



# The Women's Travel Group

## Enchanted Morocco

### April 7 - 20, 2022

#### **Tour Overview 12 nights/13 days**

*Morocco combines truly exotic sights, customs, and people. An optional pre-tour to the crafts' famous 'Blue City' of Chefchaouen is offered. Our trip touches ancient crossroads from the Roman North to the Tribal Berber Atlas Mountains and ends in the thrilling desert oasis of Marrakech. We travel in April when the weather is ideal and there is still snow on the mountains. Some nights are spent in authentic Riads: Classic Moroccan homes built around a courtyard and fountain. Special experiences include an optional night in a luxurious Berber tent in the desert. Join us for an African adventure with markets, minarets, and muezzins*

#### **Day 1: – Friday, April 08, 2022: Arrive Casablanca – Rabat (1 hour)**

Upon arrival at Casablanca Airport, we are met and transferred to our hotel in Rabat. This evening a full briefing followed by a welcome dinner at the hotel. **Overnight Le Diwan by M Gallery or similar. (D)**

*Mixing style and elegance with Moroccan colors, Le Diwan invites you to relax in the luxurious 94-room air-conditioned complex and the oriental spa with hammam and massage. The hotel restaurant serves French and Mediterranean cuisine and the bar is available for delicious moments. Wi-Fi is available in the building*

#### **Day 2: Saturday, April 09, 2022: Rabat.**

Morning panoramic city tour of Rabat. Sightseeing of the "Imperial Garden City" begins with the Kasbah of Oudayas, Hassan Tower, and walls of the Mechouar surrounding the Royal Palace. **(BL)**

#### **Day 3: Sunday, April 10, 2022: Rabat -Volubilis – Meknes – Fes (4-hour drive + sightseeing)**

After breakfast, we depart for Fes En route we discover Volubilis, the amazing Roman archaeological site excavated in the early 20th century revealing the Roman Empire's most remote city. Admire the beautiful, well-preserved mosaics, as well as different Roman monuments: the capitol and triumphal arch. Meknes is one of the Imperial Cities/ It was built and became prosperous in the 17th century under the rule of a powerful sultan. Moulay Ismail. Moulay made Meknes a capital with palaces, mosques, fountains, terraces, gardens, stables, and shops. Check into our hotel.

**Overnight Riad Myra or similar (B)** *Riad Myra has 14 rooms and suites. Located in central Fes near parks and gardens. There is a wonderful spa offering both western treatments and the traditional Hammam. At Riad Myra, our guests will enjoy the fine cuisine of Fes. Lunches and dinners are served in the central patio, with breathtaking views of the old City of Fes. There is free WiFi.*



**Day 4: Monday, April 11, 2022 – Fes – City Sightseeing**

Full-day exploration of Fes: the oldest cultural and spiritual Imperial City in Morocco. Begin with the medina and the many hidden treasures that only inhabitants know. Fes served as the capital of Morocco for more than 350 years and is home to the University of Al Karaouine, the oldest operating university in the world. Our guided tour will take us to the Nejjarine Fountains and Women's Embroidery Cooperative. Visit the embroidery coop and see women make traditional Fasis designs woven in seamless intricate patterns. Visit countless markets, including food/spice souks and a **communal** bakery. **(B)**

**Day 5: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – Free Day**

Our Riad offers cooking classes and a fantastic courtyard for eating or talking. There's a library and a reading room. The spa has a variety of massages and treatments including a traditional Hammam. We can also arrange additional sightseeing. **(B)**

**Day 6: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 – Fes / Ifrane / Azrou / Midelt / Erfoud (approx. 7 hours)**

Depart through the Atlas Mountains, Berber villages, and the ski towns of Ifrane and Azrou which look more like Bavaria than Morocco! Continue to Erfoud, with a stop in Midelt and Errachidia. Continue to Erfoud. **Overnight at Xaluca Erfoud or similar.** These hotels are at the start of the Sahara Desert and offer many amenities to break your journey. (BD)

*Spa & Wellness in the door of the desert. Kasbah Hotel Xaluca is located in Erfoud, a city known as "the Door to the Desert." The Kasbah is listed as unique in Morocco due to its distinctive characteristics. It was built with adobes, the traditional Moroccan building bricks, and it is a perfect place to relax and enjoy the moment. Kasbah Hotel Xaluca Erfoud offers 137 spacious rooms decorated with regional materials, as well as 7 bungalows It is a fantastic place situated among the dunes and palms,*

**Day 7: Thursday, April 14, 2022:- Erfoud / Rissani / Merzouga (approx. 2 hours )**

Enjoy a morning at leisure with the many amenities of our hotel in the warmth of the desert. This afternoon travel to Rissani: the capital of the Tafilalet where the Alaouite dynasty ancestors are buried. Visit the 17th century Kasbah and imposing ruins of Ksar Abbar. Enjoy the stunning landscape and continue through the gorges to Ifra N Ismikh to meet with nomads herding flocks and living under tents for centuries.

