# **EXPLORE!**

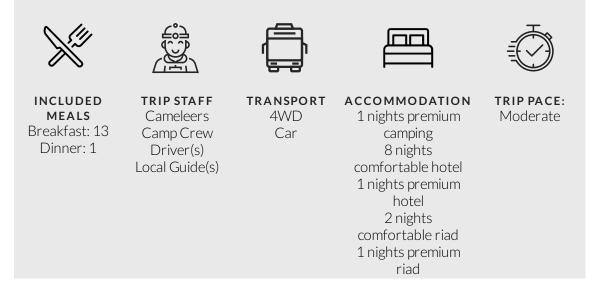
#### Book with confidence



## Why book this trip?

Enter the world of ancient Morocco on this journey through the country's imperial cities; Rabat, Meknes, Fes and Marrakech. Travel through the mountainous land of Berbers and to the edge of Africa where you will relax in the tranquil port town of Essaouira.

- Atmospheric medinas Get lost in the colourful alleyways of the cities' old towns
- Todra Gorge Walk in Morocco's Grand Canyon through spectacular rock formations
- Essaouira Relax in the traditional and charming port town on the Atlantic coast.



## Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

#### DAY 1 - Trip begins in Casablanca

Arrive in Casablanca on the Atlantic coast, where French colonial buildings blend with traditional Moroccan architecture. Casablanca has a atmosphere of prosperity and is where young Moroccans come to begin their careers.

You will be met on arrival at Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport (CMN), which is around 45 minutes from the hotel depending on traffic. There are no activities planned today, so feel free to arrive in Casablanca at any time. For those booking their own flights, you will just need to let us know your flight details no later than three weeks prior to departure, in order to be met on arrival.

If your flight arrives earlier in the day, perhaps you might choose to visit Marche Central to get a feel for local life and to taste fresh seafood at one of the streetfood stalls, or stroll to Place Mohamed V, Casablanca's central plaza.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Moroccan House, Casablanca (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel





SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

## DAY 2 - Visit to Casablanca's Hassan II Mosque, take a guided tour of Rabat and continue to the imperial city of Meknes

This morning, visit the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca with a local guide. The largest mosque on the African continent, this spectacular structure can hold up to 105,000 worshippers, and while it is a feat of engineering, it was also a controversial use of public money. The interior is intentionally perched above the water of the Atlantic to honour the Quran, which states 'the throne of Allah was over the water'.

Jump in the car and travel north up the coast towards the country's capital city, Rabat. Your driver will be with you throughout the trip, so you can get comfortable in the vehicle that you'll be travelling in for the next two weeks!

Rabat's history stretches back as far as 8BC, when settlers arrived in what is now the Chellah area, a district that went on to become a prosperous Roman town, before being transformed by the Merinids into a cemetery. On arrival, explore the city's historic heart with a guided walking tour of the area around the Hassan Tower and the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, before wandering through the engaging Kasbah des Oudaias, originally a fortified town that is now infused with a distinctly Andalusian flavour.

After taking in the grandeur of the Royal Palace, continue to Meknes, once the heart of the Moroccan Sultanate, lying amidst the landscapes of the Oued Boufekrane River valley. The Sultan loved Meknes, and he would have liked never to leave it according to the chronicler to the tyrannical Sultan Moulay Ismail. Ismail (1672- 1727) was a tireless builder, and his greatest efforts were reserved for his capital at Meknes, which at its peak, with over 20 grand gateways and 50 palaces, must have been a sight to inspire any who looked upon it.



ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Akouas (or similar)

#### **Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE

#### DAY 3 - Sightseeing in Meknes; drive to Fes via the ancient, Roman site of Volubilis

Explore the major highlights of Meknes with a local guide, including the old granaries of the Heri es-Souni and the Mausoleum of Moulay Ismail himself. In spite of Ismail's seemingly unquenchable blood lust and far from benevolent treatment of his subjects, the sultan still seems to be held in high regard and his tomb is something of a place of reverence even today amongst a people who still see his rule as Morocco's Golden Age. Walk through the city's spectacular centrepiece, the Bab Mansour, en route to the Place el Hedim and the city's Medina.

