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BOOK BY OCT 31, 2025
SAVE \$200 PP

CASABLANCA ROUNDTRIP
MAY 3-19, 2026 | 17 DAYS | 30 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADER: PHIL NEWMAN

Ait-Ben-Haddou, a UNESCO treasure rising from the Moroccan sands.

Nestled at the crossroads of Africa and Europe, where Christianity and Islam converge, Morocco dazzles with its rich tapestry of history, culture, and timeless charm. From the Atlantic shores of Casablanca to the red-hued walls of Marrakech, we'll uncover the legacy of Berber tribes, Roman outposts, and Moorish dynasties.

Winding through ancient medinas and lively souks, we'll stay in charming riads—intimate, traditional dwellings that reflect the warmth and elegance of Moroccan hospitality. Beyond the city walls, our path leads into the vast Sahara, where golden dunes rise like waves beneath a setting sun. A thrilling 4x4 adventure carries us to a deluxe desert camp, where the night sky shimmers with stars and the air comes alive with Berber music and tradition.

Along the way, we'll share meals with local families, trace the echoes of imperial cities, and journey through landscapes that have inspired storytellers for centuries. Morocco awaits—with wonder around every corner.



Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada
- 15 nights in first-class hotels and comfortable riads, as indicated or similar
- 30 meals (B -15 breakfasts, L-3 lunches, D-12 dinners)
- Bottled water on the coach (daily) and at all included lunches and dinners
- Transfers, and baggage handling (where available)
- Gratuities, taxes, and fees for included services
- Services of our journey leader and local guides
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare

Tour Highlights

- Experience the four imperial cities of Morocco: Rabat, Fez, Meknes, and Marrakech
- Overnight in a deluxe tented camp under the stars
- Venture to the edge of the Sahara with 4x4 excursions
- Discover Kasbah Country, the old Berber trading route
- Tour the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca
- Marvel at the impressive Hassan Tower and the tranquil Chellah Necropolis in Rabat
- Enjoy Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Journey across the Middle Atlas Mountains
- Explore the Dades Gorge and the ancient fortifications of Ait-Ben-Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Participate in a cooking class, creating traditional Moroccan dishes

Journey Leader

The Reverend **Phil Newman** and his spouse, **Kim Logan**, have great fun exploring this amazing planet we inhabit. Phil has led groups to Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Ireland, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, the UK, the Czech Republic and Russia. Kim and Phil continue to discover the beauty of Canada camping in their RV, and chasing the sun to fun destinations in the USA, Caribbean, Mexico and the Mediterranean. Phil spent 40 years in pastoral ministry in The United Church of Canada with congregations in New Brunswick, Ontario and British Columbia and with remarkable experiences in NSW, Australia and Jerusalem, Israel. Phil and Kim are eagerly anticipating sharing this amazing adventure with you!



MAY 3, Sunday

DEPART CANADA

Tour members from across Canada gather in Toronto and Montreal for the overnight flight to Casablanca.

MAY 4, Monday

CASABLANCA / RABAT

Welcome to Morocco! On arrival in Casablanca, we will meet our local guide and transfer along the coast to our hotel in Rabat. In the evening, we gather for dinner at our hotel. **Tour Hassan Palace** (2 nights) D

MAY 5, Tuesday

RABAT

Rabat welcomes us with a sea breeze and a sense of calm grandeur. Marvel at the graceful Hassan Tower, wind through the Kasbah's narrow lanes, and pause at the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. From the stately Royal Palace to the ancient ruins of Chellah, the city reveals its rich and varied past. Later, enjoy free time to explore or simply relax at your own pace. BD

MAY 6, Wednesday

MEKNES / VOLUBILIS / FEZ

We travel inland to Fez, the world's oldest and largest medieval city. En route, we shall visit Meknes, which once rivalled Versailles in its beauty and opulence. Built over a fifty-year period as an imperial city by Moulay Ismail, Meknes is a treasure trove of palaces and gardens enveloped by 40km of mighty walls. Enter through the

monumental gates of Bab Mansour to find the exquisite mausoleum of the city's builder. Nearby, we explore the Roman ruins at Volubilis. This UNESCO World Heritage Site dates back to AD 40 and was the capital of the Roman province of Mauretania. Later this afternoon, we arrive in Fez where we will spend two nights in the heart of the Medina with its bustling markets and heady mix of aromas, sounds, and sights. **Hotel Les Merinides** (2 nights) BD

MAY 7, Thursday

FEZ

This is a day woven with enchantment. We step into the heart of the Medina of Fez, where time seems to pause within its ancient walls. Here, skilled artisans shape brass and weave intricate textiles, just as their ancestors did centuries ago. As we wander deeper, the narrow lanes of the souks beckon us into another world—one rich with the mingling scents of cedarwood, tanned leather, and warm spices. We'll meander through bustling districts where tanners dye hides in vibrant vats, shopkeepers call out their wares, and every corner holds a new wonder waiting to be discovered. You may want to visit the Kairaouine Mosque and University, the Bou Jeloud Gardens and the Sultan's Palace, each offering displays of classical Islamic art. BD

MAY 8, Friday

MIDELT / ERFOUD

Departing Fez, we cross over the Middle Atlas Mountains into the heart of Berber country. En route, we pass by the charming ski resort of Ifrane and the handicraft centre of Azrou. Midelt is a pleasant town surrounded by verdant pine trees amid a tranquil mountain setting. Take in the scenery as we head to the edge of the Sahara via the palm-fringed Errachidia and Ziz Valley.

Kasbah Hotel Xaluca (1 night)

BD

MAY 9, Saturday

RISSANI / MERZOUGA

After breakfast, we depart for Rissani, the holy city where Moulay Ali Cherif, an ancestor of the Alaouite dynasty, is buried. We'll visit the ruins of a 17th-century kasbah and the imposing remnants of the 19th-century castle, Ksar Abbar. We continue to Merzouga and the remote Erg Chebbi dunes. Nestled among these undulating dunes is our deluxe tented camp, featuring comfortable beds, private en suite bathrooms with hot and cold water, and all of the amenities of a well-appointed desert retreat. As the sun sinks low, casting the dunes in rich amber hues, we have the opportunity to ride camels and witness the sunset. At night, we gather for a traditional Berber meal, with music filling the air as we dine under a canopy of stars.

Sahara Stars Camp (1 night)

BD

MAY 10, Sunday

MERZOUGA

We'll take a 4x4 off-road journey through the stunning desert landscapes of the Erg Chebbi dunes to visit Khamlia, a nomadic village with roots in sub-Saharan Africa, before returning to Merzouga.

Kasbah Hotel Tombouctou (1 night)

BD

MAY 11, Monday

TODRA GORGE / DADES

Following an early morning call to admire the sunrise over the desert, we continue to Tinghir to explore the Todra Gorge, where magnificent towering limestone cliffs soar 1,000 ft (300 m) overhead. After lunch, we travel through the rugged Dades Valley to Dades, renowned for its blooming roses each spring.

Hotel Xaluca Dades (1 night)

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Visit Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca



Golden doors in Fez



Fez's historic leather tannery: a timeless craft captured in the heart of Morocco



Vibrant Moroccan tajines, a colourful find in the market

