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12 Days
FROM ~~\$ 5399~~ **\$ 3199***

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Exotic Morocco

Saharan Tale & Portugal 12/16 Days

Casablanca - Rabat - Chefchaouen - Fes - Beni Mellal - Marrakech - Ouarzazat - Zagora - Saharan dunes area - Ait Benaddhou - Lisbon (5 nights)

- Travel through dramatic red dunes of the **Sahara Desert** in a camel convoy and enjoy a listen to Bedouin tales
- Take a Horse carriage at sunset to travel through **Marrakech's** lively medina and join the nightly carnival of fortune-tellers, dancers and medicine men in **UNESCO Jemaa el-Fna square**
- Enjoy the fairy-tale land of blue in **Chefchaouen**
- In **Fes**, feel like you've travelled back to the Middle Ages in the labyrinthine medina
- Go behind the scenes of Game of Thrones and Gladiator in **Ait Benhadou-fortified red city** and now it's a film-maker's heaven
- Step to **Majorelle Garden and Yves Saint Laurent Museum** and explore real Morocco Blue and red with your own eyes
- Village visit of **Ait Atta Berber** tribe to better understand the culture and tradition of an indigenous population who have stood the test of time
- Tour **Lisbon's** impressive Jeronimos Monastery and the treasured 16th century Belem Tower, designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites (16 Days)
- Complete Relaxing in Portugal **beach resort** for 3 days (16 Days)



*Leading price is based on specific departure dates, please see the page 4 for more details.

Day 1 Canada - Casablanca

Depart for Morocco.

Day 2 Casablanca (D)

Arrive in Casablanca this morning. Upon arrival, see the fabled city's important sights, including the Mohammed V Square, the city's administrative seat. Next, marvel at the massive Hassan II Mosque, dramatically perched on a promontory on the Atlantic. Its indoor and outdoor space can accommodate 105,000 worshippers. In the Habous district, peruse the market and admire the exterior of the Royal Palace. Pass by Rick's Cafe, followed by a promenade on the Corniche, seaside stunning restaurants and bars area at front of Atlantic. Enjoy optional traditional lunch couscous (US\$35), the most famous national menu, at restaurant of Val d'Anfa. You may enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. In the evening, have your welcome dinner in the hotel.



Day 3 Casablanca - Rabat - Chefchaouen (B/D)

After breakfast head to Rabat, the capital of Morocco. Visit Hassan Tower, part of an unfinished mosque started by a 12th-century caliph. At the incredibly preserved Kasbah of the Udayas, explore the fortress and take a stroll in the French-colonial Andalusian gardens. You may choose the optional lunch (US\$35) - a typical steaming food, the tagine. Then continue northward to Asilah, a beautiful Atlantic coastal town with Jewish refugees from Spanish Andalusian, oppressed by the catholic king and queens. The city wall mural is colorful, with annual graffiti festival, and artists all over world come together for a cultural banquet. Transfer to "blue pearl city" Chefchaouen and have dinner in the hotel.



Day 4 Chefchaouen - Fes(B/D)

Chefchaouen, or the 'blue city', is arguably one of the prettiest places in Morocco. Its medina has been lovingly cared for with striking blue and whitewashed houses, red-tiled roofs and artistic doorways. The blue palette derives from the 15th century, when the town attracted exiles from Spain. Arriving Jewish refugees fleeing the Spanish Inquisition painted their houses blue to reflect their divinity — a tradition that continued through the centuries. Take a stroll through the ancient medina and shop for handicrafts, go hiking in the Rif mountains or simply sit at a cafe and enjoy the pleasure of time passing by. Then transfer to Fes. Before entering into the city of Fes, stop for a panorama view of the medieval biggest city. Then your guide leads you through the Jewish Quarter, or mellah, built in 1438. By the end of the walk, you'll be at the King's Palace.

