



# Christmas In Morocco

*Visit Imperial Cities Of  
Casablanca, Marrakesh, Fez*

December 22 – 29, 2023

**\$3,099.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy**



## **ITINERARY**

### **Friday, December 22: Depart Washington, DC Dulles Airport**

Depart Washington, DC Dulles International Airport, on Royal Air Maroc Airlines. Our non-stop flight includes meals, drinks and in-flight entertainment.

### **Saturday, December 23: Arrive Marrakesh via Casablanca, Morocco**

Arrive in Casablanca and connect with flight to Marrakesh. Transfer to our hotel in Marrakesh, where we have the remainder of the day to relax or explore at leisure. This evening, we get together for an orientation meeting with our Tour Manager, followed by a Welcome Dinner.

**Overnight: Movenpick Hotel Mansour Eddahbi Marrakesh**

**Meal: Dinner**

### **Sunday, December 24:**

The morning tour of Marrakesh, the 'Red City,' begins at the 16<sup>th</sup> century Saadian Tombs, where the royal family found their final resting place. Continue to the Koutoubia Minaret and the beautiful Bahia Palace. Shop for authentic argan oil, reputedly rich in nutrients and antioxidants beneficial to skin and hair, as well as Moroccan spices and herbs. Stroll through the bustling Medina to Djemaa el Fna Square, the lively center of the city, a dazzling display of acrobats, story tellers, and snake charmers. Spend the afternoon at leisure or join the optional Camel Ride and experience the tranquility of the Palmeraie, a palm oasis of Marrakesh, as you ride Berber style through the valley of lush palm groves on a dromedary, a member of the camel family.

**Overnight: Movenpick Hotel Mansour Eddahbi Marrakesh**

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Optional Camel Ride: \$40.00**

### **Monday, December 25: Full Day in Marrakesh**

Today is yours to explore the city on your own and make individual discoveries. Or you might want to join the optional morning Ourika Valley Tour. The Ourika Valley rises slowly to the first hills of the High Atlas, where typical Moroccan villages are scattered amidst the towering mountains. In the afternoon, you may want to participate in a Cooking Class and learn how to

prepare traditional tajine and Moroccan flatbread. After dinner, enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through Djemaa el Fna Square and the lively streets of Marrakesh by night.

**Optional: Ourika Valley Tour \$35.00**

**Optional: Cooking Class and Carriage Ride \$75.00**

**Overnight: Movenpick Hotel Mansour Eddahbi Marrakesh**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### **Tuesday, December 26: Travel to Fez**

We will depart Marrakesh in the early morning and arrive Fez early evening. Included will be sufficient rest stops for our comfort and a lunch break. The journey begins with views of the dry flatlands around Marrakesh and ends with views of the mountains around Ifrane as you arrive in Fez. Upon arrival in Fez, enjoy a breathtaking view of the ancient city of Fez from the hill overlooking the Fes el Bali Medina -- the old Arab quarter of the city. Enjoy your deluxe room and spend the evening marveling at this unbelievable city.

**Overnight: Barcelo Fez Medina Hotel**

**Meal: Breakfast**

### **Wednesday, December 27: Tour of Fez**

After breakfast, enjoy a morning tour of the city and visit the many hidden treasures of the Medina that only a Moroccan guide will know. Visit the medieval Fez el Bali (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Attarine Medersas, Nejjarine Fountains and Museum, and the exteriors of the Al Karaouine Mosque and Moulay Idriss mausoleum. Visit leather shops and tanneries -- shop for everything LEATHER – coats, jackets, handbags, wallets, belts and much, much more!! Lunch will be provided at a traditional restaurant within the Medina. We will have an opportunity to explore the famous Souks, where craftsmen still practice their trades the traditional way. We end our tour day visiting Fes Jdid, the modern district of Fez, where the Royal Palace and Jewish Quarter are located. This evening, enjoy a special dinner hosted by a local family and learn about Moroccan culture and traditions.

**Overnight: Barcelo Fez Medina Hotel**

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Thursday, December 28: Travel to Casablanca and City Tour**

After breakfast, stop and visit the ancient ruins of the Roman city of Volubilis to see the wonderfully preserved original mosaics, Roman Road and city

layout. Travel to Casablanca and tour the city in the afternoon. We will see the Hassan II Mosque, currently the second largest Mosque in the world, and the beautiful Corniche seaside. Take a moment to catch your breath at the end of your Moroccan adventure to admire the serenity of the Atlantic Ocean. Continue on a short drive through the residential areas of Casablanca to the city center to visit the Mohamed V Square, the Habous quarter and the Notre Dame de Lourdes Cathedral. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at *Rick's Café*, made famous in the film *Casablanca*.

**Overnight: Barcelo Anfa Casablanca Hotel**

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Friday, December 29: Depart Morocco for USA**

Check out of hotel and transfer to Casablanca International Airport to board our non-stop flight, arriving Washington, DC the same day.

**Meal: Breakfast**

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**Included:**

Roundtrip Airfare on Royal Air Maroc Airlines, Washington, DC to Casablanca, Morocco  
6 Nights Accommodations at Hotels Listed  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Per Itinerary  
Roundtrip Airport/Hotel Transfers  
Guided Sightseeing in modern A/C Motorcoach  
English Speaking Tour Guides  
Entrance Fees and Tickets to all Sites per Itinerary

**Not Included:**

Gratuities  
Meals not Listed  
Travel Insurance ~ [www.allianztravelinsurance.com](http://www.allianztravelinsurance.com), Travel Agent ACCAM: F030217

**A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is due March 31, 2023 to reserve your space; subsequent payments of \$870.00 are due May 15, July 15, September 15 (final payment) and can be paid by credit/debit card.**

**Cancellation Policy: Lake Arbor travel undertakes to protect clients whenever possible from cancellation fees, however, the following fees apply prior to departure:**

**April 1 – July 22: \$1,000.00 per person**  
**July 23 – August 21: \$1,550.00 per person**  
**August 22 – September 15: \$2,325.00**  
**After September 15 or No Show: No Refund**

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Reserve my space to celebrate: <b>Christmas in Morocco, December 22-29, 2023</b>		
My deposit of \$ _____ is enclosed (\$500.00 per person is required by <b>March 31, 2023</b> )		
<b>PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT PICTURE PAGE. PASSPORT MUST BE VALID THROUGH JUNE 2024.</b>		
E-mail address:		
Name (As it appears on Passport):		Date of Birth
Street	City & State	ZIP
Telephone: Home	Office	Cell
Name of Roommate		Hotel Bedding: ___ 1 Bed; ___ 2 Beds



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