



Morocco Sahara Odyssey

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Imperial cities, vibrant souks, the High Atlas Mountains, and a magical night under the stars in a Sahara tented camp. From Rabat and Fez to Marrakesh and Casablanca, this journey is a feast of color, culture, and contrast at every turn.

What to Expect On This Incredible Trip

This is not a luxury resort vacation.

Instead, it's:

- Active (lots of walking in medinas)
- Long overland travel days through mountains and desert
- Deeply cultural and conversation-driven
- Designed for small-group interaction
- Focused on human connection as much as scenery

You'll experience Morocco to the fullest:

- Imperial cities and ancient medinas
- Mountain passes and cedar forests
- Sahara silence and Marrakesh chaos
- Traditional village life and modern social debates

It's layered, immersive, and thoughtfully constructed for travelers who want context, not just snapshots.



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Trip Overview

Morocco: Rabat, Fez, Sahara Tented Camp, High Atlas Mountains, Ouarzazate, Marrakesh, Casablanca

Exact site order and itinerary subject to [final O.A.T. itinerary](#) for the year.

Base Trip Price: \$5,699 per person*

Round-Trip Airfare (from DTW): \$1,250 per person*

Duration: 16 Days

!!Please note: Prices are subject to change*



Expected Itinerary Overview

Day 1: Depart USA

Depart today on your overnight flight to Casablanca, Morocco.

Day 2: Arrive Casablanca • Transfer to Rabat

Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to **Rabat**, Morocco's capital and one of its imperial cities.

Afternoon at leisure:

- Optional visit to Villa des Arts (contemporary Moroccan art)
- Explore Rabat Botanical Garden

Welcome Dinner at the hotel featuring regional cuisine.

Note: During Ramadan, daytime pacing may be slower and restaurant hours may vary.

Meals: Dinner

Day 3: Explore Rabat

Welcome Briefing and introduction to basic Arabic phrases.

City highlights:

- Royal Palace exterior
- Mohammed V Mausoleum
- Kasbah Oudeya (12th-century citadel with blue-and-white homes)
- Andalusian Gardens
- Views over the Bou Regreg River

Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 4: Overland to Fez

Scenic 4-hour drive inland to Fez.

Stops en route:

- El Khemisset village

Arrival in Fez:

- Enter the medina (UNESCO site) on foot
- Stay in a traditional riad (intimate Moroccan guesthouse)
- Orientation walk around the neighborhood

Lunch at the riad. Evening free.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 5: Explore Fez • Home-Hosted Dinner

Full-day exploration of Fez's medieval medina:

- Jewish quarter (mellah)

- Maze-like souks
- Artisan workshops
- Historic markets

Lunch in a restored Moroccan home.

Evening:

- Home-Hosted Dinner with a local family
- Discussion of Moroccan traditions, family life, and culture

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 6: Leisure Day or Optional Volubilis & Meknes

Free morning in Fez

OR optional UNESCO tour:

- Volubilis (Roman ruins & mosaics)
- Meknes (imperial city monuments)

Dinner at the riad.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 7: Cross the Atlas Mountains • Erfoud

Long but scenic drive (up to 9 hours) across the Middle & High Atlas Mountains.

Stops include:

- Ifrane (alpine-style town)
- Visit with semi-nomadic family (when available)
- Midelt lunch (trout specialty)

Arrive in Erfoud, gateway to the Sahara.

Dinner at the hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 8: Sahara Desert Camp

4x4 journey into the Sahara.

Experiences:

- Visit a desert community in Rissani
- Continue to private tented camp near Merzouga dunes
- Sunset dune walk
- Moroccan cooking demonstration

Overnight in walk-in canvas tents with en suite facilities.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 9: Sahara Exploration

Optional sunrise walk.

Activities:

- Camel ride over dunes (weather permitting)
- Visit local farm
- Gnawa music performance in Khamlia
- Visit nomadic families for tea

Exclusive discussion:

- Islam's Five Pillars & religion in Moroccan society

Second night at the desert camp.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 10: Overland to Ouarzazate

Drive through desert landscapes (7–8 hours total with stops).

Stops include:

- Ksar (fortified Berber village)

- Berber museum

Arrive in Ouarzazate.

Dinner at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 11: A Day in the Life: Asfalou Village

Visit Asfalou village:

- Meet a local Berber family
- Assist with farm or brickmaking chores
- Share home-cooked lunch

Visit the Grand Circle Foundation site:

- Imik Simik Women's Association
- Meet women advancing education & economic opportunity
- Henna ceremony

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 12: Cross High Atlas Mountains • Marrakesh

Scenic drive over Tizi N'Tichka Pass (7,000+ feet).

Arrive in Marrakesh:

- Orientation walk
- Explore Djemaa El Fna square
- Street food sampling

Evening free.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 13: Explore Marrakesh • Horse-drawn Calèche Ride

Walking tour highlights:

- Bahia Palace
- Le Jardin Secret
- Koutoubia Minaret
- Marrakesh medina
- Local bakery visit

Optional Berber weaving demonstration.

Horse-drawn calèche ride at sunset.

Evening free.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 14: Marrakesh • Controversial Topic: Young Moroccan Women Balancing Personal Choices with Societal Norms • Optional Tours

Optional sunrise hot-air balloon ride.

Free morning OR optional museums tour.

Afternoon Exclusive Discussion:

- Young Moroccan women balancing personal choice & tradition
- Gender equality challenges

Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 15: Overland to Casablanca • Hassan II Mosque

3–4 hour drive to Casablanca.

Visit:

- Hassan II Mosque (largest in Morocco)

Final evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 16: Return Home

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to the U.S.

Meals: Breakfast

**A more detailed O.A.T. itinerary can be found by [clicking here](#).



What's Included

- 14 nights accommodation (13 nights if you are taking our optional post-trip extension to Essaouira & Casablanca)
- 34 meals—14 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 11 dinners, including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner (31 meals—including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner—if you are taking our optional post-trip extension to Essaouira & Casablanca)
- 15 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, camp staff, and luggage porters
- Ground transportation, domestic transfers
- Round-trip airfare from DTW (as listed)

Flight Booking Notes

When confirming your deposit, please specify:

- Travel class preference (Coach, Premium Select, Business)
- Aisle or window seating
- Any special requests or meal preferences

Additional Notes

- **Prices are subject to change**, especially airfare and park fees.

- 7 locations in 15 days with two 1-night stays. Two 8-9-hour transfers and three transfers of up to 5 hours.
- [Click here](#) for weather and climate info. (In March, daytime temperatures average 80°F)
- [Customizations and optional extensions](#) are available.
- [Physical Requirements](#): Activity level is **Moderate (Level 3 out of 5)**
- See [photos and videos](#) from past trips.



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