Day 5 Fes - Azrou - Beni Mellal (B/D)

Fes is the spiritual and cultural heart of Morocco with a huge, well-preserved medieval old city that's the mother of all medinas. Explore the sprawling medina of Fes on foot this morning. It's said that this is the world's largest car-free urban area; undistracted by traffic, you're sure to agree that strolling here is a feast for the senses. You'll enter via the Bab Boujloud, or "Blue Gate" and visit the famed Al-Bou Inania Madrasa. You'll also see the famous tannery, known for the iconic view overlooking its dye pits, and a ceramics factory where you can see potters working in the traditional way. Walking downwards AlNajjariyyin square, an old caravanserai place, then view copper craftsmen



at work in Seffarine Square. Continue to the Karaouine Mosque and University(outside), the oldest continuously functioning university in the world, founded in the year 859. Transfer to Beni Mellal through Azrou, the crossroads between High Atlas and Middle Atlas. Enjoy dinner at the hotel later this evening after arrival.

Day 6 Beni Mellal - Marrakech (B/D)

This morning, visit this beautiful town irrigated of Tadla. Walk up to the fortress on the cliff top near by and take a panoramic view of Beni Mellal including the fortress Ras al Ain and garden Ain Asserdoun. Then transfer to Marrakech,



red capital of Moroccan Dynasty. An optional tagine lunch at a boutique Palace restaurant (US\$40). Check in the hotel and have a rest. This evening, an optional horse-drawn carriage takes you through the lively streets of Marrakech followed by the famed Djemaa el Fna square(US\$50), which is included in UNESCO's list of sites of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. When night falls it transforms into a hive of activity. Henna-painters, performers and storytellers share the square with a street food bazaar, packed with stalls loaded with Moroccan delicacies.

Day 7 Marrakech - Ouarzazate (B/D)

This morning begin your tour at Majorelle Gardens, a botanical marvel set in the heart of Marrakech and Museum Yves Saint Laurent. These 2 places representing the continuity of Andalusian art of Moorish Dynasty over 1000 years. Then, you will find an exquisite artwork of Bahia Palace, where 360 rooms were once adorned with Italian marble and Sudanese gold. For a more recent archaeological find, you'll see the richly decorated tombs of the Saadi Dynasty. Continue to Ouarzazate via the road of the thousand Kasbahs, and the Dades Valley, famous for its roses and the yearly Rose Festival. Visit Women Cooperative workshop to know precious argan oil production and how it helps ladies to live on their hands.

Day 8 Ouarzazate - Zagora - Sahara Desert (B/D)

Enjoy a city tour of Ouarzazate, a desert city at the gates of the Sahara, where productions such as Lawrence of Arabia, The Sheltering Sky and Black Hawk Down were filmed. This morning visit Taourit Fort, you will meet with some well-known faces of local residents, who have worked for several worldly famous films made here. Then drive towards the mighty Sahara Desert. Drive through changing scenery, from barren mountainsides to fertile valleys, pausing in frontier towns of M'Hamid, before reaching the end of the road at the small Saharan settlement. Depart by 4x4 caravan into the desert.





With a backdrop of the orange-coloured Erg Chigaga sand dunes, the charming Saharan village feels wonderfully isolated, like the modern world has left it behind. The Erg Chigaga dunes are the most stunning in the country and an essential part of any visit to Morocco. An erg is a vast sea of shifting wind-swept sand that's formed into picturesque, undulating crests and valleys. Camel ride: it is a must when we are in Sahara, beautiful scenery accentuated with different lights. Spend the night in a hotel or choose to upgrade to the luxury Sahara tent camp with private toilets and shower and sleep under the stars (US\$169). Our local friends will prepare a hearty feast, so all you need to do is sit back and relax.

