



FRIENDSHIP FORCE

DISCOVER MOROCCO

15 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS :: 4 STAR

DAY 1:: CASABLANCA (D)

Upon arrival in Casablanca, the economic capital of Morocco, you will be met by your private driver and transferred by van to your Casablanca hotel, where you will check in and relax for the afternoon. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

HOTEL NOVOTEL OR CLUB VAL D'ANFA

DAY 2:: CASABLANCA /RABAT (B, D)

After breakfast, you will have a tour of the amazing Hassan II mosque. It is one of the largest Mosques in the world and its hand-crafted beauty is breathtaking. After the mosque tour, you will head north to Rabat.

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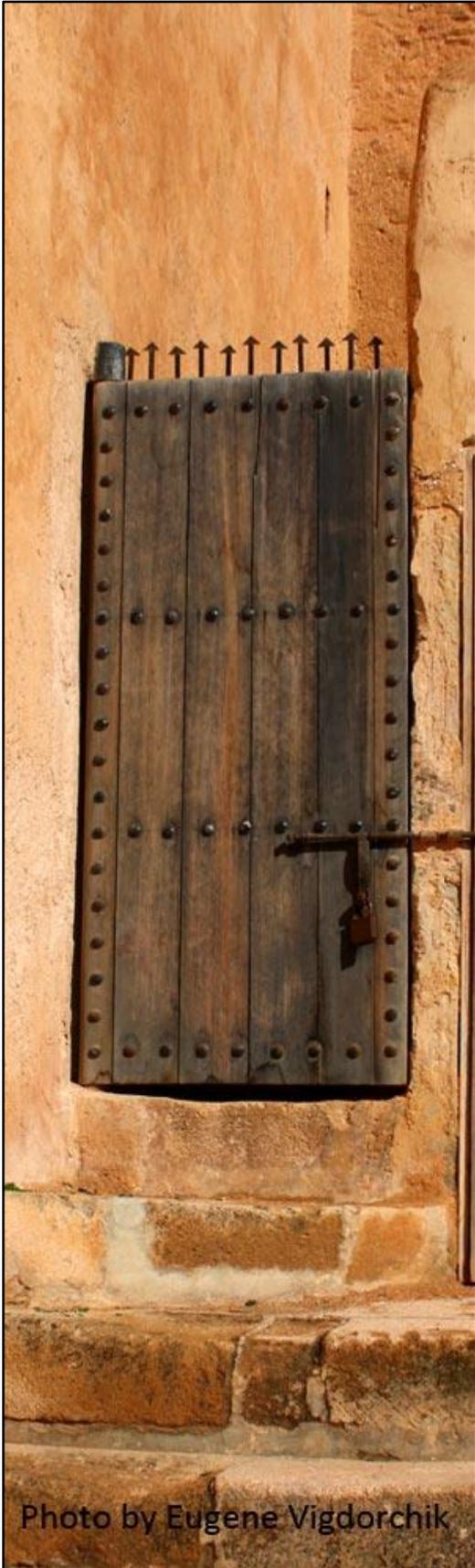
DAY 3:: RABAT (B, D)

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DAY 4:: RABAT /VOLUBILIS / MEKNES / FES (B, D)

After breakfast, you will set out in the morning to the ancient Roman ruins of Volubilis on the way to





Fes. You will spend the morning exploring the 2000-year-old ruins and getting a picture of life during the Roman Empire. Lunch will be taken in Meknes one of Morocco's Imperial cities. After lunch, your guide will take you on a tour of Meknes, and then you will head off to Fes, the cultural and spiritual capital of Morocco. Dinner will be served in the hotel.

HOTEL BARCELO

DAY 5:: FES (B, D)

After breakfast, you will begin your guided tour of the medina, one of the world's largest walled in cities. You will explore the narrow streets lined with fresh fruit, mounds of spices, intricately woven Berber carpets and many other art objects of Morocco. A visit to the Kings Palace, the tanneries, and potters are just a few places you will experience. For lunch you will eat in traditional restaurant in the heart of the medina. After lunch you will complete the tour and return to your hotel for the evening. Dinner will be served in a local restaurant.

