

TRAVEL ITINERARY

7-DAY TOUR FROM FES TO THE DESERT

7 Days / 6 Nights | Fez | Private Tour | From 1 traveller

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TRIP OVERVIEW

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This is our most popular tour because it combines the best of Morocco in just 7 days: from monumental Fes to vibrant Marrakech, by way of the authentic Sahara Desert at Merzouga.

You will enjoy a magical night in the desert with a sunset camel ride (or 4×4 if you prefer), dinner under the stars and traditional music. We explore the Todra Gorge, the Dades Valley and the famous Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou, with enough time to enjoy each place unhurried.

Travel with Agencia Marruecos Tours, where local expertise and personal attention make the difference.

DURATION **7 Days / 6 Nights**	DEPARTURE **Fez**	TYPE **Private tour**
GROUP SIZE **From 1 traveller**	LANGUAGES **English, Spanish, French**	DEPARTURES **Daily**

HIGHLIGHTS

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- Full exploration of Fez, the best-preserved medieval city in the Arab world
- Night at a luxury camp in the Erg Chebbi dunes (Merzouga)
- Sunset camel ride and sunrise over the Sahara dunes
- Visit to the Todra Gorge, a canyon 300 metres high
- Drive through the Dades Valley and its “Monkey Fingers” rock formations
- Visit to the Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou, a UNESCO site and film set
- Full tour of Marrakech with its palaces, gardens and souks
- Crossing the High Atlas via the Tizi n'Tichka pass (2,260 m)
- Experience in a nomad village and a Gnawa music performance
- Visit to the Roman ruins of Volubilis (optional, depending on the route)

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1033 km aprox. por carretera

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

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DAY 1

Arrival in Fes – welcome to Morocco

As soon as you land at Fez Airport, your driver will be waiting in the arrivals hall to welcome you. He will take you straight to your hotel or riad in the heart of the city.

Note: if your flight arrives in the morning and you have time available, we can arrange an official local guide for a first taste of the fascinating Fez medina before continuing towards the desert the next day. Ask us for more information.

Depending on your arrival time you can take a first walk around the area or simply rest after the journey. In the evening, dinner at your leisure and overnight in Fez.

Accommodation: Night in Fes — Plais Houyam or similar

DAY 2

Fes – Ifrane – Cedar Forest – Ziz Valley – Erfoud – Merzouga

After breakfast we head south, crossing the Middle Atlas Mountains. Our first stop is Ifrane, known as "the Moroccan Switzerland" for its European architecture and spotless streets. We then continue to the Azrou cedar forest, where we can see and feed Barbary macaques in their natural habitat.

We continue on through the impressive Ziz Valley, famous for its palm groves and panoramic views. We stop in Erfoud, known for its fossils and black marble. In the afternoon we reach Merzouga, the gateway to the desert. Dinner and overnight at a hotel near the dunes.

Accommodation: Night in Merzouga — Dar Hassan or similar

DAY 3

Exploring the Merzouga desert and nomad life

Breakfast and a full day given over to discovering the extraordinary Sahara. We start with a 4×4 route through the Erg Chebbi dunes, taking in different landscapes and the villages around them. We meet Berber nomad families, who invite us for tea and explain their traditional way of life.

We continue to Khamlia, a small village known for its Gnawa music, where we enjoy a unique performance. We also visit a hidden oasis and a fossil mine. In the afternoon we enjoy the sunset over the dunes before returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Merzouga.

Accommodation: Night in Merzouga — Tawada Camp or similar

DAY 4

Merzouga – Rissani – Todra Gorge – Dades Valley

After breakfast we set off for Rissani, former capital of the Alaouites and famous for its lively traditional souk (on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays). You can stroll among stalls of spices, fruit and crafts.

We continue to the impressive Todra Gorge, where the canyon narrows into vertical rock walls more than 300 metres high. It is the perfect place for a walk and photographs. We then cross the Dades Valley, known for the rock formations called "Monkey Fingers". Arrival at the hotel, dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Night in Dades — Riad Gabsi or similar

DAY 5

Dades Valley – Ouarzazate – Ait Ben Haddou – High Atlas – Marrakech

Breakfast and departure for Ouarzazate, known as “the gateway to the desert”. On the way we travel the Route of a Thousand Kasbahs, with its striking landscapes and earthen buildings. We visit the famous Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and setting for films such as Gladiator and Game of Thrones.

We then make a short stop in Ouarzazate to see the film studios and the Taourirt Kasbah. We cross the High Atlas over the Tizi n'Tichka pass (2,260 metres), enjoying spectacular mountain views. Arrival in Marrakech in the afternoon, transfer to the hotel and overnight.

Accommodation: Night in Marrakech — Riad Silsila or similar

DAY 6

Immersion in Marrakech with a Local Guide

Breakfast and meeting with your official local guide to discover the secrets of the red city. We start with the Bahia Palace, a jewel of Moroccan architecture with its gardens and decorated courtyards. We continue to the Saadian Tombs, discovered in 1917, which hold the remains of more than 60 members of the Saadian dynasty.

We continue strolling through the Medina and its maze of alleys to the famous Jemaa el-Fna square, buzzing all day long with snake charmers, water sellers and storytellers. In the afternoon we explore the souks (markets), organised by trade: spices, carpets, leather, metal and woodwork. The tour ends on a terrace overlooking the Koutoubia Mosque. Return to the hotel and free evening in Marrakech.

Accommodation: Night in Marrakech — Riad Silsila or similar

DAY 7

Transfer to Marrakech Airport – end of the trip

Breakfast at the hotel. Depending on your flight time you have free time for last purchases or to relax before saying goodbye. At the agreed hour your driver collects you for the transfer to Marrakech Airport. End of our services and of this unforgettable Moroccan adventure.

