

Morocco Family Adventure

9 Days | Starts/Ends: Marrakech



Discover the highlights of Morocco in 9 days on this exciting family adventure designed for children aged 5 and over. Guaranteed to delight adults and children alike, explore captivating Marrakech, camel trek across the rolling dunes of the Sahara before bedding down beneath the stars, and enjoy sun, sea and sand in coastal Essaouira.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Marrakech - UNESCO-listed Place Djemaa el Fna, (medina, souks and market place)
- Bahia Palace and Koutoubia Mosque
- Ouarzazate - home to Morocco's film industry
- Todra Gorge - towering 300m high rose red canyon
- The Sahara Desert - Erg Chebbi sand dunes
- Merzouga - Berber village and start point for our camel trek into the great Sahara
- Ait Benhaddou - UNESCO-listed fortified kasbah city
- High Atlas Mountains and views of Mt Toubkal - North Africa's highest peak
- Essaouira - ancient medina, wind swept beaches and current day fishing village

What's Included

- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners including Berber camp dinner
- 7 nights 3 star hotel and 1 night camping - Berber desert camp in the Sahara
- Arrival transfer from Marrakech airport on day 1
- Sahara Desert camel trek
- Guided tour of Marrakech and Ait Benhaddou
- Escorted by an English speaking tour leader
- Specialist local guides at some sites
- All transportation and transfers in private 4x4 or mini van/touring vehicle
- Essaouira - beachside bliss and free time
- Entrance fees to all included sites
- All road taxes and tolls

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$50 (adults only)
- Entrance Fees: included
- International flights and visa
- Gratuity for your tour guide. Budget approx USD\$2 - 3 per person per day. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture.
- Note: Children under 12 years are not required to pay the tip kitty

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Marrakech



Welcome to Morocco! Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the centre of town for the evening. Be sure to arrive in time for your pre-departure meeting at 6:00pm. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **Overnight - Marrakech (D)**

Day 2 : Ouarzazate



Marrakech - Ouarzazate. Today we will have a guided tour of Marrakech then we drive over the stunning High Atlas mountains on the way to Ouarzazate (The Hollywood of North Africa), which African traders once used on their

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journeys up to Europe. We can make an optional visit to the famous film studios which have been used for films such as The Kingdom of Heaven, Alexander the Great, The Last Temptation of Christ and The Living Daylights. **Overnight - Ouarzazate** (B, D)

Day 3 : Camel trek into the Sahara



Ouarzazate - Merzouga. Today we drive through the Anti Atlas ranges across the Draa Valley which is one of the most famous places in Morocco for dates, we'll stop and sample this local delicacy. We stop for lunch before relaxing and cooling down with a swim in Rissani. Later we head towards the Sahara Desert at Merzouga, where we transfer to our camels for a trek in to the desert for a night at our Berber Camp. We enjoy local food, music and an amazing night out under the Saharan stars. **Overnight - Berber Camp - Sahara Desert** (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Todra Gorge



Merzouga - Todra Gorge. Leaving the desert, we move on to Todra Gorge. This 1000ft gorge is hemmed in on all sides by vertical limestone cliffs and is also called Morocco's Grand Canyon. From its plunging depths to dizzying heights. The charm of Todra lies in its changing colours as the sun slowly moves from east to west, Lunch will be at our Todra hotel and after lunch will be a free afternoon to relax by the pool, go for a

swim or a stroll. **Overnight - Todra Gorge** (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Ait Benhaddou



Todra Gorge - Ait Benhaddou. Straight after breakfast we head off through the road of The Roses Valley, not surprisingly, famous in Morocco for roses. We have the opportunity to see a variety of different rose products. On arrival in Ait Benhadou we travel back through history as we have a guided tour of the village. Ait Benhaddou is one of the oldest villages in the south of Morocco and used as a back drop for many international movies like Gladiator. Probably most famous of all are its old and splendid Kasbahs. **Overnight - Ait Benhaddou** (B, D)

Days 6-7 : Essaouira



Ait Benhaddou - Essaouira. We leave Ait Benhaddou and take a leisurely drive to Essaouira; a colourful fishing town situated within 15th century Portuguese fortifications, where great beaches and surf beckon. Relax on the beach or alternatively explore the UNESCO-listed medina with its various souks and woodcarving workshops. Any city gate leads to the medina, so you're unlikely to get lost. The beach is in front of the medina and there are plenty of cafés with terraces, both ideal for relaxing for a few hours. Blue doors and window frames abound as do the artists shops – buy a carpet or Thuya wood carving or sit on the

beach sipping a mint tea as the sun sets. There is the opportunity to do some optional activities, such as quad biking, surfing, horse trekking and wind surfing or you can just simply sit on the beach and relax. We spend day 7 here at leisure so there is lots of time to relax or take part in optional activities. **Overnight - Essaouira** (B:2)

Day 8 : Marrakech



Essaouira - Marrakech. After a relaxing morning in Essaouira, we head back to Marrakech for the final night where we have a group meal in Djemaa El Fna (the legendary main square). **Overnight - Marrakech** (B, D)

Day 9 : Marrakech

Spend the morning relaxing or picking up a few last minute souvenirs. Our tour concludes upon hotel check out at 12 noon. (B)

HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

El Andalous Hotel & Spa

Just 10 minutes from the airport, the El Andalous Hotel and Spa offers a welcome respite from the hubub of the city. Evoking the golden age of Arab-Andalusian culture; exotic and romantically rich. Guest rooms are well furnished with excellent en suite facilities as well as private balconies. The hotel pool is great place to relax by and enjoy a tasty beverage or two. The medina is just a 20 minute walk from here or a cab can get you there in a few minutes!

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Les Jardins

A fairly new hotel in Ouarzazate, the Hotel les Jardins is in the traditional style of a Moroccan kasbah, with spacious rooms. The hotel is set in exquisitely manicured gardens, which provide guests with a much needed breath of fresh air. The experience is complete with a pool and restaurant, where visitors can while away the hours in the warm, stary evenings. The hotel is on the outskirts of Ouzarzate and has numerous restaurants and shops nearby.



Desert Camp

Set amongst the towering dunes of Erg Chebbi, the Berber camp is designed with a traditional Moroccan theme. The permanent tents include multiple beds and electricity (after night fall) Camping out in the desert is a wonderful experience, due to the lack of light pollution, the stars come out in abundance and really are a sight to behold.



Hotel Miramar

Enjoying an enviable location just a 15-minute walk from the beach and some of the city's key sights, Hotel Miramar combines 4-star comfort with local convenience. Each of the 45 guest rooms' benefit from a separate sitting area, room service and satellite television, there's also free WiFi throughout the property. After a day of sightseeing guests can unwind in the on-site spa, which offers a variety of

treatments, or those that prefer to relax during the day can opt to head to the hotel's private sand beach.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates can be guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons.

PRICES / DATES 2016

Date	Twin Share	Single
22 Oct	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958
23 Dec	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958

PRICES / DATES 2017

Date	Twin Share	Single
11 Feb	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958
18 Feb	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958
25 Mar	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958
15 Apr	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958
22 Apr	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958
27 May	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958
24 Jun	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958
22 Jul	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958
29 Jul	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958
05 Aug	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958
12 Aug	AUD 1,629	AUD 1,958
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