

Iberia With Morocco



Day 1: Arrive at Casablanca:

Upon arrival at Mohammed V International Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities, meet and greet by our local representative and check in at your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 2: Casablanca:

After breakfast, begin the city tour of Casablanca with an outside visit of Hassan II mosque, the largest mosque in the country and the 7th largest in the world. Continue to Ain Diab Corniche for a pleasant stroll along the coast. Your next stop is Mohammed V Square in the city center. The city tour of Casablanca includes also the Habous Quarter, one of the oldest areas in Casablanca. The district was built by the French in the 1930s as an attempted solution to the ongoing housing shortage. It marries the best of traditional Moroccan architecture with modern facilities and French ideals. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3: Casablanca to Fes:

After breakfast, continue the city tour of Rabat. Stop first at the Kasbah of the Udayas, Rabat's medina. This kasbah is a fortification constructed on a hill, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The Kasbah of the Udayas was constructed during the realm of the Almohads. Continue to Mohammed V Mausoleum. This Mausoleum is home to the tombs of the current king's grandfather, King Mohammed V, and his two sons King Hassan II and Prince Moulay Abdellah. Inside the mausoleum, mosaics rise from the marble floor to a ceiling of gold leaf and hand-carved cedar wood, while the three ground-floor tombs are carved from white onyx. Next to the Mausoleum, stop at Hassan Tower, which is the towering minaret of the Hassan Mosque. The construction of the site began in 1195. The remnants are part of one of the oldest mosques left in existence. Transfer to Meknes, stopping to

take pictures of the massive Bab El Mansour gate. Enjoy an optional lunch at a local restaurant. The city tour of Meknes will include the Harri Souani stables, the medina ramparts, and the entrance to the Royal Palace. Continue along to the UNESCO-sponsored Roman ruins in Volubilis where you will have a guided tour. Transfer to Fes for overnight.

Day 4:Fes city tour:

Enjoy a guided city tour of the spiritual capital of Morocco, Fes. The first stop of the morning is a visit to the entrance of the largest royal palace in Morocco. This palatial complex rests in the center of the Fes El-Jedid area and is surrounded by high walls with an intricate and elaborately decorated gateway that is permanently closed. The doors are bronze but they shine like gold. The next stop will be the old Medina (Fes el Bali). This medieval centre of Fez has not changed for centuries. Its narrow alleys house hundreds of merchants and craftsmen selling a range of products such as dates, fish, spices, copper urns, etc. One of the most interesting sites in Fez is the Leather Souq and the oldest leather tannery in the world. The tannery dates back at least nine centuries. In the medina you will visit the Jamaa Al-Karaouine (the world's first established university) and a Medersa (a Koranic school). Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5:Fes – Ifrane – Benni Mellal – Marrakech :

After breakfast, transfer to Marrakech. Stop first at Ifrane, a charming town and ski resort in the Middle Atlas region of Morocco. Ifrane is famous for its Alpine climate, European-style houses and its 1665 metres (5,460 ft) in elevation. The town experiences snow during winter months and a cool climate during summer. Ifrane is also the place where the lowest temperature was ever recorded in Africa, -24 degree C in 1935. While in Ifrane, expect to find animals like the threatened Barbary Macaque and local tree species such as the native Atlas cedar, Scrub oak and the introduced London plane. We will then move on to Benni Mellal where you will stop for an optional lunch. Continue to Marrakech for overnight.

Day 6:Marrakech (city tour):

Enjoy the guided city tour of Marrakech after breakfast. The morning begins with a visit to the Kotoubia Mosque. The mosque is the largest in Marrakech and one of the oldest in the world. The minaret, 77 metres (253 ft) in height, includes a spire and orbs. It was completed under the reign of the Almohad Caliph Yaqub al-Mansur (1184 to 1199), and has inspired other buildings such as the Giralda of Seville and the Hassan Tower of Rabat. Continue to the world-famous Jemaa el Fna Square, which houses an array of food, snake charmers, local musicians, and fortune-tellers. There's nowhere on Earth like the Jemaa el Fna, the square at the heart of old Marrakesh. Your next stop is the Bahia Palace, and the Saadian Tombs. The Saadian tombs in Marrakech date back from the time of the sultan Ahmad al-Mansur (1578-1603). The tombs were discovered in 1917 and were restored by the Beaux-arts service. The mausoleum comprises the interments of about sixty members of the Saadi Dynasty that originated in the valley of the Draa River. Optional dinner at a charming local restaurant. Overnight in Marrakech.

