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Discover Marrakech & Essaouira Extension







Duration: Adds 3 days

Discover more of Morocco's culture by extending your stay and exploring two very different cities!

Extra time in vibrant Marrakech allows time to discover this incredible city. A guided city tour is included to get you started – then explore and shop to your heart's content! Staying in a historic riad – an ornately-decorated traditional Moroccan house set around a courtyard garden – offers a haven of calm only a stone's throw from the bustle of the souks.

A private transfer then takes you to the city of Essaouira, on the Atlantic Coast. Known for its relaxed, laid-back vibe, you can wander the Skala – the historic sea ramparts complete with bronze cannons – and the Port, with its iconic blue wooden fishing-boats. Explore the crescent-shaped beach, and the blue-and-white walled old Medina – which offers yet more shopping opportunities, and food-stalls of every cuisine!

DETAILED ITINERARY

Days 1 - 8: As per your Main Challenge Itinerary

Day 9: Marrakech; arrive Riad

(main group departs Marrakech)

After transferring from the group hotel to your riad, you'll meet for a guided city walking tour. This introduces you to the main sights and provides great orientation; you then have plenty of free time to explore and shop to your heart's content! The souks are crammed with fascinating sights, and you can haggle for everything from leather goods and shoes to spices and argan oil. You might want to return to Jma el Fnaa, Marrakech's huge main square, to soak up the buzz of its food-stalls, musicians, street-performers and snake-charmers, visit a hammam, or just sit back in one of the many cafés and enjoy the cultural flavour.

Breakfast provided. Riad accommodation

Day 10: Marrakech – Essaouira

A private transfer takes us east from Marrakech's city streets, into arid plains dotted with small towns and villages. It's beautiful scenery, which becomes greener as we near the coast. Essaouira is known as the 'Windy City', and the constant breeze is very welcome on a hot day. After a quick lunch, we'll head out on an afternoon's walking tour, introducing you to the main areas of interest, such as the port, and the historic fortified area of the Kasbah, including the Scala – the old sea walls, with views over the beaches and crashing waves of the Atlantic. *Game of Thrones* was filmed on locations around the kasbah, including these ramparts. After the tour, you are free to wander and explore as you wish. Lose yourself in the Medina's maze of

DETAILED ITINERARY (cont.)

alleyways, and shop for crafts, spices and myriad other products. Essaouira is a meeting-place of many cultures, which is reflected nowhere better than in the many food-stalls tempting your taste-buds here! Watching the sunset from on top of the Skala is a nightly ritual not to be missed! Night in Riad

Breakfast provided. Riad accommodation

Day 11: Explore Essaouira

You are free today to explore and enjoy more of the sights of Essaouira. If you're up in time, walk down to the port and see the fishing-boats unloading their early-morning catch; you may be able to enjoy some very fresh sea-food! You might also want to stroll the golden sands and watch the surfers, windsurfers and kite-surfers catching the waves. You can also take part in an optional cookery class, if you wish and there are endless shopping opportunities throughout the medina. Night in Riad

Breakfast provided. Riad accommodation

Day 12: Return to Marrakech - London

Another morning to do anything that you've missed on the previous days before an afternoon transfer takes you direct to Marrakech airport for your flight home.

Breakfast provided.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 3 nights' accommodation: 1 in Marrakech, 2 in Essaouira (3* riads; twin-share B&B basis)
- DA tour leader to accompany group for the entirety of extension.
- 2 x walking city tours with English-speaking local guides
- Private transport to/from Essaouira and transfer to airport

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- lunches and dinners
- Personal spending, tips for guides/drivers, optional activities or services not mentioned above.
- Optional cookery class (book in advance, contact office for details)

PRICING

2028 *(price subject to change)*
£549.00
Single supplement is available on request.

Extension requires a minimum of 10 people. To operate this for 2-9 people a supplement will be payable.

NB: If our usual accommodation is unavailable, we will ensure any alternative is at the same or higher standard.