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CASABLANCA ROUNDTrip | SMALL GROUP
OCT 14-30, 2026 | 17 DAYS | 30 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADER: BRIAN GALLIGAN

Mosque Hassan II in Casablanca

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.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

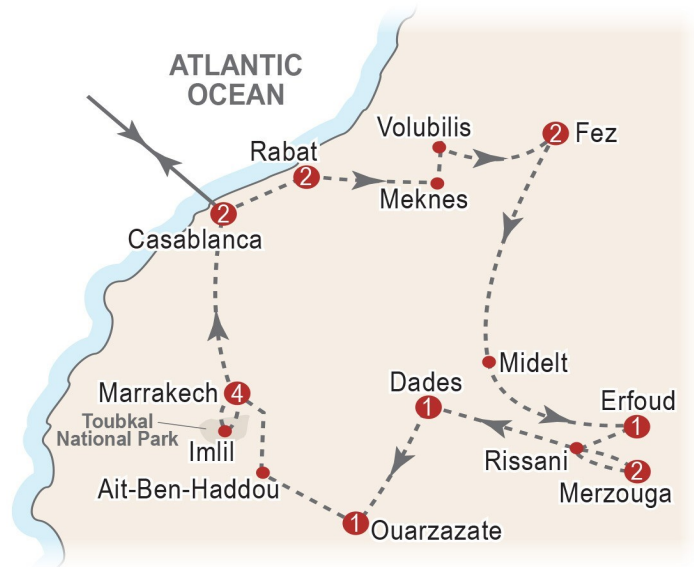
LIMITED TO ONLY 25 MEMBERS

Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada
- 15 nights in first-class hotels and comfortable riads, as indicated or similar
- 30 meals (15 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 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

Journey Leader

Brian Galligan is a seasoned Journey Leader and retired Anglican priest who had a successful international career in biomedical sciences before his ordination. He developed his passion for travel during his early years in the UK and has since visited numerous countries throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean, Australia, and New Zealand. His wife, **Karen**, a retired teacher, shares his extensive travel experience. Together, they have led tours for Craig Travel for over a decade, always eager to embark on new adventures with both new and familiar faces.



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

OCT 14, Wednesday

DEPART CANADA

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

OCT 15, Thursday

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. **Hotel Tour Hassan Palace** (2 nights) **D**

OCT 16, Friday

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**

OCT 17, Saturday

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

OCT 18, Sunday

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

OCT 19, Monday

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.

Palais Du Désert (1 night)

BD

OCT 20, Tuesday

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

OCT 21, Wednesday

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.

Hotel Xaluca Tombouctou (1 night)

BD

OCT 22, Thursday

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 Kasbah Tizzarouine (1 night)

BD



Ait-Ben-Haddou Ksar in Ouarzazate province



High Atlas mountains with Jebel Toubkal mountain



Bab Bou Jeloud gate (Blue Gate) - Fez, Morocco



Souvenir shop in the open air in Kasbah

OCT 23, Friday DADES VALLEY / OUARZAZATE

Today, we travel through the Dades Valley, where the Dades River nourishes a variety of colourful fruit and nut trees and extraordinary red rock formations, to reach the stunning Dades Gorge. This area is often referred to as "Kasbah Country" due to the impressive forts that grace the valley, evoking memories of ancient desert caravans travelling from deep within Africa to the Moorish cities in the north. **Oscar Hotel** (1 night) BD

OCT 24, Saturday AIT-BEN-HADDOU / MARRAKECH

After breakfast, we will explore Ait-Ben-Haddou, the UNESCO World Heritage Site where the timeless masterpiece *Lawrence of Arabia* was filmed. We then continue onward to Marrakech, the fabled imperial city that once served as a painting retreat for Winston Churchill. Later, we settle into a riad in the heart of the city and close to all the action. Tonight we gather for dinner.

Angsana Heritage Collection (4 nights) BD

OCT 25, Sunday MARRAKECH

Today, we immerse ourselves in the sights, sounds, and crafts of Marrakech. Our day begins with a peaceful stroll through the Jardin Majorelle, offering a tranquil escape from the city's hustle and bustle. Next, we'll visit the Berber Museum and then dive into a special cooking class at Palais Sebba. In the afternoon, we journey back in time exploring the Medina's labyrinthine streets and visit Ben Youssef Madrasa, an iconic landmark renowned for its exquisite Islamic architecture and rich heritage. BL

OCT 26, Monday MARRAKECH

We journey back in time exploring the Medina's labyrinthine streets, alive with local handicrafts. Highlights include the iconic Koutoubia Minaret, the intricately adorned Saadian Tombs, the historic Kasbah, and the vibrant Jemaa el-Fna Square. Marvel at the striking artistry of the 19th-century Bahia Palace, with sections still reserved for the Royal Family. A special highlight will be our visit to the Amal Centre, created to support local women from disadvantaged backgrounds. BL

OCT 27, Tuesday TOUBKAL NATIONAL PARK / IMLIL

Just outside Marrakech lies Toubkal National Park. We drive up the mountain to the Berber village of Imlil, followed by a gentle walk along country roads and local paths. A graciously hosted lunch with a local family offers insights into rich Berber traditions. As the day ends, we will return to Marrakech, leaving the evening open for leisure. BL

OCT 28, Wednesday MARRAKECH / CASABLANCA

Legendary Casablanca awaits, made famous by Humphrey Bogart. Explore this vibrant port city, highlighted by the eclectic Medina, the Royal Palace, and the magnificent Ain Diab Corniche. Our farewell dinner will be at Rick's Café, recreated to capture the ambience of the 1942 classic *Casablanca*. **Le Palace D'Anfa Hotel** (2 nights) BD

OCT 29, Thursday CASABLANCA

Today we visit the iconic Hassan II Mosque, the seventh-largest building of its kind in the world. After a visit, we shall enjoy some free time to explore the area. BD

OCT 30, Friday HOMEWARD BOUND

This morning, as we bid farewell to Morocco, we catch our flights to Montreal and Toronto, with connections home. B

CT Rating 3.5/5 - Challenging: Members should be prepared for crowded cities and busy souks (bazaars). In the countryside, services and facilities can be basic, especially in remote areas. This is a fast-paced itinerary with several one-night stays. This journey includes long walks, uneven surfaces, and stairs. Members must be in good health and physically fit to fully appreciate this journey. A riad is a traditional Moroccan house or palace built around a central courtyard that has been converted into a private boutique-style hotel, with atmosphere and great locations, but often with limited restaurant and other facilities, no elevators or direct coach access.



Book by May 29, 2026
and save \$200 per person

**Tour Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person**

Land Only* (Join / Leave at hotel)	\$6,545
Montreal	\$7,495
Toronto	\$7,695
Halifax / St. John's / Winnipeg	\$7,925
Regina / Saskatoon	\$8,085
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver	\$8,035
Victoria	\$8,085
Single Supplement	\$2,185

*Land-only price is based on joining at the hotel in Rabat and leaving at the hotel in Casablanca and excludes flights and airport transfers.

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carriers are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for details.

Tour price is based on sharing a twin room at hotels and on a minimum of 20 members, based on rates, taxes and fees effective August 2025 and is subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted from Canada with a minimum of 20 group members.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment is due July 14, 2026
Deposit is \$700 per person

To reserve your spot on this tour, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:

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