

BERBER TOURS

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Tour 9, DELUXE MOROCCAN COAST 4X4 TOUR PACKAGE

TOTAL DISTANCE TRAVELED: 920 miles (approx.)
ARRIVE ANY DAY IN CASABLANCA - PRIVATE 4X4 TOUR
6 PEOPLE PER 4X4, 2 4X4s MAXIMUM
FOR PRIVATE PARTIES OF MORE THAN 6,
CONTACT BERBER TOURS FOR PRICING

Included in the tour:

13 nights - 14 day 4x4 Tour
4-star hotel accommodations
Transportation by **TOYOTA LAND CRUISER 4x4**
Breakfast (**B**) and Dinner (**D**) with room accommodations
Services of one English speaking driver for the ENTIRE tour
Tips and portage for Berber Tours Employees
Normal entrance fees
Airport transfers

Not included in the price of our 4x4 tours:

Airline costs or any transportation cost not provided by Berber Tours; any additional entrance fees that are not part of the actual tour or any additional guide services; lunch is paid by the client; also any incidentals such as soft drinks, wine or beer with meals; personal purchases, or tips.

ALL PRICES ARE BASED ON 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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CLIENTS MAY NOT PURCHASE "PLACES" ON SOMEONE ELSE'S 4X4 TOUR

THIS PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRLINE COSTS

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME

OPTIONAL:

FANTASIA DINNER SHOW AT CHEZ ALI SUPPER CLUB: \$75.00 USD PER PERSON. Arabian Nights-style entertainment: Chez Ali is the original, and is probably still the best. Catering for hundreds of guests each lunchtime and evening, it is a logistical phenomenon on the scale of a mini Disneyland. They may not be genuine cultural experiences, aimed as they are at the coach tour crowd, but the entertainments are fun and you can be sure children will love the *fantasia* horsemen and the camels, not to mention the laser projected girl on a flying carpet.

PROGRAM DISCRIPTION:

Travel along Morocco's Atlantic Coast. Morocco is one of the greatest tourist destinations in the world. Mystique blends with fabulous nature, friendly people and excellent food. Add to that first class infrastructure, low prices and a very high level of security, and you have all the reasons to start planning your visit to a country that everyone should see at least once.

Day 1: Casablanca

Arrival at Casablanca Mohamed V airport. Welcome and assistance; an orientation tour of Casablanca, including the Habbous quarter, the United Nations square, the exterior of the Royal Palace and an interior visit of the Hassan II mosque, one of the Islamic world's stunning monuments. Night at 4-star hotel. **(D)**

Day 2: Casablanca / El-Jadida (62 miles)

El-Jadida comes truly alive in summer. Its many fine beaches attract primarily Moroccans on holidays, and there are extremely few Western tourists around here. Holidaying Moroccans are about as easygoing as you could wish for. No hassle and hustle, only great hospitality and curiosity. This happens everywhere, at the beach, in cafés, in bars, in the streets. Mingling hours, usually an hour or two in Morocco may here stretch five to six hours into late evenings.

With some patience and insight into its history the old Portuguese town can be rewarding, but everyone will appreciate the Portuguese Cistern.

In El-Jadida miles of sand begin right where the town center ends. Outside the city, some kilometers away, you can experience a *moussem*, which is a religious festival held in commemoration of a holy man inside popular Islam. This one is in July/August. It's fascinating to watch to what extent Muslims mix religion and trade. The whole festival area is made up of booths, and there are even a couple of discos, put up just for the moussem.

Explore the city of Marrakech and visit sites such as Jemaa el-Fna Square in the heart of Marrakech. Discover the famous red city, visit the immense *souk* (market), and plunge into the excitement of the place Jemaa el Fna in the heart of Morocco. Be enchanted by the dancers, snake-charmers, jugglers, narrators, singers. Cool off with an orange juice in front of the numerous workshops. Night at 4-star hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 3: El-Jadida / Safi (87 miles)

