

BEST OF MOROCCO

10 Days, January 29 – February 07, 2021

C\$2,775* per person
*double occupancy land only

As you journey through Morocco's charming cities of Casablanca, Fez and Marrakesh, which include visits to the life-giving oasis of Tinghir, Todra Gorge and Ouarzazate.

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DAY 1 – JAN 29

ARRIVE CASABLANCA

The intoxicating sights and sounds of Morocco are revealed on this epic adventure through an ancient land. Delve into the intrigue and romance of Casablanca immortalised by Hollywood before meeting your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception.

Meals: Welcome Reception

Hotel: Grand Mogador City Centre

DAY 2 – JAN 30

CASABLANCA – RABAT – MEKNÈS – FEZ (2 NIGHTS)

We continue along the coast to the capital, Rabat. Here we'll embark on an orientation tour of the city which includes views of the grand 17th-century palace and Mausoleum of Mohammed V. Travelling to the imperial city of Meknès, we'll see the grand gate of Bab el-Mansour, one of the most impressive monumental gateways in North Africa, adorned by green and white zellij tiles. We arrive in Fez later today and spend the rest of the day at leisure, connecting with the symbolic heart of Morocco and the unique character of the country's oldest imperial city.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast

Hotel: Marriott Jnan Palace

DAY 3 – JAN 31

FEZ SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Join a Local Specialist today to explore the medina, one of the largest thriving medieval centres in the world. See the royal palace and 'Dive Into Culture' during a visit to the round dye-pits and tanneries revealing Morocco's ancient leather craft. Spend the rest of the day shopping or relaxing in a lantern-lit courtyard away from the medina crowds. Join your companions this evening for a special opportunity to 'Connect With Locals' over a Be My Guest dinner experience, featuring Moroccan specialities served with wine in a traditional Riad.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Dinner with wine

DAY 4 – FEB 01

FEZ – MIDELT – ERFOUD

We follow the old caravan trail south, stopping for a Regional Meal in Midelt, a market town set within the high plains between the Middle and High Atlas mountain ranges. Continuing along the palm-fringed Ziz Valley and past the Tafilalt oasis, we arrive in the oasis town of Erfoud, regarded as the Gateway to the Sahara. Its golden façades and towering dunes have made it a popular location for filmmakers for decades. This evening we dine at our hotel.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Regional Meal, Dinner

Hotel: Xaluca Kasbah

DAY 5 – FEB 02

ERFOUD – TINGHIR – DADES VALLEY

Journeying west, we arrive in Tinghir, one of the most beautiful oases in southern Morocco and home to the ruins of the ancient Glaoui palace. We continue through part of the Todra Gorge and cut through the mountains for one of the most dramatic views in the country. Enjoy a memorable Regional Lunch before following the route of a thousand kasbahs to the flourishing Dades Valley. Here we will overnight at one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories, Xaluca Dades, surrounded by panoramic views of the Atlas Mountains.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Regional Meal, Dinner

Hotel: Xaluca Dades

DAY 6 – FEB 03

DADES VALLEY – OUARZAZATE – AÏT BEN HADDOU – MARRAKESH (2 NIGHTS)

Blending effortlessly into the arid landscape, Ouarzazate has provided a backdrop for such famous movies as 'Lawrence of Arabia', 'Cleopatra' and 'Gladiator'. Visit the UNESCO-listed fortified village of Aït Ben Haddou in the High Atlas Mountains and continue through the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass to Marrakesh - the 'Red City'. Like many other former imperial cities in Morocco, Marrakesh comprises an old fortified city - the medina - and an adjacent modern city. Marrakesh is home to Morocco's largest traditional souk (market) where you may wish to spend some time learning the art of haggling.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast

Hotel: Le Meridien N'Fis

DAY 7 – FEB 04

MARRAKESH SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Visit the ornate Bahia Palace during city orientation with your Local Specialist and spend some time soaking up the energy of Djemaa el Fna Square in the Old Quarter with its palm readers, acrobats, camels and snake-charmers. Spend the rest of the afternoon lingering in one of the city's beautiful gardens, discover the vibrant arts and culture scene or consider experiencing an authentic Moroccan show.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast

Hotel: Radisson Red

DAY 8 – FEB 05

MARRAKESH – ESSAOUIRA

We travel to the laid-back shores of Essaouira this morning stopping en route to visit a cooperative involved in creating cosmetics from traditional ingredients. Consider a delicious seafood lunch and enjoy some free time before joining a city tour of UNESCO-listed medina, the walled Jewish Quarter and Skala fortress. Spend the rest of the evening at leisure.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast

