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# MOROCCO: IMPERIAL CITIES - A CONNECTIONS BOUTIQUE GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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Small Group Journeys, Connections Boutique Group Journeys

North Africa & Middle East, Morocco

8 days from AU$9,315 pp

24 Guests

# Journey Overview

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## Journey Highlights

- Explore Fez el-Bali, Morocco's cultural heart, on a guided walk through its winding alleyways and myriad souks
- Tread the ancient Roman paths at Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to marvel at soaring arches and vivid, well-preserved 2,000-year-old mosaics
- Savour the cuisine and sights of the beautiful "Red City" of Marrakech
- Experience authentic Berber hospitality with a visit to a village at the foot of the highest peak in the Atlas Mountains



# Itinerary

**Day 1: Arrive Casablanca, Morocco**

Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to your hotel. Gather tonight for a special welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

***Le Casablanca Hotel | Meals: D***

**Day 2: Casablanca | Fez Via Meknes**

Explore the towering Hassan II Mosque, a wildly intricate building that holds 25,000 worshipers. Soaring above the ocean, its minaret stands as the tallest religious structure in the world. Proceed to a winery outside Meknes for lunch at a restaurant offering views of the region's sunbathed vineyards and olive groves. Next, head to the city of Meknes. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Morocco's imperial cities, it was built in the 17th century by the powerful sultan Moulay Ismail. Continue to Fez, arriving at day's end at your boutique hotel set on a scenic hilltop.

***Hotel Sahrai | Meals: BL***

**Day 3: Fez | The Medieval City**

Step back in time into remarkably untouched Fez el-Bali ("Old Fez"), the cultural heart of Morocco. Wander among the 9,000 lanes, alleys and souks that shape its old quarter, where locals conduct their day-to-day business. Later, discover Fez el-Jadid ("New Fez"), home to the mellah, the old Jewish quarter, with its wrought iron-decorated windows and carved wood balconies. Tonight, dine at a traditional Moroccan riad (mansion with interior garden) with a female professor who leads a fascinating discussion on the role of women in modern Morocco.

***Hotel Sahrai | Meals: BLD***

**Day 4: Rabat | Roman Ruins Of Volubilis**

After breakfast, drive to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to Morocco's largest and most impressive Roman ruins, with excellently preserved mosaics. Continue to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, and view the 12th-century Moorish Hassan Tower. Visit the Mohammed V Mausoleum, dedicated to the founder of modern Morocco, and visit Oudayas Kasbah; its gate is considered among the most beautiful in the Moorish world.

***Story Rabat | Meals: BL***

**Day 5: Marrakech | The “Red City”**

Drive to Marrakech, arriving in the afternoon. Considered the “Pearl of the South,” Marrakech was once the capital of an empire that stretched from Spain to Senegal and is known as the “Red City” for the distinctive hues of its brick buildings.

***Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: B***

**Day 6: Marrakech | Palaces & Performers**

Discover Marrakech’s exotic medina, the old walled section of the city. Explore the Dar El Bacha Palace or the Dar Si Said Museum of Moroccan Arts. Continue to El Badi Palace and view the 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque, a landmark Islamic religious structure in Marrakech. Stroll through Djemaa el-Fna square, where dancers, mime artists and street musicians perform.

***Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: BLD***

**Day 7: Marrakech | Atlas Mountains**

Today, choose to remain in Marrakech or enjoy a full-day excursion to the High Atlas Mountains. Admire majestic views of snow-capped peaks as you hike to a picturesque village and spend time with local Berbers in their homes. Learn about daily life while savouring traditional Berber bread and mint tea. Afterward, have lunch before returning to Marrakech. Tonight, attend a special farewell dinner.

***Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: BLD***

**Day 8: Depart Marrakech**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

***Meals: B***

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.
First group event: welcome briefing at 7:30 p.m. on Day 1.
Last group event: farewell dinner at 8:00 p.m. on Day 7.
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 this Connections Boutique Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Boutique Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- 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


ATLANTIC OCEAN
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Rabat
Volubilis
Casablanca
Meknes
Fez
Marrakech
MOROCCO
ARRIVE/DEPART
AIR
ROAD

# Dates & Pricing

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

### Apr 11, 2024 - Apr 18, 2024

| Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
|---|---|---|---|
| **AU$9,315 pp** | AU$3,530 | AU$0 | Call for Availability |

### May 11, 2024 - May 18, 2024

| Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
|---|---|---|---|
| **AU$9,315 pp** | AU$3,530 | AU$0 | Call for Availability |

### May 18, 2024 - May 25, 2024

| Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
|---|---|---|---|
| **AU$9,315 pp** | AU$3,530 | AU$0 | Call for Availability |

### May 25, 2024 - Jun 1, 2024

| Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
|---|---|---|---|
| **AU$9,315 pp** | AU$3,530 | AU$0 | Call for Availability |

### Sep 7, 2024 - Sep 14, 2024

| Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
|---|---|---|---|
| **AU$9,315 pp** | AU$3,530 | AU$0 | Call for Availability |

### Sep 19, 2024 - Sep 26, 2024

| Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
|---|---|---|---|
| **AU$9,315 pp** | AU$3,530 | AU$0 | Call for Availability |

### Oct 18, 2024 - Oct 25, 2024

| Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
|---|---|---|---|
| **AU$9,315 pp** | AU$3,530 | AU$0 | Call for Availability |

## Nov 7, 2024 - Nov 14, 2024

| Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
|---|---|---|---|
| **AU$9,315 pp** | AU$3,530 | AU$0 | Call for Availability |

## Dec 14, 2024 - Dec 21, 2024

| Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
|---|---|---|---|
| **AU$9,315 pp** | AU$3,530 | AU$0 | Call for Availability |

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