



Majestic Morocco 2025

Magnificent Morocco – where red sand dunes glow from the kiss of a sunrise, bustling souks burst with the fragrance of local spices and ornate mosaics climb the walls of enchanting riads. From sizzling tagines to fresh mint tea, snow-capped mountains to terracotta kasbahs, your journey through this vibrant country will be nothing short of a feast for the senses.





About your tour notes

These tour notes contain everything you need to know before your tour departs – from where to meet your fellow guests and local guide to what essentials to pack for your journey. We recommend you print this document out and bring it with you on your tour. Give a copy to loved ones at home so they can follow your adventure, too.

Important: please refresh this document as close to your departure as possible to ensure you're equipped with the latest information available.

Hotel Idou Anfa @ 18:00

85 Bd d'Anfa, Casablanca, 20000

Hotel 2Ciels @ 09:00

Rue Oued EL Makhazine, Angle Rue Imam Chafai, Marrakesh



Expertly crafted small-group tours



Tour highlights

- ✓ Spend the night amidst the dunes of the Sahara Desert at an authentic Berber camp – complete with a traditional feast and local entertainment
- ✓ Rest your head in a traditional riad for two nights in Fes
- ✓ Learn how to cook a sumptuous Moroccan meal at a local women's co-operative in Aït Benhaddou

More inclusions

- ✓ 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 7 dinners
- ✓ 12 nights in thoughtfully selected accommodation
- ✓ Luxury minicoach

Currencies you'll use

- Morocco – MAD



Included meals

Breakfast (B) is included daily.

Some of your lunches and dinners are also included, either in hotels or local restaurants. These are indicated by (L) and (D) in the itinerary.

Please note that drinks will not always be included.

We will do our best to accommodate any specific dietary requirements you may have. Please ensure to make these clear to us before your tour begins so we can communicate them to our hotels, restaurants and suppliers.

Expertly crafted small-group tours



Your itinerary

Day 1 | Casablanca (Morocco)

Once an old pirate lair on the Atlantic coast, the sophisticated city of Casablanca is where we'll meet to begin our intoxicating journey through Morocco. Tonight, we'll have the opportunity to get to know one another better over a delicious welcome meal at a local restaurant.

Included today



Accommodation

Idou Anfa Hôtel (or similar)



Meals

+ Dinner

Day 2 | Casablanca – Rabat – Meknes

After breakfast, we'll hit the road to our first stop: Rabat, where we'll see the marble Mausoleum of Mohammed V and the similarly spectacular Hassan Tower on a walking tour with a local guide. When we arrive in Meknes, the evening will be ours to explore at our leisure or relax back at our traditional accommodation.

Included today



Accommodation

Riad Le Petit Ksar (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast

Day 3 | Meknes – Moulay Idriss and Volubilis – Chefchaouen

This morning, we'll enjoy a relaxed walking tour of this enchanting UNESCO World Heritage-listed city – winding up at the stunning Bab Mansour Gate. After we'll make tracks for the pretty whitewashed town of Moulay Idriss where we'll savour a traditional couscous lunch. Next up is historic Volubilis where a local guide will show us around the ruins of this once bustling Roman stronghold. We'll then venture into the Rif Mountains to Chefchaouen – where we'll spend the next two nights.

Included today



Accommodation

Dar Echchaouen (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast

+ Lunch

Expertly crafted small-group tours



Day 4 | Chefchaouen

Today, you'll have an entire day to soak up this breathtaking city's many delights. Chefchaouen is famed for its vibrant blue architecture which we'll get a closer look at on a guided walk around the city's medina with a local guide. As well as soaking up its winding alleyways and cobbled plazas, we'll pause to sample some creamy local goat's cheese. The afternoon is then yours to explore further – shop for locally-made souvenirs or find a coffee shop to watch the world go by in. Tonight, we'll reconvene for a delicious homecooked meal and a tea demonstration at a local restaurant.

Included today



Accommodation

Dar Echchaouen (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

Day 5 | Chefchaouen – Fes

Say goodbye to Chefchaouen as we continue our journey to Fes – a vibrant city that's considered Morocco's cultural and spiritual heart. Once we arrive, you'll have the rest of the day to explore at your leisure. Enjoy some relaxation time at a local hammam (spa) or ask your Tour Leader for some personalised recommendations. Tonight, seek out a local eatery in Fes' bustling medina before retiring for the night in a splendid local riad.

Included today



Accommodation

Riad Sayeda Al Hora (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast

Day 6 | Fes

First on the agenda today is a walking tour of Fes' maze-like medina before we move on to a Moroccan must-see: a leather tannery. We will also visit a workshop that specialises in creating a range of local artisanal products, before having another free afternoon to explore Fes at our own pace. We recommend returning to the car-free medina and exploring the many colourful storefronts and medieval streets bursting with exotic food stands.

