# 9D8N CASABLANCA TO MARRAKESH

## Inclusions:

- 8 nights Hotels and breakfasts
- Deluxe Motorcoach from arrival till departure transfer
- Entrance fees as per program
- Local English speaking guides for guests from arrival till departure
- I bottle of mineral water each day on coach
- Camel ride in Merzouga
- 4wd for transfer between Erfoud and Merzouga (06 pax/vehicle)
- Porters luggage at hotels

# Tour code: WWT22226



Based on below hotels or similar Casablanca Idou Anfa Tangier Andalucia Golf & Spa Fes Hotel Menzeh Zalagh Merzouga Hotel Kasbah Ouarzazate Hotel Karam Palace Marrakesh Novotel Hivernage

### Exclusions:

- Personal extra such as drinks, telephone, laundry, etc
- Tips for Guide, Driver

Blackout period: Christmas, New Year, Public Holidays

## **ITINERARY**

Day 01 Arrival at Casablanca Airport. Welcome by your english speaking guide and transfer by deluxe bus to Casablanca: the economic capital city & the beating heart of morocco. Dynamic and full of vitality. It presents an extravagance and traditional charm which demonstrate a remarkable double identities swinging between authenticity and modernity. Mosque Hassan II (entrance) among the most immense and refined mosques in the world, is a masterpiece of architectural art, sublime by its handcrafted design, as much as a must-see monument in Casablanca.

Place Mohammed V an open-air area of more than 50.000 sqm surrounded by beautiful historical administrative buildings, all embellished with an architectural feat : the Grand theater of Casablanca. Corniche of Ain Diab and The Old Medina Of Casablanca nestling the oldest Monuments of Casablanca, although only some parts of the massive walls are preserved, the recently restored alleys will let you discover its busy markets, its religious edifices and its particular monuments.

- Day 02 After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a picturesque drive from Casablanca to Tangier, passing by Rabat. Visit Mausolée Mohammed V a lustrous building, characterized by its classic Arab Andalusian style according to traditional moroccan art, it took 10 years to accomplish thank to 400 of the best craftsmen. Hassan Tower considered by many as the symbol of Rabat, is actually the minaret of an unfinished mosque, initiated in the 12th century by Sultan Yacoub Al Mansour. Royal Palace Rabat (outside view only) located in the heart of a huge royal complex called "Mechouar", where more than 2000 people live and work, it is also the seat of government. Kasbah des Oudayas this citadel is located at the northernmost estuary of the urban area of Rabat, and was the historic gateway to guard Rabat. Continue towards Tangier. Visit Cap Spartel a promontory on the northwest side of Morocco, the starting point for the entrance to the Strait of Gibraltar. and Petit Socco which represents an icon of the bohemian spirit of Tangier.
- Day 03 Your day begins with a breakfast at the Hotel. Leave Tangier for a thrilling drive to Fes, passing by Chefchaouen. Visit Medina of Chefchaouen From 1471 to 1609, it hosted several Muslim communities expelled from Spain. The Medina is known for its Andalusian, artistic and aesthetic architecture as well as the harmony in its structures. Ras El Maa Waterfall an essential passage for visitors to the city, it was in the past the supplier of energy for the water mills which littered the two banks of the source. mContinue towards Fes the cultural, artistic & spiritual city Fes.
- Day 04 After breakfast at the Hotel, Whole Day will be devoted to the sightseeing of Fes the cultural, artistic & spiritual city Fes precisely the Old Medina that has been listed a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1981. Will start the visit Royal Palace Gates (outside view only) The 7 majestic doors carved in copper are a masterpiece made by the local craftsman in the 1960s. Then visit Bou Inania Madrassa (Entrance), Bab Boujloud (The Blue Gate) the emblematic gate of the old town of Fez, richly decorated with blue tiles on the entrance side and green tiles on the exit side. Karaouine Mosque (outside view only) the oldest university in the world which is still open, that was built in 857. Chouara Tanneries (Traditional Leather Factories) which is almost a thousand years old, where you may need to put a sprig of mint under your nose to reduce the strong smell during the visit. Narrow Streets a great open-air museum, with countless masterpieces of architecture and artefacts awaiting your discovery in its 9,400 narrow little streets. Mausolée Moulay Idriss (outside view only) a place much revered by the locals, for it is here that Moulay Driss took a moment of rest and decided to found the city of Fes in the ninth century. Nejjarine Fountain the most beautiful public fountain in the old city of Fes, built in the I8th century and Pottery & Moorish Mosaic Quarters Moorish Mosaic, Moroccan Tilework or Zellige tiles are one of Morocco's most valued and recognizable art forms, which has been gratefully preserved by Families of Moroccan master's form Generations back to the 10th century. This traditional Moroccan craft is made from a very unique natural clay, sourced from the region of Fez.
- Day 05 Breakfast at your disposal at the Hotel. Appreciate an interesting drive from Fes to Merzouga, trough Ifrane. Have some Free Time in Ifrane enjoy its delightfully quiet and discreet atmosphere and the famous Lion Sculpture (photo stop) a compelling landmark, commemorating the famous Atlas Lion, which is today an Extinct In The Wild species of Lions. Continue the way to Midelt. Then continue towards Erfoud. Drop the bus and take the 4WD to Visit Fossile Place discover treasures of marine fossils, as during the Paleozoic era – around 540 to 250 million years ago – the south-east of Morocco was under the sea! and Desert an ideal starting point to explore the Moroccan Sahara, where you will discover extraordinary landscapes. Continue towards Merzouga. Visit Sand Dunes of Merzouga the best starting point to experience the moroccan desert, this one is characterized by a particular reddish color, where the sand dunes are one of the highest in Morocco. Ride the camels to see the sunset.

