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COLOURS OF MOROCCO

October 1 - 18, 2027 • 18 Days • 37 Meals
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VOLUBILIS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

UNESCO & ANCIENT CITIES
Discover four UNESCO World Heritage sites: Fes' medieval medina, the Roman ruins of Volubilis, the Historic City of Meknes, home to the magnificent Bab Mansour gate, and Aït-Ben-Haddou, the earthen ksar that served as a backdrop for *Lawrence of Arabia*.

IMPERIAL HERITAGE
Admire Rabat's Mausoleum of Mohammed V, Marrakech's Ben Youssef Madrasa and Bahia Palace, and tour Casablanca's Hassan II Mosque, one of the world's largest.

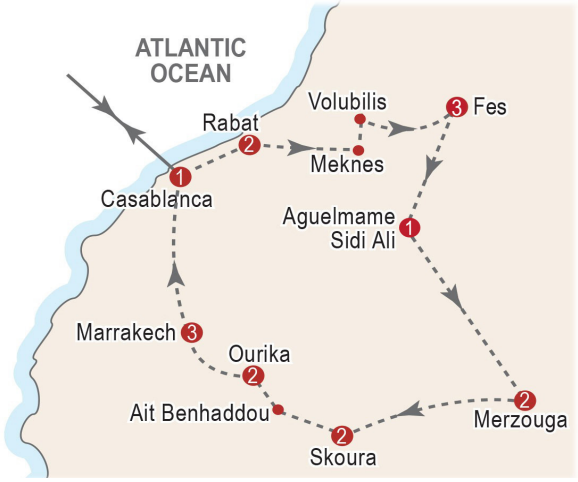
DESERT & NATURAL WONDERS
Ride a camel across the Sahara dunes at sunset, explore the limestone cliffs of Todra Gorge and drive through the Valley of Roses to Skoura's ancient palm grove.

CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS
Discover Amazigh traditions in the Ourika Valley, meet nomadic communities in Khamlia, and learn the secrets of Moroccan cuisine during a hands-on cooking experience at La Maison Arabe. Wander through the ancient tanneries of Fes, where leather has been crafted for centuries, then follow the aromas of spices through the city's bustling souks.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE
Limited to 25 members

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 journey includes long walks, uneven surfaces, and stairs. Members should be in good health and comfortable with physical activity to fully appreciate this journey. To showcase the best of Morocco, we cover significant ground, featuring two one-night stays. We will also enjoy accommodations in select riads. These historic courtyard estates provide an authentic experience and local atmosphere. To preserve their heritage, these charming properties may occasionally lack standard modern amenities like elevators or direct coach access.



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OCT 1 | DEPART CANADA
Tour members from across Canada gather in Toronto and Montreal for the overnight flight to Casablanca.

OCT 2 | CASABLANCA / RABAT
Welcome to Morocco! On arrival in Casablanca, meet our local guide and transfer to Rabat, stopping at the magnificent Hassan Tower, a 12th-century minaret, before settling into our hotel and gathering for dinner. ***Conrad Rabat Arzana - 2 nights*** (D)

OCT 3 | RABAT
Rabat welcomes us with a sea breeze and calm grandeur. Explore the Kasbah, Mausoleum of Mohammed V, Royal Palace and ancient Chellah ruins, followed by free time before dinner with the group. (BD)

OCT 4 | RABAT / MEKNES / VOLUBILIS / FES
We travel to Fes, one of the world's oldest and largest medieval cities, stopping in Meknes to admire Bab Mansour and the Mausoleum of Moulay Ismail. After lunch, explore the Roman ruins of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
Barceló Fès Medina - 3 nights (BL)

OCT 5 | FES
Our guided walk begins at Bab Bou Jeloud, the famous Blue Gate, which opens onto the Medina of Fes, one of the world's largest living medieval cities. We visit the Attarine Madrasa, admire its finely carved cedarwood and zellige tilework, and explore the historic courtyards of Al-Quaraouiyine Mosque. At the Chouara Tannery, workers still colour leather by hand in large stone pits filled with natural dyes, a tradition that goes back centuries. In the afternoon, the narrow lanes of the souks draw us in with the scent of warm spices and the glint of hammered brass and handwoven textiles. At a local artisan cooperative, we meet skilled craftspeople at work. (BD)

OCT 6 | FES
Today takes us to Fes-el-Jdid. At the Royal Palace, we marvel at the gleaming bronze gates, a showcase of the finest Moroccan craftsmanship. We wander the quiet lanes of the Mellah, the city's historic Jewish Quarter, where balconied houses reflect centuries of heritage. A stroll through the Jnan Sbil Gardens, a shaded oasis in the heart of the city, offers a peaceful interlude to our day. The rest of the day is at leisure until we gather for dinner at our hotel. (BD)

OCT 7 | FES / AGUELMAME SIDI ALI
After free time in Fes, we journey toward Merzouga, stopping in Ifrane, the Switzerland of Morocco, known for its alpine-style architecture and mountain setting. We then overnight in the Middle Atlas Mountains, with our lodge overlooking Lake Aguelmame Sidi Ali, a peaceful retreat before entering the Sahara the next day. ***Xaluca Hotel Aguelmame Sidi Ali - 1 night*** (BD)

