

Expedia Cruises - Nanaimo presents...

Colours of Morocco

October 26 – November 9, 2025



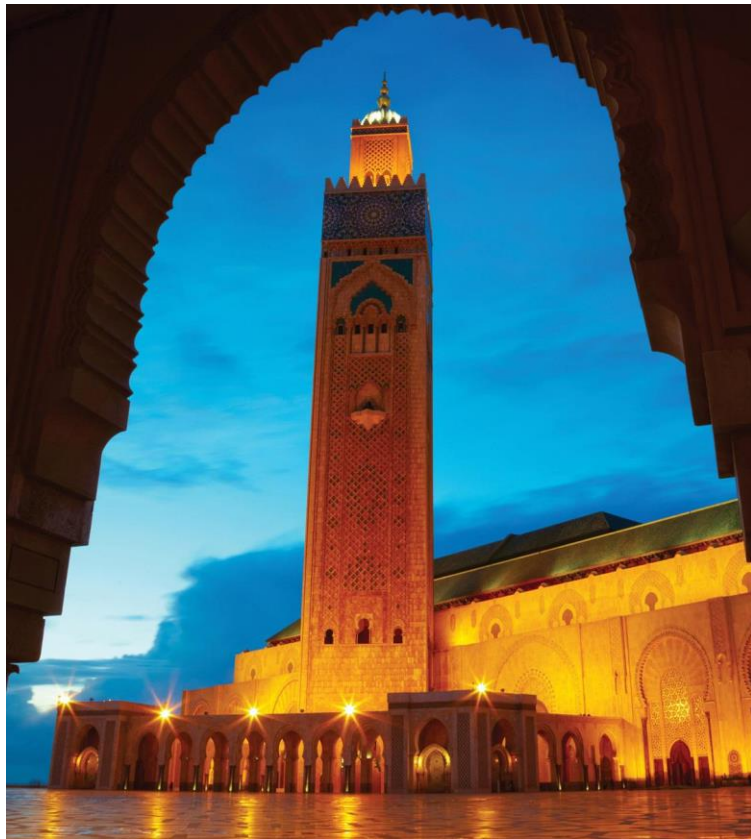
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Small Group Travel rewards travellers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

15 Days • 31 Meals: 13 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 12 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Rabat, Fes, Sahara Desert Luxury Tented Camp, Camel Ride, Khamlia Music Village, Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou, High Atlas Mountains, Marrakech, Choice on Tour: Moroccan Crafts Shopping Tour or Local Marrakech Hammam Experience, Cooking Class, Casablanca, Hassan II Mosque

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Flower Town Hotel & Spa, Rabat
Days 4 – 6	Riad Yacout , Fes
Day 7	Kasbah Xaluca Erfoud Hotel , Erfoud
Days 8, 9	Relaxing Desert Camp, Merzouga
Day 10	Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
Days 11 – 13	Es Saadi Hotel, Marrakesh
Day 14	Barcelo Anfa Casablanca , Casablanca

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, October 26, 2025 Overnight Flight

On a captivating adventure through a land of centuries-old culture and customs, discover the “Land of Sunset” and “Gateway to Africa” – the country called Morocco.

Day 2: Monday, October 27, 2025 Casablanca, Morocco - Rabat - Tour Begins

Welcome to Morocco! After you land in Casablanca you'll transfer to Rabat. Depending on your arrival flights, you may join your local Tour Manager on a vicinity walk to get acquainted with the area around your hotel in Rabat, your home for the next two days.

Day 3: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 Rabat

Come to know Rabat on an in-depth tour* with a local guide who'll share his knowledge of this city and its architectural gems. Visit the Chellah, a walled town containing both Roman ruins and a medieval necropolis. Explore the mausoleum of Mohammed V, the epitome of modern Moroccan design. The mausoleum's ornate woodwork, marble, and bronze ornamentations make this a tomb truly fit for a king. See the Kasbah de Oudaia and its whitewashed buildings. Enjoy free time to explore on your own in the afternoon. At the end of your day, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 Rabat - Fes

Depart Rabat for Fes this morning. En route to Fes, stop at a winery estate for a tour, tasting, and lunch. Explore the winery's grounds on a guided tour through the vineyard and cellar, taking in sweeping views of vines and tasting some of the vintages. End your tour with lunch at the estate. Then continue on to Fes, where you'll spend the next three nights at a *riad*. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Thursday, October 30, 2025 Fes

Get ready to discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn about its history as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion. Visit the royal palace and Al-Qarawiyyin University (UNESCO), the oldest continuously operating university in the world, admiring its high arches and Andalusian influences. On a walking tour of the ninth-century medina, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. (B, D)

Day 6: Friday, October 31, 2025 Fes

Enjoy your day at leisure in Fes. Explore the city further, strolling through marketplaces or visiting a museum. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour of Meknes and Volubilis. On this full-day tour, experience Meknes, one of four Imperial cities in Morocco, where you'll see the Bab Mansour gate. After an included lunch, travel to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its impressive and well-preserved Roman ruins. (B, D)

Day 7: Saturday, November 1, 2025 Fes - Midelt - Erfoud

Cross some of Morocco's most breathtaking desert landscapes on the way to the Sahara. En route, pause in Midelt to bask in majestic views of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Arrive in Erfoud, called the “Door to the Desert,” and where many famous movies were filmed, including *The Prince of Persia* and *The Mummy*. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Sunday, November 2, 2025 Erfoud - Sahara Desert

This morning, get to know about local life at El Maadid Ksar, a village with narrow lanes surrounded by ancient fortified walls. Spend some time walking through town and get an authentic look into how local people live, like the farmers who spend their days tending to fields on the outskirts of the village. This evening, make your way into the Sahara aboard a Jeep 4x4 for a two-night stay in a luxury tented camp in the desert, under the stars. (B, D)



