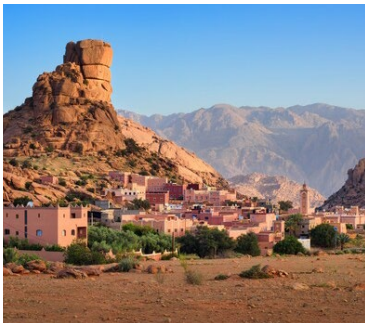


Africa

Morocco Explorer and the Anti-Atlas









trip highlights

- Venture beyond Morocco's familiar trails on scenic hikes through the remote Anti-Atlas Mountains
- Walk through the lush palm groves and hidden oases of Tiout, Aït Mansour Gorge and Had Targa N'Touchka
- Explore the beautiful Ameln Valley, hiking beneath Jebel Lkest among terraced fields and mountain villages
- Discover Tafraoute's extraordinary granite formations and colourful Painted Rocks
- Immerse yourself in Moroccan culture with a traditional cooking class in Fes and a calligraphy workshop in Marrakech
- Explore Morocco's imperial cities, discovering the historic medinas and cultural traditions of Rabat, Meknes, Fes and Marrakech
- Experience a Sahara sunrise, morning camel ride and overnight stay among the golden dunes of Erg Chebbi
- Discover ancient kasbahs, the Roman ruins of Volubilis and UNESCO-listed Aït Ben Haddou



Trip Duration	19 days	**Trip Code:** MAD
Grade	Introductory to Moderate	
Activities	Trekking, Adventure Touring	
Summary	5 nights hotels, 12 nights traditional riads/ guesthouses, 1 night Sahara desert camp	

welcome to World Expeditions

Since 1975 we have run expedition-style adventures for active travellers, from our first trek in Nepal to remote routes on all seven continents.

Our philosophy is simple: take the paths less travelled. That means small groups, local crew, low impact, and routes most travellers never see.

Everything you need to know about the Morocco Explorer and the Anti-Atlas is in these notes.

why travel with World Expeditions?

When travelling through Morocco, local knowledge and attention to detail can make all the difference. Our experienced local guides share their knowledge of the country's history, traditions and culture, taking you beyond the main sights to explore lesser-visited places along the way. From traditional riads and Sahara desert camping to hands-on cooking and calligraphy workshops, our itineraries bring together experiences that reflect the diversity of Morocco. Combined with small group travel, carefully planned logistics and experienced local leadership, you can focus on enjoying the journey while the practical arrangements are taken care of.

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the trip

From the winding medinas of Morocco's imperial cities and the golden dunes of the Sahara to remote mountain villages and hidden oases of the Anti-Atlas, this 19-day journey reveals the extraordinary diversity of Morocco's landscapes and culture. Combining cultural discovery with scenic day walks ranging from introductory to moderate, it offers the chance to experience both the country's celebrated highlights and its quieter, lesser-explored corners.

Explore the historic cities of Rabat, Meknes and Fes, where ancient medinas, traditional craftsmanship and local cuisine bring Morocco's rich heritage to life. Beyond the cities, discover the sweeping dunes of Erg Chebbi, spend a night beneath the stars in the Sahara and journey through the dramatic gorges, fertile valleys and traditional kasbahs of the Atlas Mountains.

Further south, the rugged Anti-Atlas reveals another side of Morocco. Walk through the palm-filled oasis of Aït Mansour Gorge, discover Tafraoute's striking granite landscapes and Painted Rocks, and follow mountain trails towards traditional Amazigh villages beneath Jebel Lkest. Along the way, enjoy sweeping views, quiet valleys and glimpses of everyday life in rural Morocco.

