Morocco Tour
9 days from $2499
Per person twin share including flights from Australia

Departures in May, October & November 2019
Book by 28 February 2019
**Price:**
From $2499 per person twin share

Single supplement from $300

**Departs:**
3, 17 & 31 May; 4 & 18 October; 1, 15 & 29 November 2019

**Includes:**
- Return economy airfares from Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Perth & Adelaide to Marrakech
- Brisbane & Hobart extra $295 per person.
- All accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- Transport in AC 4x4 Landcruisers
- 24-hour airport arrival & departure transfer service
- Multilingual tour leader throughout
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**Highlights:**
This exciting tour gives you a fantastic insight into the history and cultures of the Moroccan desert regions. The tour will take in beautiful scenery, the Atlas Mountains and the Sahara Desert.

The tour starts with a guided tour of Marrakech, including visits to the iconic Djemma El Fna square, Saadien Tombs, Bahia Palace and exterior or the Koutoubia Mosque. Your evenings here are free to revisit the central square which really comes to life after sunset. On leaving Marrakech we’ll join our 4WD and begin our journey towards the Sahara Desert. We’ll travel through the Atlas Mountains and over the highest mountain pass in Africa. We’ll also visit the famous UNESCO world heritage site of Ait Benhaddou which has featured in many famous movies. After passing through many berber villages and Kasbahs we’ll read the desert at Merzouga where we’ll spend the night in a Berber camp, set amongst the spectacular Erg Chebbi sand dunes. Following a unique evening we’ll rise early to witness the beautiful sunrise from the top of nearby sand dunes. We’ll spend one night in the nearby town of Zagora on the edge of the desert before returning to Marrakech for a final evening.

**Day 1:** Depart Australia

**Day 2 : Arrive in Marrakech, transfer to hotel**
On your arrival in Marrakech airport (RAK) our representative will greet you and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to settle in, relax after your flight, and have a first look around. Extra nights before the tour starts are available on request.
If you arrive early enough, you can head into Marrakech's famous Djemaa el Fna Square for a first taste of Moroccan food at one of the main street stalls, while watching the many street performers and salesmen offering their wares.

- OVERNIGHT: Marrakech hotel
- MEALS: Dinner
- EXTRAS: Extra day in Marrakech - pre-tour, Single room supplement (MOSHDS)

Day 3: Marrakech. Majorelle & Menara Gardens and the Palmerie area
We start our exploration of Marrakech after breakfast this morning with a visit to the beautiful Majorelle Gardens. These gardens were painstakingly and lovingly created over 40 years by the French painter Jacques Majorelle. The mix of colourfully painted walls, water features and beautiful planting is a pleasure to explore and a surprising oasis in the middle of busy Marrakech. The iconic French designer Yves Saint Laurent and his partner purchased the gardens in 1980 and saved them from ruin, also creating a museum in the grounds including their personal collection celebrating Berber culture. This afternoon we head to the Menara Gardens and the Palmeraie area on the outskirts of Marrakech, where over a hundred thousand date palms as well as fruit and olive trees are irrigated by a network of reservoirs and channels outside the city.

- OVERNIGHT: Marrakech hotel
- MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4: Marrakech, city tour
Today's tour of Marrakech includes a trip to the iconic Koutoubia Mosque, home to the minaret which has become a symbol of the city. We also visit the Bahia Palace which hosts intricate and beautiful Arabic craftsmanship. After lunch in the hotel, in the afternoon we head to the lively souks and handicraft centres around the famous Djemaa El Fna square. Home to many different types of traders and craftsmen, these bustling and aromatic streets provide a real taste of Morocco.

- OVERNIGHT: Marrakech hotel
- MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5: Across the Atlas Mountains to Ait Benhaddou and Ouarzazate
After breakfast this morning we take to our 4WD vehicles and bid farewell to Marrakech for a few days. Our destination today is Ouarzazate which we'll reach via the scenic mountains of the high Atlas, passing through the Tich'n'Tichka pass at an altitude of 2260m. Along the way we'll make various stops, the first being at the Kasbah of Telouet, which is the former residence of the Glaoui family - one of the most influential in the entire region. After a break
to purchase lunch we'll head to what is probably the most well-known kasbahs in Morocco - Ait Benhaddou. The kasbah is a UNESCO protected monument and has appeared in countless movies. We'll make a final short stop at the Kasbah of Taourirt before reaching our accommodation in Ouarzazate, or 'place of no noise'. An incredibly dramatic landscape, this area has played host to countless well known films.. This evening you'll have dinner at the hotel.

