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## An 11 night tour in Morocco

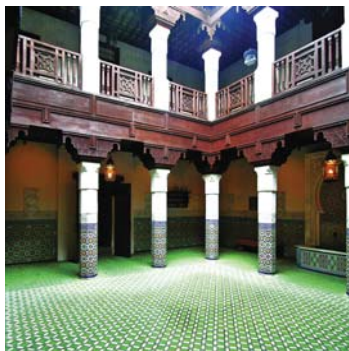
**Fes - Marrakech - The Kasbah du Toubkal (Atlas Mountains) - Essaouira**

**Day 1** On arrival at Mohammed V Airport in Casablanca, you will be met by your personal driver and air-conditioned SUV and transferred to your accommodation in Fes where you will stay for 3 nights.  
Dinner will be served in your accommodation.

*Day 2* After breakfast your guide will meet you and take you on a tour of the medieval medina of Fes, one of the largest car-free cities in the world. Narrow cobbled streets are filled with ancient mosques and towering green-glazed minarets. Places of interest to visit in Fes include the Medersa el-Attarine (Koranic university), Foundouk Nejjarine, the shrine of Moulay Idriss II, the countless souks and the famous tanneries. You can also explore the Dar Batha Museum, the recently restored Ibn Danan Synagogue and the impressive gates of the Royal Palace. For dinner you are free to

dine at a restaurant of your choice or we can reserve a table for you at one of our recommended restaurants Night in Fes. For dinner you are free to choose a recommended restaurant that we can reserve for you.

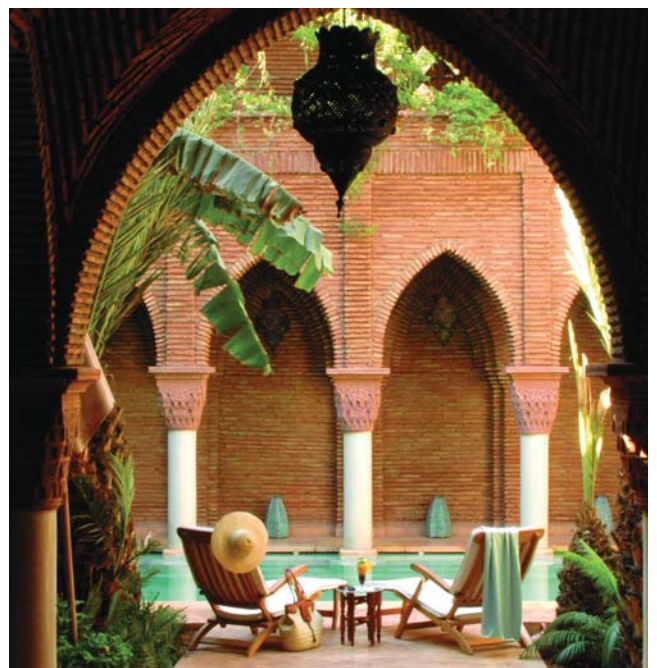
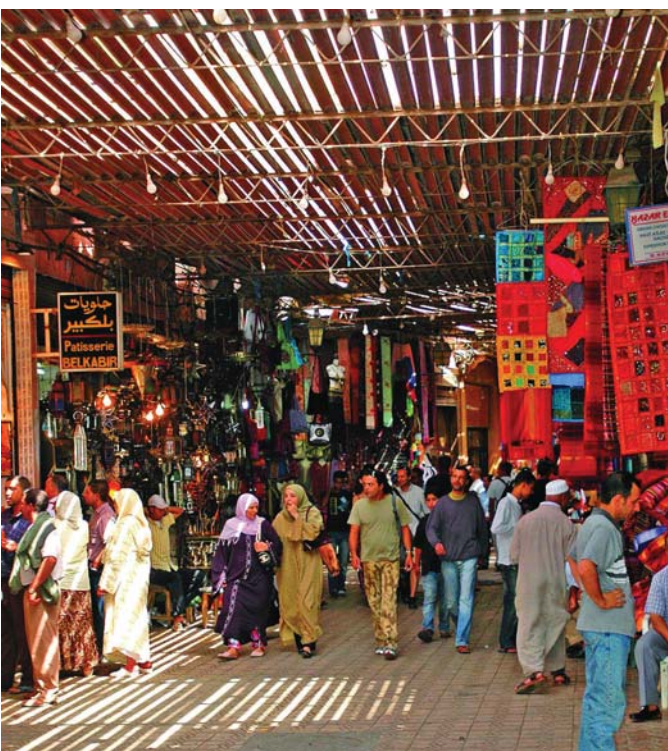
*Day 3* After breakfast your driver will take you to the extensive Roman ruins at Volubilis, nearby Moulay Idriss and the Imperial city of Meknes. On your return to Fes you will have the late afternoon and evening free to explore the souk. For dinner you are free to dine at a restaurant of your choice or we can reserve a table for you at one of our recommended restaurants.





