

# ADVENTURES WITH KIT-MOROCCO APRIL 7-20 2025



We suggest you come a day or two ahead just to give yourself time to get normal or have your bags catch up with you. Let me know your flight details and I'll sort out a transfer for you. The tour officially starts on Day 1!

## **April 7 Day 1: Casablanca Arrival**

On arrival, **meet your driver and depart for Casablanca**, a port city and the commercial center of Morocco on the Atlantic Ocean. It's 45 min to an hour to transfer to your hotel. You'll be free for the rest of the day until supper to explore, get a local sim card, wander through the Medina etc .

Tonight (**look for a welcome letter with details when you check in**) we'll meet in the lobby and head off to the infamous Rick's Café for our welcome dinner and a chance to meet the rest of the group. (<https://www.artpalacehotel.com/>). **(D)**



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### April 8 Day 2: Tangier Mystique



This morning we'll visit the Hassan II Mosque and its 690 feet high minaret-- one of the few mosques open to non-Muslims.

Then on to Rabat.. Rabat is known for sites that illustrate its Islamic and French colonial heritage. It's the administrative capital of Morocco and worth a visit on the way.

We'll lunch on the road, and continue up the coast with a visit to Asilah, a laid-back artist town dominated by pristine whitewashed houses reminiscent of Greece. Let's saunter across the ancient rampart and eclectic medina. Great for photos! If there's time we'll visit the Caves of Hercules Africa where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Mediterranean Sea. On a clear day you might see across to Gibraltar.



Dinner is on our own account tonight but we recommend trying the local specialty –a traditional fish tajine for dinner and return to our guesthouse for the night.

[\(https://www.kasablanca.com/\)](https://www.kasablanca.com/). (B)



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## April 9 Day 3: Tangier – Chefchaouen via Tetouan



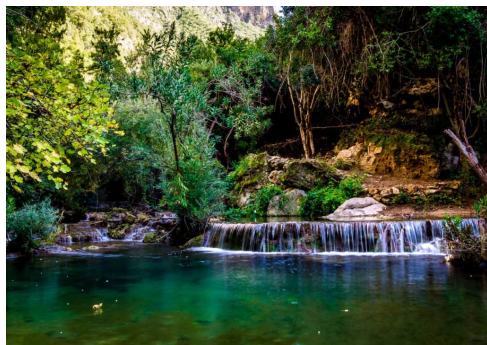
After breakfast, we'll head for the "blue city" of Chefchaouen, a sleepy village in the heart of the Rif Mountains which in our opinion is one of the most beautiful towns in the world. See the website gallery if you don't believe me!

On the way we'll pass through Fnideq and M'diq to Tetouan, located in a striking location at the foot of the Rif Mountains, just a few kilometers from the sea.

Then Tetouan, nicknamed 'the white dove' It's frozen in time and has remained unchanged for centuries. The Spanish influence dates to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and its long relationship with Andalusia has left it with a Hispano-Moorish architecture that is unique in Morocco. We'll stop off in the Tetouan Kasbah high up on a hill in the middle of the ancient medina, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

We'll stop for lunch along the way and continue to Chefchaouen. In the afternoon, we might hike to the Spanish Mosque, which offers an unsurpassed view of Chefchaouen at sunset (don't forget your flashlight!). Continue to your guesthouse in Chefchaouen for the night .(<https://vanciihotel.com/>). (B)

## April 10 Day 4: Chefchaouen – Fes



Today is all about the journey. Back your bathing suit and a towel. We're making a stop at Akchour Waterfalls in Talassemtane National Park, located in the heart of the Rif Mountains.

You can hike to the lower waterfall and Pont de Dieu If you feel adventurous, continue to the Grand Cascades or upper waterfall which

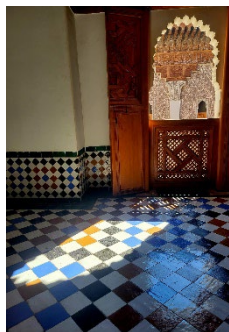
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plunges into an emerald pool below. Take a well-earned dip in the soothing waterfall. Heads up! It's ccccold!

We'll set out for Fes through Ouezzane (known as the Sacred City), nestled on the northern slope of Mount Bouhelal, at the southwestern edge of the Rif Mountains. We'll stop for lunch along the way and continue to our Riad in Fes.

