

Trip Itinerary

Morocco June 2023



Day 1

Tuesday, 6/6/23

Your Morocco vacation begins with an overnight flight to Morocco.

Day 2

Wednesday 6/7/23

Our vacation in this amazing country begins in Casablanca. After a morning arrival in Morocco's economic and cultural center, we'll be greeted by our local FLY Bellas' Tour Director. They will lead us on a guided tour, starting with a visit to the ornate Hassan II Mosque, which has the tallest minaret in the world. We'll see some of Casablanca's neighborhoods along the way to the city center. Sights include Mohamed V Square, the French-inspired Habous Quarter (also known as the New Medina) and the Notre Dame de Lourdes Cathedral. Our day concludes with a FLY Bella welcome dinner.

Day 3

Thursday 6/8/23

After breakfast, we depart towards Rabat. Embark on a brief tour that highlights Rabat's cultural influences. Rabat's most famous site is the 12th-century Hassan Tower (an excellent example of the gorgeous Moroccan style). We will also enjoy a visit to the Kasbah of the Udayas, which was built on a cliff overlooking the city and the Atlantic Ocean. Lots of photo opportunities as we discover a wonderful Moroccan garden, with melodious fountains and sweet-smelling orange trees. At the conclusion of your sightseeing, continue inland to Fez (approximately a 3-hour scenic drive) and to our hotel for overnight.



Day 4

Friday, 6/9/23

We begin our Fez City Tour- Fez is home to the oldest university in the world, and today we'll join a local expert to learn more about this 1,200-year-old city, which was Morocco's capital for 400 years and stands as one of the world's largest, best-preserved medieval fortified cities. Our full-day exploration includes the Fez el Bali Medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where life unfolds as it did centuries ago. We'll wander the famous souks known for authentic Moroccan carpets and ceramics. After the high energy of the souks, a quiet lunch in a riad (a traditional Moroccan house with an interior courtyard).

We will also see the Nejjarine Fountains the Royal Palace and Museum and much more. **Meals: Breakfast (B)**

Day 5

Saturday, 6/10/23

After breakfast, we drive to the ancient Roman city of Volubilis to explore its stunning ruins. Impressive stone arches and columns, some tumbled down and others still standing tall against the vivid blue sky. Where we will see the better-known monuments Triad of Jupiter, Juno, Minerva and Basilica. The pictures we will take will be amazing while we are in awe of the decorative tile mosaics depicting mythological beings.

Next, we will visit the whitewashed town of Moulay Idriss, and the Imperial city of Meknes,

In the afternoon, we will head to a local Hammam. we'll be submerged by a complete relaxation experience within an authentic oriental décor where we'll be listening to your own body in an atmosphere filled with water, oils, essences, and perfumes. Enjoy a 30-min. scrub with black soap or soothing spices eliminating toxins from our bodies. After Hammam, sway to the massage room where you will experience a 30-min. traditional Moroccan massage to eliminate tensions and gain energy and vitality. **Meals: Breakfast (B)**

Day 6

Sunday, 6/11/23

Today we experience the natural and wilder landscapes outside Fez: Drive to the high alpine region of Ifrane, filled with cedar and oak forests, and home of hundreds of animals, birds. The largest cedar forest in the world is found in this park, and several lakes or Dayats abound in the nearby area. The Lion of Ifrane sits majestically in the city center and is certainly one of the most photographed sites of the region. Ifrane feels more like Switzerland with its clean air, scrubbed streets, and leafy outlook. The French built this city in 1930, deliberately trying to re-create an alpine-style resort. We will stop for lunch. Continue to Marrakech via the highway for overnight. **Meals: Breakfast**

Day 7

Monday, 6/12/23

Unearth the secrets of Marrakech, starting with the Medina, the old walled section of town, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This thousand-year-old city was long a political, economic, and cultural center. Marvel at its architectural jewels, including the soaring Koutoubia minaret. Continue to the Bahia Palace, an exemplary specimen of privileged life in the 19th century. Our next stop is Tiskiwin Museum (MaisonTiskiwin), which houses an impressive collection of North African arts and crafts. themed exhibits. The works on display include exquisite hand-woven carpets and textiles, traditional Berber clothing and jewelry, intricate basketwork, and tribal handicrafts. Later we will visit the Marrakech's main square, Djemaa el-Fna. filled with stalls and vendors, along with fire-eaters, mime artists, snake-charmers, fortune tellers, magicians, and street musicians performing at every turn. Souks galore.

We will then head directly to an amazing class of belly dancing with a professional master. You will also get used to Middle Eastern rhythms and drum solo combinations!

After the dance class, we return to our hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure, a perfect opportunity to freshen up and get ready for dinner in a local restaurant. Return to your hotel and overnight. **Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (B, D)**

Day 8

Tuesday, 6/13/23

Breakfast at the hotel. Then pick up for a short trip to Ourika Valley. Hop on a camel to access the farm. The Farm's hosts will welcome us with delicious drinks before we start with a small tour of the property. Light Lunch is served. Enjoy your leisure time at the swimming pool, with fresh drinks at your disposal (extra charge for alcoholic drinks, a wine list is available), or go for a breathtaking walk in the surroundings. After leisure time, the cooking class will start. A world-renowned chef will teach us how to cook a three-course Moroccan feast. We will dine on the food we cooked. After dinner, we will enjoy the sunset on the terrace with Moroccan tea. **Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (B, D)**

Day 9

Wednesday, 6/14/23

We say good bye to Casablanca, we will transfer to the airport and board our return flight. Your memorable vacation concludes as we touch down in the U.S. later today.*