

Morocco

UNWRAPPED



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21 DAYS | 20 NIGHTS

18 OCTOBER 2024 | 13 NOVEMBER 2024
1 MARCH 2025 | 23 MARCH 2025

HI THERE  CLUBBERS!

THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO IS WHERE AFRICAN, ARAB & EUROPEAN CULTURES MEET!

After researching many of the other companies in the marketplace, it appeared that they all followed the same or similar itinerary. So therefore, we designed our own programme to not be the same-same cookie cutter itinerary. What we have decided on is what we think will suit you, our Clubbers the best. After dissecting all the details, we realised that Morocco has something for everyone.

When it came to comparing the accommodation and itineraries, the very budget backpackers had the cheap and basic accommodation with very little included up front. The discerning bespoke traveller had the over-the-top luxury accommodation often well away from the action and with very short durations. Then everything else in the middle was super hard to dissect and find their value for money. During our research we purposely stayed at many of the Hotels and Riads that those companies used, and we are sad to say, we were less than impressed! Often, they were overstated from a star rating, unclean, in a bad location and not great value for money. Our travel agent backgrounds were put to the test and eventually we did find some great properties that in true G&T style, are in great locations, are great value for money and well worth the few extra bucks as we know they will add to your overall Moroccan experience!

Morocco is such a huge country with a truly diverse countryside and is hard to appreciate in just 14-16 days. The diversity is spread from North to South and East to West and everywhere in-between. She has the alluring Sahara Desert, the wild Atlantic coast, the spectacular Atlas Mountains, (mid, high, and low), the 'movie set' historical cities and of course the romantic traditional villages that follow the ancient caravan trade routes. For this reason, we have made sure that we have taken the time to include the 'True Morocco' and soak up all the experiences that are unique to this beautiful country.

We have designed a premium 21-day adventure with a criss-cross directional flow, both 'zigging and zagging' to make sure that we don't miss any highlights, especially the best of the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage sites (of which we will see 8 of the 9 in total in Morocco!).



Importantly, G&T have concentrated on including more 2-night stops and even one 3-night stop. This allows for some relaxed morning starts and some free afternoons. In our opinion, many of the other operators are squeezing too much into a much shorter itinerary and missing some of the most interesting sites altogether. With the pace of our planned itinerary, we will have the time to thoroughly immerse ourselves and enjoy our stopovers (not just sleep & drive, sleep & drive). We have included enough time to enjoy the many quaint villages, exciting cities, and traditional communities that we visit and not just blow through. Not only will we avoid the super early starts but will have time to enjoy our breakfast leisurely in gorgeous surroundings. We have also minimised the need for too many super long driving days.

The very 'Essence of Morocco' will be evident throughout our chosen nightly sleepovers! Our 20 nights will be spread amongst some Beautiful Ornate Riads (small family-owned traditional merchant houses) Exquisite Stately Residences, superbly located Luxury Hotels, Authentic Berber style Guest houses, Palaces and even an exquisite 5-star Winery experience and of course a magical 2-night stop in a Luxury Sahara Desert Camp! All other companies have 1-night ONLY in the desert which means arriving late and departing early and some are even located right on the fringe of the surrounding towns. Not even in the desert! This is not the desert experience we were looking for!

G&T are very confident that this programme is not just great value, but also has the wow factor that our Clubbers have now come to expect and is certainly unique. Below is our fabulous Premium 21-day 'MOROCCO UNWRAPPED' itinerary in detail for you to read through before grabbing your spot.

Casablanca – Rabat – Chefchaouen – Volubilis – Fes – Meknes – Marrakech – Ouirgane – Ait Ben Haddou – Ouarzazate – Zagora – Chigaga – Taroudant – Essaouira – Safi - Oualidia – El Jadida – Casablanca.

NB: **BLACK** denotes 8 of the 9 Moroccan UNESCO World Heritage sites visited on this fantastic tour!



HOW WE DIFFER

The following are some of the considerations we made, while developing this Moroccan programme.