Included today



Accommodation

Riad Sayeda Al Hora (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast



Day 7 | Fes – Midelt – Erfoud

Today our path leads us out of the city and on a voyage through the striking, jagged landscapes of the Atlas Mountains, covering some distance as we go. We'll pay a visit to Midelt; nestled in a valley, this golden-hued town offers breathtaking vistas of the surrounding peaks. Afterwards, our scenic journey continues towards the welcoming oasis town of Erfoud, where we'll enjoy dinner as a group at our hotel.

Included today



Accommodation

Xaluca Hotel Arfoud (or similar)



Meals

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

Day 8 | Erfoud – Rissani – Merzouga

Our first stop of the day will be Rissani, where we'll be treated to a walking tour of this historic town – once the site of the renowned desert capital Sijilmasa. Afterwards, we'll swap the mini-coach for four-wheel drives and venture into the spectacular Sahara Desert where our camp just outside of Merzouga awaits. Tonight's dinner will come in the traditional form of a Berber feast, complete with local entertainment.

Included today



Accommodation

Golden Camp (or similar)



Meals

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

Day 9 | Merzouga – Todra Gorge – Skoura

Rise early this morning to catch the mesmerising sunrise over the expanse of red dunes, before we set off on a day's travel. First, we'll make the picturesque journey to the dramatic Todra Gorge. After taking some time to explore the gorge at our own pace, we'll make our way to our hotel in splendid Skoura – the so-called 'Oasis of 1000 Palms' – for the night. It's situated a short drive from the fortified village of Aït Benhaddou: a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Included today



Accommodation

Kasbah Aït Ben Damiette (or similar)



Meals

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



Day 10 | Skoura

Today, we'll kick off with a gentle guided walk through a shady palm grove. Your Tour Leader will reveal fascinating facts about Morocco's traditional date farming practices, and you'll have the chance to savour a light picnic lunch amidst the palms. Then, we'll travel back in time at Skoura's Kasbah Armidil – a 17th century fortress that's been turned into a living museum. Tonight, we'll share stories of the day over an included group dinner at our hotel.

Included today



Accommodation

Kasbah Aït Ben Damiette (or similar)



Meals

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

Day 11 | Skoura – Aït Benhaddou – Marrakech

We'll leave Skoura behind and travel onwards to Aït Benhaddou where we'll learn how to make the perfect tagine at a riverside teahouse run by the Tawesna Association – an all-women co-operative. After getting lost in Aït Benhaddou's Kasbah with a local guide, we'll move onwards to Marrakech via the awe-inspiring Tizi n'Tichka mountain pass.

Included today



Accommodation

Hotel 2 Ciels (or similar)



Meals

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch

Day 12 | Marrakech

Before we say our final goodbyes, we'll enjoy a sightseeing tour of the 'Red City' – where we'll have the chance to view the incredible Bahia Palace. Tonight, we'll come together to toast the end of our adventure with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. What an incredible journey we've had!

Included today



Accommodation

Hotel 2 Ciels (or similar)



Meals

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



Day 13 | Marrakech

After one final breakfast together at our hotel, we'll conclude our tour and part ways.

Included today



Meals

+ Breakfast



Travel advice

Finances

Changing money

Cash: Foreign money can be changed at banks, airports, some railway and tube stations, and at major hotels (though at a less favourable rate).

Credit cards: Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted. American Express is only accepted in some larger establishments.

Cash machines: ATMS are widely available.

Tipping

Tipping is entirely at your discretion. If you feel you have received exceptional service, it is recommended that you tip £1-2/€ per day for Drivers and £4- 5/€ per day for Tour Leaders.

Insurance

Before travelling with Back-Roads Touring, it is compulsory for all guests to take out comprehensive travel insurance. Please ensure your insurance covers medical expenses (including repatriation), cancellation cover, loss or damage to baggage and personal effects, money and personal liability.

We recommend you carry your insurance details with you at all times. You may be asked to provide details of your medical insurance or a payment guarantee in some countries before medical assistance can be provided.

For more information, please see our [FAQ page](#).

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our friendly Customer Service team [here](#).

Passports and visas

Please ensure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your tour. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain



countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your tour's departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

Please note: Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure as requirements do change periodically.

We advise you to either carry a photocopy of your passport (and visa, if applicable) with you while abroad, or to ensure that you leave a copy with relatives back at home. This will enable the local embassy or high commission to arrange a replacement if the original should be lost or stolen. If you do take copies with you on your tour, please ensure that you keep these separate from your original documents.

Medication and mobility

Whilst on your tour, we want you to have the smoothest journey possible which requires x mobility conditions:

- You must be fit enough to get on and off the vehicle on a regular basis, and to walk around towns and villages or to attractions.
- You must be able to walk up and down stairs and use a shower over the bath.

Please note that, unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate mobility scooter or wheelchair users as we frequently stay in traditional-style hotels and the majority do not have lifts or ground-floor rooms.

If you take medicine for certain conditions, such as diabetes or heart problems, please carry it with you at all times.

Please declare any medical conditions you may have in advance of your tour. If you are in any doubt as to whether our tours are suitable for you, please contact our friendly Customer Service team [here](#).



