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ADVENTURE TRAVELS

# MOROCCO

*CITIES AND DESERT*



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50 <sup>years of</sup>  
**ADVENTURE**  
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# 50 *years of* ADVENTURE



Ever since our first trip in 1974, we've always embraced our spirit for adventure. And travelling to far-flung, remote destinations across the world is made that much more memorable when you share these moments with others. After 50 trips around the sun, we strongly believe that the connections we make when we travel, are equally as special as the destinations themselves – and our travelers and expert leaders agree. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our travel agents and industry partners. Together, we've turned countless travel dreams into reality. Thank you for your invaluable role in our shared success and for making a difference in the world of travel.



# CITIES & DESERT OVERVIEW

Experience the best of Morocco's cities and desert landscapes with Exodus Adventure Travels. From the vibrant streets of Casablanca to the ancient medinas of Fes, traverse the Middle Atlas Mountains to the majestic Erg Chebbi dunes. Explore Ait Benhaddou's historic kasbahs before concluding your adventure in bustling Marrakech with a thrilling Gala dinner, commemorating 50 years of exploration and adventure with Exodus.



## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

On our guided trips, you'll join a group of like-minded travelers for an incredible adventure, where an expert local guide leads the way. There are many benefits to travelling in a guided group, from meeting new people with shared interests to getting the opportunity to fully relax, safe in the knowledge that everything's been organized for you.

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## DAY 1

## CASABLANCA

The adventure begins in Casablanca, a modern port city and business hub on the edge of the Atlantic. We have a welcome meeting in the evening, in which we gather for the first time as a group.

*Notes: Arrival transfer included / Activities : welcome meeting  
Meals Included: None*



## DAY 2

## FES

Before visiting Fes, we stop at the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, an intricately decorated temple accommodating 105,000 people. Positioned on a picturesque promontory in the Atlantic, its exquisite Moroccan stylings include wood and stone carvings, marble floors, and fine local tiles known as zellige. Notably, it is one of just two Moroccan mosques open to non-Muslims, though please ensure knees and upper arms are covered for entry. Following our mosque visit, we journey to Fes via first-class train, a journey of approximately 4 hours. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at the riad.

*Activities : Casablanca – Hassan II Mosque visit. Fes – Welcome dinner  
Meals Included: Breakfast, dinner*



## DAY 3

## FES

Today we discover Fes. This fascinating city is the intellectual and religious centre of Morocco. Founded over 1,000 years ago, Fes has many mosques and medersas (theological colleges) including the ninth century al-Karaouine University, whose architecture is very similar to that seen in Moorish Spain. Fes medina is one of the largest in the world, an immense warren of souks, home to thousands of craftsmen with their tiny shops opening onto the narrow alleyways. Noisy and pungent, the medina is an absorbing experience. Our city guide walks us through different sections of the souk, including those selling leather, brass and copper. No visit to Fes is complete without a visit to the tanneries. Outside the medina we shall visit the Jewish District (mellah), the exterior of the Royal Palace and drive up to a panoramic viewpoint over the city.

*Activities : Fes – Guided tour  
Meals Included: Breakfast*

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## DAY 4

## MERZOUGA

Today we have a journey approximately 8 hours long, with frequent stops and beautiful scenery along the way. We travel over the stunning Middle Atlas, down through the picturesque Ziz Valley to the Hamada, a flat stony desert, gradually approaching the spectacular site of the golden dunes of Erg Chebbi. We stay in a small and welcoming auberge (inn) on the edge of the dunes from where it is easy to climb to watch the sunrise.

*Activities : Sahara – Camel ride at sunrise*

*Meals Included: Breakfast, dinner*



## DAY 5

## MERZOUGA

This morning is dedicated to explore the largest sand sea in Morocco, or to relax in the shade of a palm tree by the dunes. The sand sea is famed for its pink tones that take on a spectacular rose colour at sunset. In the late afternoon, we take part in a genuine Saharan experience – a 45-minute camel trek through the dunes, where we watch the sunset. We then come back to the camp at the edge of the desert to spend the night.

*Activities : Merzouga – Camel trek*

*Meals Included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner*



## DAY 6

## AIT BENHADDOU

After sunrise, we leave our desert camp and head towards Todra Gorge. Following the 1,000 Kasbahs Road, you will marvel at the breathtaking vistas of impressive ancient kasbahs nestled in lush palm groves. Our destination, Ait Benhaddou, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most spectacular sights of the Atlas, as well as the location of several Hollywood films including *Gladiator* (2000). On the way visit an Argan oil cooperative. Once arrived, join your tour leader for an orientation walk at the kasbah.

*Activities : Ait Benhaddou – Argan oil cooperative visit*

*Meals Included: Breakfast*

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## DAY 7

## MARRAKECH



After breakfast, we drive to Marrakech. In the afternoon, we enjoy a guided tour to find our bearings and soak up the atmosphere of this amazing city. Our guide will take us to the Bahia Palace, ending in the Djemaa el Fna, where the town becomes a maze of bustling bazaars, palaces, and mosques.

As the trip nears its end, we invite you to join us for a special occasion: an exclusive Gala dinner hosted by Exodus to celebrate its 50th anniversary. This intimate gathering, reserved for Megafam participants, offers a unique opportunity to commemorate our shared adventures as true explorers.

*Activities : Marrakech – Guided tour*

*Meals Included: Breakfast, Gala dinner*

## DAY 8

## MARRAKECH



Enjoy your final breakfast in Morocco this morning and take the chance to reflect on your unforgettable adventure. You've soaked in the culture of the cities and mosques, navigated lively medinas, ridden a camel on safari in the desert and had an authentic experience in Morocco. Now, however, is the time to start your journey home and start planning your next adventure.

*Notes: Departure transfer included*

*Meals Included: Breakfast*

## KEY INFORMATION

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All breakfasts, one lunch, four dinners
- Tour leader throughout
- Free arrival and departure transfers

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance
- Visas or vaccinations
- Single supplement
- International airfare

### WORTH KNOWING

- Please ensure your passport is valid and has at least six months left before applying.
- Any visas required are the responsibility of the traveler
- Morocco is a Muslim country. Please consider modest dress including arms and legs covered in mosques and more rural areas.
- As a predominantly Muslim country, access to alcohol may be limited or unavailable in certain areas.



# SUSTAINABILITY IN MOROCCO



Exodus is dedicated to improving life for people, places, and the planet through sustainable travel practices. As a Certified B Corp company, we prioritize supporting local communities and minimizing our environmental impact. We engage with locally owned businesses, champion locally produced food, and work to reduce waste, including eliminating single-use plastic water bottles.

In Morocco specifically, we take numerous actions to promote sustainability and responsible tourism. From hiring local guides to provide authentic insights into the culture and history of the region while also supporting the livelihoods of community members to providing aid during times of need such as the recent earthquake. Our partnerships with locally owned hotels, restaurants, and other businesses ensure that tourism revenue directly benefits local economies. Additionally, we offer opportunities for travelers to engage in immersive experiences that foster cultural exchange and mutual respect. By embracing sustainable travel practices and supporting local initiatives, we strive to preserve the natural beauty and cultural heritage of Morocco for generations to come.

As a traveler, you can contribute to sustainability efforts by dressing appropriately according to the customs, booking with a sustainable operator like Exodus, and bringing reusable items such as water bottles and bags for souvenirs. Together, we can make a positive impact on Morocco's landscapes and communities while enjoying meaningful travel experiences