Day 9 Zagora, Sahara Dunes Area - Ait Benaddhou (B/D)

This morning, enjoy the beautiful view of Sahara desert and meet with nomadic families of the Ait Atta Berber tribe that live here and learn about life in this wildest desert of Morocco. Optional Local Saharan family visit with lunch (US\$40), feel hospitality of Saharan people. Join a local guide to uncover the underground Kasbah and its unique ceramic pottery industry. Pass through an outstanding beauty of Atlas gorge, visit an intriguing library filled with ancient scripts of science, literature, the Koran and stories of the prophet Mohammed (subject to unregulated opening times). Continue on to your destination of Ait Benhaddou. Centuries ago, this was an important stop for caravans carrying salt across the Sahara. Today its grand kasbah, a fine example of clay architecture, has been listed as a World Heritage site. After heading to your nearby hotel for the night, maybe sit back on the roof top terrace and watch the sun setting over the magical Kasbah.

Day 10 Ait Benaddhou - Marrakech (B/D)

Perched on a hilltop and almost unchanged since the 11th century, Ait Benhaddou is one of Morocco's most iconic sites. Its grant kasbah is one of the most beautiful in Morocco and the



fortified village is a fine example of clay architecture. If you think you recognise the place, you probably do, as the town has a long list of film and TV credits, including Lawrence of Arabia, Game of Thrones and Gladiator. Enjoy a walk through the winding streets of old town, making your way to the top of the hill, from where you can enjoy the views across the surrounding plains. Transfer to Marrakech, and the rest of the day is free to explore further or shop in the bazaar. Perhaps head into the medina, where every step brings a new smell, a new sight or a new gift to buy. Watch skilled artisans perfect their craft, practice your haggling skills or take a break from the hustle to sip on tea or share a tajine, filled with the pure scent of Morocco. Tonight, you may join the optional Dinner Show-Fantasy of Andalusian Night. We'll drive you to the "Sugar Palace" - the place Dar Sukkar. In this popular night show, you will enjoy the dinner with Gnaoua music, Alaouite history, Harem belly dance and romantic voices.



Day 11 Marrakech - Casablanca (12 Days) Marrakech - Lisbon (16 Days) (B/D)

This morning you may join the optional Morocco Cooking Class to gain a newfound appreciation for Moroccan cuisine. The small group class includes shopping at the market, preparation of a traditional dish and lunch. Then create a traditional Moroccan meal such as couscous or 'tagine'. Finish by enjoying lunch with fellow students in a traditional Moroccan dwelling. This afternoon you will be transferred to Casablanca if you join the 12 days tour. If you join 16 days tour, fly to Lisbon. After arrival, enjoy dinner at famous restaurant Mercado.

Day 12 Casablanca - Canada (B)

This morning transfer to the airport and fly back to Canada.

Extend to 16 Days

Day 12 Lisbon (B)

In Lisbon, the tour begins with a stop at the top of Edward VII's Park to enjoy a magnificent view over the hills of Lisbon and the River Tagus.

Next, view the treasured 16th century Belem Tower and the Jeronimos Monastery, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, visit the Cathedral of Lisbon and enjoy the elegant Liberdade Avenue. This afternoon is free on your own. You may savor at the most famous pastry shop in Portugal for it's custard tarts. Then visit its iconic squares of Rossio, the medieval citadel in the city centre.

Day 13-15 Lisbon (B)

Today you may enjoy the beautiful beach and sunshine for 3 days. A buffet breakfast is served every morning at the hotel. It is only steps away from the sandy beach with an outdoor swimming pool. Here you may try tasty Portuguese-style meals, with an emphasis on fresh fish and seafood specialities. With a panoramic view over the bay and a relaxing ambience, the beautiful bar allows guests to unwind with a drink while enjoying the sunset. The seafrom promenade features several cafés and quaint little shops.

You may also join the optional tour to quaint Sintra(US\$79), the "Glorious Eden" of Lord Byron, and ancient summer retreat of the royal court, highlighted by lavish romantic castles and stunning monuments. Visit the Sintra Royal Palace, a 15th-century royal residence, containing one of the largest tile collections in Portugal.

Day 16 Depart Lisbon

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure flight.



