

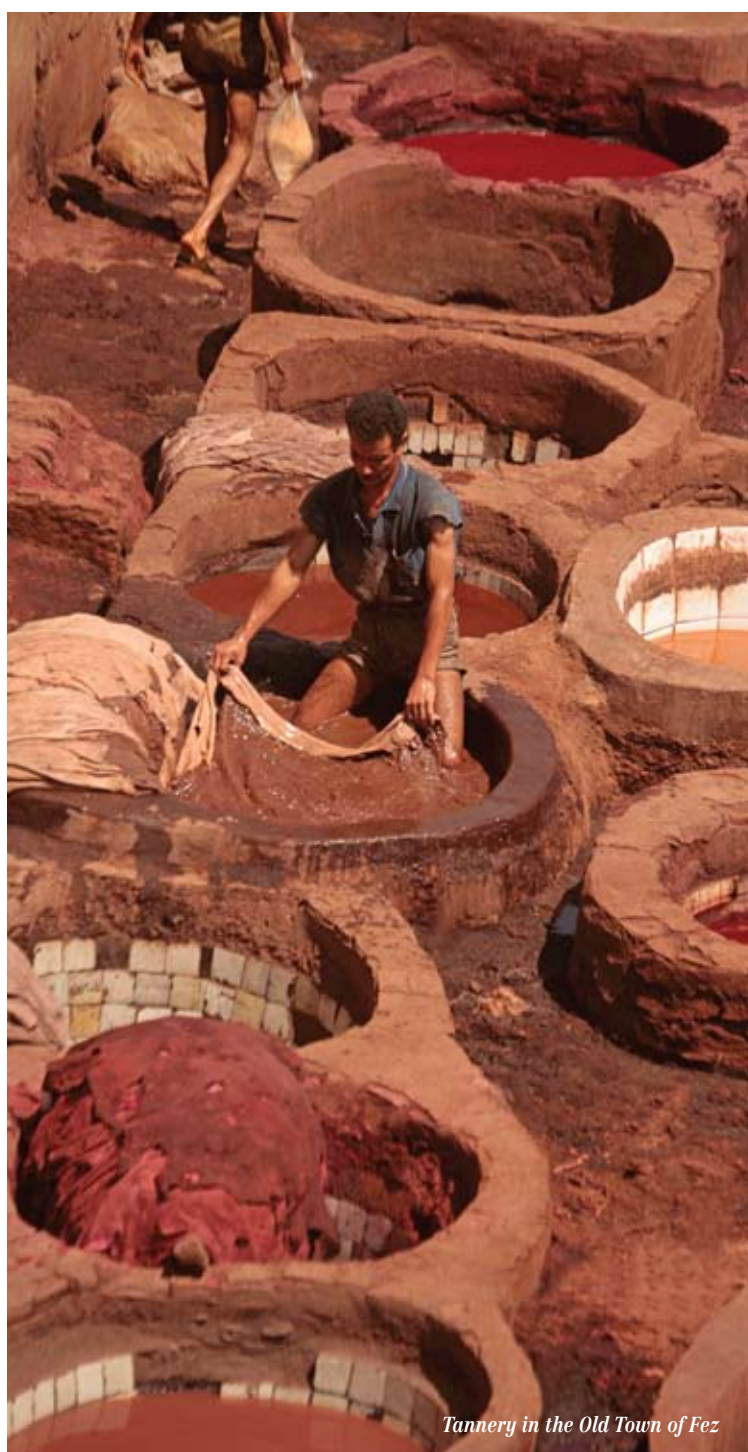
Amazing Morocco

Tour Pace - This tour has a well balanced pace with two night stays in Fez, Marrakech and Casablanca and overnights in the southern Saharan towns of Erfoud and Ouarzazate, with sufficient free time to absorb and enjoy the exotic atmosphere.

Hotels - All hotels are modern and well equipped, ranging from the Casablanca Sheraton, with its panoramic lift, to the Belere in Erfoud with bungalow accommodation set amongst beautiful gardens on the edge of the Sahara Desert.

Fellow Passengers - Your travelling companions on this tour will share your sense of adventure, love of different cultures and desire for new experiences. History buffs are in for a treat as are photographers and lovers of natural beauty.

