



MOROCCO: TANGIER & THE BLUE CITY – A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2025)

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North Africa & Middle East,
Morocco



10 days from AU\$16,830 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

Immerse yourself in the timeless mystique of Morocco’s northern cities, exploring the much storied streets of old Tangier and the fascinating architecture of Chefchaouen’s blue buildings. Discover this region’s history, art and culture and visiting a kasbah in Rabat on a journey encompassing the best of medieval and modern life.

Journey Highlights

- Travel between Casablanca and Tangier with ease by high-speed train
- Explore Tangier, the real inspiration for the movie Casablanca, and walk its Old Medina
- Walk the winding streets of the blue city of Chefchaouen
- Step back in time to wander the medieval souks of Fez
- Take in the many highlights of Rabat, one of Morocco’s Imperial cities, including Oudaya Kasbah, built on a bluff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean
- Design Your Day, learning to cook Moroccan specialties in Marrakech or venturing into the Agafey Desert or Atlas Mountains



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Casablanca, Morocco

Arrive in Casablanca, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner.

Royal Mansour Casablanca | Meals: D

Day 2: Tangier | City of Romance & Intrigue

Begin the day in the port city of Casablanca, Morocco's largest metropolis and its commercial hub. Visit the stunning Hassan II Mosque, which accommodates up to 25,000 worshipers; its minaret stands as the tallest religious structure in the world. Then, explore the Museum of Moroccan Judaism to learn about the region's lasting Jewish legacy. Later, board a high-speed train to Tangier, the storied city that helps define the north of Morocco and serves as a gateway to Europe. Appealing and cosmopolitan, with mixtures of Moroccan, African and European influences, Tangier is a melting pot of cultures. Contrary to popular belief, the movie *Casablanca* was actually based on Tangier, due to its reputation as the city of spies, well earned during various conflicts of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Fairmont Tazi Palace Tangier | Meals: BL

Day 3: Tangier | Into the Kasbah

Today your journey takes you to the kasbah, in Tangier's old citadel, where you visit the newly renovated Kasbah Museum, built in the former Sultan's Palace. View collections that document the history of Morocco as well as priceless treasures such as a gilded, illuminated Koran, and don't miss the large mosaic works on display in its open courtyard. Afterward, stroll through the Old Medina and enter the bustling Grand Socco (souk). Stop at the American Legation, a museum that traces the history of the relationship between the United States and Morocco. Continue to Moshe Nahon, one of the most beautiful synagogues in Morocco, located in heart of the Medina. Finally, visit Cap Spartel, a promontory covered with rockrose and cork oaks.

Fairmont Tazi Palace Tangier | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Chefchaouen | Secrets of the Blue City

Set out for Chefchaouen, where the streets and most of the buildings in the medina (old town) are painted a brilliant sky blue. View the medina lined with cafés filled with locals and tourists alike, mingling easily and absorbing the unique atmosphere of Morocco’s Blue City. Then, continue to Fez, an imperial gem long considered the spiritual heart of the country. Fez, founded by Moulay Idris I in the eighth century and Morocco’s capital until 1912, became home to Arab emigrants from Spain and Tunisia, whose influence is still felt today. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel, a former palace. Tonight, gather for dinner with your fellow guests.

Palais Faraj Suites & Spa | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Fez | Timeless Medieval Bastion

Step back in time to the Middle Ages as you visit Fez el-Bali (Old Fez) – the cultural heart of Morocco. Explore some of the 9,000 narrow lanes, alleys and souks (open air markets) that make up the labyrinth of the city’s old quarter, which was also a renowned centre of medieval learning. View the Karaouine, one of the oldest still-functioning universities in the world, and Nejjarine Square, with its beautiful fountain and elaborate tile mosaics. Continue to Fez el-Jadid (New Fez), where you see the Royal Palace, madrasas (Islamic schools) and mellah (Jewish quarter).

Palais Faraj Suites & Spa | Meals: BL

Day 6: Volubilis & Meknes | Roman Ruins & Sunny Vineyards

Journey overland to explore Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is home to some of the best-preserved Roman ruins in North Africa. Among its greatest treasures are the amazing mosaic floors of former family dwellings, which still colourfully depict Orpheus charming animals with his lyre, nine dolphins signifying good luck and a portrait of Amphitrite in a seahorse-drawn chariot. Continue to Meknes, one of the imperial cities of Morocco and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built in the 17th century by the powerful sultan Moulay Ismail, Meknes was envisioned to rival the court of his contemporary, Louis XIV of France. Proceed to a local winery for a gourmet lunch made from locally sourced, organic ingredients and enjoyed among the region’s sunbathed vineyards and olive groves — a refreshing Chef’s Table experience. Afterward, continue to Rabat.