Hotel: Cote Ocean Mogador

DAY 9 – FEB 06

ESSAOUIRA – CASABLANCA

This morning we journey north to Casablanca where we will enjoy views of the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, built for the late king's 60th birthday celebrations. Later, we join our Travel Director and companions for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate an unforgettable voyage of discovery.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Hotel: Grand Mogador City Centre

DAY 10 – FEB 07

DEPART CASABLANCA

Say goodbye to your new-found friends at the end of your Moroccan holiday. Transfers are available. Conditions apply.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast

THE ESSENTIALS



9 NIGHTS



16 MEALS

9 hot buffet breakfasts,
2 Regional Meal lunches,
5 dinners (including Be My Guest)

THE TRAFALGAR DIFFERENCE

CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Speciality Be My Guest dinner of delicious Moroccan cuisine served with wine at a traditional Riad in Fez. (Day 3)



STAYS WITH STORIES

Promising paradise in the middle of the Atlas Mountains, the African-styled Xaluca Dades is surrounded by a spectacular mountainscape with panoramic views of the Dades Valley and its Berber villages. (Day 5)

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Visit a traditional tannery and dye-pit for a fascinating glimpse into an ancient practice. (Day 3)

LOCAL SPECIALISTS

For included sightseeing in Fez and Marrakesh

Booking Conditions & Important Information

WHATS INCLUDED IN YOUR GUIDED VACATION PRICE

Inter-city Travel By private motorcoach, trains, cruises and ferries (see itinerary).

Air Transportation: Not Included.

Guided Vacation By air-conditioned luxury motor coaches. Trafalgar operates a daily seat rotation system and enforces a strict no smoking and no alcohol policy on board motor coaches. Regular comfort stops are made on travelling days.

Hotel Accommodation Prices are per person, based on two persons sharing with private bath or shower. Triple rooms may be available in limited numbers. Triple rooms will often feature one foldaway bed plus one double bed. Three adults may find these rooms small and suitcase space slightly restricted. They are generally more suitable for two adults and one child. Quad rooms are not available. Every effort has been made to reserve two-bed rooms; however, on some occasions, rooms with one double bed may be the only choice available. These rooms will be allocated to single travelers and couples first. Many hotels are 100% smoke-free, including all guest rooms, restaurants, lounges, meeting rooms and public spaces. Smoking in a non-smoking room may result in a fine. Substitute hotels may be used sometimes. We try to use hotels of similar standard.

Travel Director Guided vacations are conducted in English by a professional Travel Director.

Meals are included as detailed on the itinerary.

Sightseeing Experiences, entrance fees and an English Speaking Local Specialist (when required) are included as detailed in the itinerary.

Transfers Between airports, hotels, railway stations and piers are included as indicated on the vacation itinerary. There will be no refund for missed or unused transfers. If you did not purchase your flights from Trafalgar, you will need to provide your arrival and departure flight information to Trafalgar.

Porterage Baggage handling of one suitcase per person, at each guided vacation hotel. Due to limited motorcoach capacity, a single bag is allowed with dimensions not exceeding 30"x18"x10" (76x46x25cm) and weight not exceeding 50 lbs. (23kg). Airlines may impose stricter weight and size limits for luggage and may also charge fees for checked baggage, including the first checked bag. Please check with your airline(s) directly for their most current baggage regulations and related fees. Trafalgar is not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers regarding baggage. A charge of US\$/CA\$6 or local currency equivalent per traveling day will be collected by the Travel Director if a second piece of baggage is permitted to be carried, or if suitcase exceeds weight or size limits. This is not assurance that luggage in excess of limits on size, weight and number of pieces will be permitted on the motor coach. Carry-on/hand luggage is restricted to one piece per person, not exceeding 12"x11"x6" (30x28x14 cm) to fit under your motorcoach seat or in the small overhead compartment. Carry-on/hand luggage handling is the responsibility of each guest and must be taken on and off the motorcoach by you each day of the guided vacation. Carry-ons with telescopic handles and wheels will not fit in the overhead compartments or under seats and therefore, cannot be accepted as carry-on luggage

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE VACATION PRICE

Airfares to and from your destination unless purchased the air-inclusive package, air-related taxes and fees (except where specified); additional fees charged by airlines such as checked and/or excess baggage, seat selections and any other services; passport and visa fees; insurances of all kinds; laundry; phone calls; minibar; beverages and meals not detailed in the itinerary; All items of a personal nature. Additional taxes and surcharges may be collected by foreign governmental and non-governmental entities.

The price does not cover costs and expenses, including your return home, if you leave the guided vacation whether of your own volition, our decision based on behavior that disrupts the trip, due to illness, action by any government or other reason. This list is illustrative and not a complete list of every item not included.