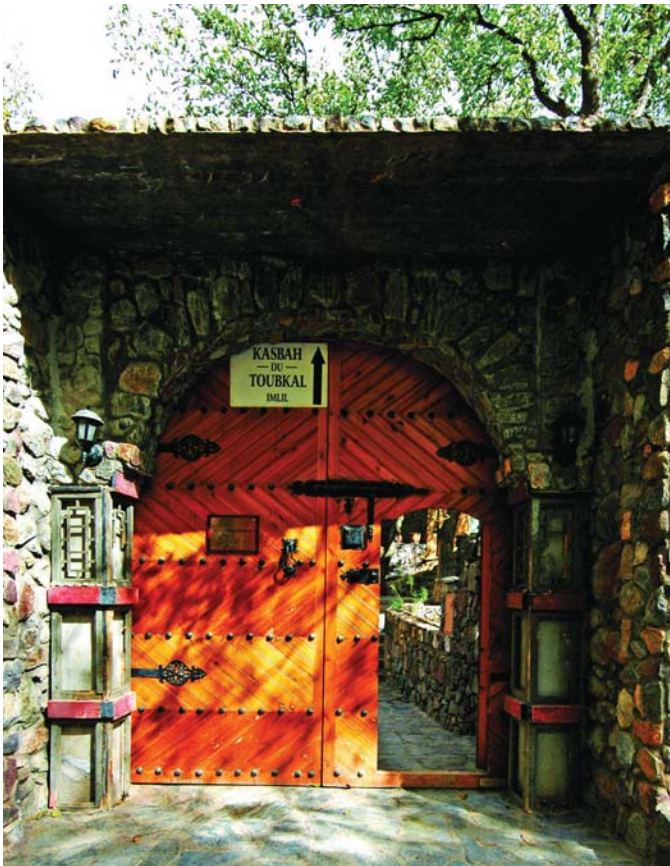
*Day 4* After breakfast your driver will transfer you to Marrakech via the Middle Atlas Mountains where there will be many photo opportunities. On your arrival you in Marrakech, will be taken to your 5\* accommodation where you will stay for 3 nights. Dinner will be served at your accommodation.

*Day 5* After breakfast you will be collected from your accommodation and taken on a full day guided tour of Marrakech. Your tour starts at the 12th century Koutoubia Mosque whose beautiful minaret dominates the skyline of Marrakech and can be seen from almost every approach to the city. The tour will include a visit to the medina and its colourful souks (marketplace) where you can barter for carpets, leather goods, jewellery, lanterns and spices. In the early evening we will head towards the frenetic Djemaa el-Fna, the most famous square in Africa, where snake charmers, storytellers, acrobats, medicine men and musicians compete for your attention. You may wish to dine at our recommended restaurant, the Al Fassia, one of the finest Moroccan restaurants in Marrakech. If you wish to do so, we can reserve a table for you on your behalf.





*Day 6* After breakfast you will be met by your guide and continue your tour of Marrakech where you will visit the Majorelle Gardens, the Saadian Tombs, the medieval Medersa Ben Youssef (Koranic university), the Musée de Marrakech and the Dar Bellarj cultural foundation. After lunch you will be driven south from Marrakech to visit the lush and verdant Ourika valley nestled in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, where local Marrakchis often come at weekends to picnic with their families. For dinner you are free to dine at a restaurant of your choice or we can reserve a table for you at one of our recommended restaurants.



*Day 7* After breakfast you will be met at your accommodation and driven into the foothills of the stunning High Atlas Mountains. Here, you will have lunch at the world-renowned Kasbah du Toubkal, a stunning mountain retreat, standing 1800 metres above sea level. The Kasbah is located in the midst of reddish-brown mountains, walnut groves and mud-brick villages with the towering snow-capped Jbel Toubkal rising 4165 metres steeply behind. The local Berber inhabitants live a way of life that has hardly changed in centuries. You will stay at the Kasbah du Toubkal on a full board basis and will have local guides and their mules at your disposal.



*Day 8* You remain at the Kasbah and can enjoy taking a guided walk around the area and villages. For those who prefer something less strenuous, we can provide mules for you to ride. All your meals are included.



*Day 9* After breakfast your driver will take you to the city of Essaouira, 165 miles from the Kasbah. This magical fortified coastal town is in total contrast to Marrakech and offers many photographic opportunities. For dinner, we suggest dining at "Sams", a world-famous fish restaurant at the end of the harbour. Your accommodation whilst in Essaouira will be in a 5\* riad within the walls of the medina.



*Day 11* After breakfast your driver will collect you and take you to Casablanca where you will spend your last night at a 5\* hotel in the city centre. We suggest dining at your hotel. The drive is about 5 hours so you may wish to have lunch in Essaouira and arrive in Casablanca at around 1600 hrs.



*Day 10* After breakfast, a guide will meet you and take you on a tour of the lively port, the colourful souk and the medina of Essaouira. For lunch you may wish to eat at one of the many fish stalls near to the port where the morning's catch is on display and cooked right in front of you. In the afternoon your driver will take you out of the town into the surrounding countryside. On your return to the riad we recommend you dine at the excellent Sofitel Beach Restaurant. After dinner you may wish to return to the medina and enjoy a drink on the roof bar of the Taros Café Restaurant where local musicians play relaxing blues and jazz music.



*Day 12* Your driver will take you to Casablanca airport for your onward journey.

