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23 Feb - 13 Mar 2018 (18-days) Morocco Meanderings

Based on USD1=4.10 Cost per person Rm9600 (12 pax group) Rm9300 (14pax group) Rm9100 (16 pax and above)

We will make final adjustment on cost based on USD exchange rate in Jan2018

Update 23 May 2017 Trip cost is based on Emirates Airways estimated group fare of Rm3200 and will be adjusted up or down depending on final fares. We have been getting very good reviews from past travelers for its diversity of sights and experiences. Do note that airport taxes about Rm300 is not included in the trip cost.



Map / Camel rides in Sahara Desert Mhamid

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 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 no "giant" luggages please. As on other Yongo trips, you pay for your own meals unless stated below, entrance fees, within-the-town taxis and other activities.

Welcome to one of the greatest shows on Earth! Morocco is sensory overload at its most intoxicating, from the sights, scents and sounds that permeate medieval Fes and magical Marrakesh, to the coastal charm of its Atlantic Coast . From the highs of the Atlas range and its abundance of mountains, Kasbahs, and friendly Berbers, to the stunning sculpted sands of the Sahara . Yongo...Just Go!



Centuries old tannaries of Fes / Food square of Marrakesh

Day 0 night: Meet up at KLIA by **10PM Friday 23 Feb 2018** for past midnight flight.

Day 1 Casablanca: We fly **0110am Saturday 24 Feb 2018** on EK343 to DXB arriving 0430am (Flight time 7h20 Transit 3h15). We connect to EK751 DXB CMN 0745 1230 (Flight time 8h45) Arrive Casalanca 1230Noon Our chartered van takes group to our hotel located in downtown. Rest of day free. Overnight (O/n) Casablanca, breakfast included.

Day 2 Chefchaouen: Early morning we wander about the Central Market before starting on out 5:30hr trip to Chefchaouen located in the Rif mountains in Northern Morocco. 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.

Day 3 Chefchaouen: We spend the day wandering about the Old town. This place is one of the best shopping places in Morocco. There are also good trekking trails in the mountains just behind the town. O/n Chefchaouen breakfast included.

Day 4 Meknes: An early start to Meknes 5hr, with a stop at Volubilis, Morocco 's main Roman ruins of Volubilis, and a Unesco Heritage Site. We'll arrive in the evening at Meknes, one of three imperial capitals of old Morocco.. O/n Meknes breakfast included.

Day 5 Fes: In the morning we have a guided half day city tour of this Unesco listed Old City in Meknes, which is the least visited of all three imperial capitals. In the afternoon, we bus to Fes 1hr, Morocco's oldest imperial city and a 3rd Unesco site on our travels, so far. O/n Fes breakfast included.

Day 6 Fes: We will do a 3km guided walking tour of the old medina, taking about 3hours 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! Run riot on your own then! O/n Fes breakfast included.



Ait Benhaddou UNESCO site / Tagine plates n pots for sale

Day 7 Tinerhir: . It's a long bus ride into the High Atlas today, as we take in a 10hr 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. O/n Tinerhir. O/n Tinerhir breakfast included.

Day 8 Tinerhir: 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 natural and cultural appreciation. We will go on a long walk over the gorge with great views of the surrounds. O/n Tinerhir breakfast included.

Day 9 Mhamid: Early departure for Mhamid 5hr, to the last village before the Algerian border, and the beginnings of the Western Sahara . On the way there we stop at Zagora market (Wed & Sun only) where one finds many dark-skin Moroccans of African origins. O/n Mhamid breakfast included.

Day 10 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, dinner and breakfast included.

Day 11 Mhamid: We return to Mhamid in the morning for cold drinks, showers, and a soft bed. We take the rest of the day to relax in this desert kasbah. O/n Mhamid breakfast included.

Day 12 Ouarzazate: We travel over the mountain to Ouarzazate 5hr. Upon arrival, we visit Tourite Kasbah, one of the best in Morocco as well as the Museum of Cinematography. O/n Ouarzazate breakfast not included.



Sahara dunes at Chigaga near Mhamid town

Day 13 Marrakesh: 10km outside Ouarzazate is Ait Benhaddou, one of the most exotic and best preserved Kasbahs in Morocco, and yet another UNESCO Heritage Site! We move on to Marrakesh on a beautiful high mountain road reaching an elevation of 2260 meters at Col. du Tichka. Total travel time 5hr. O/n Marrakesh breakfast included.

Day 14 Marrakesh: The epicenter of Morocco tourism, Marrakesh is meanderer's heaven. We take in the city sights, smells, and sounds in a half-day walking tour, and end the day at the Unesco listed Djemaa el-Fna, a huge square in

central Marrakesh , and a backdrop of one the world's greatest spectacle of food, fun, fools, etc in a kaleidoscope of Moroccan vibrancy! O/n Marrakesh breakfast included.

Day 15 Essaouira: Bus 4hr to Unesco listed Essaouira, a late 18th century Portuguese fortified seaport town. Wander about the maze-like streets of this small town and is the most popular of the Atlantic coastal towns. O/n Essaouira breakfast included.

Day 16 El Jadida: In the morning, see more of Essaouira including the stone ramparts and canon turrets. After lunch proceed 3hr to our 7th Unesco site on our Moroccan travels, the Portuguese fortification of Mazagan, now part of the city of El Jadida, 90-km southwest of Casablanca. O/n El Jadida breakfast included.

Day 17 Plane: Transfer to Casablanca Airport 2hr at 930AM and the end of our 17 days of Moroccan meanderings! EK752 DXB 1355 0130+1 (Flight time 7h35 Transit 2h40)

Day 18 Home: Transit 2h40 and depart Dubai EK346 at 410AM arriving Kuala Lumpur **315PM Tuesday 13 Mar 2018.**



Dades Valley of a thousand Kasbahs / Trek in Todra Gorge by 73 year old Yonger (Xavier Goh go go go..)

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 tips, airport taxes on Emirates (Rm300 estimate), meals Rm80 x 16 days total Rm1280, entrance fees (Rm100) and optional activities.
4. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rates and/or airfares
5. Deposit of Rm2200 is payable to confirm your place.

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