- **OVERNIGHT:**
  - Ouarzazate Hotel
- **MEALS:**
  - Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 6 : Drive the Road of a Thousand Kasbahs to the Sahara**

After breakfast in Ouarzazate we'll travel along the road of a thousand Kasbahs towards the Moroccan deserts. Along the way we'll pass by the Kasbah of Amerhidel and visit the spectacular Dades Canyon before arriving in Tinghir, which is famous for the Todra Gorge whose rocks tower above visitors at around 250 meters. Time permitting, we may have the opportunity to arrange an optional hike in the Gorge (payable locally). Later this afternoon we'll pass through Erfoud before finally arriving into Merzouga where you'll spend the night in a Berber desert camp, at the foot of some of North Africas most impressive sand dunes.

- **OVERNIGHT:**
  - Desert camp
- **MEALS:**
  - Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 7 : Erg Chebbi sand dunes to Zagora via Alnif**

We'll rise early this morning to witness the amazing sunrise over the Erg Chebbi sand dunes. After returning to the camp for breakfast we'll start our departure to Zagora, via the important village of Rissani which is famous for being the birthplace of the current Alouites Dynasty. Continuing on our way we'll make a stop in the small berber village of Alnif where we will have time to get some lunch. The final leg of our journey today takes us to Zagora where we'll spend the night.

- **OVERNIGHT:**
  - Zagora hotel
- **MEALS:**
  - Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 8 : Cross the Atlas Mountains to Marrakech**

After breakfast today we'll join the road for the long drive back to Marrakech, passing through numerous villages and palm groves before making another crossing of the Atlas Mountains and the Tizi N'tichka col. We'll arrive back into Marrakech late this afternoon where you'll have the evening free for some last minute shopping and a final taste of Moroccan life in the square.
Day 9: Marrakech departure, transfer to the airport
Our exciting week in Morocco comes to an end today. You’ll have free time until you are transferred to the airport for your departure flight. Subject to your flight departure time, additional options such as spectacular hot air balloon flight, or a fun quad biking trip, are available this morning.

- OVERNIGHT: N/A
- MEALS: Breakfast
- EXTRAS: Marrakech hot air balloon flight, Marrakech quad-biking, Ourika Valley half-day tour, Plateau of Kik tour, Essaouira day trip, Extra day in Marrakech - post-tour, Tour of Marrakech's surrounding

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Excluded:
- International flights (available on request)
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance (compulsory, available on request)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tips for guide & driver
- Any other items not mentioned above

Notes:
This tour was originally arranged as a 7-day trip, and extended to 8 days from July 2018, adding an extra free day for you to explore Marrakech on Day 2. You can still arrive on Day 2 of the tour (Sunday) if you wish.
From November 2018 Day 2 of the tour will include a visit to the beautiful Majorelle Gardens in the morning. You can then spend the afternoon exploring the Medina independently or take another escorted tour to the Palmeraie area on the outskirts of Marrakech.

**Hotel Gala Dinners**

Many of Morocco's hotels arrange a very special gala dinner with entertainment in the evening on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Payment for these is often optional on Christmas Eve (24 Dec) but may be compulsory on New Year's Eve (31 Dec), whether you attend or not. Prices can range from around US$50 to over US$150 per person. Final decisions on prices and whether dinners are compulsory are made relatively close to the time. We aim to always select hotels that make their Gala Dinners optional, though this is not always possible. Gala dinner prices are therefore not included in our prices above, but will be added to your booking if they become required. More information is available on request.

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The Australian GST does not apply to international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.

**DEPOSIT**
A deposit is required to confirm your booking (varies depending on package booked). Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International Holidays that the customer has checked their confirmed travel arrangements and has read and agreed to the terms and conditions.

**FINAL PAYMENT**
Payment in full must be made no less than 90 days before travel, unless required earlier by any supplier.

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Any deviation to packages advertised or quotes will incur a fee of $150 per person.

Should you need to alter your confirmed reservations, there will be an automatic fee charged of $150 per amendment or transaction, plus any new arrangements made. Additionally, there may be cancellation fees levied by the tour operator or fees may be applicable where arrangements have been pre-purchased.

In addition, we charge
- $50 per person for all airline seat reservations and baggage charges plus any airline fees.
- $100 per person for all Tourist visa processing plus the cost for the visa fee.
- $75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
- $100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this office.

**CANCELLATIONS**
Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

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The above are Destination International Holidays cancellation fees. Airlines and Tour Operators may have additional fees. Transfer of a confirmed booking to another tour or departure date is deemed a cancellation.
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You must be insured for the duration of your trip. You need comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, health requirements, luggage and additional expenses. Insurance policies rarely cover for loss of cash.

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