HOTEL BARCELO

DAY 6:: FES / AZROU (B, D)

After breakfast, the group will head up into the Middle Atlas Mountains where you will spend the next 2 days with your Moroccan host families.

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DAY 7:: AZROU (B, D)

This will be a day with your host families

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DAY 8:: ERFOUD (B, D)

After an early breakfast you will begin your ascent across the Middle Atlas Mountains. Most of the day will be spent winding your way through the beautiful forests, jagged rock faces, and Berber villages as you cross the Atlas Mountains and begin to descend towards the Sahara Desert. Half way, you will stop for lunch in the town of Midelt, famous for its fossils and rocks. Upon arrival in Erfoud you will have a few different options.

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SUNSET option, Tour #1 (\$35 extra for this excursion): In the evening, you will travel across the barren desert land in your 4 wheeled drive vehicle (*35 minute drive*) to **Dunes d’Or**. Then you will set off by camel for a 1/2-hour trek out onto the dunes where you will watch the sunset. You will return back by 4x4 to the **Kasbah** in Erfoud for dinner and sleep.

BERBER TENT option, Tour #2 (\$60 extra): After the 35 minute drive and arriving at **Dunes D’Or** you set off for a 2 hr camel ride into the dunes where you will have dinner and spend the night in the Berber Tents at the Oasis. In the morning you will return by camel, then 4x4 across the desert to join the rest of the group in Erfoud to continue the tour together

DAY 9:: TODRA GORGES / DADES (B, D)

After breakfast, you will return by camel to the 4x4s and head back to Erfoud. From Erfoud you set out behind the High Atlas Mountains on route to the Todra Gorges. In the afternoon, you will take a walk up in the towering Todra Gorges (600 feet high). The picturesque river valleys make for a beautiful journey towards the southeast of Morocco. You will stay the night in Dades before you cross the High Atlas Mountains. Dinner will be served at the Kasbah.

XALUCA DADES

DAY 10:: DADES GORGES / OUARZAZATE (B, D)

After an early breakfast you set off towards Ouarzazate along the route of 1000 Kasbahs. If you would like, you can visit the ancient Kasbahs in the palmaries. A trip up into the Dades Gorges is worth your time as you experience this amazing natural wonder. Upon arrival in Ouarzazate, you can visit this southern town, probably most famous now for the films that have been produced in the area. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

HOTEL RIAD SALAM

DAY 11:: OUARZAZATE / DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BERBER (B, L, D)

After and early breakfast, the group will set off to a Berber village to enjoy a truly cultural experience...The Day in the Life of a Berber. The group will learn firsthand by collecting water from

the well, cooking lunch, brewing Berber mint tea, and sleeping in a **Berber house**. Lunch and dinner are included as part of the experience in the Day of the Life of a Berber.

DAY 12:: DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BERBER / MARRAKECH (B, D)

After breakfast, you will head off towards Marrakech. Once in Marrakech, you will check into your hotel and then head off to the Jemaa el-Fna, the center square of the medina. The famous Jemaa el-Fna, is one of the center attractions of Marrakech. Coming alive at night with the local storytellers, entertainers, and mouth-watering barbeque pits, the square is well worth a visit. A quiet cup of tea on the terrace of an adjacent café provides a spectacular aerial view of the bustling square. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

HOTEL MOGADOR OPERA

DAY 13:: MARRAKECH (B, D)

After breakfast, the group will have a guided tour of Marrakech, the southern pearl of Morocco. You will discover the Palace of the Bahia, the Saadian Tombs, and many other hidden treasures. After lunch, you will continue with the tour on to the magnificent Koutoubia Mosque and the famous Djemaa el-Fna, one of the center attractions of Marrakech. The tour will conclude with an exploration of the souk (market) lined with fresh fruit, mounds of spices, intricately woven Berber carpets and many other art objects of Morocco. Dinner will be served in the hotel.

HOTEL MOGADOR OPERA

DAY 14:: MARRAKECH / CASABLANCA (B, D)

At your convenience, the group will head back to Casablanca for their last night. Dinner will be served in Rick's Café.

HOTEL NOVOTEL OR CLUB VAL D'ANFA

DAY 15:: CASABLANCA / DEPART (B)

After breakfast the group will be taken to the airport for departure.