Mental health and wellbeing

Culture shock, homesickness and periods of feeling down happen regardless of age. Be rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Tour Leader and Driver will do their utmost to make you smile.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- Call loved ones. Hearing a familiar voice whilst in an unfamiliar destination can help ground you and remind you you're not alone.
- Eat well. Nobody feels their best when they're hungry. There are plenty of nutritious culinary delights to be savoured along the road!
- Integrate with your fellow guests. The more you socialise with the group, the less likely you'll feel homesick.

Transport

We travel in premium mini-coaches equipped with comfortable seats, air conditioning and large windows for enjoying the view.

With far more flexibility than a standard-size coach, we're able to take the scenic route – winding through beautiful countryside to the heart of tiny villages and coastal towns.

Will I have regular access to Wi-Fi?

Most accommodation we stay in will offer free Wi-Fi as well as many restaurants and cafes you may visit. If you would like more regular internet access without large roaming fees, you can purchase a Back-Roads Touring eSIM [here](#).



What to Pack

Based on our experience, the following items are essential.

Please note, this is a general packing list for Back-Roads Touring tours. What you pack will depend on the countries you're visiting as well as the time of year you plan to travel.

Clothing

- | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ✓ Sun hat | ✓ Long-sleeved tops | ✓ Light jacket |
| ✓ Sunglasses | ✓ Short-sleeved tops | ✓ Waterproof jacket |
| ✓ Sleepwear | ✓ Shorts/skirts | ✓ Trousers |
| ✓ Warm jacket | ✓ Socks | ✓ Swimwear |
| ✓ Underwear | ✓ Smart casual evening wear | ✓ Walking/comfortable shoes |

Other essentials

- | | | |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------|
| ✓ Multi-use adapter plug | ✓ Toiletries | ✓ Camera |
| ✓ Batteries | ✓ Sunscreen | ✓ Towel |
| ✓ Umbrella | ✓ Reusable water bottle | ✓ Insect repellent |
| ✓ Any personal medication | ✓ Basic medical kit (paracetamol, aspirin, plasters etc) | |

Expertly crafted small-group tours



How much luggage can I bring

As we travel in mini-coaches, luggage space is limited. Here's what you can take with you on tour:



1 x suitcase



1 x small carry-on bag
(backpack or handbag)

If you have more luggage, please make arrangements to store it prior to joining the tour. **We are unable to carry extra luggage on the mini-coach.**

Expertly crafted small-group tours



FAQs

How does tipping work in Morocco?

Tipping is customary but not compulsory in Morocco. For convenience, your Tour Leader may arrange a tipping kitty which will be used to tip local guides, hotel staff, restaurants and other services throughout your tour. 8-10 USD per person per day is the recommended amount. Please note that the tipping kitty does not include tips for meals and activities not included in your tour.

Any tips for your Tour Leader or Driver will not be part of the tipping kitty. These will be entirely at your discretion, although it is common practice to tip if you feel like you've experienced exceptional service. We suggest a tip of £4/€5 per person, per day for Tour Leaders and £3/€4 per person, per day for Drivers.

Which type of hotels will we stay in?

Our thoughtfully selected accommodation on this tour is full of charm and historic details – expect grand medina hotels, luxury desert campsites and even the odd fortress! For this reason, rooms vary in size, and most hotels don't have lifts – meaning you'll likely need to access your room via stairs.

Due to the location of some properties, including those situated in historic medinas, there may be a short walk from the minicoach to access them. Porterage will be included wherever possible.

Will I need any special clothing?

Whilst visiting some destinations, sights and attractions in Africa, it is customary to cover your shoulders and knees as a sign of respect. It's a good idea to pack T-shirts, long pants or long skirts for when this is required. Your Tour Leader will advise you well in advance when you will be required to cover up.

What do I need to know about Ramadan and Eid Al Adha?



Many restaurants and shops will either be closed or operating on reduced hours during Ramadan and Eid Al Adha. As a result, some of the activities on your trip may be affected. These events, which take place on varying dates, are an incredibly important and sacred time for Muslims. When equipped with some basic knowledge provided during your tour, you'll have the opportunity to immerse yourself in these special traditions and experience their unique highlights.

How long are the driving journeys on this tour?

Due to the size of Morocco, some journeys will be slightly longer than other Back-Roads tours. Most of our drive days range from three to four hours, with the longest being seven hours. During these periods of travelling, your group will make regular stops at various sites, so you can stretch your legs and take in the picturesque surrounds.

Can I drink alcohol in Morocco?

Yes, although alcohol is not always available at restaurants due to cultural reasons and local preferences. Your Tour Leader will be able to provide you with recommendations where possible.

What's the food like in Morocco?

Moroccan cuisine is packed with flavour and fragrant spices. Nevertheless, the local food can be limited in variety – although you will become well acquainted with various regional versions of the tagine on your tour! – and there may not always be options to suit different dietary requirements.

Will I travel in a minicoach?

As with all our tours, your group will be provided with a luxury minicoach for the duration of your escape. However, for larger groups closer to our maximum group number, we may use a slightly larger coach to provide you with a more comfortable experience.



That's everything!

We can't wait to welcome you on tour.

Expertly crafted small-group tours