Please note: the hotels listed are mid-range. If you would like to upgrade to a luxury option, just get in touch. Rates may vary in high season and according to the accommodation you choose.

SERVICES

Included & not included

Included

- Pick-up at Fes Airport
- Private transport in a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle throughout the route
- Spanish-speaking driver / companion during transfers
- Official local guide in Marrakech
- Official local guide in Fes
- Breakfast every day
- 6 nights in selected hotels / riads
- 1 night at a desert camp in Merzouga

DINNERS INCLUDED ONLY IN

- **Day 2:** Dinner at hotel in Merzouga
- **Day 3:** Dinner at the desert camp
- **Day 4:** Dinner at hotel in l Valle del Dades

DESERT EXPERIENCE

- Sunset camel ride to the camp
- A 4×4 alternative is available for those who prefer it
- 4×4 route through the Erg Chebbi dunes with visits nearby (Khamlia, nomads, oasis)
- Departure transfer to Marrakech Airport

Not included

- International flights
- Lunches and dinners (except where stated)
- Drinks
- Tips for guides, drivers and staff

PRICE AND CONDITIONS

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Important: Bear in mind that this 7-day tour is a suggested itinerary. If it doesn't match what you're looking for, don't hesitate to contact us. We'll organize a different itinerary based on your preferences and the length of your trip. We offer customized tours and trips all around Morocco.

The price varies depending on the number of people: the more people join the tour, the lower the price per person. Since transportation has a fixed cost, it's shared among the travelers. The price also depends on the quality of the accommodation. Contact us for the exact price.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Practical information

Does this 7-day tour start in Fes and end in Marrakech?

Yes, it crosses from Fes to Marrakech in 7 days, combining the Middle Atlas, the Merzouga desert and the kasbahs of the south.

How many nights are spent in the desert on this 7-day route?

One night at the Erg Chebbi camp is included; the rest are hotels and riads. With 7 days there is time to enjoy the desert without rushing.

Do I need a plug adapter to charge devices?

Morocco uses type C/E plugs (European, 220V). If you are coming from the UK or the Americas you will need an adapter; hotels usually have European sockets.

Is it a good itinerary for landscape photography?

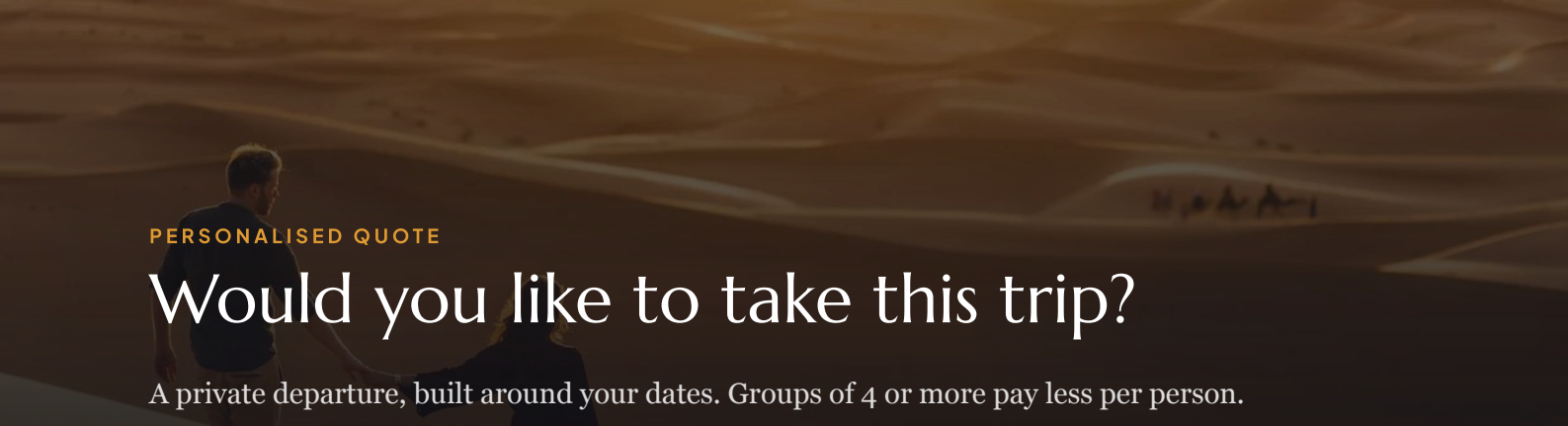
Excellent: the Todra and Dades gorges, the Erg Chebbi dunes, kasbahs and palm groves. As it is private, we stop wherever the light and views deserve it.

Can I enjoy a hammam experience during the trip?

Yes, many riads and towns offer a traditional hammam; we can recommend one in Fes or Marrakech to unwind after the days on the road.

How far in advance should I book this tour?

In high season (spring and autumn) we recommend booking several weeks in advance to secure accommodation; outside the season there is more flexibility.



PERSONALISED QUOTE

Would you like to take this trip?

A private departure, built around your dates. Groups of 4 or more pay less per person.

1

Tell us about your trip

Fill in the form or message us on WhatsApp. Tell us what interests you and these details, which are what we need to prepare the best proposal for you:

- How many of you are travelling.
- Exact dates (if your flights are booked) or the month you prefer.
- How many days you want to travel.
- Accommodation category: standard, superior or luxury.

2

Receive your tailor-made proposal

Within 24 hours we send you a day-by-day itinerary and the final price in a complete PDF. We adjust it together until it is exactly right.

3

Confirm your trip

Confirmed with a 30% deposit by PayPal, telling us the room and bed type you prefer (double or twin). You receive a formal confirmation and we start arranging everything.

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