From the mountains to the Atlantic coast, this journey brings together Morocco's remarkable landscapes, living traditions and opportunities to explore on foot.

at a glance

DAY 1	JOIN CASABLANCA
DAY 2	EXPLORE CASABLANCA AND TRAVEL TO RABAT
DAY 3	RABAT TO FES VIA MEKNES, MOULAY IDRISS AND VOLUBILIS
DAY 4	EXPLORE FES AND TRADITIONAL MOROCCAN COOKING
DAY 5	FES TO MIDELT VIA THE MIDDLE ATLAS MOUNTAINS
DAY 6	MIDELT TO MERZOUGA AND THE ERG CHEBBI DUNES
DAY 7	SAHARA SUNRISE, MORNING CAMEL RIDE, TODRA GORGE AND DADÈS VALLEY
DAY 8	EXPLORE THE DADÈS GORGE AND SURROUNDING VALLEYS
DAY 9	DADÈS TO AÏT BEN HADDOU VIA SKOURA OASIS
DAY 10	AÏT BEN HADDOU TO MARRAKECH VIA TELOUET AND THE HIGH ATLAS
DAY 11	EXPLORE MARRAKECH AND MOROCCAN CALLIGRAPHY
DAY 12	MARRAKECH TO TAROUDANT VIA THE TIZI N'TEST PASS
DAY 13	EXPLORE TAROUDANT AND WALK THROUGH TIOUT OASIS
DAY 14	INTO THE ANTI-ATLAS MOUNTAINS AND HIKING IN AMELN VALLEY
DAY 15	WALK THROUGH THE AÏT MANSOUR GORGE AND OASIS
DAY 16	DISCOVER TAFRAOUTE'S PAINTED ROCKS AND GRANITE LANDSCAPES
DAY 17	HIKING TO TAGDICHT VILLAGE AND JEBEL LKEST
DAY 18	TAFRAOUTE TO AGADIR VIA TANALT AND HAD TARGA N'TOUCHKA OASIS
DAY 19	TRIP CONCLUDES IN AGADIR

what's included

- 18 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 13 dinners
- Airport transfers (day 1 and 19 only)
- 5 nights in comfortable hotels on a twin-share basis
- 12 nights in traditional riads/guesthouses on a twin-share basis
- 1 night in a Sahara desert camp on a twin-share basis
- English-speaking tour leader throughout
- English-speaking local city guides in Rabat, Meknes, Fes, Marrakech and Taroudant
- Guided walks and hikes in the Anti-Atlas Mountains as per itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as specified in the itinerary

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trip dates

2027

07 Feb - 25 Feb **1**
21 Feb - 11 Mar **1**
07 Mar - 25 Mar **1**
14 Mar - 01 Apr **1**
28 Mar - 15 Apr **1**
04 Apr - 22 Apr
18 Apr - 06 May
09 May- 27 May
23 May- 10 Jun
30 May- 17 Jun
13 Jun - 01 Jul

important notes

1 - This departure falls within the typical almond blossom season in Morocco's Anti-Atlas Mountains. Flowering is subject to seasonal conditions.

fast facts

Countries Visited:
Morocco

Visas:
Please check visa requirements with your reservations consultant*

Vaccinations:
Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

Private Groups:
Available for this trip*

Leader:
Expert local bi-lingual leader

Advice for people with limited mobility
Not suitable

- Traditional Moroccan cooking class in Fes
- Calligraphy workshop in Marrakech
- Camel ride in the Sahara
- Private transport throughout

what's not included

- Flights
- Travel Insurance
- Visa
- Arrival and departure transfers (if not arriving Day 1 or departing Day 19)
- Drinks or meals not noted as included
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips

detailed itinerary

DAY 1 Join Casablanca

Welcome to Morocco! On arrival at Casablanca Airport, you will be met and transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to settle in.

A trip briefing will be held with your guide, providing an opportunity to meet your fellow travellers and learn more about the journey ahead.

Overnight: Idou Anfa Hotel or similar, Casablanca.

meals: NIL

DAY 2 Explore Casablanca and Travel to Rabat

This morning, we visit Casablanca's iconic Hassan II Mosque, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. One of the largest mosques in the world, it is renowned for its intricate craftsmanship, elaborate mosaics and soaring minaret.

We then travel north to Rabat, Morocco's capital, where our local guide introduces us to the city's historic landmarks, including the Kasbah of the Udayas, its picturesque gardens and the impressive Hassan Tower. With its coastal setting and relaxed atmosphere, Rabat offers a fascinating introduction to Morocco's rich history and cultural heritage.

