

BEST OF MOROCCO WITH DUBAI STOPOVER

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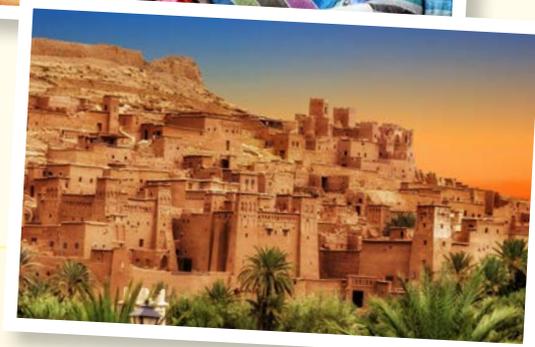
Morocco has fascinated travellers for centuries. The labyrinths of the imperial cities of Meknes, Fes and Marrakesh contrast with the dramatic gorges and oases of the snow-capped High Atlas Mountains and the solitude of the Saharan desert. What better way to end this cultural experience, then with a stopover in Dubai; the city that must be seen to be believed! Record-breaking architecture stands alongside traditional quarters, while man-made islands jut out of the coastline. This is the tour that will be sure to leave you with memories that last a lifetime.

INCLUSIONS

- ✦ Return economy airfares from Brisbane
- ✦ 9 nights accommodation in 4 or 5-star properties staying throughout Casablanca, Fes, Erfoud, Ouarzazate, Marrakesh, Essaouira
- ✦ 3 nights in Dubai staying in 4-star accommodation
- ✦ All sightseeing, activities and entrance fees as specified
- ✦ All meals as per itinerary
- ✦ Enjoy Insight's luxury, air-conditioned, 40-seat coach with double the standard legroom and onboard washroom

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Explore the Medina with local expert
- ✦ Witness local artisans create pottery and khobz
- ✦ Hassan II Mosque and the Corniche
- ✦ Royal Palace and Hassan Tower
- ✦ Visit the Mohammed V Mausoleum, a masterpiece of traditional Moroccan art
- ✦ Bab el-Mansour Gate on Place El-Hedim in the heart of the Medina
- ✦ UNESCO World Heritage Site The Ksar
- ✦ Bahia Palace and see glimpses of a Moroccan kingdom's former opulence
- ✦ Scenery of the Middle Atlas Mountains, Azrou, the Ziz Gorges, Tinehir and the Dades Valley
- ✦ Travel along the Road of a Thousand Kasbahs, Tizi n' Tichka Pass and the African North-West Coast



Cost **\$6499** per person twin share
Single Supplement **\$945.**

Non-refundable deposit of \$800 due at time of booking.
Progress payment of \$1000 due on/before 18 March 2019. Final balance due by 4 July 2019.

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DAY 1 BRISBANE - CASABLANCA IN-FLIGHT MEALS

This evening make your way to the Brisbane International Airport, where you will meet your fellow travellers for your overnight flight to Dubai and connection onto Casablanca arriving in early afternoon the following day.

DAY 2 ARRIVE - CASABLANCA IN-FLIGHT MEALS (D)

On arrival at **Casablanca** airport, your transfer leaves for your landmark city hotel. Join your Travel Director and fellow guests for your welcome dinner, with the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of good food and wine.

Hotel: Grand Mogador City Centre, Casablanca

DAY 3 IMPERIAL MEKNES, RABAT AND FES (B) (D)

An exploration of the sights of Casablanca will show you the huge **Hassan II Mosque**, the largest in the country. Depart for the capital of **Rabat** to see the **Royal Palace, Hassan Tower** and visit one of the few holy places open to non-Muslims, the lavish Mausoleum of King Mohammed V which is both an architectural marvel and a monument to a great ruler. Travel to **Meknes**, one of the kingdom's great imperial cities dating back to the 11th century, its surroundings have remained unchanged for centuries. You'll be delighted with your superb Moroccan Highlight Dinner in an ancient palace at the entrance to the Medina. A colourful array of meze plates, aromatic tagines, exotic fruits and wine will be laid before you whilst you are entertained with a traditional folklore show.

Hotel: Palais Medina & Spa, Fes (2 nights)

DAY 4 FES SIGHTSEEING (B) (D)

Led by your Local Expert, wander the maze of streets that make up the ancient **Medina**. Pass one of the world's oldest university's and see the hidden courtyards, mosques and workshops. Continue through the bazaar where an array of vendors are selling food, clothes, leather goods and beautiful lights. Learn about the ancient craft of carpet making, witness age-old techniques of pottery making and learn how khobz, the traditional local bread, is made.

