



16-day tour link



12-day tour link

Package price starting from

**\$4,099** CAD

40% OFF

~~Was \$6,831~~

16 Days

# Exotica of Morocco, Sahara Tale and Portugal

Blue Chefchaouen, Red Marrakech, Golden Sahara and Elegant Lisbon

**Trip Code:** TP16MP

- 14 Nights
- Small Group (Max 26pax)
- 23 Meals
- Airfare included
- Escorted Tour
- Coach, Flight
- 4 Star Hotel
- Daily Sightseeing

## ♥ WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Beaches, medinas, sand dunes, small villages and the Atlas Mountains, Morocco has them all. Morocco Tours provide the ultimate travel experience. A perfect blend of culture and incredible landscapes with a taste of adventure. With the 4 days extension to Portugal, we will experience the culture in Lisbon & relax on the expansive beaches.

- ✓ Travel through dramatic red dunes of the Sahara Desert in a camel convoy
- ✓ Join the nightly carnival of fortune-tellers and dancers in UNESCO Jemaa el-Fna square
- ✓ Enjoy the fairy-tale land of blue in Chefchaouen
- ✓ In Fes, feel like you've travelled back to the Middle Ages in the labyrinthine medina
- ✓ Go behind the scenes of Game of Thrones and Gladiator in Ait Benhaddou-fortified red city
- ✓ Step to Majorelle Garden and Yves Saint Laurent Museum and explore real Morocco Blue and red
- ✓ Tour Lisbon's impressive Jeronimos Monastery and the treasured 16th century Belem Tower, designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ✓ Complete Relaxing in Portugal beach resort for 3 days



- ① Canada - Casablanca
- ② Arrive in Casablanca
- ③ Casablanca - Rabat - Chefchaouen
- ④ Chefchaouen - Fes
- ⑤ Fes - Azrou - Beni Mellal
- ⑥ Beni Mellal - Marrakech
- ⑦ Marrakech - Ouarzazate
- ⑧ Ouarzazate - Zagora - Sahara Desert
- ⑨ Zagora, Sahara Dunes Area - Ait Benaddhou
- ⑩ Ait Benaddhou - Marrakech
- ⑪ Marrakech - Lisbon
- ⑫ - ⑮ Lisbon
- ⑯ Depart Lisbon





## Day 1 Canada - Casablanca

Depart for Morocco.

## Day 2 Arrive in Casablanca

Arrive in Casablanca this morning. Upon arrival, see the fabled city's important sights, including the Mohammed V Square, the city's administrative seat. Next, marvel at the massive Hassan II Mosque, dramatically perched on a promontory on the Atlantic. Its indoor and outdoor space can accommodate 105,000 worshippers. In the Habous district, peruse the market and admire the exterior of the Royal Palace. Pass by Rick's Cafe, followed by a promenade on the Corniche, seaside stunning restaurants and bars area at front of Atlantic. Enjoy optional traditional lunch couscous (US\$35), the most famous national menu, at restaurant of Val d'Anfa. You may enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. In the evening, have your welcome dinner in the hotel. **Meals:** Dinner

## Day 3 Casablanca - Rabat - Chefchaouen

After breakfast head to Rabat, the capital of Morocco. Visit Hassan Tower, part of an unfinished mosque started by a 12th-century caliph. At the incredibly preserved Kasbah of the Udayas, explore the fortress and take a stroll in the French-colonial Andalusian gardens. You may choose the optional lunch (US\$35) - a typical steaming food, the tagine. Then continue northward to Asilah, a beautiful Atlantic coastal town with Jewish refugees from Spanish Andalusian, oppressed by the catholic king and queens. The city wall mural is colorful, with annual graffiti festival, and artists all over world come together for a cultural banquet. Transfer to "blue pearl city" Chefchaouen and have dinner in the hotel. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 4 Chefchaouen - Fes

Chefchaouen, or the 'blue city', is arguably one of the prettiest places in Morocco. Its

medina has been lovingly cared for with striking blue and whitewashed houses, red-tiled roofs and artistic doorways. The blue palette derives from the 15th century, when the town attracted exiles from Spain. Arriving Jewish refugees fleeing the Spanish Inquisition painted their houses blue to reflect their divinity - a tradition that continued through the centuries. Take a stroll through the ancient medina and shop for handicrafts, go hiking in the Rif mountains or simply sit at a cafe and enjoy the pleasure of time passing by. Then transfer to Fes. Before entering into the city of Fes, stop for a panoramic view of the medieval biggest city. Then your guide leads you through the Jewish Quarter, or mellah, built in 1438. By the end of the walk, you'll be at the King's Palace. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 5 Fes - Azrou - Beni Mellal