1. G&T always develop an **exciting itinerary** with natural flow to maximise our time and experience. We choose our tour dates with regard for the best possible weather and less crowds. Importance for Morocco was given to the appreciation of the **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**. We will visit 8 of the 9 national sites.
2. G&T choose **accommodation** with the concept of **adding to your overall Moroccan experience**. Several multi night stops have been added to ensure that your holiday is much more enjoyable. Our choices were made with consideration of location and proximity to the action, spectacular views, style, feel and facilities, not just a star-rating. Some ground operators like to run with a consistent star rating which misses the opportunity to experience the local heritage style altogether.
3. G&T always make choices that allow easy access to **excellent food**. Whether it be our daily breakfast or the proximity to great restaurants and cafes nearby. We also like to check that the obvious dietary requirements can be catered for. Cooking classes are always a fun and fantastic way to experience and learn about the local cuisines.
4. **G&T always host every Club Tour**. This gives you something no one else can match. We will be with you the entire time, assisting with your needs and looking after you personally. On top of that we will always employ our own National Tour Guides along with localised city guides to better understand the local areas.
5. G&T most importantly make sure that the product is '**Great Value**'. Not necessarily the cheapest but well worth the few extra dollars to ensure an amazing experience!
6. G&T always design a tour program with the Clubbers in mind. The concept of the Club remains the same and that is, our Club is **invite only and not open to the general public**. Clubbers are always encouraged to bring along their immediate family and or friends as we feel that they too will be a good fit for the G&T Travel Club.

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Day 1

ARRIVE CASABLANCA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

'Welcome to Morocco' - Marhaba!

Included Airport Meet and Greet on arrival day.

You will be met at the Airport by our local representative and transferred to our start Hotel.

Once checked in you will have time to relax before we all meet up for our pre tour meeting.

Meals Included: Nibbles at pre tour meeting.

Late afternoon, time TBA.

Overnight: Barcelo Anfa Casablanca (or similar)

Style: Modern Luxury hotel

Day 2

SIGHTSEEING IN CASABLANCA AND RABAT THEN ONTO CHEFCHAOUEN

Casablanca is the economic capital of Morocco and its largest city. After a scrumptious breakfast we will head to the far end of **'The Corniche' and start with a visit to the famous Hassan II Mosque.** It is the largest functioning mosque in Africa and makes a grand statement as it stands tall with its intricate décor and soaring 210m high minaret. After our guided tour of the Mosque, we will head up the coast to **Rabat, the true capital of Morocco and one of the country's 4 Imperial Cities.**

We'll visit the **historic Kasbah of the Oudayas. One of the UNESCO World Heritage sites.** This beautiful Kasbah is located on a hill overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and at the mouth of the Bou Regreg River.



It was built in the twelfth century and originally this Kasbah was a Ribat (a military defence). Later the Kasbah gave its name to the whole city. Kasbah Oudayas is a little city within a city and in 2012 it was added to the UNESCO World Heritage listings. Next, we will see the **Mohammed V Mausoleum**, which is home to the tombs of the current king's father and grandfather. Opposite is the **Hassan Tower**, which is a minaret built way back in 1195.

After lunch we will make our way inland and north towards the Rif Mountains and the most photographed village in Morocco. **Chefchaouen, known as the 'Little Blue City', one of our favourite cities in the country.** It is delightful and you will love it too! Here we will have 2 nights in a gorgeous Riad nestled in the heart of the medina which will allow us plenty of time to enjoy the twisty narrow lanes and the charming quirkiness that Chef has to offer.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Lina Ryad & Spa (or similar)

Style: Boutique Moroccan Design Riad



Day 3 SIGHTSEEING IN CHEFCHAOUEN 'THE BLUE PEARL OF MOROCCO'

This morning you may wish to go for an early stroll before breakfast, armed with your cameras of course! **After breakfast we will start our village tour with our guide.** We will find out why the locals all paint their homes blue and see why it is also affectionately named 'The Blue Pearl'.



