

IMPERIAL CITIES TOUR (7 Days, 6 Nights)

Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of the Imperial Cities. Abundant imprints left by the Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Byzantines, Romans and Vandales enable you to explore the vestiges of ancient civilizations. The extreme contrasts and splendor of the region make Morocco a magical place of romance, legend and secrecy. However you choose to encounter Morocco, your experience will be one you will treasure for a lifetime.

PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 01: CASABLANCA / RABAT (60 Miles)

Arrival at Casablanca Mohamed V airport. Welcome, assistance and transfer to join the group for a sightseeing tour of Casablanca, the economic capital of Morocco. This orientation tour will include an exterior visit of the Hassan II Great Mosque. Proceed with a visit of the Place Mohammed V, the United Nations Square, and the surroundings of the Royal Palace before strolling along the Ain Diab corniche. Independent lunch in a restaurant of your choice (suggestions will be provided) and departure to Rabat. Upon arrival in Rabat, we will visit the administrative capital of Morocco. Our sightseeing will feature the splendid Mohamed V Mausoleum, the Hassan Tower and Place des Oudayas. Late in the afternoon, check-in, dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 02: RABAT / MEKNES / FES (150 Miles)

After breakfast, departure to Fes with a stop at the Roman ruins of Volubilis and the sacred town of Moulay Idriss I, the burial town of the founder of Islam in Morocco. Independent lunch and departure to Meknes known as "the Moroccan Versailles" which was founded at the end of the 17th Century by Moulay Ismail. Highlights will include Bab Mansour, Hari Souani and the old medina. Continue to Fes. Arrival, check-in, dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 03: FES

The whole day will be devoted to the sightseeing of Fes, the oldest cultural and spiritual imperial city of Morocco, which was founded in 790 B.C by Moulay Idriss II. Highlights will include the Medieval Medina, the Medersas, the El Qaraouiyyin Mosque and the sumptuous Nejjarine fountain. After lunch, we will visit the Arabian House to observe various craftsmen performing their work reminiscent of ancient techniques. Dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 04: FES / BENI-MELLAL / MARRAKESH (303 Miles)

After breakfast, we will depart to Marrakesh passing by Immouzer El Kander and Azrou, a Berber village known for its handicrafts cooperative. We will continue this scenic drive through the lovely; wooded mountainous region of the mid-Atlas range. Upon arrival in Beni-Mellal, we will have an independent lunch before continuing to Marrakesh. Check-in, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 05: MARRAKESH

The morning will be devoted to the sightseeing of Marrakesh, the second oldest imperial city known as the "Pearl of the South" and home to the Saadian tombs, the Koutoubia Mosque, the Bahia Palace and the Menara Gardens. We will return to the hotel for lunch. The afternoon will be spent exploring the souks and the world's famous Djemaa el Fna place with its various entertainments (story tellers, acrobats, snake-charmers, magicians, etc). Later on, a Diffa Fantasia dinner will be provided under caidal tents at the famed "Chez Ali" restaurant. Enjoy the fantasia spectacle that features camel and horse shows, folkloric troops from different Moroccan regions and belly dancers. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 06: MARRAKESH / CASABLANCA (150 Miles)

After breakfast, your morning will be free for leisure, personal exploration or relaxation by the pool of the hotel. Independent lunch. In the afternoon, we will depart to Casablanca via Settat. Arrival at the hotel, check-in. Dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 07: CASABLANCA / AIRPORT

After breakfast, transfer to Mohamed V International airport for return flight and assistance with the boarding formalities. End of our services.

Note: This journey is offered as a guaranteed group departure (every Saturday from New York JFK or from Casablanca) or as a private program according to your preferred date of departure.

PROGRAM INCLUSION

* Greeting, assistance and transfer from Casablanca International Airport by Gateway2Discovery staff.

* Accommodation for 6 nights on half board basis (2 meals/day) in the category of hotels selected.

* Ground transportation in deluxe air-conditioned motor coach or private car (if you have selected the private option) throughout your journey. * Fantasia Dinner Show in Marrakesh

* Entrance fees to all monuments as indicated on the itinerary. * Baggage handling and tips at airports

# Night	City	Class	Hotel Name
1 Night	Rabat	4-Star	Hotel Chellah
		5-star	La Tour Hassan
1 Night	Casablanca	4-Star	Idou Anfa
		5-Star	Sheraton
2 Nights	Fez	4-Star	Royal Mirage
		5-Star	Les Merinides
2 Nights	Marrakesh	4-Star	L' Atlas
		5-Star	Mansour Eddahbi

***Lunches:** you can purchase 5 lunches outside of the hotels for the entire itinerary (full board basis) at an additional charge of \$85. This request must be specified at the time of booking.

***International Airfare:**we offer competitive international airfare. Call us toll free 1.800.997.6612 to inquire about rates.

* Meals, laundry and phone charges and other items of personal nature.

* Supplements: there are supplements for Christmas and New Year.

* Travel Insurance: we strongly recommend the purchase of a comprehensive and affordable travel insurance to protect you against cancellation fees, etc.

Departure Dates from New York*: Every Saturday (Guaranteed Departures)

* Tour starts the next day Sunday from Casablanca, Morocco. * Add \$250 supplement for December departures.

PROGRAM PRIZE

Option 01: Small group departures guaranteed every Sunday from Casablanca With 4-star Hotel (prices are per person): \$1,395.00 in double
\$300.00 for the single supplement

With 5-star Hotel (prices are per person): \$1,690.00 in double
\$400.00 for the single supplement

*Add \$250 supplement for Christmas and New Year departures.

Option 02: Private tour with a personal car and an English speaking driver/guide available throughout your journey. Minimum of 2persons is required for this private option. With 4-star Hotel (prices are per person):
\$2,795.00 in double
\$400.00 for the single supplement

With 5-star Hotel (prices are per person): \$3,085.00 in double
\$550.00 for the single supplement

*Add \$250 supplement for Christmas and New Year departures.

Hotel Information:

# Night	City	Class	Hotel Name
1 Night	Rabat	4-Star	Chellah
		5-star	La Tour Hassan
1 Night	Casablanca	4-Star	Idou Anfa
		5-Star	Sheraton
2 Nights	Fez	4-Star	Royal Mirage
		5-Star	Les Merinides
2 Nights	Marrakesh	4-Star	L' Atlas
		5-Star	Mansour Eddahbi

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