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03 - 20 May 2024 (17D 15N) Morocco Meanderings

(Casablanca, Rabat, Chefchaouen, Fes, Tinghir, Mhamid, Er Chicaga Desert, Ouarzazate, Marrakesh, Essaouira, El Jadida)

Trip Cost per person Rm7300 (14pax group) Rm7100 (15 pax n above) EXCLUDES FLIGHTS

Based on 1 Moroccan Dirham = Rm 0.47171 (10Jun23).

Final adjustments on the cost is based on Dirham exchange rate at time of final collection.

Update 25 Oct 2023 - Trip confirm ON using **Emirates**. Online FIT fare Rm5008 (25 Oct 2023)

Update 10 Oct 2023 - Itinerary below is based on Qatar Airways online FIT fare Rm5085 (10 Oct 2023).

IMPORTANT NOTICE. This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!

We hire a 17 seater Mercedes Sprinter with a local driver for the duration of this trip. We stay budget to mid-range accomodations except for the one night in a desert tent. Its quite important participants are able to manage their own luggage, preferably backpacks or softpacks. Large 28 inches luggage is NOT allowed please. Yongo trips, you pay for your own meals unless stated below, entrance fees, within-the-town taxis and other activities.

Morocco is sensory overload at its most intoxicating, from the sights, scents and sounds that permeate medieval Fes and magical Marrakech, to the coastal charm of its Atlantic Coast. From the high of the Atlas range and its abundance of mountains, Kasbahs, and friendly Berbers, to the stunning sculpted sands of the Sahara. Morocco rewards you with the richness of its desert, the thrill of the hidden alleys in its ancient cities and its salty breeze along the Atlantic coast.



Shopping / Chigaga Dunes / Centuries old tannaries of Fes

Day 0 Meet KLIA Meet up at KLIA **11.00PM FRI 03 MAY 2024**

Day 1 Casablanca Emirates flight departing **2:25AM SAT 04 MAY 2024**. Arriving Dubai 5:30AM, transit 2hr. Fly EK751 from Dubai 7:30AM, landing Casablanca 1255 (1PM) Our chartered van takes group to our hotel located in downtown Casablanca. Rest of day free. Overnight (O/n) Casablanca. NO Meals included on this day.

Day 2 Chefchaouen (340km). After breakfast, we start our journey to Chefchaouen located in the Rif mountains in Northwest Morocco. 91km from Casablanca, we stop at Rabat, listed in UNESCO World Heritage, also the capital city of Morocco to visit the Kasbah of the Udayas, a well preserved fortress dating back to 12th century Almohad Dynasty. The Hassan Tower Mosque and across it the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. After lunch, we continue journey

to Chefchaouen, also known as the Blue City with its blue-washed buildings, this town of 43,000 population is becoming a popular tourist destination. O/n Chefchaouen. Breakfast included. (B)

Day 3 Chefchaouen We spend the day wandering about the old town. Take a walk through the old medina and uphill to a "Lookout Point" in front of a Spanish mosque. Enjoy the breathtaking view over Chefchaouen and its surrounding mountains. This place is indeed a rare and stunning gem of Morocco. O/n Chefchaouen. Breakfast included. (B)

Day 4 Fes (220km) An early start to Morocco 's biggest Roman ruins of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was an important Roman outpost which was founded in 3rd century as capital of Mauretania. Then to Fes 1h30 85km, which was founded in 9th century, and it was a capital of Marinid Dynasty in 13th and 14th century. Fes hosts world's oldest university i.e. University of Quaraouiyin". O/n Fes. Breakfast included. (B)

Day 5 Fes. We will do a 3km guided walking tour of the old medina, taking about 3 hours or so, and rest of day free to continue your own explorations of Fes. Be prepared for a labyrinth of alleys and a riot of sights and smells, many of which has remained pretty much the same since centuries ago! Note Fes medina is car-free, you will be on foot throughout your stay in Fes. O/n Fes. Breakfast included. (B)



Roman Ruins Volubilis / UNESCO Ait-Ben-Haddou / Todra Gorge / Essaouira Port

Day 6 Tinghir (470km) It's a long bus ride into the High Atlas today, as we take in a 10 hours trip to Tinerhir. However, the change of scenery as we start our uphill ascend will surely keep all awake, at least some of the time. Tinerhir is a city in the region of Draa-Tafilalet, an oasis sandwich between High Atlas and Little Atlas. The beautiful palmeraie or oasis along the Todra river simply takes your breath away. O/n Tinerhir. Dinner and Breakfast included. (D/B)