Sit for a picnic lunch and share a glass of tea with nomads. In the afternoon, carry on the adventure at the stunning dunes of Ouzina and its lovely oasis where a semi-nomadic tribe started to settle and farm crops under the shady date trees. Explore the village and drive a pretty dirt road through desert plateaus, acacia trees, and mountains to the town of Taous and cover the last leg to our camp where we will enjoy a tour highlight as we set out on a camel ride over the beautiful high sand dunes of the Sahara. In enormous silence, we watch the sunset over the desert loping on camels at a slow pace. **OPTIONAL overnight at a deluxe Berber-style camp: Luxury Desert Camp or similar. Those that do not wish to overnight in tents will return to the hotel in Erfoud (Xaluca Erfoud).** Camp staff welcomes us for a unique experience in the Moroccan Sahara Desert. We are accommodated for the night in comfortable tents with all the necessary facilities. A traditional dinner is served with local music. **(BLD)**



**Day 8: Friday, April 15, 2022 – Merzouga/ Erfoud/ Todra Gorge / Ouarzazate (approx. 5 hours)**

Early in the morning, witness the unique sunrise: watch the pink disc of the sun appearing over the gigantic dunes of Merzouga. Mid-morning departure to Erfoud, before continuing via Tinejdad and Tinghir, on the "Road of 1,000 Kasbahs". Stop at Todra Gorge – the highest, most narrow gorge in Morocco. We will meet locals and learn about the culture and geography. Continue to Ouarzazate via El Kelaa and M'Gouna.

**Overnight at Ksar Ighnda or similar. (BD)**

*The threshold of the desert Ksar Ighnda opens its doors.. 23 quiet rooms offer every comfort, air conditioning, satellite TV, telephone, WiFi minibar, and safe. A spa and swimming pool surrounded by a garden of palm trees and cactus invite us to relax.*

**Day 9 Saturday, April 16, 2022:– Ouarzazate / Marrakech (3 ½ hours)**

Morning visit to Kasbah Taourirt, the capital of the local dynasty early 20th century when the French foreign legion built their base here. Travel to Kasbah Ait Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and a backdrop for international movies. This afternoon continues to Marrakech traveling across the Tichka Pass (7,730 ft.). We visit a women's Argan oil cooperative. Dinner at the hotel **Overnight Kenzi Rose Garden or similar. (B)**

*Born from the magic of its mythical city, "Marrakech", and its location in the heart of one of the most popular districts the "Hivernage", KENZI ROSE GARDEN welcomes you into its majestic park. One of the first plant nurseries of Marrakech that comes with the promise of an experience that you will be eager to renew. In order to offer its guests the best possible experience, the hotel has been renovated from the reception to the spectacular suite.*

**Day 10: Sunday, April 17, 2022 – Marrakech – City Sightseeing**

Today we explore Marrakech "red city of Morocco". We see all the sites of the historical residences of Sultan Abderrahmane. The area is surrounded by orchards and olive groves, some of which are more than 100 years old. View Koutoubia Tower, a landmark of the city, then visit the Saadiens Tombs from the 16th century, a necropolis richly decorated and discovered in 1917. Then Bahia Palace built in 19th century, consisting of rooms decorated with stunning paintings and mosaics. This afternoon explore the botanical treasures of Marrakech. Visit famous Majorelle Gardens, designed by French Artist, Jacques Majorelle in 1924, and purchased by Yves St Laurent in 1980. It contains 300 species of plants from 5 continents. This afternoon we will visit Al Kawtar Women's Cooperative for handmade linens, clothing. Visit a local pharmacy to learn traditional remedies with quality oils, herbs, and spices. This evening visit Jemaa Al Fina Square with its snake charmers and exotic music. **(B)**

**Day 11: Monday, April 18, 2022 – Marrakech – (Optional Essaouira Tour)**

**OPTIONAL Full-day excursion to walled Essaouira on the Atlantic (approx. 2 ½ hour drive each way).**

*Tour of the medina, the ramparts, the Skala, the marquetry craftsmen carving "Thuja" wood inlaid with ivory; the fishermen's port, the silver jewelers, the Mellah Jewish quarter, the art galleries, and Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdullah museum.*