The Kasbah of Chefchaouen belongs to the early 18th century and was built by the legendary ruler Moulay Ismail (1645 – 1727). **This is a walking tour so we will start in the Plaza Uta el-Hammam**, which is the Andalusian style cobbled main square and where the striking 15th century Grand Mosque stands. Continuing around the sights we will make our way back to the square where our guide will suggest some cafes and restaurants for a great local lunch option. He will also make sure that you can find your way home as the **balance of the day is at your leisure.**

Perhaps poking around the tiny colourful shops, photography, chatting to the locals or find a cute coffee shop to relax. You may want to head to one of the many rooftops for a refreshing drink and an awesome view with the rhythm of 'Chef' below. You could head up the hill close by for a sunset to remember. **Chefchaouen can be as busy or as laid back as you want.**

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Lina Ryad & Spa (or similar)

Style: Boutique Moroccan Design Riad

Day 4 SIGHTSEEING AT VOLUBILIS ROMAN RUINS THEN ONTO FES

NB: We visit the ruins in the morning, but the sun can still be quite hot so bring a 'brolly'.

This morning we will have a relaxed breakfast before heading off to the **UNESCO World Heritage site of Volubilis.** This well preserved and partly excavated Berber and Roman ancient city is known to be one of the largest and most important archaeological sites in Morocco. Volubilis has an amazing history to tell, and we will learn as we walk around the site just how life was back in the 3rd century BC. **We can still clearly see today some of the structures that depict life back when the city was under Roman rule.**

Interestingly under the pressure of the surrounding Berber tribes the Romans did eventually leave the city and in turn several other peoples inhabited Volubilis including not only the Berber but also the Greek, the Jewish and the Syrians. These ruins are truly spectacular! After this historic visual feast, **we will continue onto Fes.**

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Riad Laaroussa (or similar)

Style: Elegant 17th Century Palace



Day 5 SIGHTSEEING IN FES – 'THE SPIRITUAL CAPITAL OF MOROCCO'

Mystical, magical Fes! A remarkable city and another UNESCO World Heritage site and home to the oldest and largest car free medina in North Africa! **The city was once the capital of Morocco and is still widely viewed as the cultural epicentre today.** Breakfast this morning will be a little earlier as there is so much to see and do in Fes.



Our guided city tour will begin with a photographic opportunity at the entrance to the largest Royal Palace in Morocco. **Palais Royal is the official residence of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco and his family.** The gigantic elaborate gates and doors are quintessential 'Morocco'. Next, we will drive to the top of the hill for a great **panoramic view of Fes El Bali** below. This ancient walled medina has narrow, vibrant colourful streets and ornate entryways like the **Bab Bou Jeloud 'Blue Gate'**. It is where everyday life is lived out on the street. The towering **R'cif Mosque** overlooks a lively market square where varied souk vendors specialize in perfumes, spices, lamps, and leather. Fes medina literally oozes with history, colour and charm on every corner and then there is the food. Dining choices range from street kebabs to stylish gourmet restaurants with many grazing opportunities along the way.

Visit the famous **University of Al-Karaouine** built originally as a Mosque by Fatima Al Fihria in 857. Not long after it became the world's first university and a foremost centre of learning at the beginning of the second millennium. The university has become one of the leading spiritual and educational centres of the current Muslim world. **We may have the chance to visit a Coranic school** before completing the city tour with the **leather Souq and the oldest Leather Tannery in the world.** The tannery dates back at least nine centuries.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner at a local Restaurant.

Overnight: Riad Laaroussa (or similar)

Style: Elegant 17th Century Palace

Day 6 FES COOKING CLASS THEN ONTO MEKNES

Breakfast this morning should be light as we are heading out to enjoy one of **Morocco's best culinary adventures.** This experience will introduce you to a unique cuisine well-loved around the world and will allow you to learn how to prepare some of the most delicious local dishes. **Our fun cooking class** is a great way to experience firsthand some of the secrets and traditions that have been passed on for generations. The best part is we enjoy our creation for lunch. YUM!! After lunch we take the short drive to Meknes. **The afternoon is at leisure at our accommodation, a stunning winery.** You may wish to take advantage of a Wine Tasting and Cellar visit or just relax!