DAY 5 THE ZIZ GORGES TO ERFOUD (B) (L) (D)

Leave the bustle of the city behind and head for the spectacular snow-capped **High Atlas Mountains**. Pass through Ifrane before reaching the great cedar forests of Azrou. After stopping for lunch at Midelt, continue through the magnificent Ziz Gorges, past palm-fringed towns to Er Rachidia, built by the French at an important crossroads. Your destination is **Erfoud**, where the red sand buildings contrast against the patches of greenery and surrounding desert. In the evening, there is an Optional Experience to meet the nomadic desert dwellers and marvel at the glorious Sahara sunset on a 4-wheel drive.

Hotel: Kasbah Hotel Xaluca, Erfoud

DAY 6 OUARZAZATE (B) (L) (D)

Venture towards the oasis of Tinehir and explore the **Todra Gorge**, known as the **Grand Canyon of the Sahara**. At Boumalne-du-Dades you will encounter the dry, rugged Dades Valley that is dotted with oases of figs, olives, date palms and castellated mud houses hugging the slopes. Meet the locals of the region when you visit a traditional Nomad house to try authentic Berber tea. The Road of a Thousand Kasbahs concludes at **Ouarzazate**. It is known as the Film Capital of Morocco, with blockbusters such as Lawrence of Arabia to Star Wars having been filmed here.

Hotel: Le Berbère Palace, Ouarzazate

Key: (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

DAY 7 OUARZAZATE TO MARRAKESH (B)

Visit the fascinating UNESCO World Heritage Site of the **Ksar of Ait Benhaddou**, one of the finest examples of South Moroccan architecture, boasting one of Morocco's finest kasbahs. Your journey continues via the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka Pass, before descending past charming mountain villages, dense woods and green fields to the ochre-coloured city of **Marrakesh**. With the rest of the day at your leisure, why not relax and enjoy the immaculate facilities of your hotel.

Hotel: Atlas Medina & Spa, Marrakesh (2 nights)

DAY 8 MARRAKESH PEARL OF THE SOUTH (B)

Meet your Local Expert in the bustling **Jemaa el-Fnaa Square**, where you can take a moment to watch the dancers, snake charmers, storytellers and acrobats. Explore the **Medina** and see the **Koutoubia Mosque**, with its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline. With time at leisure, you are free to continue exploring. In the evening, perhaps choose to take a charming horse and carriage ride to a vibrant restaurant on Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, where you will enjoy a slew of classic Moroccan dishes as you absorb the ambiance and watch twirling belly dancers balance plates of lit candles on their heads.

DAY 9 ESSAOUIRA (B)

Venture to the west coast of Africa to reach the laid-back fishing town of **Essaouira**. After checking into your hotel, why not spend the afternoon navigating the narrow alleyways, exploring the busy fishing port or maybe just relaxing on the beach? In the evening, you could sample the local seafood and wine at a waterside restaurant.

Hotel: Atlas Essaouira & Spa, Essaouira

DAY 10 BACK TO CASABLANCA (B)

Once you've experienced the traditional charms of the country, **Casablanca** is a fascinating place to return to as it offers a unique insight into modern Morocco. In the evening 'of all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world' there really is only one place to be. Join your Travel Director at **Rick's Café**, recreated from the famous movie. Enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner with drinks and no doubt a rendition of 'As Time Goes By'. Here's looking at you kid!

Hotel: Grand Mogador City Centre, Casablanca

DAY 11 CASABLANCA TO DUBAI (B) IN-FLIGHT MEALS

Today after breakfast we say goodbye to Morocco as we transfer back to Casablanca for our flight to Dubai. On our early morning arrival, we will transfer to our hotel in Dubai for the next 3 nights.

Hotel: Arabian Courtyard and Spa, Dubai (3 nights)

DAY 12 DUBAI (B) (D)

Today after breakfast, we are picked up from our hotel to commence a 5-hour city tour which includes the **Burj al Arab, Palm Island** and the **Souks**. Arrive back at the hotel in time to freshen up and be picked up again for our evening dinner on board a floating restaurant.

DAY 13 DUBAI (B) (D)

This morning is free to discover Dubai for yourself. This afternoon we will be leaving the hotel for an **Arabian Desert 4WD tour** with the chance to ride a camel and enjoy a delicious BBQ under the stars with entertainment in the form of belly dancing.

DAY 14 DUBAI TO BRISBANE IN-FLIGHT MEALS

After early breakfast, we say goodbye to Dubai for our flight back to Brisbane, arriving the following morning.

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