

Walk the Djemaa el-Fna in Marrakech, busy with vendors and artists



## Morocco: Imperial Cities

8 days from \$3,995 | Limited to 24 guests

Explore exotic Morocco, dining in an authentic *riad*, navigating Marrakech by horse-drawn carriage, and meeting the Berber people in their village beneath the Atlas' peaks.



### A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Spend three nights in action-packed Marrakech
- ▶ Explore Meknes and Volubilis, both UNESCO World Heritage sites, to unveil Morocco's unique culture and past
- ▶ Whisk between Fez and Marrakech on a convenient flight, relishing more time in the beautiful "Red City"
- ▶ Get to know the local Berber people with a visit to a mountain village

#### DAY 1: Arrive Casablanca, Morocco

Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to your hotel. Gather tonight for a special welcome reception and dinner at a local restaurant. Le Casablanca Hotel | Meals: D

#### DAY 2: Casablanca | Fez via Rabat

Explore the towering Hassan II Mosque, a wildly intricate building that holds 25,000 worshippers. Soaring above the ocean, its minaret stands as the tallest religious structure in the world. Drive to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, and explore the 12th-century Moorish Hassan Tower. View the Mohammed V Mausoleum, founder of modern Morocco, and



visit Oudayas Kasbah; its gate is considered among the most beautiful in the Moorish world. Continue to Fez, arriving at day's end at your boutique hotel set on a scenic hilltop.

**Hotel Sahrai | Meals: B L**



Witness farmers, craftspeople and shopkeepers at work in the heart of Fez el-Bali, a bustling labyrinth hawking everything from colorful carpets and fresh herbs to fish, olives and sweet dates.

### DAY 3: Fez | The Medieval City

Step back in time into ancient and remarkably untouched Fez el-Bali ("Old Fez"), the cultural heart of Morocco. Wander among the 9,000 lanes, alleys and *souks* that shape its old quarter, where locals conduct their day-to-day business. See an elaborate mosaic-tiled fountain in Nejjarine Square. Later, discover Fez el-Jadid ("New Fez"), built in the 13th century. Fez el-Jadid is home to the *mellah*, the old Jewish quarter, with its wrought iron-decorated windows and carved wood balconies. Tonight, dine at a traditional Moroccan *riad* with a special guest who shares insight into Moroccan life.

**Hotel Sahrai | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 4: Fez | Roman Ruins of Volubilis & Imperial Meknes

After breakfast, drive to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to Morocco's largest and best-preserved Roman ruins, with excellently preserved mosaics. Continue to the city of Meknes. Another UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the imperial cities of Morocco, it was built in the 17th century by the powerful sultan Moulay Ismail to rival the court of Louis XIV. Return to Fez to enjoy your evening at leisure.

**Hotel Sahrai | Meals: B L**

### DAY 5: Marrakech | The "Red City"

Fly to Marrakech, arriving in the afternoon. Considered the "Pearl of the South," Marrakech was once the capital of an empire that stretched from Spain to Senegal, and is sometimes known as the "Red City" for the distinctive hues of its brick buildings. **Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: B**

### DAY 6: Marrakech | Palaces & Performers

Discover Marrakech's ancient Medina, the old walled section of the city. Explore the Dar Si Said (Museum of Moroccan Arts), a former palace. Continue to El Badi Palace and the 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque, the most perfect Islamic religious structure in North Africa. Stroll through Djemaa el-Fna square, where fire-eaters, mime artists and street musicians perform. Return to your hotel by private horse-drawn carriage. **Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 7: Marrakech | Atlas Mountains

Today, choose to remain in Marrakech or enjoy a full-day excursion to the High Atlas Mountains. Visit a picturesque village at Imlil Valley, meeting with local Berbers and spending time with them in their homes. Afterward, have lunch before returning to Marrakech. Your farewell dinner tonight is held at a charming, traditional *riad*.

**Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 8: Depart Marrakech

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Meals: B**

## BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS



#### Hotel Sahrai

Boutique, 50-room hotel on a hilltop between the New Town and Medina, with fantastic views of Fez.



#### Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura

A cool, tranquil hotel just steps from the gates of the Medina, blending Marrakech flair with French luxury.



#### Le Casablanca Hotel

Stylish, comfortable hotel situated in a quiet residential area, featuring Art Deco-influenced decor and a splendid garden.

## DATES & PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Feb 15-22, Aug 22-29, Sep 8-15	\$3,995	\$1,495
Oct 17-24, Nov 14-21, Dec 19-26	\$4,295	\$1,695

**Internal Air:** Economy Class from \$155  
Fez/Marrakech

#### Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 7:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 8:00 p.m. on Day 7.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.