Highlights - The labyrinths of the imperial cities of Fez, Meknes and Marrakech contrast with the dramatic gorges and oases of the snowcapped High Atlas mountains and the solitude and magical beauty of the Saharan desert that lies beyond.



Tannery in the Old Town of Fez

DAY 1 – ARRIVE CASABLANCA. Welcome to Morocco, considered the 'Jewel of North Africa'! Known to the Arabs as "the farthest land of the setting sun", it is land so intrinsically beautiful and rich with heritage, it has attracted seekers of the exotic over the centuries. Even for the most seasoned travellers, there is much to see and do. The Airport **shuttle** service departs from Casablanca Airport to the tour hotel at 09.00, 11.00, 13.00 & 15.00 hours, then relax and settle in. Tonight join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a **Welcome Drink**. **Hotel: Sheraton** (D)



DAY 2 – CASABLANCA – FEZ. After a **sightseeing tour of Casablanca**, depart for the capital **Rabat** to see the **mausoleum of King Mohammed V** and the **Royal Palace**. Now on to one of the kingdom's imperial cities, **Meknes**, dating back to the 11th century, its surroundings remaining unchanged before centuries. **Here make a rare highlight visit inside the Mosque and see Bab el-Mansour gateway before continuing to Fez.** **Hotel: Crowne Palace** (BB, D)



DAY 3 – FEZ. A day packed with fantastic sights and smells as you **tour this carefully preserved university city**, which had its golden age in the fourteenth century, during the reign of the Merinides dynasty. Visit the **Medina** of Fez and walk through its old streets. See one of the **oldest universities in the world**, taking time to haggle in the **Bazaar** and see **Moroccan pottery**. Oriental rugs are an attraction for bargain hunters – witness this most important handicraft of Fez. **Tonight, enjoy a superb Moroccan Dinner and a Folklore Show with drums and belly dancing.** (BB, HD)

DAY 4 – FEZ – ERFOUD. 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. Travel up through the magnificent **Ziz Gorges**, past palm fringed towns to Er Rachidia, built by the French at an important crossroads. Your destination is **Erfoud**, on the edge of the Sahara Desert. **Hotel: Belere Erfoud** (BB, L, D)

DAY 5 – ERFOUD – OUARZAZATE. This morning there is the option of mounting camels, 'the ships of the desert', to witness the glorious daybreak in the Sahara. Later, venture towards the oasis of **Tinehir**, noted for its silver and jewellery workshops. Take a detour to explore the **Todra Gorge** – the Grand Canyon of the Sahara. At **Boumalne-du-Dades**, encounter the dry rugged **Dades Valley**, dotted with oases of figs, olives, date palms and with castellated mud houses hugging the slopes. The route concludes at **Ouarzazate**, film capital of Morocco, with everything from Lawrence of Arabia to Star Wars being filmed here. **Hotel: Le Berbere Palace** (BB, L, D)

DAY 6 – OUARZAZATE – MARRAKECH. Get your cameras ready as you stop at the village of **Ait Benhaddou**, boasting one of **Morocco's finest kasbahs**. Continue via the spectacular **Tizi n'Tichka** Pass before descending past charming mountain villages, dense woods and green fields to the ochre coloured city of **Marrakech**. **Hotel: Atlas Medina & Spa** (BB, D)



DAY 7 – MARRAKECH. Sightseeing includes an exploration of the fascinating **Medina** (old town), the **Koutoubia Mosque**, whose minaret dominates the Marrakech skyline, and a **visit to the secluded tombs of the Saadi dynasty**, hidden behind high walls. After some time to watch the dancers, storytellers and acrobats at the bustling **Djemaa El Fna Square**, take a scenic drive south of Marrakech to the beautiful **Ourika Valley**. **Visit a Moroccan family home to witness a traditional mint tea preparation ceremony before returning to your hotel.** Tonight, maybe consider an optional horse and buggy ride to the magical Djemaa el Fna Square to enjoy the sights and sounds by night, followed by dinner in a typical Moroccan restaurant? (BB)