Tonight, we stay in a traditional riad and experience Moroccan hospitality.

Overnight: Riad Kelaa or similar

Driving time: ~2 hrs

Distance: ~90 km / 56 mi

meals: B,D

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thoughtful travel

Every trip runs with local guides and crew, in small groups, using low-impact camping and trekking practices.

Our porter welfare standards are set out in these notes. Our community partnerships and the work of the World Expeditions Foundation are on our website.

trip grading

Introductory to Moderate

This trip is graded Introductory to Moderate (Grade 4) and combines cultural sightseeing and adventure touring with guided day walks in Morocco's Anti-Atlas Mountains. Most walks are relatively accessible, following village paths, oasis trails and uneven mountain terrain, with walking durations generally ranging from 2 to 4 hours.

The most demanding day involves hiking towards Tagdicht village and Jebel Lkest, where steeper, rocky trails require good fitness, balance and sure-footedness. For experienced and physically fit walkers, there may be an opportunity to continue towards Jebel Lkest, subject to local conditions and the guide's assessment.

A good level of fitness and preparation is recommended, particularly for the more challenging mountain sections. We suggest 45 minutes of aerobic exercise three times a week for at least three months before departure, supplemented by regular hill or stair walking with a daypack.

Temperatures can vary considerably between the desert, mountains and coastal regions. Travellers should be prepared for warm conditions, uneven terrain and changing weather, and carry sufficient water during walks.

DAY 3 Rabat to Fes via Meknes, Moulay Idriss and Volubilis

Leaving Rabat, we travel inland towards Meknes, one of Morocco's historic imperial cities. We spend time exploring its impressive architecture and monuments before continuing to the sacred town of Moulay Idriss, dramatically situated across two hills.

Nearby, we visit the Roman ruins of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Walking among its ancient columns, mosaics and remarkably preserved remains, we gain an insight into Morocco's Roman past.

Our journey continues to Fes, one of the country's oldest and most culturally significant cities. Before entering the medina, we stop at the South Borj viewpoint for sweeping panoramic views across the city and its maze of historic streets.

Overnight: Riad El Yacout or similar, Fes

Driving time: ~3–4 hrs

Distance: ~230 km / 143 mi

meals: B,D

DAY 4 Explore Fes and Traditional Moroccan Cooking

Fes is a city renowned for its medieval architecture, traditional craftsmanship and vibrant atmosphere, offering a fascinating insight into Morocco's cultural heritage.

Our guided exploration includes the historic Mellah, the city's former Jewish quarter, and the famous tanneries, where leather continues to be treated and dyed using techniques passed down through generations.

Later, we enjoy a hands-on Moroccan cooking class in a traditional riad, discovering the flavours and ingredients of Fassi cuisine. Under local guidance, we learn to prepare regional specialities such as bastilla, harira and dishes featuring preserved lemon, gaining an appreciation of the culinary traditions that make Fes such a remarkable destination.

Overnight: Riad El Yacout or similar, Fes

meals: B,D

DAY 5 Fes to Midelt via the Middle Atlas Mountains

Leaving Fes behind, we travel south through the changing landscapes of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Our journey takes us through Ifrane and Azrou, a region known for its forests, mountain scenery and traditional communities.

Depending on time, we may also visit Bhalil, a fascinating village known for its cave dwellings, some of which remain inhabited today.

As we continue towards Midelt, the landscape gradually changes from forested hills to more open and rugged mountain terrain, offering a glimpse of the contrasting environments that make Morocco so diverse.

We arrive in Midelt for our overnight stay.

Overnight: Kasbah Asmaa or similar, Midelt

Driving time: ~3.5–4 hrs

Distance: ~210 km / 130 mi

meals: B,D

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adventure travel

Adventure travel involves the unexpected. In remote regions conditions change, and itineraries may be altered at short notice.

Flexibility gets you far more out of the trip than a fixed plan will.

If you are unsure whether this trip suits you, talk to us before you book.

important note

These notes are current at the date shown on each page and replace any earlier version.