[\(https://riadfezmahal.com/\)](https://riadfezmahal.com/). (B)

### April 11 Day 5: Fes Culture Tour



Fes is the first imperial city of

Morocco and is one of the largest preserved medieval sites in the world. Today we get to explore the medina and the religious schools dating back to the 14th century and we'll fit in lunch somewhere.

This is our day to learn about the traditional Moroccan ceramic/tile (jelliz), the city's distinctive and colorful leather tanneries and some of the extraordinary lamp metal work. It'll set you up for your free day tomorrow. Return to our Riad for the night **(Riad Fez Mahal)**. (B)

### April 12 Day 6: Fes Free Day

We never want you to feel like you're being led around by the nose so we've scheduled a free day. It's yours! Do what you like. Maybe a Hammam? Maybe get lost in the souk? Maybe have our guide walk you back to something you saw and wanted to buy?

If you prefer to do something organized, here are some suggestions.

Enjoy a free day to relax or participate in one of the options offered by your host:

- **Cooking class:** Head out for a morning cooking class under the guidance of a traditional Dada (Moroccan chef). Learn to make a traditional Moroccan

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meal then feast on the fruits of your labor. **Price: 600 dirhams per person (2 person minimum).**

- **Drum making/ceramic/weaving workshop:** Learn to make your own drum, ceramic item, or small carpet from a Fes artisan (choose 1 workshop). **Price: 600 dirhams per person.**
- **Gastronomy tour:** Set out in the late afternoon for a food tour and tasting in the medina and learn about Morocco's diverse cuisine, exotic spices, and flavors. **Price: 600 dirhams per person (2 person minimum).**

Return to our guesthouse for the night (**Riad Fez Mahal**). (B)

### April 13 Day 7: The Middle Atlas Mountains

Depart after breakfast for Midelt, situated in the high plains surrounding the Mlouya River, between the Middle and High Atlas Mountain ranges **and stop for a cultural tea experience in a cave home in the small village of Bhalil through our local lifestyle program.**

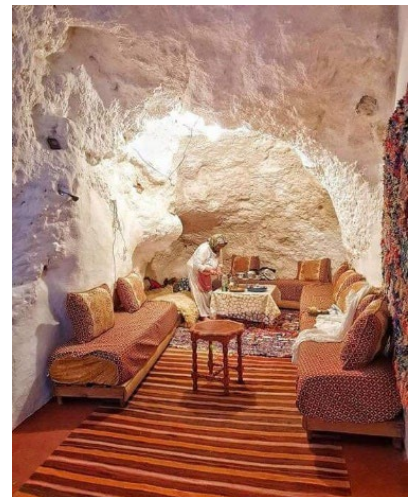
Next we'll visit the Roman ruins of Voulibilis, an exceptionally well-preserved example of a large



Roman colonial town, and filming location for Scorsese's *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

We'll continue through the Middle Atlas Mountains

Stop for lunch and cross the cedar forests near Ifran (The Switzerland of Morocco) with century-old trees and delight in feeding the Barbary macaques of Gibraltar that thrive in the nearby groves of cedar trees. Then on to Midelt.



Our guest house in Midelt is a gorgeous old colonial house. We've booked the whole hotel because it's so small and this is a very special stay so we've decided to do something special. If you're in a single, you MIGHT have a roommate for the night. Depending on the group configuration, I might not have to do that (there is a 2 bedroom apartment in the garden!)

Dinner is on us in the dining room once we get settled.



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We'll depart after breakfast for Merzouga via the villages of Erfoud, and the beautiful Ziz Valley in the Middle Atlas Mountains, wedged between prehistoric cliffs dating back to the Jurassic period which are plentiful with dates, pomegranates, figs, and quince farmed there. **Stop near Er Rachidia, one of Morocco's most ancient towns, for a visit to a local family learn about couscous followed lunch and a musical treat!**



That'll get us into Merzouga in late afternoon to meet our cameleers who will guide you to the desert camp in the dunes of Erg Chebbi. Wash up and meet us for a desert dinner followed by traditional Saharan music around the campfire before falling asleep on the softest bed in the nicest tent you've ever seen!

