

## Treasures of Morocco

October 2-14, 2022



### 13-DAY SMALL GROUP TOUR

**START** Sunday, October 2, 2022 — Casablanca

**END** Friday, October 14, 2022 — Marrakech

**COST** \$3500 Per Person

**You are invited to join a select group and discover the treasures of Morocco** in comfort on this private 13-day small group custom tour. It begins in Casablanca on October 2, 2022 and ends in Marrakech on October 14. The cost is \$3500 per person (\*\*based on double occupancy) and includes a private licensed guide, all meals, accommodations, entrance fees, taxes, driver, and daily gratuities. Also included in this tour is a Moroccan cooking demonstration and a cooking class.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Private chauffeured Mercedes Benz Sprinter Van throughout the program
- Off-road Saharan Desert Adventure from Erfoud to Ouarzazate
- 12 Overnights at authentic Riads, Kasbahs, Camps, and Hotels
- Private certified and licensed English speaking expert guide
- All Meals
- All monument entry fees
- Porterage, restaurant, and other daily gratuities
- Bottled water in van
- 20% VAT service tax and water in van

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Driver and guide gratuities at the end of your trip
- \*Travel insurance (required)
- Alcoholic Beverages
- International Travel Expenses
- Driver Gratuities (4 Euros/day or 43 Moroccan Dirham) and Guide Gratuities (10-15 Euros/day)
- Personal Items

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## Day 1: OCTOBER 2

Arrival to Casablanca and Welcome Dinner - You will be warmly welcomed by your Guide and Driver at Casablanca's Airport and driven your hotel for your welcome reception and team briefing in the hotel lobby. Welcome dinner is at Rick's Café.

## Day 2: OCTOBER 3

Explore Casablanca and Rabat on the way to Tangier - After breakfast, we'll drive to the impressive Hassan II Mosque. We'll visit Mahkama Du Pacha and the Notre Dame de Lourdes Church. We'll drive to Rabat, Morocco's capital to visit the Mohamed V Mausoleum, then head for lunch in a 17th century Riad in Rabat. We'll explore the Kasbah of the Oudayas and its Andalusian Gardens, take the Al Boraq train from Rabat's Agdal Station to Tangier and arrive in Tangiers for check-in to our hotel. We'll enjoy a home hosted dinner in the setting of a Moroccan living room.

## Day 3: OCTOBER 4

City Tour of Tangier's Medina and Drive to Chefchaouen - After breakfast, we'll begin our city tour of Tangiers and its Medina, drive up the Boulevard Pasteur, across the international quarters to Cape Spartel, visit the Perdicaris Park for a promenade in nature to learn about the Perdicaris Incident, drive to the Cape Spartel Lighthouse and Caves of Hercules, then to the Gate of the Kasbah of Tangier for our walking tour of the Medina. We'll explore the Kasbah of Tangiers and the beautiful Bab Al Assa Fountain, have a 3 course lunch at a local restaurant overlooking the Medina, walk the alleyways and streets of the Petit Socco to the American Legation, visit the American Legation and the Fish/Vegetable/Meat Markets of the Medina, then drive to Chefchaouen for check-in before dinner in a traditional Riad. You'll discover the alleyways of Chefchaouen after dinner.

## Day 4: OCTOBER 5

Morning Discovery of Chefchaouen and Drive to Fes via Meknes - Chefchaouen is a very small town and will be fully discovered on foot after a leisurely breakfast. Chefchaouen is arguably the most photogenic of city of Morocco. After our walk,

we'll drive to Motel Rif in to Ouezzane where we will have lunch before continuing our drive to Meknes, the Versailles of Morocco. We'll visit the Royal stables and granaries of Hri Souani on our way to Fes, where we'll experience a traditional Riad and be introduced to the delicacies of Fassi cuisine in the most original setting.

## Day 5: OCTOBER 6

Full Day Tour of Fes and Excursion to Bhalil - The old city of Fes is the largest old city in the world and the oldest capital of Morocco. We'll start this day by exploring the city from the outside, heading first to the Royal Palace to see its 7 gates. Then we'll drive to the South Castle for a panoramic view of the Medina, visit the most reputed pottery and tile mosaic apprenticeship center and Co-op in Fes, then to the old city and begin exploring the 12,000 alleyways of this maze. You'll see the craze of donkeys, mules, and hand pushed carts, take a peek at the ornate Al Qaraouiyyine University (the oldest in the world), and visit the 9th century tannery of Fes. You'll have a Fassi lunch at a traditional restaurant in the Medina of Fes, the culinary capital. After lunch, we'll visit a 14th century madrasa built by the Merenid dynasty, then drive to troglodyte village of Bhalil where you'll visit a local family and learn about living in limestone caves. Dinner is at a local restaurant.

## Day 6: OCTOBER 7

Cross the Middle Atlas Mountains to Erfoud via Ifrane - After breakfast, we'll leave the city for the countryside through the snow-capped mountains of the Middle Atlas. Our first stop will be Ifrane, also known as Little Switzerland, where we'll enjoy a café at the local square before continuing across the great cedar forest to Midelt for lunch. Continuing through the magnificent Ziz Gorges and the impressive Ziz Oasis, we will make multiple stops to take photos. We'll have a leisurely afternoon at our hotel in Erfoud, the Capital of the Dates (it's date season!) followed by a buffet dinner at our hotel.