The itinerary is a guide. It may change due to weather, conditions on the ground or other circumstances beyond our control.

DAY 6 Midelt to Merzouga and the Erg Chebbi Dunes

Today we journey towards the Sahara Desert, travelling through the increasingly arid landscapes of southern Morocco. Passing through Erfoud, we continue towards Merzouga, the gateway to the golden dunes of Erg Chebbi.

Arriving in the afternoon, we settle into our desert camp, surrounded by the sweeping sands of the Sahara. There is time to enjoy a sunset activity and appreciate the changing colours of the dunes.

This evening, we enjoy dinner at camp accompanied by traditional Gnaoua music, an atmospheric introduction to the musical heritage of southern Morocco.

Overnight: Golden Dune Luxury Camp or similar, Erg Chebbi

Driving time: ~4 hrs

Distance: ~270 km / 168 mi

meals: B,L,D

DAY 7 Sahara Sunrise, Morning Camel Ride, Todra Gorge and Dadès Valley

We rise early to experience the Sahara as the first light illuminates the towering dunes of Erg Chebbi. An early morning camel ride offers a memorable way to explore the desert, with the option to walk for those who prefer. We return to camp for breakfast before continuing our journey.

Leaving Merzouga, we travel west through Rissani towards the Todra Gorge, where towering limestone cliffs rise dramatically above the narrow valley floor.

After time to appreciate the impressive scenery, we continue towards the Dadès Valley, a region of rugged mountains, traditional villages and distinctive rock formations.

We settle into our accommodation in the Dadès region, our base for the next two nights.

Overnight: Dadès Valley

Driving time: ~4–5 hrs

Distance: ~290 km / 180 mi

meals: B,D

DAY 8 Explore the Dadès Gorge and Surrounding Valleys

The dramatic landscapes of the Dadès region take centre stage as we explore an area known for its deep gorges, unusual rock formations and traditional villages.

We enjoy short walks through the surrounding valleys, discovering rugged mountain terrain, cultivated fields and communities that have adapted to life in this environment.

With a full day to explore, we can take a more relaxed pace and appreciate the natural beauty of the Dadès Valley beyond the main road.

We return to our accommodation for a second night.

Overnight: Dadès Valley

meals: B,D

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DAY 9 Dadès to Aït Ben Haddou via Skoura Oasis

Leaving the Dadès Valley, we travel through the landscapes of southern Morocco towards Skoura Oasis, a region known for its extensive palm groves and historic fortified kasbahs.

Here we visit Kasbah Amridil, one of the finest examples of traditional southern Moroccan architecture, where imposing earthen walls and intricate design reflect the region's rich history.

We continue towards Aït Ben Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed fortified village renowned for its traditional mud-brick architecture. Arriving later in the afternoon, after many of the day visitors have departed, we explore the atmospheric lanes of the ksar and walk towards the hilltop granary for panoramic views across the surrounding landscape.

Tonight we stay in a traditional guesthouse near the historic village.

Overnight: Dar Mouna or similar, Aït Ben Haddou

Driving time: ~2.5–3 hrs

Distance: ~160 km / 99 mi

meals: B,D

DAY 10 Aït Ben Haddou to Marrakech via Telouet and the High Atlas

Our journey continues across the High Atlas Mountains towards Marrakech, following a scenic route through dramatic mountain landscapes and remote villages.

Along the way, we take a detour to Telouet to visit the historic kasbah of Thami El Glaoui, once the residence of one of Morocco's most powerful regional rulers. Although parts of the kasbah have fallen into ruin, its surviving reception halls reveal beautifully decorated plasterwork and a glimpse into its former grandeur.

We continue over the Tizi n'Tichka Pass (2,260m), enjoying sweeping views across the rugged mountain scenery before descending towards Marrakech.

On arrival, we settle into our traditional riad for the next two nights.