From here, travel for 45 mins to the nearby ancient site of Volubilis - the capital of the Roman province of Mauritania Tingitana. A local guide will educate you about the well-preserved mosaics and the layout of provincial settlement.

This afternoon, drive for a further 2 hours, via Nzala des Beni Ammar, to the country's cultural capital, Fes. Probably the oldest of the imperial cities, its fascinating history is rich with wars, murders and political intrigue. It has played an important part in Moroccan trade, culture, religion and politics. Stay overnight in a riad - a traditional Moroccan style of dwelling that means 'paradise' or 'green space', of which many have been converted throughout the country into beautiful hotels and guest houses. You'll often find highly decorative Moorish tiling and traditional Islamic or Moroccan architecture within the riads, making them a wonderful display of the country's cultural heritage.



ACCOMMODATION: Riad Ghita (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Riad



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

#### DAY 4 - A full day exploring Fes

Today is a full day in Fes, taking in the artisan capital of Morocco with a local guide. Begin sightseeing in Fes el Jadid, known as 'new Fes', despite dating back to the 13th century. The area's main feature is the Royal Palace, and although it's not open to visitors you can see the intricately designed gates from the outside, before driving out to North Borj viewpoint for some great views back across the city.

After lunch, discover Fes el Bali (Old Fes). Within the bustling souks of the Fes el Bali, the craftwork is considered to be the finest in Morocco. Small doorways and narrow pathways in the winding artisan

district reveal weavers and brass workshops, coppersmiths and tanners, all producing beautiful pieces as they have for many generations. Also take in the opulent majesty of the 14th century Attarin Medersa, whose Moroccan decoration and elegant design makes it one of the city's most captivating medieval colleges.

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ACCOMMODATION: Riad Ghita (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Riad



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

#### DAY 5 - Drive over the Middle Atlas to Erfoud

Get settled in with your driver today, as you travel south into the dramatic landscapes of the Middle Atlas, heading first towards to Immouzer and Ifrane and passing near the small mountain village of Azrou, which in the Berber tongue translates as 'the rock'. This is the land of the fiercely independent Berbers, the Lords of the Atlas, whose traditions and ways still hold sway up here in their mountain strongholds far away from the cities below. The Berbers present us with a unique view of a way of life lost to the rest of North Africa, where music and dance, even language and religion, are far removed from their Arab neighbours. Continuing into Berber sheep raising country, cross the Tizi Talghemt Camel Pass and continue via the Gorge du Ziz to Er Rachidia. Finally, traverse a broad plateau past Meski Oasis, the so-called 'Blue Spring' bordering the arid desert plains, from where the journey brings us at last on to the desert settlement of Erfoud. The drive today takes around nine hours, with rich scenery to be appreciated through the window.



ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Le Riad (or similar)

#### Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE





MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

## DAY 6 - Drive to Merzouga, and take 4WD vehicles into the desert for a night in a traditional Berber Camp

Follow the meandering Ziz River towards Rissani, the last sizeable community and the end of the vegetation belt before the dunes of the Sand Sea begin. The settlement is the homeland of the Alaouite dynasty, which reigned in this region for 300 years, and this morning you'll have an opportunity to visit the founder's Mausoleum and explore something of the local ksour (fortified villages) with a local guide.

Continue to the small settlement of Merzouga on the outskirts of the desert. Here, leave the car and meet 4WD vehicles for an exhilarating journey into the spectacular high dunes of Erg Chebbi. Explore the desert landscape on the way to the Berber camp, home for the night. The crew will prepare a traditional tagine dinner and there will be the opportunity to relax in the peaceful setting around a campfire. This luxury camping experience features tents with proper beds, blankets, pillows and towels provided, as well as private toilet and showers 'en suite', connected to your sleeping tent. Hot water is usual, but it can't always be guaranteed due to the nature of the location. Meals are communal and can be taken in the spacious restaurant tent, or tables may be set up outside under the desert sky.