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Overnight: Château Roslane Boutique Hôtel & Spa
(or similar)

Style: First class Winery Estate



Day 7 SIGHTSEEING MEKNES 'THE MOROCCAN VERSAILLES'

After a fantastic breakfast overlooking the vineyard, we will head off to discover one of the oldest cities in the kingdom for our morning tour. **Meknes was once the capital of Morocco** under the reign of Moulay Ismail (1672–1727) and now **UNESCO World Heritage listed**. First stop will be at the massive **Bab El Mansour gate**, the grandest of all the Imperial Moroccan gateways. Next, we will head out to **Hri Souani**, which is a complex of three different buildings all built as granaries and stables. This amazing site has been used as a scene for many films, the most famous of which is probably 'The Last Temptation of Christ' in 1988 by Martin Scorsese.

After our tour we will take a rest and enjoy a **delicious lunch in a local restaurant**. The rest of the **afternoon is at leisure** to wander at your own pace in one of our favourite medinas. When ready we will head back to our vineyard for a relaxed evening. You may wish to indulge in an **optional Gastronomical Dinner** with some fine wine. Or you may wish to disappear and **lap up some pampering** and well-being at the magnificent Hammam and Spa.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Overnight: Château Roslane Boutique Hôtel & Spa
(or similar)

Style: First class Winery Estate



Day 8 MEKNES – IFRANE – BENI MELLAL – MARRAKECH

After breakfast we transfer to Marrakech. Today's interesting journey takes us through the **Middle Atlas Mountains with a stopover in Ifrane**. Ifrane is famous for its alpine climate and European style houses. The cooler climate due to the 1665m in elevation attracts many Moroccans in summer. They head to the hills to relax in what feels like a little part of Switzerland! Along the way we may be lucky to see some of the threatened **Barbary Macaque monkeys**. Then we continue onto Beni Mellal, which is an important economic centre for Morocco in the areas of textile manufacturing as well as agriculture. The countryside is forever changing, and we will stop along the way for a **local lunch before arriving in Marrakech** late afternoon.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Longue Vie Hotel (or similar)

Style: Contemporary Hotel





Day 9

SIGHTSEEING IN MARRAKECH THE 'PARIS OF THE SAHARA'

After a hearty breakfast we'll join our coach and enjoy a morning guided city tour of Marrakech including the famous **Majorelle Gardens and Yves Saint Laurent Museum and the Koutoubia Mosque**, which is an old monument built under the reign of the Almoravid Caliph Yaqub al-Mansur (1184 to 1199). This monument inspired other buildings such as the Giralda in Seville in Spain and the Hassan Tower in Rabat. **The Saadian tombs**, which is a site that dates to the time of the sultan Ahmad al-Mansur (1578-1603) were discovered in 1917 and were restored by the Beaux-arts service. While out and about we will have **lunch at a local restaurant** before heading back to the Hotel to relax.

Then in the afternoon when it's cooler we will join a **walking tour of the world famous Jemaa El-Fna Square**. The Square is better later in the day as the storytellers, snake charmers, peddlers of traditional medicines all set up for the night. The last stop will be the **bustling souks in the old medina** (a photographer's delight). Here you can find almost anything you like for your dinner. Finding somewhere to eat from a rooftop overlooking the energetic square below is the ticket! **You will see for yourself why it also is a UNESCO World Heritage site.**

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Longue Vie Hotel (or similar)

Style: Contemporary Hotel

Day 10

MARRAKECH – OUIRGANE

A relaxed Breakfast this morning before our **short drive to Ourigane**. The journey today takes you through the countryside of rural Morocco surrounded by the astonishing views of the **High Atlas Mountains**. On the way we will view several **traditional villages** within the valley. We can admire the vast countryside covered with green oaks, cypresses, and other vegetation typical of the High Atlas.