OCT 8 | MIDDLE ATLAS MOUNTAINS / MERZOUGA
We drive through the scenic Ziz Valley to Erfoud, Morocco's fossil capital, where we visit a leading fossil cooperative to learn how ancient fossils are extracted and transformed into decorative pieces. Continuing to Merzouga, we switch to 4x4s for our journey into the Sahara and our desert camp, where dinner awaits beneath a star-filled sky. ***Merzouga Luxury Desert Camp - 2 nights*** (BLD)

OCT 9 | MERZOUGA
We begin with a 4x4 excursion to the historic Kehel Mine and Khamlia Village, meeting local nomads and discovering their traditional way of life. Following lunch at our desert camp, enjoy a gentle camel ride across the dunes to watch the spectacular desert sunset. (BLD)

OCT 10 | MERZOUGA / SKOURA
We travel to historic Rissani, birthplace of the Alaouite Dynasty, then continue through the dramatic Todra Gorge and Valley of Roses to the tranquil Skoura Palm Grove. ***Ksar Elkabbaba - 2 nights*** (BLD)

OCT 11 | SKOURA
Historically known as the Oasis of a Thousand Palms, Skoura was a vital resting place along the ancient trans-Saharan trade routes. We delve into this sanctuary today, with a guided visit to the Kasbah Amridil, featured on Morocco's 50-dirham banknote. Exploring its intricate courtyards reveals centuries of traditional Moroccan life. The afternoon is ours to relax and enjoy the tranquil environment of this oasis. (BD)

OCT 12 | SKOURA / OURIKA
Travelling north through Ouarzazate, we reach Ait Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage site, famous for its earthen clay architecture and the iconic backdrop for Lawrence of Arabia. After our visit, our drive ascends into the lush Ourika Valley. ***Kasbah d'Ourika - 2 nights*** (BLD)

OCT 13 | OURIKA
The Amazigh (Berber) peoples are indigenous to North Africa and have deep roots in Morocco, with a history and culture that stretches back long before the arrival of Arabic, Roman or European influence. Today we will immerse ourselves in their world, spending the day exploring traditional Berber life. Our day begins with a gentle hike, before visiting a local argan cooperative, and sharing tea with a local family. (BLD)

OCT 14 | OURIKA / MARRAKECH
We make a short transfer to Marrakech, stopping for a visit at the Organic Aromatic Garden of Ourika, a peaceful showcase of Morocco's aromatic and medicinal plants. In Marrakech, we explore the lively Jemaa el-Fna and winding souks filled with craft and culture. ***Riad Kniza - 3 nights*** (BD)

OCT 15 | MARRAKECH
We explore the wonders of Marrakech, admiring the exterior of the iconic Koutoubia Mosque, one of Marrakech's most important mosques, before stepping inside the beautifully decorated Ben Youssef Madrasa, formerly an Islamic college. We end our city tour with the elegant Bahia Palace, built in the 19th century. (BL)

OCT 16 | MARRAKECH
A culinary experience awaits us at La Maison Arabe, one of Marrakech's finest restaurants since 1946. Under the guidance of an expert chef, we will discover the secrets of Moroccan cuisine and prepare a selection of traditional dishes. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy. (BL)

OCT 17 | MARRAKECH / CASABLANCA
In Casablanca, visit the magnificent Hassan II Mosque overlooking the Atlantic, followed by city highlights and a farewell dinner. ***Art Palace Suites & Spa - 1 night*** (BD)

OCT 18 | HOMEWARD BOUND
Early this morning, we bid farewell to Morocco as we catch our flights home to Canada. (B)

B: BREAKFAST (16) L: LUNCH (8) D: DINNER (13)

DID YOU KNOW?

The vibrant colours of Fes' tanneries begin with plants and spices. The giant honeycombed stone vats are traditionally filled with natural dyes, including poppy flowers for red, saffron or pomegranate for yellow, henna for orange, cedarwood for brown, and mint or indigo for green and blue.



FES

CRAIG TRAVEL INCLUSIONS

- International and domestic flights, plus airport transfers, with air-inclusive packages
- Carefully selected accommodation as listed, or similar
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as described
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Dedicated journey leaders, national guides, and local specialists where applicable
- All gratuities, surcharges, fees, and taxes
- International eSIM to keep you connected
- Visa support for Canadian citizens as required
- Free insurance quote (contact us for details)

TOUR & AIR COST

Land Only	$8,945
Toronto	$10,495
Montreal	$10,345
Winnipeg / St. John's	$10,785
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver	$10,885
Halifax	$10,785
Saskatoon / Regina	$10,945
Victoria	$10,945
Single Supplement	***$2,755***

Deposit is $800 per person
Final payment is due July 1, 2027



YOUR JOURNEY LEADERS

David Craig, Chairman of Craig Travel, and Roslyn bring decades of travel experience as both leaders and tour operators. After attending the University of Toronto and York University, David travelled the world and lived in Australia before returning to Canada and Craig Travel. For almost fifty years, he has devoted his career to arranging and operating tours and cruises worldwide. Australian-born Roslyn has spent most of her life in the travel industry. Together, they have led tours and cruises to over 100 countries and all seven continents, and look forward to sharing this exciting journey with you.



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Prices are in Canadian dollars per person. Land only members join at the hotel in Rabat and leave at the hotel in Casablanca. Air-inclusive rate includes economy-class airfare. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room. Prices are based on a minimum of 20 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective August 2026 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum of 20 members. For full terms and conditions, visit our website: craigtravel.com/terms-conditions. Comprehensive travel insurance is strongly recommended.

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