



CONNECTIONS BOUTIQUE GROUP JOURNEYS

## Morocco: Imperial Cities 2019

8 days from \$3,995 per person

Limited to 24 guests

Explore exotic Morocco, dining in an authentic *riad*, navigating Marrakech by horse-drawn carriage, sitting down to a meal with a local family and meeting the Berber people in their village beneath the Atlas' peaks.

### Included With Every Connections Boutique Group Journey

- Hand-Selected Boutique Accommodations
- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Internet Access (Where Available)
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

### A&K Advantages

- Discover the full breadth of this diverse African country, exploring its historic cities and mountain villages, and meeting its welcoming Berber people
- Spend three nights in fascinating, action-packed Marrakech
- Explore Meknes and Volubilis, both UNESCO World Heritage sites, to unveil Morocco's unique culture and past
- Experience Moroccan hospitality when you dine with a local family in their Marrakech home
- Get to know the local Berber people with a visit to their mountain village
- 16 meals, with 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners

# Itinerary

## DAY 1 ARRIVE CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to your hotel. Gather tonight for a special welcome reception and dinner at a local restaurant.

Le Casablanca Hotel | Meals: Dinner

## DAY 2 FEZ | FEZ VIA RABAT

Explore the towering Hassan II Mosque, a wildly intricate building that holds 25,000 worshippers; an additional 80,000 can be accommodated in the squares around it. Soaring above the ocean, its minaret stands as the tallest religious structure in the world. Drive to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, and explore the 12th-century Moorish Hassan Tower. View the mausoleum of Mohamed V, founder of modern Morocco, and visit Oudaya Kasbah; its gate is considered among the most beautiful in the Moorish world. Continue to Fez, arriving at day's end at your boutique hotel set on a scenic hilltop.

Hotel Sahrai | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 3 FEZ | THE MEDIEVAL CITY

Step back in time into ancient and remarkably untouched Fez-el-Bali ("Old Fez"), the cultural heart of Morocco. Wander among the 9,000 lanes, alleys and *souks* that comprise its old quarter, where locals conduct their day-to-day business. See an elaborate mosaic-tiled fountain in Nejjarine Square. Later, discover Fez-el-Jadid ("New Fez"), built in the 13th century. Fez-el-Jadid is home to the Mellah, the old Jewish quarter, with its wrought-iron-decorated windows and carved wood balconies. Tonight, dine at a traditional Moroccan *riad* with a special guest who shares insight into Moroccan life.

Hotel Sahrai | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 4 FEZ | ROMAN RUINS OF VOLUBILIS & IMPERIAL MEKNES

After breakfast, drive to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to Morocco's largest and best-preserved Roman ruins with excellently preserved mosaics. Continue to the city of Meknes. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the imperial cities of Morocco, it was built in the 17th century by the powerful sultan Moulay Ismail to rival the court of Louis XIV. Return to Fez to enjoy your evening at leisure.

Hotel Sahrai | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 5 MARRAKECH | THE "RED CITY"

Fly to Marrakech, arriving in the afternoon. Considered the "Pearl of the South," Marrakech was once the capital of an empire that stretched from Spain to Senegal, and is sometimes known as the "Red City" for the distinctive hues of its brick buildings.

Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 6 MARRAKECH | PALACES AND PERFORMERS

Discover Marrakech's ancient medina, the old walled section of the city. Explore the Dar Si Said (Museum of Moroccan Arts), a former palace. Continue to El Badi Palace and the 12th-century Koutoubia Minaret, the most perfect Islamic religious structure in North Africa. Stroll through Djemaa el-Fna square where fire-eaters, mime artists and street musicians perform. Return to your hotel by private horse-drawn carriage. This evening, enjoy a unique dining experience when you share a dinner with a local family.

Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 7 MARRAKECH | ATLAS MOUNTAINS

Today, choose to remain in Marrakech or enjoy a full-day excursion to the High Atlas Mountains. Visit a picturesque village at Imlil Valley, meeting with local Berbers and visiting them in their homes. Your farewell dinner tonight is held at a charming traditional *riad*.

Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 8 DEPART MARRAKECH

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.



# Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
<b>Dec 16 - Dec 23, 2019</b>	\$3,995	\$1,495	Waitlist - Call A&K

*This departure operates with slightly revised routing. Please contact A&K for details.*

## Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$155  
Fez/Marrakech

Minimum age is 10 years old.

First group event: welcome dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 8:00 p.m. on Day 7.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).