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THE WONDERS OF MOROCCO

October 17 - 26, 2026



Your 10-Day Itinerary



Day 1-2: October 17 - 18

Home/Marrakech

Depart home independently on an overnight flight to Marrakech. Transfer to the *Riad & Spa Bahia Salam*. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner. *D*

Day 3: October 19 - Marrakech

Embark on a cultural odyssey in Marrakesh as we explore the ornate Bahia Palace during an enlightening city orientation.

Immerse yourself in the dynamic energy of Djemaa el Fna Square in the Old Quarter. Our journey continues as we delve into the rich history of the ancient Berber people at the Berber Museum. As the sun sets, indulge in the magical ambience of Jemaa el Fna Square once again, savoring the sights and sounds of Marrakech by night. The evening unfolds with a delightful dinner in a typical Moroccan restaurant. *(B, D)*

Day 4: October 20 - Atlas Mountains

Drive into the Atlas Mountains to learn about daily life in a small Berber town before a hands-on culinary workshop. After exploring the secrets of Moroccan cuisine, enjoy lunch together with your hosts. In the afternoon, hike or ride a mule across the mountainscape for breathtaking views.

Hotel: Oscar Hotel, Ourzazate (B, L, D)



Day 5: October 21 - Ouarzazate/Erfoud

We start our journey today with a visit to the El Kelaa des M'gouna, known for its roses, then set out on the fabled "Route of a Thousand Kasbahs" ancient caravan route. The day features one beautiful scene after another, including the village of Tinehir, a stunning mountain oasis rising on a series of riverside terraces lush with palm trees; and the spectacular 984-foot Todra Gorge, home to a variety of rare bird and plant species.

Hotel: La Rose Du Desert Hotel (B, D)

Day 6: October 22 - Sahara Desert

This morning, we visit the city of Rissani, with its 18th-century ksar, a virtually impenetrable warren of alleys. We enjoy a tour highlight this afternoon as we set out on a sunset excursion to the breathtakingly beautiful sand dunes at Merzouga on the edge of the Sahara. In the enormous silence, we watch the sun set over the desert as we take a camel ride along the erg. Following this experience, we'll have dinner together in this desert setting before returning to our hotel tonight. *(B, D)*

Day 7: October 23 - Journey to Fez

As we depart the oasis town of Erfoud, travel along the palm-fringed Ziz Valley. Stop for lunch in Midelt—a market town nestled between the Middle and High Atlas mountain ranges.



Continue through picturesque high plains before arriving in Fez. Tonight, we enjoy a private dinner at an intimate family-run riad in Fez, accompanied by traditional music.

Hotel: Jnan Palace Hotel (B, D)

Day 8: October 24 - Fez

With a Local Specialist, delve into the vibrant heart of the Medina, one of the world's largest and most bustling medieval centers. Explore the intricate tapestry of Moroccan culture as we visit the Royal Palace and immerse ourselves in the ancient art of leathercraft at the traditional round dye-pits and tanneries. Later, indulge in the beauty of traditional Moroccan craftsmanship during a visit to a carpet cooperative. The afternoon unveils the charming Bhalil village, where dwellings carved into the rock face provide both warmth in winter and coolness in summer. Our exploration continues as we visit a traditional ceramic tile factory, encountering local craftsmen and their artistry. *(B)*

Day 9: October 25 - Rabat & Casablanca

Depart Fez early, driving west through scenic Moroccan countryside. Arrive in Rabat by mid-morning for a brief tour of the capital's highlights, including the Kasbah of the Udayas, the Hassan Tower, and the Royal Palace exteriors.



Stroll through the medina or pause for lunch in the Ville Nouvelle before continuing south along the coastal highway. Reach Casablanca in time to visit the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world, set dramatically on the oceanfront.

Take some with time to explore on your own in the late afternoon before gathering for a group farewell dinner.

Hotel: ADAY Hotel (B, D)

Day 10: October 26 - Departure

Check out of your accommodations in the morning and transfer to the airport for your departing flights or continue with an extension tour opportunity.

Program Rate

\$5,180 (per person, double occupancy)
Single supplement: \$685

The tour is based on a minimum of 12 travelers. Should the group not reach 12 travelers, an additional per-person surcharge will apply.

Inclusions

8 night accommodations as per itinerary;
Breakfast daily, 7 dinners, and 1 lunch;
Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits;
Airport/Hotel transfers for all participants on suggested group flights.