

**exodus**  
ADVENTURE TRAVELS

# NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS *OF MOROCCO*



**MOROCCO**

**50** *years of*  
**ADVENTURE**  
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**MOROCCO**





# 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.





# NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS OVERVIEW

Embark on a Northern Morocco journey with Exodus Adventure Travels. From Casablanca's bustling streets to Chefchaouen's tranquil blue hues, delve into rich culture and captivating landscapes.

Explore ancient cities, vibrant markets, and savor local cuisine. Conclude your adventure 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.



# Northern Highlights



## 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 to gather for the first time as a group.

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



## DAY 2

## TANGIER

We couldn't leave Casablanca without first visiting the Hassan II Mosque, an intricately decorated temple with room for 105,000 people. A picturesque position on a promontory in the Atlantic is complemented by exquisite Moroccan stylings, including wood and stone carvings, marble floors and fine local tiles known as zellige. It's also one of just two Moroccan mosques that non-Muslims can visit. Please note, knees and upper arms must be covered to enter. After, we travel two hours' north by high-speed train (TGV) to Tangier, a coastal city perhaps best known for being a one-time favourite for artists, counter-culturalists, Beat writers and rock stars, before investment brought economic development and a more modern sheen to the city. This evening, join your Leader and Group for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

*Activities : Casablanca - Hassan II Mosque Visit. Tangier welcome dinner  
Meals Included: Breakfast, dinner*



## DAY 3

## CHEFCHAOUEN

Today, we visit the medina of Tangier where an ancient kasbah and stalls selling food, spices, rugs, textiles are wrapped by the walls of an ancient Portuguese fortress. Later, we head across the coast; if it's a clear day, we may even be able to see Spain across the Strait of Gibraltar. We head to the rocky promontory of Cape Spartel, which marks the extreme northwest of Africa, to visit the atmospheric Cave of Hercules where the ancient hero is said to have rested after dividing the European and African continents. Next, we transfer to Chefchaouen (2hr 30min), a painted-blue city layering a slope in the Rif Mountains.

*Activities : Tangier - Medina Guided Tour, Cape Spartel & Hercules Cave visit.  
Meals Included: Breakfast*



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## DAY 4

## FES

After breakfast, we will discover Chefchaouen by having a short guided tour around its narrow vibrant streets, stopping outside the 15th-century Grand Mosque, and (dependent on time) walking to the hilltop Spanish Mosque for sunset and beautiful views. Later, we will drive via bus to Fes, a scenic journey of about 4hr 30min, passing through rural landscapes that become increasingly agricultural. In Fes, we enjoy a pastilla for dinner, a pastry-wrapped savory dish, and a Moroccan delicacy.

*Activities : Chefchaouen – Guided Tour*

*Meals Included: Breakfast, dinner*



## DAY 5

## FES

Today we discover Fes, the intellectual and religious centre of Morocco. Founded more than 1,000 years ago, the city has many mosques and medersas (theological colleges), including the ninth-century al-Karaouine University, said to be the oldest still-running university in the world. We join our city guide on an intriguing exploration, cutting through the souks where vendors sell leather, brass, copper and ceramics, and visiting the tanneries. We also journey outside the medina to visit the Jewish District and admire the elaborately decorated doors of the Royal Palace, before driving to a viewpoint for vistas over the medina.

*Activities : Fes - Guided Tour*

*Meals Included: Breakfast, dinner*



## DAY 6

## MARRAKECH

This morning we take a train, travelling in first-class compartments to Marrakech, a journey of approximately 7 hours. Marrakech, the captivating ochre city and modern antique-like city. Its one-thousand-year-old walls encapsulate a fusion of lively souks, craftsmen, red sandstone humble houses, Mosques, Museums, narrow winding alleyways, gardens and the vibrant famous Jemaa el fna square.

*Activities : Tangier – Medina Guided Tour, Cape Spartel & Hercules Cave visit*

*Meals Included: Breakfast*



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## DAY 7

## MARRAKECH



Start your Morning with a cooking class where you will discover the secrets of Moroccan cuisine under the expert guidance of our skilled chef. Following this culinary adventure, meet your local guide in the afternoon for a guided tour to soak up the atmosphere of this amazing city. Our guide will take us to the Bahia Palace, the Saadian tombs, and a visit to a local Argan Oil cooperative.

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 , morning cooking class*

*Meals Included: Breakfast, lunch, 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 navigated lively medinas, ridden a camel in the Sahara and experienced a traditional hammam in the Atlas Mountains. 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