Fairmont La Marina Rabat Salé Hotel & Residences | Meals: BL

Day 7: Rabat | Stunning Highlights of a Capital

Explore Rabat, the political capital of the kingdom, observing its cultural influences and the superbly preserved relics of its Moorish past. Visit historical sites flanked by wide avenues and lush parks, including the 12th-century Hassan Tower, an excellent example of Moorish architecture, and the nearby mausoleum dedicated to Mohamed V, the founder of modern Morocco and grandfather of the current king. Venture into Oudaya Kasbah, built on a bluff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Its gate is one of the most beautiful surviving artifacts in the Moorish world. Explore a delightful Andalusian Garden, complete with a melodious fountain and sweet-smelling orange trees. Discover the national Museum of Parure, perusing its collection of Moroccan jewellery. Round out your introduction to Rabat at the Mohamed VI Museum of Modern Contemporary Art, a wonderful repository of Moroccan history and modern artworks. After lunch, drive to Marrakech where you enjoy a Scenic Sundowner at your hotel, with views of the Atlas Mountains.

Park Hyatt Marrakech | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Marrakech | Architectural & Cultural Delights

Unearth the secrets of Marrakech, beginning in the beguiling Jardin Majorelle, a picturesque garden created by French painter Jacques Majorelle and later restored by design legend Yves Saint Laurent. Stop at the Yves Saint Laurent Museum nearby for an up close look at some of the famed designer's creations. Continue your explorations in the walled medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Marvel at its architectural jewels, including the soaring Koutoubia minaret. Next, explore Bahia Palace — a masterpiece of design adorned with marble, stucco and mosaics and featuring an open courtyard filled with fountains and plants — for insight into how the privileged lived here during the 19th century. Then, discover Ben Youssef Madrasa, a Koranic school was built around 1570 that is likewise renowned for its magnificent architecture. Later visit Djemaa el-Fna, Marrakech's main square, to experience its heady milieu replete with vendors, acrobats, dancers, street musicians and even snake charmers performing at every turn. You may also opt to stroll the city's fabled, labyrinthine souks.

Park Hyatt Marrakech | Meals: BL

Day 9: Marrakech | Design Your Day

Today, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities:

- **Unearth Another Side of Morocco**, viewing daily life amid the gorgeous Atlas Mountains.
- **Discover the Agafay Desert of Stone**, taking in its serene red-rock splendours outside Marrakech.
- **Learn to Cook With Moroccan Spices** during a cooking demonstration and tasting; also visit Marrakech's souks.

Later, gather for a special dinner featuring entertainment by a traditional gnaoua band, savouring once more the distinctive tastes and sounds of Morocco at its most authentic.

Park Hyatt Marrakech | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Depart Marrakech

After breakfast, privately transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:15 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Long drives should be expected on this itinerary. This is the only way to experience the magical scenery that this exotic country has to offer.

Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy® Luggage Handling
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- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke tailor-made journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Accommodation

Palais Faraj Suites & Spa, Fes



Allow the Palais Faraj to take you back in time a thousand years, this grand building with its sumptuous designs and bespoke furniture has the ideal location in the heart of Fes. The Palais Faraj is full of fabulous fountains, intricate arches, carved wood, stucco laces, beautiful marble floors and sacred geometry. This boutique hotel boasts a selection of beautiful suites. Each suite has been designed using the distinguished art of secret alchemy complemented by the latest luxury facilities.

Boasting two restaurants and two bars; the Moroccan Restaurant L'Amandier is one of the best in Fes. As special requests, courses of Fassi cuisine and natural cosmetics of the Moroccan women can be arranged, as well as workshops of brocade weaving, pottery, stucco and zellige uncovering some of the Moroccan traditions.

Why we like it

- Experience Fes in refinement and comfort at the Palais Faraj Suites and Spa
- Andalusian large patio and outside swimming pool
- Heated bathroom floors for the winter months
- Moroccan designed and inspired interiors

- Discover Fassi gastronomy, one of the most refined cuisines in the world

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Apr 29, 2025 - May 8, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$18,360 pp	AU\$6,880	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Sep 30, 2025 - Oct 9, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$18,360 pp	AU\$6,880	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Dec 2, 2025 - Dec 11, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$16,830 pp	AU\$5,810	AU\$0	Call for Availability

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