We then take a small but dramatic mountain-pass where we travel through the **valleys and canyons of the Oued N'Fis**. From this mountain pass there are magnificent views of the surrounding area so we will stop off for photographic opportunities.

Today we experience **lunch with a local Moroccan family**. An excellent way to immerse yourself in the true village life. After lunch we then make our way onto Ourigane. On arrival the afternoon is at your leisure. You may wish to take a gentle stroll around our immediate area in the heart of Berber country or you may wish to enjoy the garden sanctuary by the pool.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Overnight: Domaine de la Roseraie Resort
(or similar)

Style: Luxury Boutique Garden Sanctuary

Day 11 OUIRGANE – AIT BEN HADDOU

Enjoy a delicious locally sourced organic breakfast in the hotel. When we depart Ouirgane we will be crossing the breathtaking High Atlas Mountains. The very famous **Tizi-N-Tichka pass** is the most exciting access to the village of **UNESCO World Heritage site Ait Ben Haddou**. Ait Ben Haddou is surrounded by the spectacular fortress of earthen clay architecture. The village is an iconic landscape immortalized in such films as 'The Man Who Would Be King' (1975), 'Jesus of Nazareth' (1977), 'The Last Temptation of Christ' (1988), 'Gladiator' (2000), 'Son of God' (2014) etc.

On arrival we will find a local restaurant from where we can take in the grand view of the Kasbah itself before enjoying an afternoon walking tour of what still feels very much like a movie set. We will then **head back to our Riad for sundowners and perhaps a G&T by the pool before dinner**. Tonight, you will sleep peacefully within the walls of our own historical and modern featured Kasbah.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Riad Ksar Ighnda (or similar)

Style: Luxury Hotel Riad



Day 12 AIT BEN HADDOU – OUARZAZATE – ZAGORA

Leisurely breakfast before a short drive to **Ouarzazate, also known as 'Morocco's Hollywood'**. We will visit **Taurirt Kasbah**, which is considered one of the most beautiful Kasbahs in Morocco. Next, we will **visit the film studios** where some of the most famous desert landscapes are paramount. **Time permitting, we may luncheon like a movie star** in the very quirky Oscar Hotel by Atlas Studios.

After lunch we will continue to **Zagora a true gem along the Draa Valley and Draa river**. Draa River is Morocco's longest river, at 1,100 kilometres. This river flows all the way from the High Atlas Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean. **The Draa Valley is known as 'the date basket of Morocco'** as it is home to many date palms, orchards, and irrigated fields. On the way to Zagora, we'll make a brief stop at **Agdez**, which is a charming little town that boasts a vast palm grove and surprisingly a vast number of ancient but well-preserved Kasbahs.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Overnight: Riad Dar Sofian (or similar)

Style: Exquisite family run Riad Retreat



Day 13 ZAGORA – TAMEGROUTE – ZAGORA

A lazy start today with breakfast by the pool under the palms. After breakfast we will **explore the city of Zagora**. Zagora is flanked by the mountain Zagora from which the town got its name. It was a popular stop along the desert route known as **'The Salt Trail'**. **The camel caravans took 52 days to journey all the way from Zagora to Timbuktu**. Their precious cargo ranging from dates, silver, gold, salt, and slaves. A short distance away is the **famous pottery village of Tamegroute**, situated in The Draa River Valley It historically served as a hub of learning and religion through its famous Sufi zawiya. **We may be able to visit the famous Tamegroute Library**. Opening hours are always sketchy! Visit the **well-known ceramic village and the old underground Ksars**. We'll see ancient techniques as the skilled artisans create authentic beauties right in front of us.

We will enjoy lunch with a local family. Late in the afternoon we will transfer back to our palm grove in Zagora. The perfect oasis in which to end the day!