ACCOMMODATION: Chebbi Dunes Luxury Camp (or similar)

**Grade: Premium Camping** 



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER

#### DAY 7 - Full day journey to Todra Gorge

This morning, wake before dawn to make your way up to the tip of a sand dune for a chance to watch the sunrise over the Sahara. Returning to camp for a well-deserved breakfast, leave the southern desert by camel; a true Moroccan experience.

The car will be waiting for you in Merzouga ready to head into the mountains once more. Following an ancient route along the southern slopes of the Atlas, reach the town of Tinerhir, your base from which to explore the towering vistas of the Todra Gorge. Arriving in the afternoon there is usually time for an initial exploration of the area and perhaps a walk in the famous lush palmeries that line the banks of the nearby Todra River. Extending some way along the river's course, the gardens are a lush oasis of produce, with date palms and olive groves, fruit orchards and almonds, all littered amongst a fertile landscape of grain and vegetables.



ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Kenzi Saghro (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

#### DAY 8 - Walk in Todra Gorge

The dramatic ochre-coloured cliffs of the Todra Gorge rise vertically to leave just a narrow pass through which a track and the river struggle for right of way. In the morning Berber women drive their goats through the narrow gorge to the better grazing land higher up.

Today there are two walking opportunities with a local guide. The first takes you through the gorge to the Abdelali viewpoint to see the excellent panoramas across to the Jebel Sahro and down into the gorge. Beginning in the middle of the narrow gorge, join a small mule path that ascends gradually along a ravine. The path climbs about 500m to a small pass with views looking down the gorge and the Jebel Sahro range. The descent is 550m and is again on a rocky, narrow path that can be steep in some sections. The total distance is about 6 km and is considered as a moderate trek, but be aware that in high temperatures it can be more demanding (walking boots with ankle support are essential).

Alternatively, it's possible to follow the path of the river on the gorge valley floor and to take in the local scenery from one of the nearby cafés.



ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Kenzi Saghro (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE

SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



#### DAY 9 - Drive to Ait Benhaddou via El Kelaa des M'Gouna and the Valley of 1000 Kasbahs

Drive westwards, making a short stop in El Kelaa des M'Gouna positioned at the foot of a rocky outcrop that separates the Dades and Mgoun Valleys. Famed for its roses, the town lies blanketed under a landscape of scented blooms each spring, which are then harvested in May during the famous Festival of the Roses and processed into rosewater to be sold throughout the Islamic world. Driving on through the Dades Valley with its fertile oases, enter the Valley of a Thousand Kasbahs, where each of the oasis towns can boast their own distinctive character, the mud and straw structures becoming more plentiful and more ornate as you progress along the valley. Arrive this afternoon into the small, fortified Berber settlement of Ait Benhaddou, which has been classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and is considered by many to be one of Morocco's most picturesque settings. Studded with crenelated towers and richly decorated, the town's Kasbah is quite spectacular and provided an ideal location for filming scenes from Jesus of Nazareth and Lawrence of Arabia. You'll have the opportunity to visit in the afternoon (unguided).



ACCOMMODATION: La Kasbah (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

#### DAY 10 - Drive through the Tizi n'Tichka mountain pass to Ouirgane

The parched desert sand and stone gives way today, to the hills and deep gorges of the High Atlas Mountains. Wind up and over the Tizi n' Tichka, the highest vehicular pass in Morocco and often snow covered during the winter months. En route to Ouirgane, enjoy a mint tea with a Berber family and experience the everyday life of the people of this region. On Tuesdays, there is a local market at Tahanoute which you may also be able to visit on the way. The journey to Ouirgane takes around five hours of driving time.



ACCOMMODATION: La Bergerie (or similar)

**Grade: Premium Hotel** 



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

#### DAY 11 - Travel to the Atlantic Coast town of Essaouira

Travel via Marrakech to the historic port of Essaouira, located on the Atlantic Coast. This charming Moroccan town is located inside 15th century Portuguese fortifications, and arriving in the midafternoon you'll have the rest of the day free to enjoy this charming seaside town.