DAY 8 – MARRAKECH – CASABLANCA. Heading towards the Atlantic coast, say goodbye to the snake charmers of Marrakech and drive back to **Casablanca** and spend your last afternoon of the tour at leisure enjoying this vibrant modern city at your own pace. **Hotel: Sheraton** (BB, D)

DAY 9 – CASABLANCA. Sadly, your Moroccan adventure comes to an end today. Airport shuttle service arrives at the airport at 07.00, 10.00 and 12.00 hours. (BB)

9 DAYS ~ MOROCCO

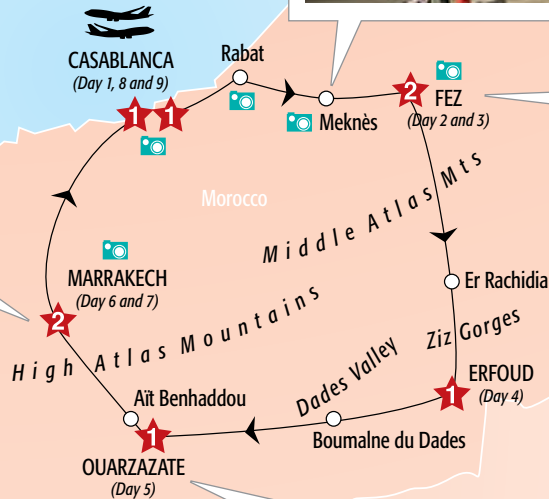
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Meknes
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Fez Moroccan Dinner
Enjoy the folklore show and belly dancing



Atlantic Ocean

Key

- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
- PERSONAL INSIGHTS
- HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
- LOCALLY GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
- ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS & NIGHTS

Visit the Saharan town of Ouarzazate, film capital of Morocco



Included Sightseeing Highlights

Premium Highlights
Visit one of the few Moroccan mosques open to non-Muslims
Visit the town of Ouarzazate and the Kasbah of Ait Benhaddou

Personal Insights
Witness the traditional mint tea ceremony in Marrakech.

Additional Excursions and Sights
View the Royal Palace, Mohammed V Mausoleum and Hassan Tower in Rabat
Visit the Bab el-Mansour Gate in Meknes
Visit the Medina and shop for Moroccan carpets in Fez
Visit the pottery workshops in Fez
See the Ziz Gorges and the Oasis Region of Tinehir
View the spectacular scenery of the High and Middle Atlas Mountains
Visit the Saadi Tombs and see the Koutobia Minaret in Marrakech

Insight's First Class Services
Escorted by a professional Tour Director
Luxury 40 seat touring coach with extra legroom
First Class hotels with all service charges, taxes and portorage
Insight Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
Airport Shuttle arrival and departure transfers at scheduled times on Day 1 and Day 9

Quality Dining
Highlight Dinner and Folklore Show with belly dancing in Fez (HD)
8 buffet breakfasts (BB), 2 lunches (L), 6 three course table d'hôte dinners, or buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

9 days from US\$136 per day

Starts - Ends	Price	Starts - Ends	Price	Starts - Ends	Price	
Nov 01 - Nov 09	1225	2010			Mar 21 - Mar 29	1285
Nov 15 - Nov 23	1225	Jan 10 - Jan 18	1225	Mar 28 - Apr 05	1285	
Nov 29 - Dec 07	1225	Feb 07 - Feb 15	1225	Apr 04 - Apr 12	1285	
Dec 20 - Dec 28	1285	Feb 21 - Mar 01	1225			
Dec 27 - Jan 04	1285	Mar 14 - Mar 22	1285			

Supplements

Single room supplement	
20 Dec - 27 Dec '09, 14 Mar - 4 Apr '10	\$355
Other departures	\$335

Reductions

Triple room discount	
14 Mar - 4 Apr '10	\$65
Other departures	\$35
Young Traveller Discount	\$120
2nd Tour Discount	SAVE up to \$60 p.p.
Early Payment Discount	
10 months	\$90
6 months	\$60

Notes

REF: W301. Prices are per person sharing a twin room. All tours depart Sunday and return Monday. The coach used on this tour does not have an on-board washroom. A similar tour also operates during Summer. See Insights's Premium European & Britain brochure for details.

Included Premium Highlights are worth approx. US\$57