.

Day #4

07 Aug 2017 - 31 May 2019

AUD\$67.00



### Dinner with Horse-drawn Carriage Ride

This evening, enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through the lively streets of Marrakesh. Upon entering the restaurant, step back into the time of Arabian folklore and relax among the sound of classic Moroccan music. Delight in the tastes of typical Moroccan fare while live music and an elegant belly dancing performance cap off the night.

(The horse drawn carriage holds a maximum of four passengers. Please note that this is not a private carriage ride).

Pick up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours.

Day #6

11 Apr 2016 - 31 May 2019

AUD\$89.00



#### Marrakesh Culinary Demonstration & Majorelle Gardens with lunch

Your tour begins with an instructional cooking demonstration of how the traditional Berber dish, couscous, is made. In a beautiful authentic restaurant near Djeema el Fna Square, learn from a local chef how to successfully prepare the famous dish at home. After completing your cooking demonstration, continue on to the Majorelle Gardens. First created in the 1920s, these beautiful botanical gardens have been owned and maintained by French artists since their creation - first by painter Jacques Majorelle, then fashion designer Yves Saint-Laurent. Once on the grounds, also visit the Majorelle Museum which displays a collection of Berber objects such as art, jewelry, and clothing.

Departs at 12:00 pm. Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #6

01 Apr 2018 - 31 May 2019

AUD\$68.00



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### Day 13: Abu Simbel Half Day Tour - \$170 per person

See the ancient marvel of Abu Simbel on a private day trip from Aswan. Journey southward by private, air-conditioned vehicle as your personal guide shares tales of the 3,400-year-old complex, a masterwork of ancient Egyptian engineering beside Lake Nasser. Awe at the two temples, graced by colossi of Ramses II and his wife Nefertari, and tour the Great Temple's statue-lined halls and battle reliefs. While you explore, hear the incredible story of the temples' 1960s relocation to protect them from flooding after the building of the Aswan High Dam. Highlights Private day trip by road from Aswan to Abu Simbel, with private air-conditioned transport Venture south to the cliff-cut UNESCO-listed complex, overlooking Lake Nasser Learn about the history of the two temples, built by Ramses II in the 13th century BC Ogle the gigantic colossi of Ramses II and Nefertari at the temple gateways Admire the statues and engraved battle scenes inside the Great Temple Hear how the temples were relocated in the 1960s to protect them from rising Lake Nasser Enjoy in-depth attention and personalized commentary from a private Egyptologist guide What You Can Expect Your private guide will collect you from your hotel in Aswan at 8am for the three-hour drive south: you'll travel in your own comfortable air-conditioned vehicle for this private tour of Abu Simbel. Built during the reign of the great Pharaoh Ramses II, in the 13th century BC, these two vast rock-cut temples are dedicated to Ramses II and his wife, Nefertari. They are considered architectural masterpieces of Egypt's New Kingdom and so, when Aswan's High Dam was first built, flooding their original location, the Egyptian government and UNESCO worked together to save both temples from the flood. Your guide will escort you to the Great Temple, or Sun Temple, built in honor of Ramses II and dedicated to him and four other gods, as well as the smaller temple dedicated to his wife Nefertari, and also known as the Temple of Hathor. A qualified Egyptologist, he will explain the fine details of the rock-cut carvings and statuary, as well as how the temples were saved from the flood. After around three hours at the temples, you'll return to Aswan at 5pm.



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Days' Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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