



LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

## Tailor Made Morocco: Magical Medinas & the Atlas Mountains

8 days from \$6,595

Private Journey

*Travel with your private party on this Luxury Tailor Made Journey, departing when you choose and with expert local guides leading the way; you can even customize the itinerary to your interests.*

Experience a spellbinding, beautifully cultured journey through Morocco that includes Fez and its marvelous architecture, the impressive Roman ruins of Meknes and Volubilis, the mysterious medinas of Marrakech, and traditional Berber villages set in the High Atlas Mountains.

### A&K Advantages

Explore the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Fez, Meknes and Volubilis

See some of the world's most impressive architecture, including exotic Moorish towers, sacred Islamic shrines and massive Roman ruins

Journey through exquisite landscapes ranging from red-hued cities to snow-capped mountains

Discover Marrakech with its lively medinas, intoxicating spice markets and captivating street performers

Experience authentic Berber culture when you join a local family for tea and conversation in their hilltop home

### Itinerary

*Luxury Tailor Made Journeys depart on the dates that work for you and feature expert local guides throughout your journey. The itinerary below can be customized to your interests.*

#### DAY 1 ARRIVE CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

Arrive in Casablanca, where you are met by an A&K representative, transferred by private vehicle to your hotel and assisted with check-in.

Le Casablanca

#### DAY 2 CASABLANCA | COSMOPOLITAN CULTURE CAPITAL

Explore vibrant Casablanca, visiting the ornate Hassan II Mosque, the tallest religious structure in the world. Drive to Fez and check in to your hotel.

Riad Fes | Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 3 FEZ | TIMELESS MEDIEVAL CITY

Today, join your private guide on a journey back in time when you visit bustling Fez el-Bali, Fez's timeless walled city and endless maze of markets. Once a



renowned center for learning, this ancient quarter is home to the University of Al Karaouine — one of the oldest, still-functioning universities in the world — as well as the 14th-century Medersa Attarine (Koranic college), a jewel of Hispano-Moorish architecture. Take a walking tour from Bab Boujloud to the former home of Jewish philosopher Maimonides, the marvelous Talaa el-Kabira to Nejjarine Fountain and a converted *fondouk* (inn) exhibiting carpentry artifacts. Later, a panoramic view of the Royal Palace greets you before you continue to the Museum of Moroccan Arts, which houses artistic wood carvings, tribal carpets and ceramics.

Riad Fes | Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 4 VOLUBILIS & MEKNES | SULTAN TREASURES AND ROMAN RUINS**

Depart for Volubilis to see its triumphal arches, basilicas and skyline peppered with some of the best-preserved Roman ruins in Morocco. You also view superbly preserved mosaic floors — arguably the city's greatest treasures — with some of its most enthralling examples depicting Orpheus charming animals with his lyre and Amphitrite in a chariot drawn by a seahorse. Continue to Meknes, one of the Imperial Cities of Morocco as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Impressive monuments recall the splendor of a city built by a powerful 17th-century sultan, such as the great Bab Mansour gateway and the royal stables. You can also see Moulay Ismail's Mausoleum, one of few shrines in Morocco that can be visited by non-Muslims. Later, travel to Rabat, where you check in to your chic hotel set in an orange grove.

Villa Mandarine | Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 5 RABAT | CHARMING CAPITAL**

Join your private guide for a city tour highlighting Rabat's cultural influences and the well-preserved relics of its Moorish past. See the 12th-century Hassan Tower, located alongside the mausoleum dedicated to Mohamed V, and visit the Oudaya Kasbah, perched atop a bluff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Continue overland to Marrakech, the "Pearl of the South," and arrive at your beautiful *riad*-style hotel.

Villa des Orangers | Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 6 MARRAKECH | THE RED CITY**

Set out to uncover the secrets of Marrakech, including those within its medina, the old walled section of the town. See the Koutoubia Mosque and its stunning 12th-century minaret. Time permitting, you also explore the Saadian Tombs; Bahia Palace; and famed Djemaa el-Fna, the city's main square. Experience this beating heart of Marrakech, exploring its *souks* and witnessing fire-eaters, snake charmers and street musicians at every turn.

Villa des Orangers | Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 7 MARRAKECH | THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS**

Today, discover the gorgeous Atlas Mountains, North Africa's greatest mountain range. En route, admire majestic views of snow-capped mountains and spy the tiny Berber villages nestled in the hills. Experience one firsthand when you exchange your car for a mule and ride to hilltop Imli, where you are greeted by a local and his family, and invited into their home for traditional Berber bread and mint tea. With the help of your private guide, enjoy the opportunity to talk with this welcoming local and his family, immersing yourself in a fascinating way of life. Afterward, stop for lunch at the opulent, hilltop Kasbah Tamadot before returning to Marrakech.

Villa des Orangers | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### **DAY 8 DEPART MARRAKECH**

After breakfast, depart for the airport and board your international flight home.

## Enhance Your Journey

Elevate your experience with a host of options available for an additional cost.

#### **ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS**

Alternate hotels and room upgrades are available for this journey.

#### **MARRAKECH | CULINARY ODYSSEY**

Enjoy a cooking lesson with a *dada* (traditional family cook), teaches you how to prepare tagine and other Moroccan specialties, then enjoy the feast you prepare.

#### **MARRAKECH | QUAD EXCURSION**

Set off on an adventurous quad ride through the Marrakech Palm Grove, cruising through ancient stands of trees, taking in views of the Atlas Mountains and stopping for mint tea in a Berber house.

#### **MARRAKECH | SIDECAR RIDING IN THE RED CITY**

Cruise off-the-beaten-path for a unique motorcycle sidecar ride through Marrakech, experiencing the action-packed streets of the medina and other sights across the red city from a unique perspective.

## Dates & Prices

Priced from \$6,595

*Prices are per person, double occupancy for the itinerary as published for 2019 travel. Supplements may apply over holidays, festivals and special events. Subject to availability. International air not included.*

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