Day 7:Marrakech – Ait Ben Haddou :

Breakfast at Hotel, proceed to Ait ben Haddou. The ksar, a group of earthen buildings surrounded by high walls, is a traditional pre-Saharan habitat. The houses crowd together within the defensive walls, which are reinforced by corner towers. Ait-Ben-Haddou, in Ouarzazate province, is a striking example of the architecture of southern Morocco. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 8:Marrakech to Lisbon :

After breakfast at Hotel, check out at 1200hrs and transfer to Airport for your flight to Lisbon. Welcome to Lisbon, capital of Portugal. Relax after check-in or spend time exploring the city's

colourful landscape. Later join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for an orientation drive through the city followed by a Welcome Reception. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 9:Lisbon:

After Breakfast at Hotel, proceed to visit Lisbon City Tour. See Lisbon's landmarks including the Monument to the Discoveries, the suspension bridge spanning the River Tagus, the Belem Tower and the quaint Alfama district. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Hieronymite Monastery during your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 10:Lisbon:

Breakfast at Hotel, proceed to visit Sintra. Sintra is the most popular day trip from Lisbon and is a fascinating town with a variety of historic monuments, lavish palaces and challenging hiking trails. Historically, Sintra was the summer retreat for the Portuguese nobility, who constructed extravagant palaces and grand residences that are set amidst the cooling hills of the Serra de Sintra. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 11:Lisbon to Malaga :

Breakfast at Hotel, check out and transfer to Airport for your flight to Malaga. Arrive Malaga. Transfer to Hotel. check into Hotel. Day free at leisure. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 12:Malaga:

Breakfast at Hotel, Day free at your own. Overnight at Hotel

Day 13:Malaga:

Breakfast at Hotel, proceed to visit Alhambra Palace. Overnight at Hotel.

day 14:Malaga to Madrid:

Breakfast at Hotel, check out and transfer to Madrid by high speed train. Arrive Madrid. Transfer to Hotel. Check into Hotel. Day free at leisure. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 15:Madrid:

Breakfast at Hotel, proceed to Madrid City Tour including Royal Palace, Former Residence of the Spanish Royal Family. It was built in the XVIII century and forms one of the most beautiful palatial complexes of Europe with the Plaza de Oriente, the Sabatini Gardens and Campo del Moro where beautiful porcelains, Tapestries, furniture's, armours and paintings can be admired. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 16:Madrid to Barcelona:

Breakfast at Hotel, check out and transfer to Barcelona by train. Arrive Barcelona. Transfer to Hotel. Check into Hotel. Day free at leisure. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 17:Barcelona :

Breakfast at Hotel, proceed to visit Barcelona City Tour. Visit the beautiful and vibrant cities of Spain. The Tour gives you a quick overview of its main highlights. Explore Plaza de Catalunya, Via Laietana, the Cathedral and its cloister, Gothic Quarter, Plaza Sant Jaume. You will continue on to the Villa Olimpica (Athletes residential complex during the Olympics) and the Port Olympic (Olympic Harbor). Afterwards you will ascend Montjuic Mountain, which offers a panoramic view of the city and the Harbour. Tour the Olympic Stadium, Palau Sant Jordi and Calatrava Tower. Visit the Poble Espanyol (Spanish Village) which reproduces the most typical regional architectural styles in Spain. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 18:Barcelona :

Breakfast at Hotel, proceed to visit Montserrat. After driving through picturesque little villages you will arrive at the incomparable setting of the mountain of Montserrat, which rises majestically to 4,051 feet. Next visit the Royal Basilica of Montserrat, which holds the famous 12th century Romanesque carving of Virgen Moreneta, the Black Virgin. The Royal Basilica has been one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Spain for hundreds of years. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 19:Departure:

Breakfast at Hotel, check out at 1200hrs and keep the luggage in the lobby. Day free at leisure. We will transfer to Airport for India.



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