Day 7 Tinghir. Morocco 's answer to the Grand Canyon, Todra Gorge awaits us today. With 300m cliff walls at its narrowest point, and quaint Berber villages abound. Today will be a day of nature and cultural appreciation. We will go on a long walk (4-6 hrs) over the gorge with great surrounding views. O/n Tinerhir. Dinner and Breakfast included. (D/B)

Day 8 Mhamid (330km) We leave early for Mhamid, the last village before the Algerian border and the beginnings of the Western Sahara . On the way, we stop at Tamegroute Pottery, a uniquely Moroccan green glazed pottery. Zagora market (Wed & Sun only) is where one finds many dark-skin Moroccans of African origins. O/n Mhamid. Dinner and Breakfast included. (D/B)

Day 9 Sahara Berber Camp. We depart after lunch for a sand-bashing time with 4WD deep into the Western Sahara, to Erg Chigaga and its 150m sand dunes. In the evening, try your charm on the cantankerous camels around the Berber camp and oasis where we will stay the night. We sleep in large Berber tents, but nothing like a sleeping bag on soft sands under a thousand stars! O/n Sahara Desert Tents. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included. (L/D/B)

Day 10 Ouarzazate (260km). We return to Mhamid in the morning for showers and quick lunch. We travel over the mountain to Ouarzazate 5 to 6 hours. Ouarzazate is an oasis for film makers all over the world, known as "The Moroccan Hollywood". O/n Ouarzazate (Desert breakfast and Mhamid lunch included) (B/L)

Day 11 Ouarzazate. Morning, we travel 30km outside Ouarzazate to Ait Ben Haddou, one of the most exotic and best preserved Ksar (fortified village) in Morocco, and yet another UNESCO Heritage Site! Ait Ben Haddou has been featured in many famous movies including "Lawrence of Arabia, Gladiators, Indiana Jones" and many more. Afternoon, we visit Atlas Studio, one of the largest movie studio in the world and it's named after the Atlas mountain range around it. O/N Ouarzazate NO meals included.



Chefchaouen Blue City / Tagine in local restaurant / Jemaa el Fna Marrakesh / Essaouira

Day 12 Marrakesh (200km): We move on to Marrakesh on a beautiful high mountain pass reaching an elevation of 2260 meters at Tizi N' Tichka. O/n Marrakesh. NO meals included on this day.

Day 13 Marrakesh: The epicenter of Morocco tourism, Marrakesh is meanderer's heaven. We take in the city sights, smells, and sounds in a half-day guided walking tour, and end the day at the Koutoubria Mosque. The medina of Marrakesh is listed in UNESCO World Heritage. Djemaa el-Fna, a huge square in central Marrakesh showcase one of the world's greatest spectacle of food, fun, wares and everything else in a kaleidoscope of Moroccan vibrancy! O/n Marrakesh. Breakfast included. (B)

Day 14 Essaouira (180km) Bus to UNESCO World Heritage listed Essaouira, a late 18th century Portuguese fortified seaport town. Wander about the maze-like streets filled with interesting artisan wares and enjoy the breeze and sights of this Atlantic coastal town. O/n Essaouira. Breakfast included. (B)

Day 15 El Jadida (280km) In the morning, see more of Essaouira including the stone ramparts and canon turrets. After lunch, drive to yet another UNESCO World Heritage site of "The Portuguese fortification of Mazagan". It is now part of the city of El Jadida, 90-km southwest of Casablanca. O/n El Jadida. Breakfast included. (B)

Day 16 Plane: Transfer to Casablanca Airport 2 hours 98km at 9.30AM and the end of our 17 days of Moroccan meanderings! Emirates EK752 departs Casablanca at **2.55PM SUN 19 MAY 2024**. Breakfast NOT included at El Jadida Hotel.

Day 17 Home: Lands Dubai 01:15AM on 20 May 2024. Transit 1h55 before boarding flight at 3:10AM and landing in KUL at **2.25PM MON 20 MAY 2024**.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Cost cover accommodation and travel and some meals to sites mentioned above. B/L/D indicate Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
2. Accommodations will be in budget to mid-range hotels or guesthouses, tent in Mhamid and Sahara Desert (2-3pax sharing).
3. **Not covered are flight costs** estimated at Rm5000, Meals estimates Rm1200 (100x 12days), Entrances fees and tips Rm350 and optional activities.

4. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rates.
5. Non-refundable deposit of **Rm2600** is payable to confirm your place.
6. Members are required to have Travel Insurance and be adequately insured prior to departure.

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