Safi is mainly modern, as it is home to a modern fishing port and a diversified industry base. If you enter the city along the most common route, you'll see the industry before you see the city. But don't let this make you turn around and leave. The city itself is charming, with an old city very much alive. Here you might be tempted to buy pottery, seeing all shapes and patterns in a lot of shops, but then you are in one of the best places in Morocco for pottery. There are plenty of opportunities to walk around and look at people working on their pottery. When you have been in places like Moulay Idriss you will have seen the beautiful covering on the roofs which are made out of green tiles. Safi is one of the places where these tiles are produced. Night at 4-star hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 4: Safi / Essouaria (93 miles)

This day is dedicated to relaxation on the beach of the coastal city of Essaouira. The fortifications of the old town shelter Portuguese, French and Berber architecture. With its whitewashed houses, quiet places, friendly cafes, numerous artisans and the delicious fresh fish, Essaouira is a charming place to visit. Night at 4-star hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 5: Essouaria

Second day at Essouaria in order to enjoy the wonderful beach! Night at 4-star hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 6: Essouaria / Agadir (118 miles)

A thoroughly *modern* city and “tourist-trap,” Agadir’s prime attraction is its 10km of broad sandy beach and an average of 300 days of sunshine a year. In summer Agadir, which is cooler than the interior of the country, is prone to morning sea fogs, while the winter climate is often sunny and clear with temperature in the mid-20s C. The beach is huge and impeccably clean. Lining its promenade are hotels, beach clubs, bars, cafes and restaurants. At the center of the bay is a ridge of rocks, exposed at low tide, which shelters much of the beach from Atlantic breakers and makes for safe swimming most of the time (flags provide warnings of dangerous conditions). Night at 4-star hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 7: Agadir / Sidi Ifni (118 miles)

Sidi Ifni is a delightful little seaside town and a former Spanish enclave, which is a quaint and comfortable drive south of Agadir over country roads and along the coast. This charming little city has a Spanish flavor due to its architecture and is a refreshing get-away from the hustle and bustle of busy Agadir, especially in the summer. Night at 4-star hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 8: Sidi Ifni

Second day in Sidi Ifni in order to enjoy the wonderful beach! Night at 4-star hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 9: Sidi Ifni / Taroudannt (118 miles)

Travel to Taroudannt. This little city is affectionately called "The Little Marrakech." It is a small city of only about 50,000 people and it has lost none of its medieval charm in the 21st century. With its high fortress city walls and its lively *souk* (market) it will be one of the highlights of your trip to southern Morocco. Night at 4-star hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 10: Taroudannt / Marrakech (174 miles)

Return to Marrakech via the Tizi-n-Test pass through the Atlas Mountains where you will see the life of rural Morocco. Spend the afternoon further exploring the "Red City" of Marrakech with its gardens, such as Jardin Majorelle or its many historical places such as the Koutoubia Mosque or the Royal Saadian Tombs. Night at 4-star hotel. **(B, D)**

OPTIONAL: Dinner show at Chez Ali's.

Day 11: Marrakech

The day will be devoted to sightseeing in Marrakech, the second oldest Imperial city known as the “Pearl of the South” and home to the Saadian tombs, the Koutoubia Mosque, the Bahia Palace and the Menara Gardens. In the afternoon, explore the souks (markets) and the world famous Djemaa El Fna Square, the “heart” of Marrakech, which offers various entertainments (story tellers, acrobats, snake-charmers, magicians, etc.) Night at 4-star hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 12: Marrakech / Ourika Valley (25 miles)

The Ourika Valley is an attractive string of villages along the dangerous river of the same name. The landscape is fresh and green, and in summer a popular destination when Marrakech is boiling. But in winter the Oued Ourika can be dangerous, and floods sometimes destroy villages, roads and tear up trees. The Ourika Valley starts about 30 km south of Marrakech, and the tarmac road will slowly bring you 37 km into the valley until you reach Setti Fatima, famous for its seven waterfalls.