Overnight: Riad Berta or similar, Marrakech

Driving time: ~4–5 hrs

Distance: ~190 km / 118 mi

meals: B

DAY 11 Explore Marrakech and Moroccan Calligraphy

Marrakech is one of Morocco's most vibrant and captivating imperial cities, with a rich history and cultural heritage to discover. Our guided sightseeing begins in the historic Mellah before continuing to El Badi Palace, the impressive ruins of a once-grand Saadian palace.

We also visit Ben Youssef Medersa, renowned for its exquisite Islamic architecture, intricate tilework and beautifully carved decoration.

In the afternoon, we take part in a traditional calligraphy workshop in the medina, discovering the artistry and cultural significance of this centuries-old craft.

Later, we visit Le Jardin Secret, a peaceful garden tucked away within the bustling medina, where we can relax over a cup of Moroccan mint tea.

Overnight: Riad Berta or similar, Marrakech

meals: B

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DAY 12 Marrakech to Taroudant via the Tizi n'Test Pass

Leaving Marrakech behind, we travel south towards the High Atlas Mountains. The road winds through dramatic mountain scenery, crossing the Tizi n'Test Pass and revealing sweeping views of rugged peaks, Amazigh villages and terraced valleys.

Along the way, we stop to enjoy the views and gain an insight into rural Morocco, where small communities continue to maintain traditional ways of life.

Descending from the mountains, we arrive in Taroudant, a historic market town surrounded by ochre-coloured ramparts. The afternoon is free to settle into our accommodation or explore the atmospheric streets of the medina.

Overnight: Dar Tourkia or similar, Taroudant

Driving time: ~5–6 hrs

Distance: ~225 km / 140 mi

meals: B,D

DAY 13 Explore Taroudant and Walk Through Tiout Oasis

This morning, we explore Taroudant with a local guide, discovering its lively souks, traditional medina and impressive defensive walls. Often referred to as a smaller, quieter alternative to Marrakech, Taroudant offers an introduction to southern Morocco's rich trading heritage.

We then travel into the surrounding countryside to Tiout Oasis, where a two-hour guided walk takes us through lush palm groves, cultivated fields and traditional Amazigh villages. Along the way, we discover the irrigation systems that have sustained agriculture in this arid landscape for generations and gain an insight into daily life in the oasis communities.

Returning to Taroudant in the afternoon, the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: Dar Tourkia or similar, Taroudant

Walking: ~ 2 hours

Driving time: ~1–1.5 hrs (return)

Distance: ~65 km / 40 mi

meals: B

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DAY 14 Into the Anti-Atlas Mountains and Hiking in Ameln Valley

Leaving Taroudant behind, we journey towards Tafraoute, travelling through the extraordinary landscapes of the Anti-Atlas Mountains. Unlike the towering peaks of the High Atlas, this region is characterised by ancient granite formations, rugged valleys and traditional villages nestled among the hills.

On arrival in the Tafraoute region, we set out on a four-hour hike through the beautiful Ameln Valley. Surrounded by dramatic rock formations and mountain scenery, our trail passes almond trees, cultivated terraces and traditional Amazigh villages set beneath the slopes of Jebel Lkest.

Along the way, we gain an appreciation of the region's rural traditions and the close relationship between its communities and the surrounding landscape.

After enjoying lunch in the valley, we continue to our accommodation near Tafraoute, our base for the next four nights.

Overnight: Chez Amaliya or similar, Tafraoute

Walking: ~ 4 hours

Driving time: ~3–3.5 hrs

Distance: ~155 km / 96 mi

meals: B,L,D

DAY 15 Walk Through the Aït Mansour Gorge and Oasis

The beautiful Aït Mansour Gorge reveals one of the Anti-Atlas Mountains' most remarkable landscapes. Our journey takes us along winding mountain roads, passing rugged granite formations and remote valleys before descending into a hidden oasis.

Here, towering reddish rock walls contrast dramatically with lush palm groves and cultivated gardens. We explore the valley on foot, walking beneath the palms and passing traditional stone villages, almond trees and ancient irrigation channels that support the local communities.

The peaceful surroundings provide an opportunity to experience a different side of Morocco, far removed from its bustling cities.

After time to appreciate the dramatic gorge and its remarkable scenery, we return to Tafraoute for the evening.