## Day 7: OCTOBER 8

Explore the Dunes of Erg Chebbi and the Ksar of

Rissani - After a leisurely breakfast, we will change vehicles from van to 4x4 Toyota Land Cruisers to explore the Maadid oasis to meet with Madjhoul date farmers and harvesters, and taste/learn about the cultivation of dates in the region and life in an oasis. We'll visit the Ksar of Rissani. Our home-hosted lunch will be the traditional Medfouna dish. After lunch we'll head to the Erg Chebbi Dunes via Khamlia Village and meet its musicians, then take a caravan camel ride in the dunes of Erg Chebbi to our camp in time for happy hour and sunset on the dunes. Dinner will be followed by star-gazing and Touareg rhythms around a campfire.

### **Day 8: OCTOBER 9**

Saharan 4x4 adventure from Merzouga to Zagora - Our adventure will see us leave civilization to ride the unpaved roads of the Sahara as we drive from Merzouga to Zagora into the wilderness in search of nomads. Lunch will be prepared on the dunes by a local in the middle of our adventure. Our destination is the Oasis of the Draa Valley. After this adventure, we arrive to an explosion of life in Zagora where we check in at our hotel and take in a leisurely afternoon followed by dinner at our hotel in Zagora.

### **Day 9: OCTOBER 10**

Visit Tamegroute and Drive to Kasbah Ait Benhaddou - After breakfast, we'll go to the village of Tamegroute, world famous for its green pottery. We'll visit with locals and learn about the glazing colors of this village, then drive on to Ait Benhaddou via Ouarzazate, where our van will be waiting for us. Lunch will be on the way to Ouarzazate. We'll then visit the Kasbah of Taourirt in Ouarzazate, drive to Ait Benhaddou and check in to our hotel before dinner.

### **Day 10: OCTOBER 11**

Cross the High Atlas Mountains via Telouet to Marrakech - After breakfast, we head to Marrakech via the highest mountain pass in Africa, passing forgotten Kasbahs all the way. We'll have lunch at Toufliht overlooking the High Atlas and continue to Marrakech to check in to our hotel. Dinner will be at the energetic Jemma el Fna Square.

### **Day 11: OCTOBER 12**

Full Day Tour of Marrakech - After breakfast, we'll take ride in a traditional horse carriage, starting with Majorelle Gardens. Then we'll head into the

old city and explore it in a way no other travelers do - a gallop through the old city's streets by horse cart. We'll arrive to the Jemma el Fna Square, arguably the liveliest square in the world, with musicians, vendors, snake charmers and more. We'll walk through the Medina to Bahia Palace, a true gem of a monument. Lunch will be at a trendy rooftop restaurant before heading to the Kasbah of Marrakech to visit a Berber Herborist. We'll then drive back to our hotel, freshen up and relax before going to Ourika for a home-hosted dinner.

### **Day 12: OCTOBER 13**

Day Trip to Essaouira from Marrakech - After a leisurely breakfast, we'll drive to Essaouira and the glorious Atlantic coast. We'll cross the Argana forest and see tree-climbing goats, and stop to visit a local feminine Argan oil cooperative. Once in Essaouira, we'll head to the old Medina and stroll through the markets on our way to the world-famous Port of Essaouira where fisherman sell their fish. We'll have a seafood lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Marrakech.

### **Day 13: OCTOBER 14**

Transfer to Marrakech Menara International Airport - After our final meal together, we'll say our goodbyes at the Airport in Marrakech.

## Payment and Cancellations

- 25% deposit (\$725) is required to hold your reservation. Payment in full is required on or before July 1, 2021. See \*\*refund details below.
- If you have a US Passport, there are currently no visa requirements for Morocco.
- There are currently no required vaccinations for Morocco.

## Travel Insurance

Generous Adventures requires proof of travel insurance (medical, medivac evacuation, and trip cancellation) for all clients. You can purchase travel insurance from companies such as World Nomads, Travel Guard, Travelex, and Alliance Travel.

## COVID Vaccination

Proof of Covid vaccination is also required.

## Refund Details

Cancellation charges reflect the many expenses Generous Adventures, LLC cannot recover if you cancel, even if you must do so due to illness, injury, or personal emergencies. These fees are not meant to be punitive. The charges made reflect the expenses Generous Adventures will incur in administering your reservation and planning for your participation. Please understand that once you've signed up, we lose the right to sell portions of your reserved space to other individuals. We recognize that the majority of those who cancel their reservations do so out of necessity. This is the reason we require you to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If you cancel more than 120 days from the start of your trip, we offer a 90% refund of your payment.

- If you cancel 90-120 days from the start of your trip, we offer a 50% refund.
- If you cancel within 89 days of your trip, we cannot offer a refund.

## Policies

For your safety and comfort, Generous Adventures reserves the right to make any necessary itinerary changes with or without notice.

- Tour cost per person is based on double occupancy.
- The single supplement fee for this tour is \$875.

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## Payments

Payments may be made by check and mailed to:

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