Optional

- Horse-drawn carriage & Djemaa El Fna visit US\$50
- Dinner Show Fantasy of Andalusian Night US\$95
- Local Saharan family visit with lunch US\$40
- Portugal Sintra Tour US\$79

Book 3 Optional Traditional Morocco Meal Combo for Only US\$100 (original USD\$115)

- Casablanca traditional lunch couscous - the most famous national menu USD\$35
- Rabat traditional lunch - a typical steaming food, the tagine USD\$35
- Marrakech tagine lunch at a boutique Palace restaurant USD\$45

Upgrade to luxury Palace/Villa hotel for 3 nights US\$250pp

Chefchaouen Dar Ba Sidi & Spa (Luxury Villa) ★★★★★

Surrounded by nature, you can experience the synergies of the city and live in an authentic Moroccan traditional Villa. With a delicate and ornate architecture in the Arab style, the rooms are distributed around the large central courtyard, where you can enjoy our beautiful garden with swimming pool.



Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace ★★★★★

Immersing you in stylish luxury, Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace is a five-star respite for discerning travelers. Unpack your bags in elegantly appointed accommodations, enhanced by refined design elements and bathed in natural light.



Ait Benaddhou Ksar Ighnda or Temple des Arts (A Palace of 1001) ★★★★★

On the edge of the desert, luxury Hotel RIAD KSAR IGHNDA opens its doors for you onto the Atlas Mountains. For discerning lovers of luxurious sensations and relaxation. Spectacular location in the heart of Moroccan desert, next to Ksar Ait Benhaddou UNESCO site – Historic Kasbah surrounded by private gardens – Hammam – Outdoor swimming pool.



Upgrade to Luxury Sahara Tent Camp US\$169pp

Zagora Luxury Desert Camp offers a splendid atmosphere of desert night life for peace seekers, desert lovers and stars followers! Amid fascinating red sand dunes, tents are set up in the traditional Berber shape. There are currently 12 tents for accommodation, in addition to a restaurant tent, and bathrooms.



2022

Depart Canada	Arrive Canada 12 Days	Arrive Canada 16 Days	Package Price 12 Days	Package Price 16 Days
16-Apr	27-Apr	01-May	\$3,399	\$4,299
14-May	25-May	29-May	\$3,499	\$4,399
24-Sep	05-Oct	09-Oct	\$3,499	\$4,399
08-Oct	19-Oct	23-Oct	\$3,499	\$4,399
22-Oct	02-Nov	06-Nov	\$3,399	\$4,299
05-Nov	16-Nov	20-Nov	\$3,199	\$3,999

2023

Depart Canada	Arrive Canada 12 Days	Arrive Canada 16 Days	Package Price 12 Days	Package Price 16 Days
18-Mar	29-Mar	02-Apr	\$3,199	\$3,999
15-Apr	26-Apr	30-Apr	\$3,399	\$4,299
13-May	24-May	28-May	\$3,499	\$4,399
23-Sep	04-Oct	08-Oct	\$3,499	\$4,399
07-Oct	18-Oct	22-Oct	\$3,499	\$4,399
21-Oct	01-Nov	05-Nov	\$3,399	\$4,299
04-Nov	15-Nov	19-Nov	\$3,199	\$3,999

Price Guide

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation
- Single and triple cabins are based on request
- Add on airfare from other cities: Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria \$300, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John from \$400, Ottawa, Quebec city from \$200
- Single supplement fee: \$1,099 (12 Days) / \$1,399 (16 Days)
- Land only from \$2,499-\$2,699 (12 Days) / \$3,299-\$3,599 (16 Days)
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the latest information

Escorted Package Includes

- International Airfare from Toronto in economy class
- Airport taxes
- Flight from Marrakech to Lisbon (16 Days)
- 4 star First class hotel accommodation
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions as indicated
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- All transportation in the destination
- Meals as indicated in the program

Price Does Not Include

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid Gratuities: USD132(12 Days)
USD156(16 Days)
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls