



MAGICAL MOROCCO

9 Days/8 Nights by Air & Motorcoach
Departure Dates in Europe:

25th February, 2012

2nd November, 2012

6th December, 2012

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Small groups
- Professional Gutsy Women Travel Director
- Welcome drink and dinner
- Two night stay in a Riad in Fez
- Spa treatment of your choice
- 'Gutsy Insider' dinner at a local person's house
- Visit a desert oasis
- Farewell dinner in Casablanca
- One bottle of water per day
- A glass of wine with every dinner



9 DAY MAGICAL MOROCCO ITINERARY

Welcome to one of the most fascinating countries in the world – the Kingdom of Morocco. A feast of exotic sights, sounds, tastes and smells await you in a country that has over twelve centuries of history.

Day 1: ARRIVE CASABLANCA

Welcome to Casablanca, a warm and stylish city with a mix of different cultures. Join a local guide for sightseeing including the Hassan II Mosque before getting to know your fellow Gutsy Women travelers and Travel Director over a welcome drink and dinner. (D)



Day 2: CASABLANCA - RABAT - MEKNES - FEZ

Enjoy visits of Rabat and Meknes, where you'll see the impressive Bab el-Mansour gateway before arriving in the colorful city of Fez. A truly special experience awaits as you check-in to a Riad, a former Noble palace, where you can relax in opulent surroundings and pamper yourself with an included spa treatment. Choose from a massage, manicure, pedicure or facial! (B)



Day 3: FEZ SIGHTSEEING

Join a local guide this morning for sightseeing including the medina and Royal Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure, so you can shop or enjoy the facilities at the Riad. This evening get a taste for real Moroccan life at a special 'Gutsy Insider' experience where you'll meet a local family and share a meal with them in their house. (B,GI-D)

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Day 4: FEZ - ERFOUD

Today drive along the old caravan trail south and stop in Midelt - a market town and former French administrative post in central Morocco. Set high in the plains between the Middle and High Atlas mountain ranges, you will enjoy beautiful scenery. Then continue along the palm-fringed Ziz Valley which is famous for its date cultivation to the Tafilalt oasis on the edge of the Sahara Desert. Your final stop is Erfoud, a popular destination for filmmakers because of the dramatic views of the Sahara Desert. (B,L,D)



Day 5: ERFOUD - OUARZAZATE

Today learn the true meaning of oasis as you visit a beautiful example which is about 20 miles long. Then enjoy spectacular scenery as you travel through the Todra Gorge to Ouarzazate.

(B,L,D)



Day 6: OUARZAZATE - MARRAKESH

After an orientation tour of Ouarzazate, travel via Ait Ben Haddou and the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass through the High Atlas Mountains to Marrakesh which is known as the "Red City". Like many other cities in Morocco it is a former imperial city comprising of both an old fortified city - the médina, and an adjacent modern city. It has the largest traditional market known as a 'souk' in Morocco and also one of the busiest squares in the world. By night food stalls open in the square turning it into a huge busy open-air restaurant! (B)



Day 7: MARRAKESH SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE

Join a local guide and experience what a truly special city this is. See the Bahia Palace and Djemaa el Fna Square where there are palm readers and markets stalls, and then enjoy free time to shop in the bazaar or find a restaurant and try a local dish like 'tagine' for lunch. (B,D)



Day 8: MARRAKESH - CASABLANCA

After additional free time in Marrakesh for last minute shopping, return to Casablanca via Settat, a city 370m above sea level and built on a plateau surrounded by foothills which made it easier to defend. Then return to Casablanca and enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a typical Moroccan restaurant, look back on the wonderful sights and sounds that you've experienced over the last week, and plan your next Gutsy Women trip with your new friends. (B,FD)

Day 9: DEPART CASABLANCA FOR USA

Time to bid farewell to your new found-friends as your fascinating Moroccan tour comes to an end and you return home with many enduring memories. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

TOUR INCLUDES:

- ❖ Airport transfers on arrival at 08:00, 10:00, 12:00 & 14:00 (clients may purchase individual transfers if arriving outside of these times)
- ❖ Airport transfers on departure at 07:00, 10:00 & 12:00 (clients may purchase individual transfers if departing outside of these times)
- ❖ Welcome Drink and Dinner on first night with Gutsy Women Travel Director and fellow travelers
- ❖ First Class hotels listed or similar; hotel taxes, service charges and baggage handling
- ❖ 8 Full Breakfasts (B), 1 Gutsy Insider Dinner (GI-D), 2 Lunches (L), 4 Dinners (D) & 1 Farewell Dinner (FD) – total 2 Lunches & 6 Dinners
- ❖ Services of a professional female Gutsy Women Travel Director
- ❖ Private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and a restroom
- ❖ Sightseeing, special features and scenic highlights as indicated in the itinerary, including admission charges where applicable
- ❖ Bottled water throughout the tour
- ❖ Gratuities to Local Guides and Driver

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

2 Nights Casablanca – Royal Mansour

<http://www.leroyalmansourmeridien.com/>

2 Nights Fez – Riad Sheherazade/Arabesque

1 Night Erfoud – Kasbah Chergui

<http://www.hotelchergui.com/en/hotel.php>

1 Night Ouarzazate – Berber Palace

http://www.ouarzazate.com/leberberpalace/index_eng.htm

2 Nights Marrakesh – Atlas Medina and Spa

PRICING (LAND ONLY):

\$3,969 single

\$3,179 per person, shared

\$3,179 per person, twin