

# Morocco

## UNWRAPPED



**TRAVEL CLUB**  
*travel without judgement*

**22 DAYS | 21 NIGHTS**





## **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, unclear, 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 22-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 7 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 21 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 22-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 - Oualidia – Casablanca.**

**NB: BLACK denotes 7 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 7 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 late afternoon, time TBA.

**Meals Included:** None

**Overnight:** Barcelo Anfa Casablanca (or similar)

**Style:** Modern Luxury hotel



## Day 2

### SIGHTSEEING IN CASABLANCA AND RABAT

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.

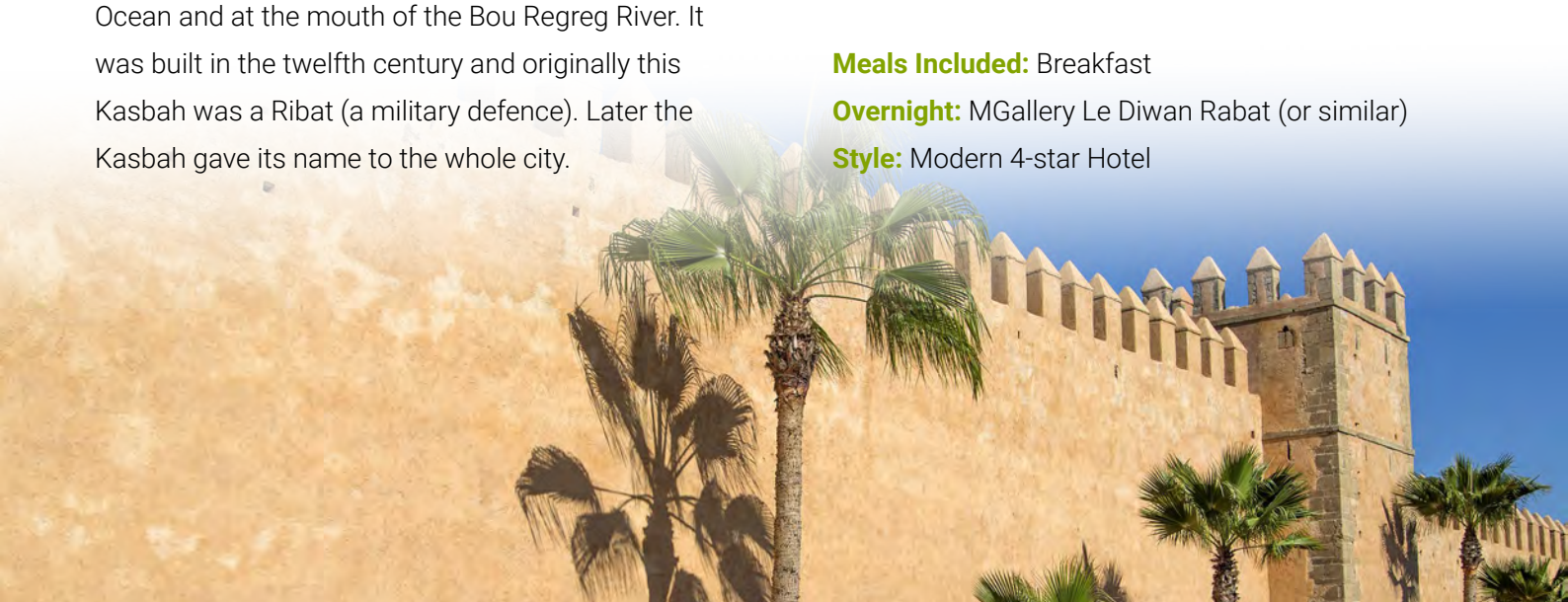
After lunch we will check into our hotel and then the afternoon is yours to fill in.

**NB:** This afternoon please remember to downsize your luggage for our 2-night stop in Chefchaouen. A small bag or backpack with just the necessities will suffice. Don't forget your swimmers for the indoor pool and something warm if the nights are cool. Your big suitcases will remain secured in the coach for the next 2 nights.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

**Overnight:** MGallery Le Diwan Rabat (or similar)

**Style:** Modern 4-star Hotel





## Day 3 DRIVE TO CHEFCHAOUEN 'THE BLUE PEARL OF MOROCCO'

Today after breakfast 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.