**Camp Notes:** This is Glamping! Please pack a small overnight bag—our main bags will stay on the bus overnight. Your overnight bag will go in a 4x4 to the camp. Take only your camera and some small money on the camel with you for souvenirs . PLEASE NOTE; **Make sure your camera is sand protected!!**

(<https://orientdesertcamp.com/>). (B, L, D)



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## April 15 Day 9: The Sahara Desert – Ouarzazate



After sunrise over the dunes of and a desert breakfast, you may see runners participating in the Marathon des Sables before departing early for Ouarzazate via the Todra Gorge.

We'll make a stop in Erfoud, the capital of the southern Moroccan date region for a cultural

geologic presentation on pre-Cambrian life through the fossils of Morocco.

Then we can take a walk through the valley of the sheer rock walls of Todra Gorge, stop for lunch in Tinghir with its magnificent palm oasis, and continue to the home of the Morocco Rose Festival, El Kelâa M'Gouna (commonly known as Rose Valley). Cross Skoura, a fertile oasis lined with huge palm groves, and continue by the kasbah road and Lake Ouarzazate to your guesthouse for dinner and the night



[\(https://www.riad-ouarzazate.com/en/\)](https://www.riad-ouarzazate.com/en/). (B, D)

## April 16 Day 10: Crossing the High Atlas Mountains

After breakfast we'll leave for Marrakech through the High Atlas Mountain pass of Tizi-n-Tichka and the beautiful Ounila Valley, a part of the main caravan route from sub-Saharan Africa to Marrakech.

Stop at the stunning Ait Ben Haddou Kasbah, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a photo. Have lunch and continue to Telouet to visit one of the most extraordinary sights of the High Atlas Mountains, the famous Kasbah Telouet.





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We'll arrive at the Riad in Marrakech in late afternoon (<https://andallaspa.com/>).  
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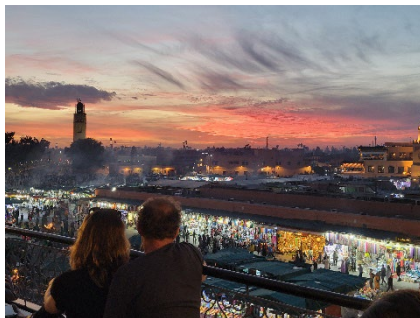
### April 17 Day 11: Marrakech Behind the Doors Culture Tour



Marrakech, nicknamed the “Red City” is spectacular. Its tradition as a political, economic, and cultural metropolis has always dominated the history of Morocco. You’ll love the photo possibilities of Jardins Majorelle, built by the painter Jacques Majorelle, the former home of Yves Saint Laurent and its spectacular Berber Museum.

We’ll stop by Bahia Palace to learn about Moorish architecture. Set off to explore the local culture via a tour of the daily life of Moroccan people through a “behind the doors” culture tour in the medina: a visit to a communal bakery, a walk through a local food market, and a visit to a traditional hammam and fondouk, an historic trading place for merchants from across North Africa.

We’ll grab some lunch in the medina and then to the recently renovated Medersa Ben Youssef, the largest Medersa (koranic school) in Morocco dating back to the founding of Morocco 1,000 years ago.



At dusk, take in the sites at Djemaa el Fna, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which for centuries has been an incredible world of

native theater: snakes, musicians, dancers, storytellers, and fortune-tellers.



Stop for dinner and return to our guesthouse for the night (**Riad Andalla**). **(B)**





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### April 18 Day 12: Marrakech Free Day

Enjoy a free day to relax or participate in one of the options offered by your host:

- **Hot air balloon/ATVs:** An unforgettable, 1-hour hot air balloon ride and sunrise over the majestic High Atlas Mountains near the beautiful Kik Plateau and Lalla Takerkoust Lake (and dam of Marrakech), followed by a traditional breakfast. Then off to Agafay Desert, a wild,



stony, and barren landscape nestled between the plains and Atlas Mountains and surrounded by a majestic and rocky landscape that resembles a moon crater. Meet your guide for a 2-hour ATV tour of Agafay Desert. **Price: 4 100 dirhams per person in a shared balloon (2 person minimum).**