Overnight: Chez Amaliya or similar, Tafraoute

Driving time: ~2–2.5 hrs (return)

Distance: ~75 km / 47 mi

meals: B,D

DAY 16 Discover Tafraoute's Painted Rocks and Granite Landscapes

Today we explore the fascinating granite landscapes surrounding Tafraoute, beginning with a visit to the famous Painted Rocks. Created by Belgian artist Jean Vérame in

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1984, this unusual open-air artwork features enormous granite boulders painted in vivid colours, creating a striking contrast against the natural tones of the surrounding mountains.

Beyond the Painted Rocks, we continue exploring the region's extraordinary geological formations. Millions of years of weathering and erosion have shaped the granite into giant rounded boulders, sculptural outcrops and dramatic natural arrangements.

We enjoy short walks and scenic stops among the rock formations, with opportunities to admire the surrounding valleys and traditional villages.

Returning to Tafraoute in the afternoon, there is time to relax or explore the town at leisure.

Overnight: Chez Amaliya or similar, Tafraoute

Driving time: ~30–45 min

Distance: ~20 km / 12 mi

meals: B,D

DAY 17 Hiking to Tagdicht Village and Jebel Lkest

Venturing deeper into the Anti-Atlas Mountains, we set out on one of the most rewarding hikes of our journey. Our route takes us towards the traditional Amazigh village of Tagdicht, situated on the slopes of Jebel Lkest, one of the region's most prominent mountains.

Walking through rugged mountain terrain, we discover traditional stone houses, terraced fields and sweeping views across the surrounding valleys. The village offers a fascinating glimpse into rural life in this remote mountain environment.

For experienced and physically fit walkers, the route continues towards Jebel Lkest, with a more demanding ascent through rocky mountain landscapes. As we gain elevation, expansive views unfold across the Ameln Valley, the granite mountains and the scattered villages below.

After enjoying the mountain scenery, we descend and return to Tafraoute for our final evening in the Anti-Atlas.

Overnight: Chez Amaliya or similar, Tafraoute

Driving time: ~1–1.5 hrs (return)

Distance: ~40 km / 25 mi

meals: B,D

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DAY 18 Tafraoute to Agadir via Tanalt and Had Targa N'Touchka Oasis

Leaving Tafraoute, we travel through the rugged landscapes of the western Anti-Atlas Mountains towards Agadir. Our journey takes us via Tanalt, passing remote valleys, traditional villages and rocky hillsides that showcase the natural beauty of southern Morocco.

Along the way, we stop at the oasis of Had Targa N'Touchka for a three-hour walk through palm groves, cultivated gardens and traditional rural settlements. Here, we discover the agricultural practices and irrigation systems that have supported local communities for generations.

Following our walk, we continue towards the Atlantic coast, gradually leaving the mountains behind as we descend towards Agadir.

On arrival, we check into our hotel for our final night.

Overnight: Hotel Anezi or similar, Agadir

Walking: 3 hours

Driving time: ~5–6 hrs

Distance: ~250 km / 155 mi

meals: B

DAY 19 Trip Concludes in Agadir

Our journey through Morocco concludes after breakfast. For those wishing to extend their stay, Agadir offers an opportunity to relax along the Atlantic coast or explore more of southern Morocco.

meals: B

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

suggested extensions

Essaouira Sojourn

country information

The Amazigh (Berber) people are among Morocco's earliest known inhabitants, with a history stretching back thousands of years. Morocco's position between Africa, Europe and the Mediterranean has shaped its development through centuries of trade, migration and cultural exchange. Phoenician and Carthaginian traders established settlements along the coast, followed by Roman rule over parts of northern Morocco. Roman sites such as Volubilis remain important reminders of this period, while Jewish communities also formed part of the country's early history.

Islam spread into Morocco from the 7th century, bringing significant religious, cultural and political changes. The Idrisid dynasty, established in the late 8th century, laid the foundations for an independent Moroccan state. Later Amazigh dynasties, including the Almoravids and Almohads, extended their influence across North Africa and parts of the Iberian Peninsula. The Marinids followed, contributing to the development of cities, architecture and centres of learning. The Saadian dynasty rose to power in the 16th century, followed by the Alaouite dynasty in the 17th century, which continues to rule today. King Mohammed VI has been Morocco's monarch since 1999.