After lunch, enroute we will continue onto 'Chef' and walk the short distance from the coach to the hotel and check into our rooms. **There will be some free time this afternoon.** Once you are settled in you may wish to join a sunset walk to the Spanish Mosque on the hill.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** Taj Chefchaouen (or similar)

**Style:** Boutique Luxury Hotel and Spa



## Day 4 SIGHTSEEING CHEFCHAOUEN

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,** and we will end the tour in the **Plaza Uta el-Hammam**, which is the Andalusian style cobbled main square. The striking 15th century Grand Mosque stands proud alongside many cafes and restaurants which are great for a local lunch option. We will 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.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

**Overnight:** Taj Chefchaouen (or similar)

**Style:** Boutique Luxury Hotel and Spa



## Day 5

### SIGHTSEEING AT VOLUBILIS ROMAN RUINS THEN ONTO FES

This morning, after breakfast we will head 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 and Dinner

**Overnight:** Riad Laaroussa (or similar)

**Style:** Elegant 17th Century Palace

## Day 6

### 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.

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.

See 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 medina tour with the **leather Souq** and the oldest **Leather Tannery** in the world. The tannery dates back at least nine centuries.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

**Overnight:** Riad Laaroussa (or similar)

**Style:** Elegant 17th Century Palace





## Day 7

### 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 Winery Tour and interesting Cellar visit or just relax!

**Meals Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

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

**Style:** First class Winery Estate

## Day 8

### 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. After lunch we will head back to our vineyard for a relaxed afternoon. 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 in-house Hammam and Spa.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

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

**Style:** First class Winery Estate







## Day 9

### MEKNES – BENI MELLAL – MARRAKECH

After breakfast we make our way to Marrakech. Today's interesting journey takes us through the **Middle Atlas Mountains** via Kenifera. We will drive through Beni Mellal, which is an important economic centre for Morocco in the agriculture sector. The countryside is forever changing, and we will stop along the way for a **picnic lunch before arriving in Marrakech** late afternoon. If you wish to dine next door at the **fabulous Ritzi Restaurant** you will need to make a reservation upon arrival.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Overnight:** Longue Vie Hotel (or similar)

**Style:** Contemporary Hotel



## Day 10

### 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 Almohad 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. We will visit **The Saadian tombs**, which is a site that dates to the time of the sultan Ahmad al-Mansur (1578-1603.) They were only discovered in 1917 and were restored by the Beaux-arts service. After our sightseeing you will have time to look around the **medina shops** and find a spot for lunch before heading back to the hotel to relax.

Then in the afternoon when it's cooler we will return to 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 energetic square has many options for dinner! **You can 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 11 MARRAKECH – OUIRGANE

After breakfast this morning we take a **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 a **photographic opportunity**.

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 Roseaie Resort  
(or similar)

**Style:** Luxury Boutique Garden Sanctuary



## Day 12 OUIRGANE – AIT BEN HADDOU

Enjoy a delicious locally sourced organic breakfast in the hotel. When we depart Ourigane 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 enjoy lunch at the hotel** and have time to relax a little. Later in the afternoon we will take a walking tour of what still feels very much like a movie set 'Ait Ben Haddou'. As the **sun sets on the ruins**, we will 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, Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Riad Ksar Ighnda (or similar)

**Style:** Boutique Hotel Riad





## Day 13 AIT BEN HADDOU – OUARZAZATE – ZAGORA

After breakfast we take 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. We will **visit the fun film studios** where you may just recognise some of the film sets from famous movies. After our tour of the Atlas Studios and lunch we will continue onto **Zagora** a true gem along the **Draa Valley** and **Draa River**. The 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 to witness this agricultural area.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Riad Lamane (or similar)