Tips/Gratuities Tips and gratuities are included for services on guided vacations except to your Motorcoach Driver, Local Host, Local Specialists and Travel Director whose tips/gratuities should be extended on a voluntary, individual basis at the end of your vacation. Included tips/gratuities cover all services provided by dining-room waiters, housekeeping staff and porters at hotels.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Your guided vacation will be confirmed upon receipt of a non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$200 per person within 3 days of booking

Land and Air Final Payment -Is due no later than 60 days prior to the departure date. Payment in full will be required at time of booking for reservations made less than 60 days prior to the departure date. Trafalgar reserves the right to cancel the reservation and impose cancellation charges if any payment is not received at 65 days prior to departure.

Payment - Trafalgar accepts payments by all major credit cards. Please note: We require the cardholder's billing address, phone number and CVC code along with their credit card number. Credit card transactions cannot be completed in absence of this information.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

When booking a guided vacation including flights, you will be required at the time of booking to provide us the full name as detailed on the passport, date of birth, passport number, date and place of issue and expiration date for each guest. Some airlines do not allow name corrections and/or itinerary changes. Such corrections and/or changes are subject to additional fees, schedule changes and/or complete loss of air reservation. Guests will be responsible for any penalties (up to 100% of the airfare) charged by the airlines for name corrections and itinerary changes. Airlines (and other travel providers including Trafalgar) change prices and routes from time to time. All air routings are in the sole control of the airline and are subject to change at any time.

Air Cancellation - 100% of the air ticket price will be charged for cancellations received within 60 days prior to departure. Lost ticket replacement can take up to one year and processing fees may be assessed.

Airline Seating - Not all airlines offer pre-assigned seats. Some may charge for pre-assigned seats. Any additional charge imposed by airlines will be at guests' expense. Where pre-assigned seats are not offered or different seats are desired, guests must contact airline(s) directly to arrange seating assignments. Seating is solely under the airline's control, as are itinerary changes due to flight delays and schedule changes. Trafalgar reserves the right to offer alternative schedules for itineraries affected by airline schedule changes and equipment. Flight delays, flight cancellation and schedule changes are the responsibility of the airline. Trafalgar will not be responsible or liable for such delays or rescheduling. Airline Fuel Surcharges and Air-related Taxes, are subject to change.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Provided full payment has been received travel documents will be sent in electronic format no later than 21 days prior to departure. You may opt to receive hard copy documents in which case these will be sent to you approximately 21 days prior to the departure date.

CANCELLATION AND CANCELLATION FEES

Trafalgar must receive all cancellations and revisions in writing. Guided Vacations that are postponed or require any date change are considered cancellations, penalties will be assessed as per the below.

Individual land cancellations:

- 60 days and over prior to departure - loss of per person deposit (\$200)
- 59 - 16 days prior to departure - 30% per person of the total trip cost
- 15-8 days prior to departure - 50% per person of the total trip cost
- 7-1 days prior to departure - 90% per person of the total trip cost
- Day of departure/no-show - 100% per person of the total trip cost

Additional cancellation penalties will apply based on special inclusions and individual hotel policies. Pre- and post-trip accommodations cancelled between 7 days and the day of departure will incur penalties up to 100% of the accommodations cost. Travel agent fees and cancellation charges may also apply.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Guided Vacation Prices Are based on costs, charges, tariffs, rates, prices, taxes, levies and exchange rates as at time the brochure went to print. Should these change, the price of your holiday may increase. All are subject to change. No surcharges in respect of cost or currency fluctuations will be made once payment for the deposit of your land tour is received. No refund will be made on account of reduction of any of the above. If the total tour price increases by more than 7%, guests will have the right to cancel their guided vacation within 7 days of notification of the surcharge without penalty.

Other Fees and Taxes are subject to change without notice and will be confirmed at time of booking. Any additional fees charged by the airlines such as baggage handling, seat selections, and/or any other services are the sole responsibility of the guest(s). Additional air-related restrictions apply.

Passport and Visas - All guests including children must be in possession of a machine-readable passport valid for 6 months after their trip return date along with applicable visas; and they must comply with entry, health or other requirements of the countries visited. Due to government imposed security immigration measures, passport and emergency and emergency contact information is required for all guests prior to the release of travel documents

The Operators and/or their employees and their agents are not responsible for passport, visa requirements, entry, health or other requirements of the countries visited or for any loss sustained by guests for failing to comply with laws, regulations, orders and/or requirements.

*AUTUMN,WINTER SPRING:

Please note these departures are subject to change in price, itinerary and hotels. Prices and discounts will be confirmed in May 2020

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

Manulife Travel Insurance for The Travel Corporation. Underwritten by The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company and First North American Insurance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Manulife and offered by Trafalgar. If you have any questions regarding Manulife Travel Insurance for The Travel Corporation or to request a copy of the policy, please call 1-866-298-2722. Manulife is a trademark of The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company and are used by it, and by its affiliates under license.

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