ACCOMMODATION: Kasbah Souiria Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

#### DAY 12 - A free day to explore Essaouira

Today is free for exploration of this colourful coastal fishing town. An experience not to be missed is a visit to the old walled Medina. After passing through the narrow, highly decorated arched entrance, it may be hard to resist snapping up last minute gifts such as locally made rustic leather belts, gleaming gold and silver jewellery, or wooden boxes exquisitely inlaid with ebony and mother of pearl by local craftsmen. The lively throng of the Medina, with its local women carrying out their daily routines, veiled in their traditional dress, forms a sharp contrast to the open golden sands of the harbour area where hopeful seabirds can be seen circling above the fisherman as they return from the blue waters with their daily catches. We suggest a stroll around the old town, perhaps taking in the Mellah (the old Jewish Quarter) or maybe a wander along the fine sandy beach and through the harbour.



ACCOMMODATION: Kasbah Souiria Hotel (or similar)

#### Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

## DAY 13 - Drive to Marrakech; Afternoon guided sightseeing to explore the medina, Koutoubia Mosque and Djemaa El-Fna

Leave the coast and return to Marrakech. It's a few hours' drive and after checking into the hotel, join a local guide for a walking tour of the 'red city'.

Like many North African cities, Marrakech is divided into two distinct parts, the Gueliz (the modern French-built city) and the Medina (the Old City), a place where trade and barter amongst the colourful souks still renders its ancient heart a glittering cacophony of noise and colour. The city's beating heart is the spectacular Djemaa-el-Fna, a site not to be missed and a scene straight out of the pages of the Arabian Nights. Here we will find the streets and alleys alive with storytellers and musicians, jugglers and acrobats, snake charmers and clowns. Marrakech is a city like no other; with a staggering array of spectacular architecture and wonderful facades and not to be missed are the Koutoubia mosque and tower, Saadian tombs, Ben Youssef medersa, the Dar Si Said Palace (now the Museum of Moroccan Art) and the Menara gardens. This evening there is also an opportunity to visit a traditional Hammam.

ACCOMMODATION: Riad Berta (or similar)

#### **Grade: Premium Riad**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

#### DAY 14 - Trip ends in Marrakech

Today the trip ends, and you'll be taken to Marrakech Medara Airport (RAK) for your international flight. There are no activities planned today, so you are free to depart Marrakech at any time. If your flight is departing later in the day, luggage storage facilities are available at the hotel.

Marrakech is a wonderful city to explore, with vendors in the souks selling everything from colourful fabrics, rugs and lamps to doughnuts. If time allows, you may wish to book an extra one or two nights accommodation here to discover the city at your leisure.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

## **Trip information**

#### **Climate and country information**

#### Morocco

#### Climate

The climate is both Mediterranean and Atlantic. The dry, hot season is from May to October when summer temperatures can reach 38°C and above (if sight seeing is included we will do our best to avoid the heat of the day during this period). Temperatures may drop significantly at times during the night as the day's heat rapidly diminishes. From December to January snow can be expected on mountain passes and it can be wet. In winter, day temperatures will probably be around 18-25°C, dropping to perhaps 0-5°C.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
0	2 Pin Round	Islam	Arabic, Berber, French.

#### **Budgeting and packing**

**Optional activities** 

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Marrakech - Hammam £20.

## Clothing

Summer: Lightweight clothing is ideal, as well as a warm sweater for use in the desert, which can be cold at night at all times of year.

Winter: Pack warm clothes for the day along with thicker clothing for cold nights (Nov-Mar). Heating in Moroccan hotel rooms is variable, so we advise taking warm clothing (eg thermal underwear or track suit bottoms) to sleep in. A waterproof jacket, trousers and fleece are also recommended in the winter months.

Spring/Autumn: The shoulder seasons in Morocco are the perfect time to travel. They are still quite hot, so lightweight clothing is necessary as well as warm clothing for evenings in the desert.

Morocco is a Muslim country and it is important to dress with respect for local customs. People may be offended by shorts or revealing dresses, which can attract unwelcome attention. We advise that in general both men and women should cover shoulders, upper arms and knees. Transparent, plunging necklines and tightfitting clothes should be avoided. Women should also cover their heads when entering a sanctuary, though in general, mosques are forbidden to non-Muslims.