Per Person Rates*:

Double \$11,200; Single \$12,400

Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$749 per person, Round Trip Air from Vancouver Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$170 per person (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers

**** Rates are based on a minimum of 15 travelers in your group.**

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

Day 9: Monday, November 3, 2025 Sahara Desert

Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara in stunning hues of orange, yellow, and red. This morning you'll have the opportunity to ride through the dunes on the back of a camel. Continue your day by travelling to the village of Khamlia. Meet with locals for an eye-opening and meaningful discussion before experiencing traditional sub-Saharan *Gnawa* music. The next step of your desert expedition brings you to meet a nomadic group. You'll learn about this ancient way of living and how its traditions have changed. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the desert. This evening, sit with your Tour Manager and learn more about the importance of Islam in Morocco through the centuries and its impact on today's day-to-day life in sub-Saharan Africa. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 Sahara Desert - El Khorbat - Boumalne du Dades

Return to the edge of the desert this morning and marvel as the sun illuminates the sweeping sands. Visit the fortified village of El Khorbat. Dating back to the 17th century, this village showcases Jewish and Muslim architecture and artifacts. Learn more about Berber culture while visiting the museum within the village. Enjoy a simple lunch at a local restaurant. This **Impact Moment** supports a business whose profits are used to conserve the cultural heritage and improve the living conditions of this small community. Later, arrive in Boumalne du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, palmeraies, and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech

Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs," where turreted fortresses rise up like sandcastles along this ancient trading route.

Arrive at the UNESCO site of the Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers that make the Ksar a striking feat of Moroccan architecture. Before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech, enjoy a homemade meal, then continue along the Tizi n'Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains, and Berber villages. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Thursday, November 6, 2025 Marrakech

Among the mosques and palaces, souks, and riads, visit the Jardin Majorelle, an iconic site that showcases the beauty and ingenuity of Morocco's cultural heritage. Next, visit the ancient El Bahia palace, whose architecture is a distinct blend of both Islamic and Moroccan styles. Then **it's your choice!** Embark on a walking tour with a local guide, stopping at shops along the way **-OR-** relax in a traditional *hammam*, a community bathhouse where locals still gather to relax, cleanse, and socialize today **-OR-** return to the hotel to relax by the pool. (B, D)

Day 13: Friday, November 7, 2025 Marrakech

Today experience an **Impact Moment** and join a local women's training centre for an interactive cooking class. Head to a garden on the property to source your herbs and vegetables and learn the secret to making the country's most celebrated dish: *tagine*. This evening, you'll join a horse-drawn carriage ride through Marrakech, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Saturday, November 8, 2025 Marrakech - Casablanca

Depart Marrakech for Casablanca this morning. Upon arrival in Casablanca, visit the largest functioning mosque in Africa, the Hassan II Mosque. Learn about the history and the significance of this mosque on a privately led tour. Gaze upon the intricate, colourful artistry of the ceramic tile and hand-carved stone of this architectural wonder. Then say goodbye to your Tour Manager

Experience It! Sahara Desert

Covering over three million square miles of northern Africa, the Sahara is said to encompass a staggering 10% of the African continent. It's often referred to as the world's largest desert, but it's actually the largest "hot" desert, losing overall status to Antarctica. Scientists believe that the Sahara has been inhabited since 6000 B.C. The Egyptians, Phoenicians, and Greeks are just some of its former residents. Today, the population is around four million and consists mainly of nomads who move from place to place due to the harsh conditions. Imagine daily life with an average temperature of 86°F. Temperatures can regularly exceed 122°F during the hottest months of the year. Over time, the wind, heat, and dry weather have created a tapestry of stunning landscapes that include sand dunes, sand seas (called ergs), barren stone plateaus, gravel plains and salt flats.

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and fellow travellers during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 15: Sunday, November 9, 2025 Casablanca - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close this morning. (B)

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travellers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 16 people (maximum of 24).

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of the areas on this tour and may want to consider an alternate tour with us. Our Client Care Agents can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

From mid-June to mid-September, temperatures can easily reach 95 degrees.

*The Rabat city tour can change due to royal or government official business.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays such as Ramadan and Eid. If travelling during the month of Ramadan, please note that the order of some features will vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. Some shops on the street may also be closed. Travelling during Ramadan also offers a unique chance to immerse yourself in local culture, witness spiritual traditions, bond with communities during iftars, explore diverse cuisine, enjoy quiet serenity, and experience hospitality and generosity from locals. Ramadan observances are from February 17 – March 19, 2026. Eid al-Fitr will take place on March 20, 2026.

The fully equipped Berber-style tents offer beds, linens, pillows, a flush toilet, running water, shower, and solar lighting to make for an authentic yet enjoyable stay in the desert.

Due to luggage size and weight restrictions, please bring an overnight bag for the two-night stay in the Sahara. Your main luggage will be stored during this stay.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.



Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more travelling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP: PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. You should visit Global Affairs Canada at <https://travel.gc.ca/> for general information about passports and visa requirements. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry, so it is important that you check with the appropriate foreign consulate or embassy for specific entry requirements and details you need to know regarding how and when to obtain the visa. Please remember the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each client/passenger. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.

We strongly recommend that you have a valid passport (with seven-month validity) for all travel outside Canada.

Please be advised transit visas may be required if connecting through a country on route to your final destination.

INSURANCE

When travelling outside Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more details.

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

A deposit of \$1,447 per person (which includes cancellation waiver and insurance) is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of March 20, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 28, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until March 27, 2025.

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