Houses of the valley rest majestically above the river. Merging with the mountain, many of these are worth a stop for a snap-shot and even the steep climb up. The main attraction of Aghbalou must be the stoneblock mosque, a rare change from the standard mosque in Morocco. It has an appearance which resembles more of a church. But since Aghbalou is the largest village along the Oued Ourika, it is also a popular place to stop en route. A popular place to pass an hour or two is the nice café along the river. Extremely basic, with an uneven ground, but the food is surprisingly good. Night at 4-star hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 13: Marrakech / Casablanca (150 miles)

A free morning in Marrakech before your departure in the afternoon to Casablanca's Mohamed V International Airport. Night at 4-star hotel near the airport. Night at 4-star hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 14: Flight home

Berber Tours will accompany you to the airport and make sure that you arrive in time for your flight home. End of services. **(B)**

INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE:

14 day program from arrival in Marrakech to departure from Marrakech

All transportation in air conditioned Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4

All 4-star hotel accommodations

Breakfast (B) and Dinner (D) with room accommodations

Services of one English speaking driver for the ENTIRE tour

Tips and portage for Berber Tours Employees: Five percent (5%) of the TOTAL TOUR COST

Normal entrance fees

Airport transfers

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A SECOND 4X4 MAY BE ADDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL 6 PEOPLE MAXIMUM. PLEASE CONTACT BERBER TOURS FOR ADDITIONAL PRICING INFORMATION.

Note: Breakfast and dinner are included in the in the cost of this package. However, if the clients wish they are not obligated to have dinner or breakfast "when or where" Berber Tours says that they must. The clients are free to go somewhere else if they choose, but there will be NO REFUND or DEDUCTION to the base price if the clients choose to have dinner or breakfast on their own and that is not supplied by Berber Tours.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE:

Additional entrance fees: Not able to quote, depends on where you go. However, the "average price" is \$2.50 to \$6.00 USD PER PERSON.

Additional Guide Services: Cost depends on what is required. For example, a guide in Marrakech averages approximately \$40.00 USD - \$50.00 USD per day for a 7 hour day. Due to restrictions by the Moroccan Government, ONLY those guides who live and work in the city visited are allowed to guide any clients and they set their own rates. This is the reason why Berber Tours does not include guide services in the cost of a 4x4 tour. However, if given prior notice, Berber Tours will arrange for a guide but it is the responsibility of the client to pay for the guide services themselves.

Lunches unless provided by Berber Tours: \$7.00 to \$13.00 USD PER PERSON. This is considered a "free time" for the clients to explore the towns and villages that we visit.

Incidentals: such as soft drinks, wine or beer with meals; personal purchases, or tips.

Single room supplement: \$50.00 USD per room, per day

Airline costs are not included and Berber Tours does not supply other information such as airline cost; hotel costs; transportation not directly supplied by Berber Tours.

RATES FOR THE DELUXE MOROCCAN COAST PACKAGE:

HIGH SEASON: SEPTEMBER 1 TO MAY 31

OFF SEASON: JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 31 - 30% REDUCTION IN PRICE, EXCLUDING OPTIONS

Prices are based on 4-star hotel accommodations with double occupancy:

\$7,351.00 USD total cost: 1 person, 4-star hotel or a combination of 4-star hotels and riads - 4-star hotel rates will be charged

\$7,030.00 USD total cost: 2 people w/1 room, 4-star hotel or a combination of 4-star hotels and riads - 4-star hotel rates will be charged.
For a 3rd person add \$300.00 USD total

\$6,689.00 USD total cost: 4-6 people, triple occ. w/2 rooms, 4-star hotel or a combination of 4-star hotels and riads - 4-star hotels rates will be charged

A SECOND 4X4 WITH AN ADDITIONAL 4-6 PARTICIPANTS – 20% REDUCTION IN PRICE

Hotels in Morocco:

Berber Tours uses a variety of different 3-star and 4-star hotels around the country for our 4x4 tours. While we cannot guarantee a specific hotel, we can guarantee that ALL of the hotels we use are clean and comfortable and will have many of the amenities you would expect to find in any hotel. The hotels we use also offer either breakfast or dinner, but usually both, as part of the hotel stay. Where available, as in Marrakech, we can also offer at the 4-star hotel package rate, the option of staying at one of the many quaint and comfortable riads within the Medina. However, at a riad, usually only breakfast is offered as part of the cost for staying there.

Hotel standards in Morocco and Europe DIFFER from those in the United States; in most cases, a "3-star" hotel by U.S. standards is the same as a "4-star" hotel in Morocco and Europe.

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