



Cruisenet Tours & Travel presents
AMAZING MOROCCO
 Casablanca, Fez, Erfoud, Ouarzazate, Marrakech
 March 27 – April 5, 2010
 10 Days • 17 Meals



The labyrinths of the imperial cities of Fez, Meknes and Marrakech contrast with the dramatic gorges and oases of the snowcapped High Atlas Mountains and the solitude and magical beauty of the Saharan desert that lies beyond.

This tour is well balanced and paced with two night stays in Fez, Marrakech and Casablanca and overnights in the southern Saharan towns of Erfoud and Ouarzazate, with sufficient free time to absorb and enjoy the exotic atmosphere.

Read on but don't delay - call us today to secure your place on this exciting itinerary.

Mar 27 Depart CANADA
Sat Overnight flight to Casablanca.

Mar 28 Arrive CASABLANCA
Sun Welcome to Morocco, considered the 'Jewel of North Africa!' Known to the Arabs as 'the farthest land of the setting sun', it is land so intrinsically beautiful and rich with heritage, it has attracted seekers of the exotic over the centuries. Even for the most seasoned travellers, there is much to see and do. Tonight join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Drink. Hotel: Sheraton D

Mar 29 CASABLANCA – FEZ
Mon After a sightseeing tour of Casablanca, depart for the capital Rabat to see the mausoleum of King Mohammed V and the Royal Palace. Now on to one of the kingdom's imperial cities, Meknes, dating back to the 11th century, its surroundings remaining unchanged for centuries. Here make a rare highlight visit inside the Mosque and see Bab el-Mansour gateway before continuing to Fez. Hotel: Crowne Palace (2 nights) BD

Mar 30 FEZ
Tue A day packed with fantastic sights and smells as you tour this carefully preserved university city, which had its golden age in the fourteenth century, during the reign of the Merinides dynasty. Visit the Medina of Fez and walk through its old streets. See one of the oldest universities in the world, taking time to haggle in the Bazaar and see Moroccan pottery. Oriental rugs are an attraction for bargain hunters, witness this most important handicraft of Fez. Tonight, enjoy a superb Moroccan Dinner and a Folklore Show with drums and belly dancing. BD



Mar 31 FEZ – ERFOUD
Wed Leave the bustle of the city behind and head for the spectacular snowcapped High Atlas Mountains. Pass through Ifrane before reaching the great cedar forests of Azrou. Travel up through the magnificent Ziz Gorges, past palm fringed towns to Er Rachidia, built by the French at an important crossroads. Your destination is Erfoud, on the edge of the Sahara Desert. Hotel: Belere Erfoud BLD

Apr 1 ERFOUD – OUARZAZATE
Thu This morning there is the option of mounting camels, 'the ships of the desert', to witness the glorious daybreak in the Sahara. Later, venture towards the oasis of Tinehir, noted for its silver and jewellery workshops. Take a detour to explore the Todra Gorge, the Grand Canyon of the Sahara. At Boumalne-du-Dades, encounter the dry rugged Dades Valley, dotted with oases of figs, olives, date palms and with castellated mud houses hugging the slopes. The route concludes at Ouarzazate, film capital of Morocco, with everything from Lawrence of Arabia to Star Wars being filmed here. Hotel: Le Berbere Palace BLD

Apr 2 **OUARZAZATE – MARRAKECH**
Fri Get your cameras ready as you stop at the village of Ait Benhaddou, boasting one of Morocco's finest kasbahs. Continue via the spectacular Tizi n Tichka Pass before descending past charming mountain villages, dense woods and green fields to the ochre coloured city of Marrakech. Hotel: Atlas Medina & Spa (2 nights)
 BD

Apr 3 **MARRAKECH**
Sat Sightseeing includes an exploration of the fascinating Medina (old town), the Koutoubia Mosque, whose minaret dominates the Marrakech skyline, and a visit to the secluded tombs of the Saadi dynasty, hidden behind high walls. After some time to watch the dancers, storytellers and acrobats at the bustling Djemaa El Fna Square, take a scenic drive south of Marrakech to the beautiful Ourika Valley. Visit a Moroccan family home to witness a traditional mint tea preparation ceremony before returning to your hotel. Tonight, maybe consider an optional horse and buggy ride to the magical Djemaa el Fna Square to enjoy the sights and sounds by night, followed by dinner in a typical Moroccan restaurant?
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Apr 4 **MARRAKECH – CASABLANCA**
Sun Heading towards the Atlantic coast, say goodbye to the snake charmers of Marrakech and drive back to Casablanca and spend your last afternoon of the tour at leisure enjoying this vibrant modern city at your own pace. Hotel: Sheraton
 BD

Apr 5 **Return to CANADA**
Mon Sadly, your Moroccan adventure comes to an end today.
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SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit one of the few Moroccan mosques open to non-Muslims
- Visit the town of Ouarzazate and the Kasbah of Ait Benhaddou
- Witness the traditional mint tea ceremony in Marrakech.
- View the Royal Palace, Mohammed V Mausoleum and Hassan Tower in Rabat
- Visit the Bab el-Mansour Gate in Meknes
- Visit the Medina and shop for Moroccan carpets in Fez
- Visit the pottery workshops in Fez
- See the Ziz Gorges and the Oasis Region of Tinehir
- View the spectacular scenery of the High and Middle Atlas Mountains
- Visit the Saadi Tombs and see the Koutobia Minaret in Marrakech

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Complimentary transfers on Day 2 from Casablanca Airport to the hotel and on Day 10 from the hotel to the Casablanca Airport (*conditions apply)
- 17 meals (indicated as B-buffet breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- First class hotel accommodations as indicated (or similar)
- The services of a professional tour director
- All hotel service charges, baggage handling fees (one suitcase per person) and local taxes
- A wallet containing tour documents/helpful information



TOUR COST in CANADIAN DOLLARS

Per person based on double occupancy

Land Only	\$1550
Single supplement	\$420

Please note that single accommodations are extremely limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Triple rates available on request.

*Airport transfers on arrival in Casablanca will operate at 09:00, 11:00, 13:00 & 15:00. Return transfers will arrive at Casablanca Airport at 07:00, 10:00 & 12:00.

This tour is operated in conjunction with Insight Vacations. Order of sightseeing/events subject to change.

Above rates do not include airfare. Cruisenet Tours & Travel and Insight Vacations guarantee to quote you the lowest possible airfare available on the day that you book. Flights can be arranged from any Canadian gateway.

We strongly recommend that you purchase Insight Vacations Travel Protection Plan, providing you with 'Any Reason' Cancellation Flexibility and peace of mind while you travel. Cost is \$159 per person.

Non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person (plus optional insurance and airfare) is due at time of booking. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. To book on this tour, contact one of our travel professionals at:

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