During the early 20th century, growing European influence led to the establishment of French and Spanish protectorates in 1912. Under colonial administration, new roads, railways and urban districts were developed, alongside changes to Morocco's political and economic structures. The independence movement gained momentum during the 1940s, and Morocco regained its independence in 1956.

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Today, Morocco is a constitutional monarchy with a population of approximately 36.8 million, according to the 2024 national census. The country's cultural identity reflects its Arab and Amazigh heritage, alongside longstanding African, Mediterranean and European influences. Islam is the predominant religion, while Morocco also has a significant Jewish cultural heritage. Arabic and Amazigh are the official languages, with Moroccan Arabic (Darija) widely spoken in everyday life. French remains commonly used in business, education and tourism, while regional Amazigh languages are spoken throughout the Atlas and Rif Mountains and southern Morocco.

Education and literacy have improved considerably in recent decades. According to the 2024 census, approximately 75% of the population aged 10 and over is literate, although differences remain between urban and rural communities.

Morocco is renowned for its rich artistic and cultural traditions, including music, ceramics, textiles, leatherwork and jewellery. Its historic medinas, traditional kasbahs, vibrant markets and regional cuisine reflect centuries of craftsmanship and cultural exchange. From the Atlas Mountains and fertile valleys to the vast landscapes of the Sahara, Morocco offers travellers opportunities to discover its history, traditions and diverse communities.

climate

Morocco's Anti-Atlas region experiences a generally dry climate, with warm days and cooler evenings. Autumn and spring offer favourable conditions for walking, although temperatures can become hot in exposed valleys and lower elevations. Winter brings cooler daytime temperatures and cold nights, particularly in mountainous areas. Weather conditions vary with altitude, and travellers should be prepared for strong sunshine, wind and occasional rain, with suitable clothing for both warm and cool conditions.

dietary requirements

Tell us at least one month before departure and we can cater for vegetarian diets and most medically recommended diets, including allergies and intolerances. Options are limited in remote locations. Some alternatives cost more or are not available, and on some trips you may need to bring your own food. We cannot guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip. Travellers with severe allergies must carry their own medication and be able to self-administer it.

pre and post tour accommodation

If extending your time in Morocco, more then just the trip, please ask us about our accommodation and other excursion trips

what you carry

In your daypack you will need to carry extra warm clothing (depending on the altitude, location and weather), a rainjacket, water bottle, camera gear, valuables and personal items such as sunscreen, lip-eze etc. All group gear and your luggage is moved by our team.

equipment required

Specialist gear required include walking boots and day pack (a comprehensive gear list is provided in the pre-departure information provided on booking).

vehicles & safety

We use a range of vehicles, each chosen for the route and the conditions.

Transport safety laws differ from those at home. We use vehicles with seatbelts wherever they are available, but some vehicles will not have them fitted.

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visas

Visas are exempt for passport holders from the following countries:-

Australia

New Zealand

Canada

United States

United Kingdom

All other nationalities should check with your nearest embassy or consulate.

You may also need visas for countries you transit on the way. Check the requirements for every country on your route.

Visa costs and rules change often, so confirm with your Reservations Consultant or travel agent. Obtaining your visas is your responsibility.

carbon footprint & climate action

We measure the estimated carbon emissions of our trips to better understand their environmental impact and identify opportunities to reduce emissions, rather than relying on carbon offsets.

Our Carbon Labels, calculated with independent carbon consultancy ecollective, estimate emissions from accommodation, meals, ground transport, activities and guiding. International flights are not included and can represent a significant proportion of your overall travel footprint.

You can help reduce your travel emissions by choosing direct flights where practical, flying economy and taking fewer, longer trips.

Learn more under Climate Action in the Responsible Travel section of our website.

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trip availability

We run small groups, so places go early. Check availability online, or call our team, who can often find options the website does not show.

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