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Overnight: Riad Dar Sofian (or similar)

Style: Exquisite family run Riad Retreat

Day 14 ZAGORA – ERG CHIGAGA FOR A 2-NIGHT DESERT EXPERIENCE TO INDULGE IN

A lazy breakfast again as we really do want you to soak up the Dar Sofian atmosphere. **Enjoy your morning at leisure** to relax or perhaps go for a stroll amongst the neighbouring towering palm grove. Catch up in your journal or sort through your mass of photos. In the afternoon, after lunch we change our mode of transport and jump into our 4x4 jeeps to transfer us to **the heart of the Moroccan desert, Erg Chigaga**. As we approach our gorgeous desert camp we change our mode of transport once again, this time to camels, for those who are up for it! **In true Berber style we will arrive at camp as the golden sun sets** for the day. Have your cameras ready! **G&T believe that 2 nights are necessary if you want an authentic experience.** You need time to soak up the desert charm and not just sleep the night then head off at first light.

Our 2 nights are also all inclusive and it will definitely be one of your highlights!

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner with a magical starry sky that belongs in fairytales

Overnight: Erg Chigaga Luxury Desert Camp (or similar)

Style: Luxury All Inclusive Moroccan desert camp



Day 15 ERG CHIGAGA DESERT

Awake this morning after a restful sleep surrounded by Erg Chicaga and enjoy a relaxed breakfast. You may even wish to rise early and take a morning walk amongst the dunes. Then **today is yours to design!** **Optional:** ATV (Quad) hire / Buggy ride in the desert / lounge in a hammock / read a book / afternoon sunset walk / sunset drinks / star gazing – the list goes on. Lunch today will be in traditional Berber style.

Dinner tonight will be another extravagant affair.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Overnight: Erg Chigaga Luxury Desert Camp (or similar)

Style: Luxury All Inclusive Moroccan desert camp

Day 16 ERG CHIGAGA – TAROUDANT

An early breakfast today as we have a long but interesting drive to exit the desert and head back to civilisation. **An adventure the entire way!!**

Our destination is **Taroudant, a charming old town known as the 'Grandmother of Marrakech'.**

Taroudant looks like Marrakech but smaller. Unlike Marrakech, almost the entire city of Taroudant is surrounded with ramparts. In the 11th century, Taroudant was occupied by the Almoravid Dynasty. In the 16th century, the Saadian Dynasty used it as the capital of Morocco for a short period of time before they moved onwards to Marrakech. **The city is known today for its beautiful local crafts, including jewellery and carpets.** Enjoy the casual walking tour of Taroudant as we walk off our included local lunch and stretch our legs after our 4x4 jeep experience.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Overnight: Dar Tourkia (or similar)

Style: Authentic Kasbah Guesthouse

Day 17 TAROUDANT – ESSAOUIRA

A slow start today as we enjoy a delicious garden breakfast in the guesthouse. We will then **transfer to Essaouira one of the charming beach cities in Morocco.** Because we have time today, we will **detour via Agadir**, another charming seaside town just south of Essaouira. **We can stroll along the esplanade and find a spot for lunch.**

Then we can time our drive north to Essaouira so that we arrive just in time for our hotel check-in. **Essaouira is another hidden gem and full of life and colour.** Situated right on the seaside, the Medina area is within easy walking distance and has a lot to offer and entertain. **Fantastic restaurants, coffee shops and everything Moroccan** if you are still to complete your shopping list. **Awesome Hammams (Spas) to relax and treat yourself and superb vantage points for the spectacular sunsets.** Many rooftop bars are the go-to place each afternoon for a cool G&T or a glass or 2 of splendid Moroccan wine.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Le Medina Essaouira Thalassa Sea and Spa (or similar)