Fes is the spiritual and cultural heart of Morocco with a huge, well-preserved medieval old city that's the mother of all medinas. Explore the sprawling medina of Fes on foot this morning. It's said that this is the world's largest car-free urban area; undistracted by traffic, you're sure to agree that strolling here is a feast for the senses. You'll enter via the Bab Boujloud, or "Blue Gate" and visit the famed Al-Bou Inania Madrasa. You'll also see the famous tannery, known for the iconic view overlooking its dye pits, and a ceramics factory where you can see potters working in the traditional way. Walking downwards AlNajjariyyin square, an old caravanserai place, then view copper craftsmen at work in Seffarine Square. Continue to the Karaouine Mosque and University(outside), the oldest continuously functioning university in the world, founded in the year 859. Transfer to Beni Mellal through Azrou, the crossroads between High Arlas and Middle Atlas. Enjoy dinner at the hotel later this evening after arrival. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 6 Beni Mellal - Marrakech

This morning, visit this beautiful town

irrigated of Tadra. Walk up to the fortress on the clifftop near by and take a panoramic view of Beni Mellal including the fortress Ras al Ain and garden Ain Asserdoun. Then transfer to Marrakech, red capital of Moroccan Dynasty. An optional tagine lunch at a boutique Palace restaurant (US\$40). Check in the hotel and have a rest. This evening, an optional horse-drawn carriage takes you through the lively streets of Marrakesh followed by the famed Djemaa el Fna square(US\$50), which is included in UNESCO's list of sites of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. When night falls it transforms into a hive of activity. Henna-painters, performers and storytellers share the square with a street food bazaar, packed with stalls loaded with Moroccan delicacies. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 7 Marrakech - Ouarzazate

This morning begin your tour at Majorelle Gardens, a botanical marvel set in the heart of Marrakesh and Museum Yves Saint Laurent. These 2 places representing the continuity of Andalusian art of Moorish Dynasty over 1000 years. Then, you will find an exquisite artwork of Bahia Palace, where 360 rooms were once adorned with Italian marble and Sudanese gold. For a more recent archaeological find, you'll see the richly decorated tombs of the Saadi Dynasty. Continue to Ouarzazate via the road of the thousand Kasbahs, and the Dades Valley, famous for its roses and the yearly Rose Festival. Visit Women Cooperative workshop to know precious argan oil production and how it helps ladies to live on their hands. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 8 Ouarzazate - Zagora - Sahara Desert

Enjoy a city tour of Ouarzazate, a desert



city at the gates of the Sahara, where productions such as Lawrence of Arabia, The Sheltering Sky and Black Hawk Down were filmed. This morning visit Taourit Fort, you will meet with some well-known faces of local residents, who have worked for several worldly famous films made here. Then drive towards the mighty Sahara Desert. Drive through changing scenery, from barren mountainsides to fertile valleys, pausing in frontier towns of M'Hamid, before reaching the end of the road at the small Saharan settlement. Depart by 4x4 caravan into the desert. With a backdrop of the orange-coloured Erg Chigaga sand dunes, the charming Saharan village feels wonderfully isolated, like the modern world has left it behind. The Erg Chigaga dunes are the most stunning in the country and an essential part of any visit to Morocco. An erg is a vast sea of shifting wind-swept sand that's formed into picturesque, undulating crests and valleys. Camel ride: it is a must when we are in Sahara, beautiful scenery accentuated with different lights. Spend the night in a hotel or choose to upgrade to the luxury Sahara tent camp with private toilets and shower and sleep under the stars (US\$169). Our local friends will prepare a hearty feast, so all you need to do is sit back and relax. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 9 Zagora, Sahara Dunes Area - Ait Benaddhou

This morning, enjoy the beautiful view of Sahara desert and meet with nomadic families of the Ait Atta Berber tribe that live here and learn about life in this wildest desert of Morocco. Optional Local Saharan family visit with lunch (US\$40), feel hospitality of Saharan people. Join a local guide to uncover the underground Kasbah and its unique ceramic pottery industry. Pass through an outstanding beauty of Atlas gorge, visit an intriguing library filled with ancient scripts of

science, literature, the Koran and stories of the prophet Mohammed (subject to unregulated opening times). Continue on to your destination of Ait Benhaddou. Centuries ago, this was an important stop for caravans carrying salt across the Sahara. Today its grand kasbah, a fine example of clay architecture, has been listed as a World Heritage site. After heading to your nearby hotel for the night, maybe sit back on the roof top terrace and watch the sun setting over the magical Kasbah. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 10 Ait Benaddhou - Marrakech

