

BEST OF MOROCCO

with the DU Pioneer Journeys Travel Program

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS | March 14 - 24, 2025



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Day 1: 14 MARCH 2025

Depart USA

DAY 2: 15 MARCH 2025

Welcome to Casablanca (1 Night)

On arrival at Casablanca airport, your one group transfer leaves for your landmark city hotel. Join your Travel Director and fellow guests this evening for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant, with the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of good food.

Meal(s): Welcome Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Grand Mogador City Center or similar

DAY 3: 16 MARCH 2025

Rabat, Imperial Meknes and Fes - Relaxed Start (2 Nights)

An exploration of the sights of Casablanca will show you the huge Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. Venture to the très chic seaside strip known as the Corniche, which stretches to the west and is lined with trendy restaurants and cafes. Depart for the capital of Rabat to see the Royal Palace, Hassan Tower and visit one of the few holy places open to non-Muslims, the lavish Mausoleum of King Mohammed V. This site is both an architectural marvel and a monument to a great ruler. Travel to Meknes, one of the kingdom's great imperial cities where little has changed since its founding in the 11th century. Stand before the Bab el-Mansour, the monumental entrance to the imperial city and focal point of Place El-Hedim, before continuing to Fes. You'll be

delighted with a superb Moroccan Highlight Dinner in an ancient palace at the entrance to the Medina. A colourful array of meze plates, aromatic tagines, exotic fruits and wine will be laid before you while you are entertained with a traditional folklore show. Enjoy the carnival-like atmosphere of belly dancers, drums and authentic music.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Highlight Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Marriott Jnan Palace Fes or similar

DAY 4: 17 MARCH 2025

Fes Sightseeing - Relaxed Start

Led by your Local Expert, wander the maze of streets that make up the ancient Medina. Pass one of the world's oldest universities and see the hidden courtyards, mosques and workshops. Continue through the souks where an array of vendors sell food, clothes, leather goods and beautiful lights. Learn about the ancient craft of carpet making, witness age-old techniques of pottery making and learn how khobz, the traditional local bread, is made.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

DAY 5: 18 MARCH 2025

The Ziz Gorges to Erfoud (1 Night)

Leave the bustle of the city behind and head for the spectacular snowcapped High Atlas Mountains. Pass through Ifrane before reaching the great cedar forests of Azrou. After stopping for lunch at Midelt,

continue through the magnificent Ziz Gorges, past palm-fringed towns to Er Rachidia, built by the French at an important crossroads. Your destination is Erfoud, where the red sand buildings stand in stark contrast against the patches of greenery and surrounding desert. In the evening, there is an Optional Experience to meet the nomadic desert dwellers and marvel at the glorious Sahara sunset on a four-wheel drive vehicle.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Kasbah Hotel Xaluca Arfoud, Erfoud or similar

DAY 6: 19 MARCH 2025

Spectacular Ouarzazate (1 Night)

Venture towards the oasis of Tinehir and explore the Todra Gorge, known as the Grand Canyon of the Sahara. At Boumalne du Dadès you will encounter the dry and rugged Dades Valley, dotted with oases of figs, olives, date palms and castellated mud houses—hugging the slopes. Meet the locals of the region when you visit a traditional Nomad house to try authentic Berber tea. The Road of a Thousand Kasbahs concludes at Ouarzazate, also known as the film capital of Morocco. Many blockbusters have been filmed here, including Lawrence of Arabia and Star Wars.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Le Berbère Palace, Ouarzazate or similar

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DAY 7: 20 MARCH 2025 To Marrakesh (2 Nights)

Marvel at and photograph the architectural wonder of Ksar of Aït Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that boasts one of Morocco's finest kasbahs. Your journey continues via the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka Pass, before descending past charming mountain villages, dense woods and green fields to the ochre-colored city of Marrakesh. With the rest of the day at your leisure, why not relax and enjoy the immaculate facilities of your hotel?

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Mövenpick Mansour Eddahbi Marrakech or similar

DAY 8: 21 MARCH 2025 Marrakesh, Pearl of the South - Relaxed Start

Meet your Local Expert in the bustling Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, where you can take a moment to watch the dancers, snake charmers, storytellers and acrobats. Wander the maze of the Medina and see the Koutoubia Mosque, with its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline. Explore Marrakesh with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the intricately decorated Palais Bahia, intended to be the greatest palace of its time. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you take a

leisurely guided bike tour with an organisation providing financial support to local youth. With time at leisure, you are free to continue exploring, try your hand at haggling in the souks or maybe visit a museum? In the evening, perhaps choose to join fellow guests at a vibrant restaurant on Jemaa el-Fnaa Square. Here you will enjoy a slew of classic Moroccan dishes as you absorb the ambience and watch twirling belly dancers balance plates of lit candles on their heads.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

DAY 9: 22 MARCH 2025 Elegant Essaouira - Relaxed Start (1 Night)

Venture to the west coast of Africa to reach the laid-back fishing town of Essaouira. After checking into your hotel, why not spend the afternoon navigating the narrow alleyways, exploring the busy fishing port or maybe just relaxing on the beach? In the evening, you could sample the local seafood and wine at a waterside restaurant.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Atlas Essaouira & Spa or similar

DAY 10: 23 MARCH 2025 Return to Casablanca - Relaxed Start (1 Night)

Once you've experienced the traditional charms of the country, Casablanca is a fascinating place to return to and offers a

unique insight into modern Morocco. In the evening 'of all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world' there really is only one place to be. Join your Travel Director at Rick'sCafé (subject to availability), recreated from the famous movie. Enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner with drinks and no doubt a rendition of 'As Time Goes By'. Here's looking at you kid!

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Grand Mogador City Center or similar

DAY 11: 24 MARCH 2025 Au revoir Casablanca

After breakfast, take your one group transfer to the airport for your onwards flight home.

Meal(s): Breakfast.



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- One group arrival and departure transfer.
- Dining Summary: 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, & 6 dinners

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BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the Bab el-Mansour Gate on Place El-Hedim in the heart of the Medina.
- See the Hassan II Mosque and the Corniche.
- Visit Todra Gorge in Tinerhir
- Marrakesh City Tour
- Meet the locals for Berber Tea in Dades Valley

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Documentation: Approximately 2 weeks prior to departure from the US, documentation will be emailed.

Holidays & Changes: During local or national holidays abroad, certain facilities such as museums, sightseeing and

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g y possible, slight itinerary adjustments are made to minimize inconvenience to our passengers. If, however, you feel your enjoyment might be diminished by such minor limitations, please check with the respective national tourist office before selecting a specific departure. Similarly, holidays, closing days and other circumstances may necessitate a change of the day of the week for scheduled highlight dinners, sightseeing or other activities. Due to the unreliability of domestic air scheduling, religious festivals, and other unforeseen circumstances, the itineraries, hotels or order of sightseeing may change at short notice. Additional terms and conditions These conditions incorporate the basis upon which bookings are accepted by your Travel Advisor or Insight Vacations. By making a booking you are agreeing to these terms & conditions. Insight Vacations is not responsible for the costs of any other travel arrangements affected due to our cancellations or re-scheduling of any trip departure. For further information about Insight Vacations please refer to the Insight Vacations brochure. These conditions must be carefully studied prior to making the commitment of paying the deposit as they must be referred to. Additional terms and conditions may be applicable to this group and are available from your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist. Refer also to

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