Style: Boutique Seaside Hotel





Day 19 **ESSAOUIRA (FULL DAY AT LEISURE)**

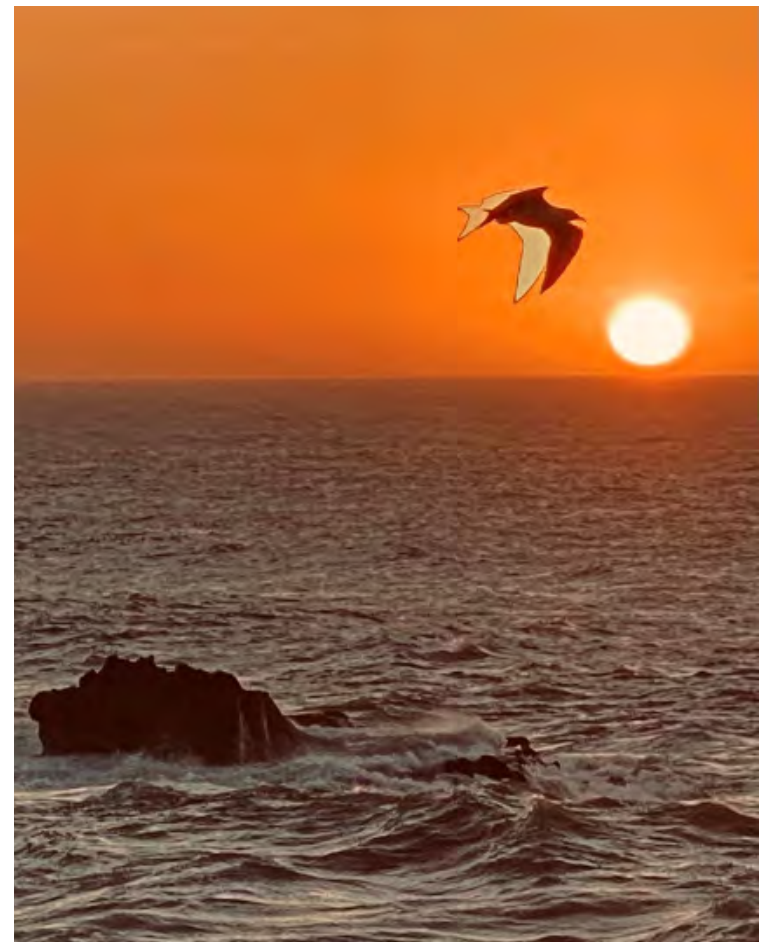
Leisurely breakfast before or after a walk on the beach. **You may even wish to rise early and head across to the fishing port to witness the nights catch.** There are some brilliant artisans, and you can watch them at work. Perhaps the inlaid woodwork studios – well worth a visit. The **silver smiths are incredible**, and the jewellery is divine and one little place that we found employs the local disadvantaged young adults.

You'll be able to choose from many great restaurants in the Medina for lunch, whether it be a light snack or a lavish full sit-down meal. You may wish to **do some yoga or ride a camel.** You may wish to **explore the hotel Spa menu.** You may wish to join us for dinner at one of our favourite little spots.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Le Medina Essaouira Thalassa Sea and Spa (or similar)

Style: Boutique Seaside Hotel



Day 18 **ESSAOUIRA 'FORMERLY KNOWN AS MOGADOR'**

A relaxed breakfast this morning as we prepare for our leisurely walking tour of the **UNESCO World Heritage portside Medina.** The multicultural influence of the both the Portuguese and French are very evident in the beautiful architecture. This relatively small, easily navigable Medina is super cute and ideal for free time. The **mellow atmosphere, narrow winding streets lined with colourful shops, whitewashed houses and heavy old wooden doors** make it a wonderful place to stroll and a photographer's dream.

Essaouira has a very mild climate and allures many visitors from Europe each year. The wild Atlantic Ocean adds an extra element of dramatic scenery as the port safely houses the sea of little blue fishing boats. Your **included Lunch today being this close to the sea must be a 'seafood affair'** (there are of course many other options available.) The rest of the **afternoon is at leisure** so therefore you can do as little or as much as you like.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Overnight: Le Medina Essaouira Thalassa Sea and Spa (or similar)

Style: Boutique Seaside Hotel

Day 20

ESSAOUIRA – SAFI – OULIDIA – EL JADIDA – CASABLANCA

We start the day with breakfast in the hotel. Today we **return to Casablanca via Safi, Oualidia and El Jadida**. 'A coastal road trip'.