- **Day trip to Ourika Valley:** Escape the hustle and bustle of Marrakech to the lush Ourika Valley at the foot of the High Atlas Mountains. Tour Le Paradis du Safran with its natural barefoot path, to learn about saffron production. Have lunch at the Ourika Bio-Aromatic Garden, the first of its kind in Morocco, where you will discover plants, their virtues and uses, aromatherapy, and regional traditions. Enjoy a foot bath with bath salts flavored with bitter orange essential oil. Take a walk through the pristine Ourika Falls and hike its 7 beautiful waterfalls. **Price: 1 400 dirhams per person (2 person minimum).**
- **Day trip to Terres D’Anamar:** Have a nature adventure at Terres D’Amanar, an eco-park located 4,000 feet above sea level at the foot of the Atlas Mountains, abutting the pristine forests of Toubkal National Park. Choose from zip lining, mountain biking, horseback riding or tree-top adventures. Have a Berber lunch and return to Marrakech. **Price: 700 dirhams per person plus the cost of your activities of choice (2 person minimum).**

Return to your guesthouse for the night (**Riad Andalla**). (B)

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### April 19 Day 13: Marrakech – Essaouira Day Trip

Off for a day in Essaouira (old Mogador), the pearl of the Atlantic, via the el Haouz plain, Chichaoua, and Sidi Mokhtar. Travel through the Argan forest on the way and visit an Argan oil cooperative to see a demonstration of how Argan oil is traditionally made.



Arrive in Essaouira and stroll through the former Portuguese port, wander the spice-filled lanes of the medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, art galleries, and beautiful beach.

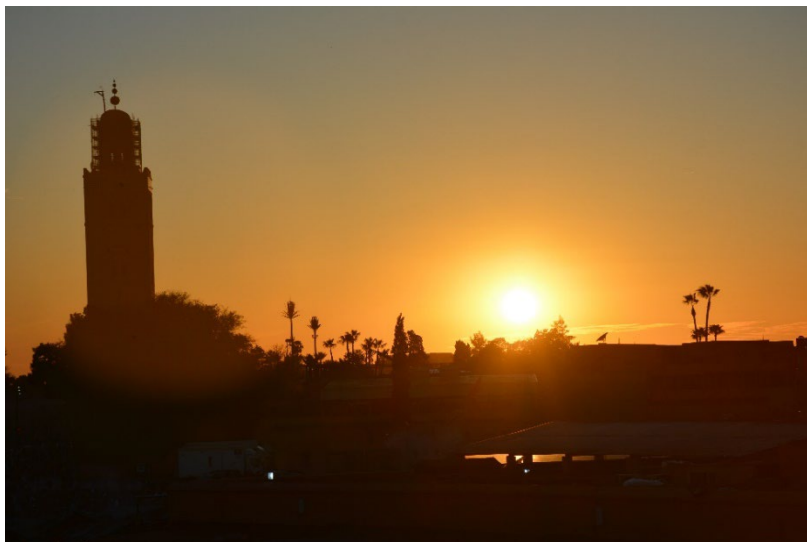


Then join me for a fabulous farewell fresh fish farewell lunch. Of COURSE you can have something else if you like!

Once we're fed and watered we'll make our way back to our Riad in Marrakech to pack **(Riad Andalla). (B, L)**

### April 20 Day 14: Marrakech Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the Marrakech Airport for 1 of the 2 group transfers provided by your host for your return flight to wherever your next destination may be. **(B)**





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## **INCLUDED**

- Private transport by climate-controlled vehicle, driver, tolls, and gasoline
- Airport transfers: private transfers can be arranged for early or late arriving guests One departure is arranged for group.
- 3- and 4-star lodging in hotels, riads, guesthouses, or desert camps: The hotel in Midelt has special arrangements –see notes
- Meals as noted
- Entry fees to tour attractions
- Cave Tea on Day 7
- Couscous presentation on Day 8
- Camel trek on Day 8
- Private, experienced, English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour and local guides as needed
- Gratuities for driver, guides, and lodging staff
- Gratuities for wait staff for included meals (Breakfast included)
- Baggage portage and gratuities
- Taxes
- 24-hour contact number

## **NOT INCLUDED**

- Airfare, visa, and other air related fees
- Beverages (alcoholic and nonalcoholic) except as included in meals
- Options on Days 6 and 12
- Spa/hammam services
- Gratuities for hotel cleaners (10-30 dh per room per night recommended)
- Gratuities for camel guides (50 dh recommended pp unless you buy souvenirs from them)
- Travel, medical, and personal insurance
- 2-5dh toilet entry