*Enjoy time by the golden beach before returning to Marrakech late afternoon.*

The farewell dinner will be at the authentic Moroccan restaurant, DAR YACOUT, including select wines and soft drinks **(BD)**



**Day 12: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 – Depart Marrakech – Casablanca (2 ½ hours)**

Transfer to Casablanca. **Sightseeing to include** Hassan II Mosque (inside tour) and the medina. Lunch at Rick's Cafe. **Overnight Onomo Hotel (BL)**

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**Day 13: Wednesday, April 20, 2022- Casablanca/Home**

Transfer to the airport for our flights home **(B)**

**Pre Tour Chefchaouen (the Blue City)**

**Tuesday April 05, 2022 – Arrive Casablanca**

After clearing government formalities at Casablanca Airport, we will be met and transferred to our hotel **Overnight Onomo Hotel or similar (D)**

**Wednesday April 06, 2022 – Casablanca to Chefchaouen (4 ¾ hours)**

Travel to Chefchaouen. Hanging like a crescent from twin mountains, the town is a 15th-century relic of Muslim Andalusia. Check-in at our Riad. This afternoon our guide takes us on a leisurely walking tour which includes the medina and streets lined with craftsmen and their wares. **Overnight at Riad dar Ba Sidi or similar. (BLD)**

*A haven of peace in the heart of Morocco Dar Ba Sidi & Spa is nestled in the foothills of the Rif Mountains between rivers and sumptuous forests, a Magical place, a haven of peace for Nature Lovers where it is good to relax and break with the stress of big cities. Its Rooms & Suites offer spectacular views of the garden and the mountains. Relax in the outdoor swimming pool around lush vegetation with a panoramic view of the Blue city of Chefchaouen. The Moulay Ismail Restaurant offers Moroccan and international cuisine made from organic farming products. An authentic experience of all that Morocco has to offer*

**Thursday April 07, 2022 – Chefchaouen – City Sightseeing**

Full day tour of Chefchaouen also called Chaouen, known for the blue-washed buildings of its old town. Founded in 1471 by Moulay Ali Ben Moussa Ben Rached El Alami, Chefchaouen served as a Moorish fortress for exiles from Spain. Over centuries, the city grew and welcomed Jews and Christian converts. Nestled into the Rift Mountains the walls are painted a pale blue. The roofs are covered with brown tiles like those in southern Spain. The alleys climb to little squares crossed by Andalusian arches. Visit "Rass El Ma" a waterfall, located on the top hill where local women gather to wash clothes. **(BD)**

**Friday, April 08, 2022 – Chefchaouen to Rabat (4 hours)**

Transfer to Rabat to join the group **(B)**

**Optional luxury post-tour stay – La Mamounia Marrakesh**

**3-days/2-nights – April 19-21, 2022**

*La Mamounia Marrakech – A legendary palace that is part of the fabric of Marrakech, its history, colors, and traditions. Boasting incredible views of the gardens, the Atlas Mountains and the Koutoubia Mosque, the rooms suites, and luxury suites boast the elegance of a 5-star palace hotel.*



### **Day 12: Tuesday, April 19 Marrakech**

Midday transfer from our hotel to La Mamounia. Indulge in all the hotel has to offer. The spa at La Mamounia offers guests an unforgettable journey into the senses. Hammam, sauna, ghassoul, argan...the stuff that dreams are made of! Walk up the Majorelle blue stairs and follow the dreamy glow of the Oriental lighting. A vast space is devoted to wellness, with massages, body treatments, and more. **Overnight La Mamounia (B)**

### **Day 13: Wednesday, April 20 Marrakech**

Private guided shopping in the souks **Overnight La Mamounia (B)**

### **Day 14: Thursday, April 21 Marrakech/ Home**

Transfer to the airport in Marrakech for your onward flight. **(B)**

If you prefer, we can arrange an overland transfer to Casablanca Airport

## **ENCHANTING MOROCCO PACKAGE – 13-days/12-nights – April 8 to 20, 2022**

### **MAIN TOUR, based on 10 to 16 travelers**

Land package price per person based on double occupancy: \$3,499 per person  
Single Room Supplement: \$1,153 per person

### **OPTIONAL – Luxury Desert Camp Upgrade, based on minimum 4 travelers**

Land price per person based on double occupancy: \$250 per person  
Single Room Supplement: \$250 per person