Safi is an attractive Portuguese influenced city with a long history. Safi nowadays is the main fishing port for the country's sardine industry. **Oualidia is a small village on the Atlantic coast**, facing a saltwater lagoon and the beach. **El Jadida, the last of our UNESCO World Heritage sites** on the itinerary. Not as awe inspiring as the other 7 but nevertheless the 8th one that we do see.

Arriving back in Casablanca we will check in to our hotel with **plenty of time to do some self-exploration** of the local area. Tonight, we will head out for our **final night Farewell Dinner** before we sadly go our separate ways tomorrow.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Barcelo Anfa Casablanca (or similar)

Style: Modern Luxury hotel

Day 21 DEPARTURE DAY

Breakfast in the hotel. **Your transfer to Casablanca airport for your departure flight is included.**

Meals Included: Breakfast

[CLICK HERE](#) TO VIEW INTERACTIVE TOUR MAP ONLINE





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'MOROCCO UNWRAPPED' Casablanca to Casablanca

Arrival Day:

Tour 1: 18th October 2024 | Tour 2: 13th November 2024

Tour 3: 1st March 2025 | Tour 4: 23rd March 2025

Availability: Please check directly with G&T as tour availability changes constantly.

Price per person Double or Twin share \$11,775.00* AUD

Single Supplement \$4,290.00* AUD

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation in Double/Twin/ or Single rooms
- Breakfast daily in the hotels
- Lunches and dinners as indicated in the program
- Arrival and Departure transfers
- Modern A/C touring minibus or larger coach depending on the group size
- English speaking escort/guide
- Local guides
- Gools and Thommo as your hosts
- Cooking class in Fes
- 4x4 Jeep transfers in the desert
- Sunset camel ride in the desert
- Entrance fees to monuments
- Entrance fees to Hassan II Mosque, Majorelle Gardens & Yves Saint Laurent Museum
- Porterage at hotels

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Travel Insurance and visas (Compulsory)
- Expenses of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, snacks, laundry, telephone calls etc.
- Any additional optional activities you may wish to add on.
- NB: Prices are subject to change if there are any government tax increases on hotels & transportation or any increases in included monument entry fees.

Note: *Tipping in Morocco is customary. We have found from experience that the best way to deal with this is to generate a 'tips kitty' which takes away the guess work and the need for constant small change which can be embarrassing. Please budget US\$150 per person cash for this kitty. Small denominations are best. Please have this cash ready for collection at our pre departure meeting on day 1. We will, where possible, ask guests to assist in the distribution of the kitty money to ensure full transparency.*



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Australian dollar devaluation reprice clause:

G&T price our tours on a very narrow margin to give you, our clubbers, the best possible value for money. In the event of a major currency fluctuation/devaluation, we reserve the right to recalculate the price until the final payment due date. If \$AUD / \$USD rate drops below \$AUD 1 = \$USD .58 cents, we reserve the right to reprice the tour.

Note: This \$USD 'trigger rate' of \$AUD 1 \$USD .58 cents is not the 'official rate' you see advertised by the bank, but our 'buy' rate when we purchase the currency through our bank which is the National Australia Bank (NAB).

G & T NUTS AND BOLTS:

We are not a Tour Company, we are a Travel Club. This means this tour is not open to the general public at all.

This invitation is only for those of you who have travelled with us before and extended to your family and friends.

PLEASE NOTE: Our G&T Travel Club is not associated in any way with Adventure Wild Pty Ltd. Adventure Wild are aware and fully supportive of our Travel Club but please ensure all correspondence is directed back to us.

GRAB YOUR SPOT:

We do require a minimum of 10 guests on each tour to guarantee the departures.

Many of our chosen accommodations are small and intimate and we have a maximum of 12 rooms blocked for us. This means, as we secure single room occupancy for our solo travellers our group sizes will decrease as we fill our maximum 12 rooms.

NB: Group size will then be a maximum of 18-20 on each tour.

NB: Our average group size historically has been 13-16, depending on the number of solo travellers.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE](#) to go to our online booking form. Once we receive your form, we will check availability and confirm with you asap.

