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7 - 23 NOV 2023 (17-days) Morocco Meanderings

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

Trip Cost per person Rm7100 (14pax group) Rm6800 (15 pax n above)

Based on 1 Moroccan Dirham = Rm 0.43283 (6Mar23). Final adjustments will be made to cost based on Dirham exchange rate in Oct 2023

EXCLUDES FLIGHTS - Itinerary below based on Emirates Airlines. Qatar fare was Rm5196 for Yongo's Feb23 group. Fare for Yongo's Mar23 group on Emirates was Rm4999. We check for Group fares and benefit are passed on to trip members.

Update 20 Apr 2023 - We do not have enough pax for Group fares. Members will purchase their own tickets using Emirates currently Rm5927. Qatar flight retime and flights are not daily..Members can opt for lower fares but must arrive in Casablanca on/before 7 Nov Tuesday.

Update 6 Mar 2023 - Yongo works on first-come-basis re trip deposit Rm2300 to confirm any booking.

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 and large 28 inches luggage 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 KUL.: Meet up at KLIA **11PM MON 6 NOV 2023** for past midnight Emirate Airlines flight.

Day 1 fly from KUL.: Depart **1:45AM Tue 7 Nov** landing Dubai 5:05AM. Transit 2:10hr before flight at 7:25AM landing Casablanca at 1:10PM. Our chartered van takes group to our hotel located in downtown. Rest of day free. Overnight (O/n) Casablanca, breakfast included. (B).

Day 2 Chefchaouen. After breakfast, we start our journey of 5:30hr 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. An early start 4:30hr to Morocco 's biggest Roman ruins of Volubilis, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was an important Roman outpost which was founded in 3rd century as capital of Mauretania. Then to Fes 1:30hr 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. Univerisity of Quaraouiyn". 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. Run riot on your own then! O/n Fes, breakfast included. (B)



Roman Ruins Volubilis / UNESCO Ait-Ben-Haddou / Todra Trekking / Climbing Goats

Day 6 Tinghir. 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 palmeriaie or oasis along the Todra river simply takes your breath away. O/n Tinerhir. Dinner 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 abounding. 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 views of the surrounds. O/n Tinerhir Dinner and Breakfast included. (D/B)

Day 8 Mhamid. Early departure for Mhamid 5 hours, the last village before the Algerian border and the beginnings of the Western Sahara . On the way, we stop at Zagora market (Wed & Sun only) where one finds many dark-skin Moroccans of African origins. O/n Mhamid, Dinner, 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. We return to Mhamid in the morning for cold drinks, showers and quick lunch. We travel over the mountain to Ouarzazate 5 hours. Ouarzazate is an oasis for film makers all over the world, hence, it is also known as "The Moroccan

Hollywood". Upon arrival, we visit Taourite Kasbah, one of the best in Morocco or Atlas Studio. O/n Ouarzazate Breakfast NOT included. (Desert breakfast and Mhamid lunch included.)

Day 11 Ouarzazate. We have a full day sightseeing, including Taourite Kasbah, of the best in Morocco, Atlas Studio, and Cinematic Museum. 30km outside Ouarzazate is Ait Ben Haddou, one of the most exotic and best preserved Kasbahs 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. O/n Ouarzazate Breakfast NOT included.



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

Day 12 Marrakesh: 30km outside Ouarzazate is Ait Ben Haddou, one of the most exotic and best preserved Kasbahs 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. We move on to Marrakesh on a beautiful high mountain pass reaching an elevation of 2260 meters at Tizi N' Tichka. Total travel time 5 hours. O/n Marrakesh Breakfast included. (B)

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: Bus 4 hours 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: In the morning, see more of Essaouira including the stone ramparts and canon turrets. After lunch 3 hours drive to the 8th UNESCO World Heritage site on our journey. The Portuguese fortification of Mazagan, now part of the city of El Jadida, 90-km southwest of Casablanca. O/n El Jadida breakfast not included.

Day 16 Plane: Transfer to Casablanca Airport 2 hours 98km at 10AM and the end of our 17 days of Moroccan meanderings! Flight home departs Casablanca at 3:05PM Wed 22 Nov 2023.

Day 17 Home: Lands Dubai at 1:30AM, transit 2:00hr before flight at 3:30AM landing in KUL at **2:35PM THU 23 NOV 2023**.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Cost cover accommodation and traveling to sites mentioned above.
2. Accommodations will be in budget to mid-range hotels or guesthouses.
3. **Not covered are flight costs estimated at Rm5000**, meals Rm80 x 12 days(Rm1000 estimate), entrance fees and tips (Rm300 estimate) and optional activities.
4. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rates.
5. Non-refundable deposit of **Rm2300** is payable to confirm your place.

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