**Style:** Boutique Berber Oasis Resort

## Day 14 SIGHTSEEING TAMEGROUTE

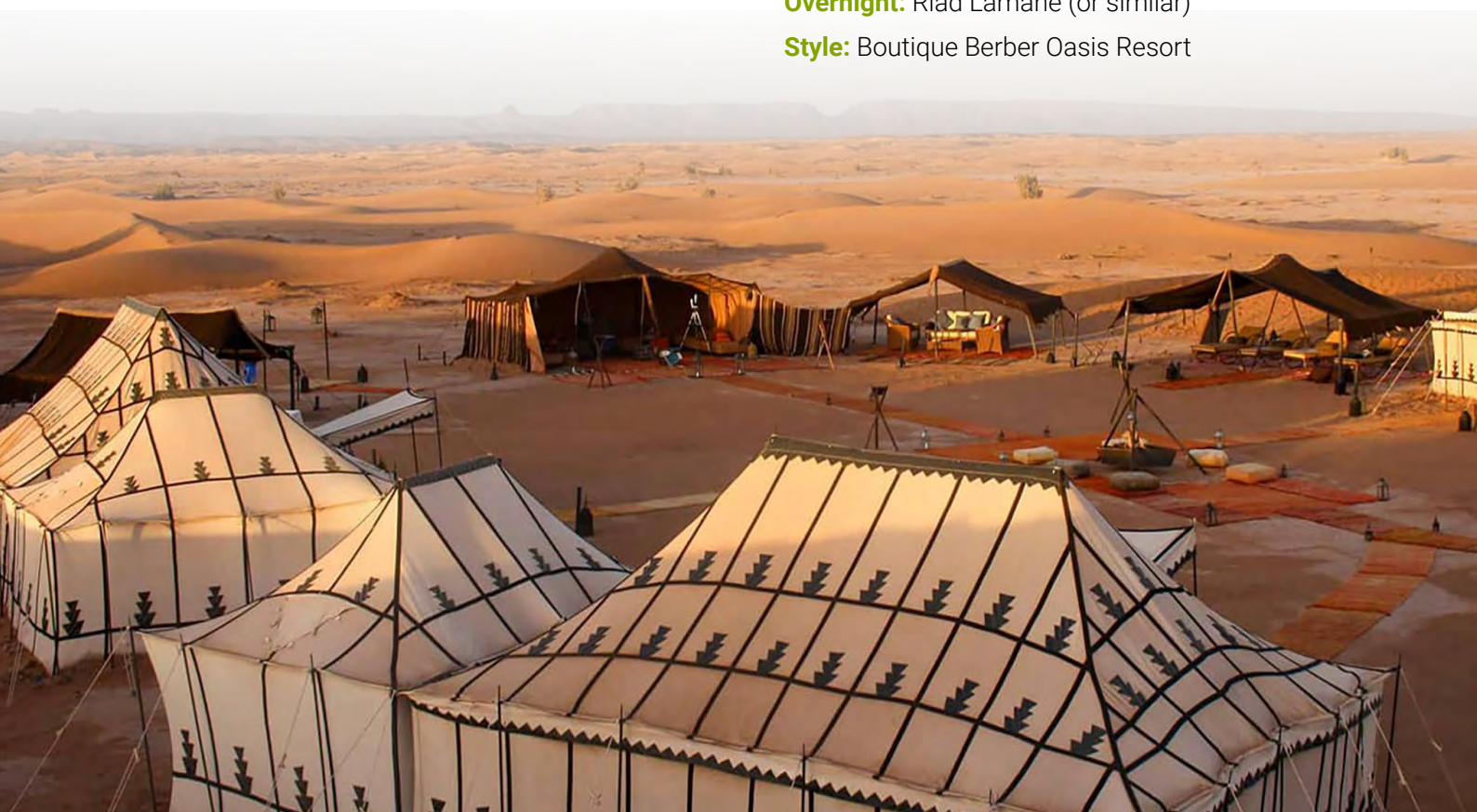
A lazy start today with breakfast under the palms. After breakfast we will **explore the surrounds of Zagora**. Zagora is flanked by the mountain Zagora from which the town got its name. It was a popular stop along the desert route known as '**The Salt Trail**'. The camel caravans took **52 days** to 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 can be 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.** 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 Lamane (or similar)