## Footwear

We recommend sandals and walking boots with good ankle support if planning to do the Abdelali walk in the Todra Gorge. Trainers are a good option for the city tours.

#### Luggage

20kg

## Luggage: On tour

One main piece of baggage and daypack.

## Equipment

A head torch, filter water bottle, sunhat and high factor sunscreen are all essential, whilst we recommend swimming costumes and towels.

## Tipping

#### Local crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. With that in mind, the following amounts are guidelines based on a very small party, although it is of course discretionary.

Hotel porters - 5 MAD per piece Restaurants - 10-20 MAD Local guides - 50-100 MAD Camel handlers - 50-100 MAD Driver - 50-150 MAD per day

#### Morocco

#### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£6.00 - 8.00	£8.00 - 12.00	£2.5	£0.6

#### Foreign Exchange

**Local currency** Moroccan Dirham (MAD).

#### **Recommended Currency For Exchange**

US Dollars, Sterling and Euros are readily exchangeable. We recommend you take a mixture of cash and credit cards. Scottish bank notes and Australian dollar travellers cheques and cash are NOT normally accepted in Morocco.

#### Where To Exchange

Most major towns - your Tour Leader will advise you.

#### ATM Availability

ATMs are available in main towns/cities, though can be unreliable.

#### **Travellers Cheques**

Travellers cheques are difficult to exchange and are not recommended.

#### **Transport, Accommodation & Meals**

#### **Transport Information**

4WD, Car

#### Accommodation notes

Morocco is a developing country and as such, the accommodation standards are not equivalent to those in Europe and can be more simple.

**Credit Card Acceptance** 

Not all places.

We choose our properties because of their location, cleanliness, traditional style or for their welcoming atmosphere, as we endeavour to provide an authentic Moroccan experience. The Riads that we use in Marrakech and Fes, and the hotels in Erfoud and Ouirgane, are particularly beautiful in their traditional styles. Some of the properties might have some outdated or simple furniture and the level of service may vary depending on the location. Hot water is variable or limited in certain locations, and many of the older buildings have been built to protect from the summer heat, however, this can result in rooms being cold during the winter. Hotels will always provide more blankets but not all offer heating facilities so please bear this in mind when packing if travelling through the winter months.

The camping experience in the desert is one of the highlights of this trip. Proper beds with blankets, pillows and towels are all provided, and there are private showers for each tent, with flushing toilets. Of course due to the location, hot water and strong water pressure cannot always be guaranteed. In the winter months, the nights and early mornings can be cold in the desert so we recommend packing warm clothes.

#### **Essential Information**

### **Government Travel Safety Advice**

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK citizens, check the latest Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advice.

Please refer to our COVID-19 entry requirements page for any country-specific conditions of entry. Whilst we strive to update this on a regular basis we recommend you also check the FCDO website for the latest advice on entry requirements in this fast-evolving situation. Information can change at any time.

#### Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

#### **Price Guarantee**

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information.Booking Conditions

#### **Visa and Passport Information**

Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

UK passport holders are requested to have at least 3 months validity from the date of entry into Morocco. All other nationalities please check with your nearest embassy for requirements of passport validity.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

## **Booking conditions**

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

## Transfers

Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.

#### Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

#### Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers. If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer click here

#### Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper

altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

## **Flight information**

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them here.

#### **Flight Information**

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

#### Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport. On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

#### Morocco

#### Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against tetanus, typhoid, infectious hepatitis and polio. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

**Additional Information** 



## **Tour Staff**

Unlike our group tours our private journeys do not have a Tour Leader. However, you are still in safe hands as we work closely with our expert local suppliers on the planning and organisation of your holiday to ensure that you have a fantastic time. You'll be met on arrival in Casablanca by a driver, who will be your point of contact for the trip, and who will communicate timings for meeting your local guides as well as any rest stops, en route toilet breaks etc. The guides in the cities are excellent, and will help to bring the destination to life. At times you may travel unaccompanied, but you will have all the information that you need to explore and there is always the reassurance that you have someone on hand with our 24/7 emergency contact number.

## Ramadan

In 2022, Ramadan runs from 02 April - 02 May. Read more about travelling during Ramadan.

## Reviews