Perched on a hilltop and almost unchanged since the 11th century, Ait Benhaddou is one of Morocco's most iconic sites. Its grand kasbah is one of the most beautiful in Morocco and the fortified village is a fine example of clay architecture. If you think you recognise the place, you probably do, as the town has a long list of film and TV credits, including Lawrence of Arabia, Game of Thrones and Gladiator. Enjoy a walk through the winding streets of old town, making your way to the top of the hill, from where you can enjoy the views across the surrounding plains. Transfer to Marrakech, and the rest of the day is free to explore further or shop in the bazaar. Perhaps head into the medina, where every step brings a new smell, a new sight or a new gift to buy. Watch skilled artisans perfect their craft, practice your haggling skills or take a break from the hustle to sip on tea or share a tajine, filled with the pure scent of Morocco. Tonight, you may join the optional Dinner Show-Fantasy of Andalusian Night. We'll drive you to the "Sugar Palace" - the place Dar Sukkar. In this popular night show, you will enjoy the diner with Gnaoua music, Alaouite history, Harem belly dance and romantic voices. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 11 Marrakech - Lisbon

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and board the flight to Lisbon. After arrival, enjoy dinner at famous restaurant Mercado **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 12 Lisbon

In Lisbon, the tour begins with a stop at the top of Edward VII's Park to enjoy a magnificent view over the hills of Lisbon and the River Tagus. Next, view the treasured 16th century Belem Tower and the Jeronimos Monastery, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, visit the Cathedral of Lisbon and enjoy the elegant Liberdade Avenue. This afternoon is free on your own. You may savor at the most famous pastry shop in Portugal for its custard tarts. Then visit its iconic squares of Rossio, the medieval citadel in the city centre. **Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 13-15 Lisbon

Today you may enjoy the beautiful beach and sunshine for 3 days. A buffet breakfast is served every morning at the hotel. It is only steps away from the sandy beach with an outdoor swimming pool. Here you may try tasty Portuguese-style meals, with an emphasis on fresh fish and seafood specialities. With a panoramic view over the bay and a relaxing ambience, the beautiful bar allows guests to unwind with a drink while enjoying the sunset. The seafront promenade features several cafés and quaint little shops. You may also join the optional tour to quaint Sintra (US\$79), the "Glorious Eden" of Lord Byron, and ancient summer retreat of the royal court, highlighted by lavish romantic castles and stunning monuments. Visit the Sintra Royal Palace, a 15th-century royal residence, containing one of the largest tile collections in Portugal. **Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 16 Depart Lisbon

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure flight.



## Upgrade to luxury Palace/Villa hotel for 3 nights US\$250pp

### Chefchaouen Dar Ba Sidi & Spa (Luxury Villa)

Surrounded by nature, you can experience the synergies of the city and live in an authentic Moroccan traditional Villa. With a delicate and ornate architecture in the Arab style, the rooms are distributed around the large central courtyard, where you can enjoy our beautiful garden with swimming pool.



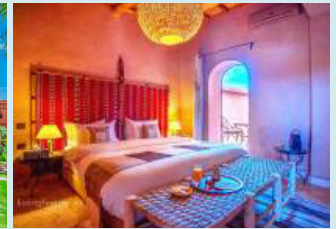
### Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace

Immersing you in stylish luxury, Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace is a five-star respite for discerning travelers. Unpack your bags in elegantly appointed accommodations, enhanced by refined design elements and bathed in natural light.



### Ait Benaddhou Ksar Ighnda or Temple des Arts (A Palace of 1001)

On the edge of the desert, luxury Hotel RIAD KSAR IGHNDA opens its doors for you onto the Atlas Mountains. For discerning lovers of luxurious sensations and relaxation. Spectacular location in the heart of Moroccan desert, next to Ksar Ait Benhaddou UNESCO site – Historic Kasbah surrounded by private gardens – Hammam – Outdoor swimming pool.



## Upgrade to Luxury Sahara Tent Camp US\$169pp

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### Package Includes

- International Airfare from Toronto in economy class
- Airport taxes
- Flight from Marrakech to Lisbon
- 4-star First class hotel accommodation
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions as indicated
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- All transportation in the destination
- Meals as indicated in the program

### Package Does Not Include

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid Gratuities: USD156
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls

### 2023 Departures

<b>Depart</b>	16-Apr	14-May	24-Sep	8-Oct	22-Oct	5-Nov
<b>Return</b>	01-May	29-May	9-Oct	23-Oct	6-Nov	20-Nov

**Land Only Price**      **16 Days Package Price**  
 From **\*\$3,699** CAD      From **\*\$4,499** CAD

\*Leading price is based on specific departure dates in low season. \$100 to \$300 price increases may apply during shoulder season and peak season. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the updated information. <https://tripoppo.com>

### Price Notes

- Single room supplement fee for standard hotel: \$1,399/person
- Add on airfare from other cities: Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city from \$300, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria \$350, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St.John from \$400
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.