#### Day 06 Start the day with a breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a picturesque drive from Merzouga to Ouarzazate, passing by Tinghir.

Continue to visit Gorges of Todra a magnificent and uncommon rock formation that drops down to 300 metres canyons. A fantastic miniature of the Grand Canyon!. Valley of Roses In 2014, it was recognized by UNESCO as a "Global Geopark", making it the only city in Morocco to receive this recognition. Dades Valley (on the road b/w Boumalen Dades and Kelaat Megouna) guarded by sumptuous kasbahs, you will be transported centuries backwards on the lap of Mother Nature. Continue towards Ouarzazate called "The door to the desert" & "Africa's Hollywood". The town is chiefly inhabited by Berbers, who constructed there many of the prominent kasbahs. Ouarzazate is strategically located on a high plateau guarded by the High Atlas Mountain in the North & opening onto the superb Draa valley in the South. It is a very popular filming location for directors from all over the world. it is the background for many movies, such as Lawrence of Arab, kingdom of Heaven, Gladiator, The Mummy etc.

- Day 07 Enjoy your breakfast at the Hotel. Visit Kasbah Ait Benhaddou a very long-standing ancient city. It's a fortified village, a striking example of traditional southern Moroccan architecture, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987. Kasbah Taourit (photo stop) a pretty adobe construction remarkably preserved, was founded in the 17th century before being rebuilt by the powerfull Pacha Glaoui tribe in 1882, he was surnamed "the Lord of the Atlas". Leave Ouarzazate for a thrilling drive to Marrakech, passing The Tichka Pass, a breathtaking view on the way. Visit Berber Women's Cooperative for ARGAN OIL On the way Between Marrakech and Ouarzazate, have a stop to witness the traditional way of processing unchanged for several generations. Continue towards Marrakech Marrakech the red city is the most important imperial city in Morocco founded by the Moravids Sultan Youssef Ibnou Tachafin in 1062. It has gained a prestigious position throughout history. It's a cultural and artistic city par excellence riche of monuments and touristic places. Visit Jemaa El Fna Square one of the most popular and lively places in Morocco, this square has been hosting performers, narrators, musicians, storytellers and other entertainers for centuries. with a bustling marketplace and an open-air food court that starts at dusk every day.
- Day 08 After breakfast at the Hotel, You will spend today discovering the city of Marrakech Marrakech the red city is the most important imperial city in Morocco founded by the Moravids Sultan Youssef Ibnou Tachafin in 1062. It has gained a prestigious position throughout history. It's a cultural and artistic city par excellence riche of monuments and touristic places. Visit Majorelle Garden (entrance) a magnificient botanical garden created starting from 1931 by the French painter Jacques Majorelle (1886-1962) around a Cubist villa, designed by the architect Paul Sinoir. Left abandoned for several years, the garden owes its salvation, by 1980, to its new buyers : Yves Saint Laurent and Pierre Bergé. Koutoubia Mosque (outside view only) built in the 12th century; with its 77m high minaret, this famous landmark is fascinating by its architecture and its particular design where the patterns of each side is different from one another. Bahia Palace (entrance) which was built at the end of the 19th century as the private residence of Ba Ahmed, a high-ranking minister of the Alaouite Dynasty. Old Medina & Souks strolling through many tortuous narrow passages with goods stacked on both sides is a very enjoyable thing in itself; where sounds, colors, and smells unite gloriously to compose an astonishing sensorial symphony. It is the largest concentration of traditional open-air markets (souks) in Morocco.

#### Day 09

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the Airport for departure back to your hometown. END OF SERVICE