### **OPTIONAL – Essaouira full-day tour, based on minimum 2 passengers**

Land price: \$112 per person

## **PRE & POST TOUR OPTIONS, based on minimum 8 travelers**

### **The Blue City: Chefchaouen – 4-days/3-nights – April 5-8, 2022**

Land package price per person based on double occupancy: \$1,012 per person  
Single Room Supplement: \$ 229 per person

### **La Mamounia Marrakech – 3-days/2-nights – April 19-21, 2022**

Land package price per person based on double occupancy: \$1,294 per person  
Single Room Supplement: \$ 812 per person

### **INCLUDED in MAIN TOUR:**

- 12 nights accommodation – as per the itinerary outline
- Meals as indicated (12 breakfasts, 3 lunch & 5 dinners)  
**Tips for included meals**
- Transportation in private bus  
(10-12 pax = 16-seat minibus / 13+ pax = 40 seat bus)
- Sightseeing w/ entrance fees – as per itinerary
- English speaking national guide at disposal throughout
- Porterage at airports and hotels
- Bottled water, 2 bottles per person per day in the vehicle and 1 bottle per person with included lunches & dinners



#### NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals not mentioned
- Tours not mentioned
- International Air & Airport taxes
- Insurance
- Tipping/gratuities
- Items of personal nature such as telephone, laundry, beverages
- Any items not listed above.

## WTG – Terms & Conditions – Greece

### TERMS, CONDITIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read the Terms, Conditions & General Information contained in these pages very carefully. They outline the terms under which your SITA tour will operate, and they limit our liability. Payment of deposit and/or final payment is an acknowledgment of receipt of these terms & conditions and constitutes acceptance of such as outlined.

#### ***COVID-19 and your personal responsibility:***

*Countries welcoming you and allowing open travel will have a Covid-19 rule-set in place. Visitors must be familiar with these requirements and are expected to adhere to all rules. Requirements will differ from country to country and may also change over time. It is therefore important that all travelers are secure in their understanding of what will be expected of them before departing their home and upon entering a foreign destination. Please ask your SITA Travel Expert about the specific entry requirements. Furthermore, understand that COVID-19 may be present anywhere. The World Health Organization and medical experts have stated that older citizens, as well as guests with existing health challenges, are exposed to heightened risks. It is important that travelers take personal responsibility for their well-being and strictly follow instructions, whether given verbally or through public announcements and signage. When traveling with SITA World Tours you agree to accept all risks associated with exposure to COVID-19. At SITA World Tours we encourage adherence to hygiene and distancing rules and sincerely wish that all of our guests travel safely and remain healthy.*

**Airfares:** Based on current fares and subject to change without notice UNTIL TICKETED.

Airfares are based on the current lowest fare, and subject to availability of the applicable class of service. It may be necessary to re-quote a fare at the time of booking, depending on availability. At the time of final payment, please check for any applicable increase in taxes and fuel surcharges.

Airfares are subject to different rules and cancellation fees. Some airfares may be non-refundable once ticketed. Details will be provided on request. **Please note that effective Jun 01 2019 it is mandatory to provide the passenger contact details – Tel # & Email – to the airline**, in order that they may provide updates directly to the passenger regarding schedule changes, flight delays, or cancellations. The passenger has the right, not to provide the contact details, but the travel agency issuing the ticket requires to receive such refusal in writing, which will be added to the ticketing record.

**\*\*Insurance:** We strongly recommend Travel Insurance

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**Tour Reservations:** SITA requires a deposit of \$500.00 per person to commence reservations. This amount will be adjusted with the balance due 60 days prior to departure.



**Tour Payments:** SITA accepts tour payments by check and /or by clients Visa, Master & American Express credit cards. Signed statement on SITA form required by each client charging on credit cards. Copy of form will be supplied by SITA. SITA does not accept 3<sup>rd</sup> party credit cards.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations received 60 days or more prior to departure: \$350 per person; 59-45 days 25%; 44-30 days: 50% of the tour price; 29 days or less: 100% of the tour price. If final payment is received more than 60 days prior to departure, and cancellation occurs, the fee incurred will be 25% of the tour price. Please refer to SITA's website for applicable details. Your deposit for the tour is your acceptance of these Terms and Conditions. If you book as a share and request a change to a Single room, the penalty is \$225. Should we find a suitable match for your former roommate, the penalty will be credited back to you.

**VISAS:** A visa is not required for stays up to 90 days with a US passport. Passport must be valid for 6 months after the return date of your trip. One blank visa page is required for an entry stamp. Note: Endorsement pages are not visa pages.

**Tour documents:** Final tour documents including day-by-day itinerary, hotel listing, air tickets & vouchers are sent between 30-15 days prior to departure.