**Style:** Boutique Berber Oasis Resort





## Day 15 ZAGORA – ERG CHIGAGA (2-NIGHT DESERT EXPERIENCE)

This morning, we downsize our luggage again and change our mode of transport as we jump into our 4x4 jeeps to transfer to **Erg Chigaga**. Our camp is set amongst the big, beautiful sand dunes and is right in the heart of the Moroccan desert. **G&T believe that 2 nights are necessary here 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. We will arrive in time for a **delicious lunch** and have a free afternoon ahead of us. You may wish to **trek to the dune tops** for sundowners with a sensational view across the camp and surrounding dunes. After dinner we will sit by the campfire and enjoy the **magical starry sky** that belongs only in fairytales. **Our 2 nights are also all inclusive and it will most definitely be one of your highlights!**

**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 DESERT

Awake this morning after a **restful sleep** surrounded by 'Erg Chigaga' and enjoy a **relaxed breakfast**. You may even wish to rise early and take a morning walk amongst the dunes to photograph and identify the interesting small critter tracks. After breakfast you can take an optional **1hr camel ride** from camp walking slowly while taking in the beauty. If you don't wish to be on the camel, you can choose to walk beside the caravan! Today we may make our way to a **secluded oasis**, after which you may wish to chill in a hammock / read a book / or prepare for your own private afternoon sunset walk. **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 17 ERG CHIGAGA – TAROUDANT

Today we leave the desert behind after breakfast as we make our way along **a new desert track** to head back to civilization. **Awesome landscape** and an adventure the entire way!!

We meet back up with our coach and luggage and make our way to lunch in a nearby village.

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. **Our delightful Kasbah** tonight has a homely feel with a gorgeous garden surrounding the pool.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Dar Tourkia (or similar)

**Style:** Authentic Kasbah Guesthouse





## Day 19

### ESSAOUIRA, FORMERLY KNOWN AS 'MOGADOR'

After breakfast we will head off on a leisurely walking tour of the **UNESCO World Heritage portside Medina**. The multicultural influence of 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 colorful 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 ocean must be a **'seafood affair'** (there are of course other options available so please advise if you do not eat seafood). The rest of the afternoon is leisurely yours 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 18 TAROUDANT – ESSAOUIRA

We will enjoy a delicious garden breakfast in the guesthouse before we take a gentle stroll through the local village. We will then **transfer to Essaouira, the most beautiful historical city in Morocco**. Because we have time today, we will **detour via Agadir**, another charming seaside town just south of Essaouira. You can then **wander along the esplanade** and find a spot for lunch.

Then we can time our drive north to Essaouira so that we arrive 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 20

### ESSAOUIRA (FULL DAY AT LEISURE)

Breakfast today is leisurely 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 **explore the hotel Spa menu.**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

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

**Style:** Modern Luxury hotel

## Day 21

### ESSAOUIRA – OULIDIA – CASABLANCA

We start the day with breakfast in the hotel then today is 'a coastal road trip' as we **return to Casablanca via Oualidia.** **Portuguese influenced cities** are scattered along the coast, and we will see many different industries and agriculture. **Oualidia is a small village on the Atlantic coast,** facing a saltwater lagoon and the beach. We will stop here for lunch. Arriving back in Casablanca we will check in to our hotel and relax a little before our **final night Farewell Dinner.**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast and Gala Dinner

**Overnight:** Barcelo Anfa Casablanca (or similar)

**Style:** Modern Luxury hotel

## Day 22

### DEPARTURE DAY

Your transfer to Casablanca airport for your departure flight is included if departing today.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

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## 'MOROCCO UNWRAPPED'

## Casablanca to Casablanca

### 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
- Entrance fees to monuments
- Entrance fees to Hassan II Mosque, Majorelle Gardens & Yves Saint Laurent Museum

### 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\$180 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.

#### GROUP SIZE:

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.

