

Moroccan Escape

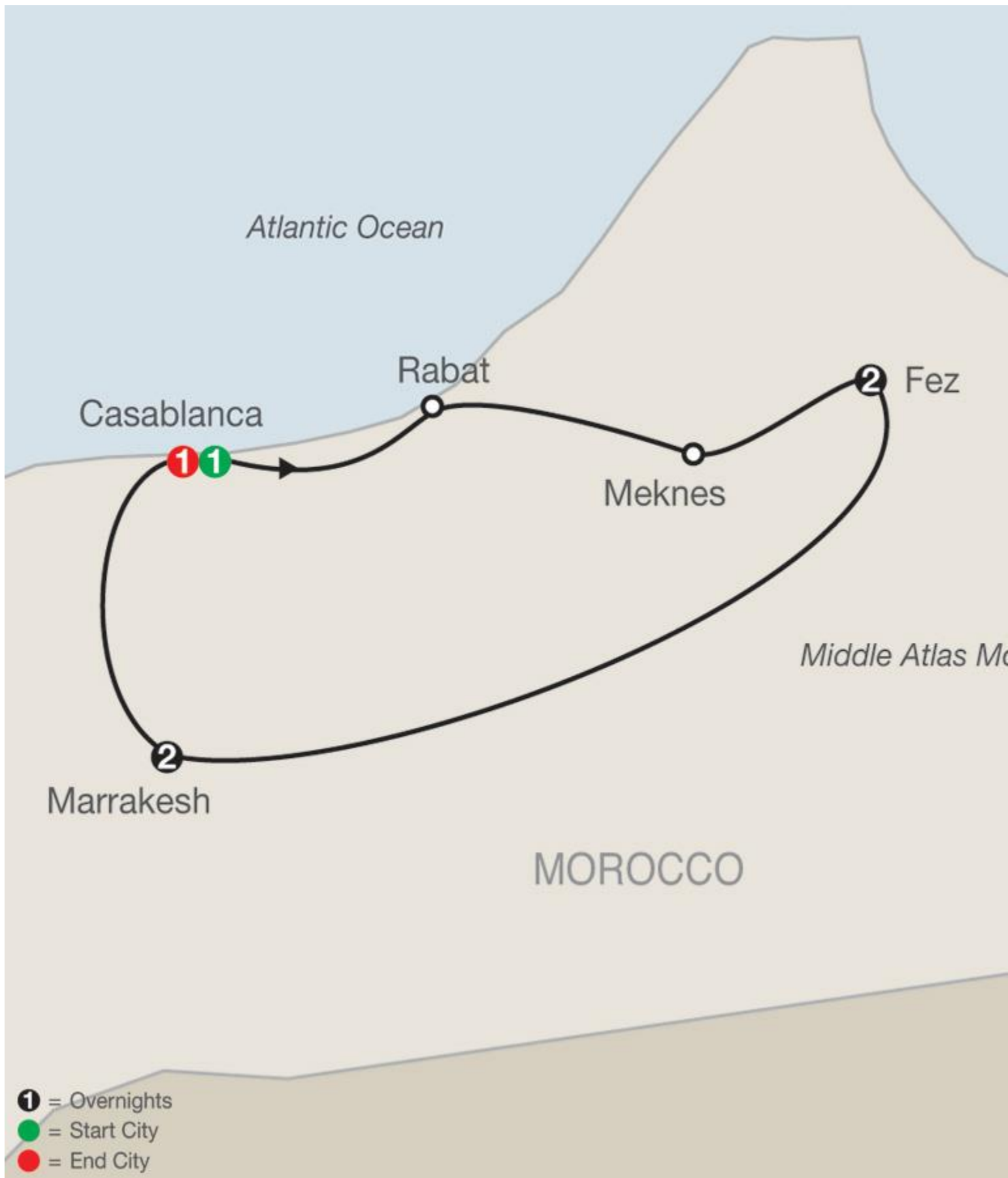
7 Day Tour from Casablanca to Casablanca

Vacation Overview

Your escorted tour of Morocco is an escape from the crowds typically found at busier times of the year. Begin your vacation with a welcome dinner in legendary Casablanca. Follow North Africa's infamous Barbary Coast to the capital-city Rabat—once the haven for 16th-century pirates—and take a drive to see the massive medieval battlements and Royal Palace. Throughout the week, you'll encounter incredible historic and cultural sites. Marvel at the architecture and history of Meknes—the 11th-century military settlement, turned into an impressive city in the Spanish-Moorish style by the legendary Sultan Moulay Ismail. On your guided sightseeing tour, you'll see the monumental gated walls that surround the city, elaborate mosques, the palace, and you'll also visit the Royal Stables—built by the Sultan to house 12,000 royal horses.

Continue to Fez, considered to be Morocco's spiritual and artistic center, and see the magnificent entrance to the Royal Palace. Drive through the old Jewish quarter, travel to the traditional entrance to Old Fez at Bab Bou Jeloud, and follow your Local Guide through the labyrinthine streets of its Medina and the remarkable architecture of the Medersa Bou Inania. Next stop is the vibrant oasis of Marrakesh. Explore the "Red City" amid its sandstone walls and buildings with your Local Guide. You'll visit Bahia Palace, the Saadian Tombs (or Badia Palace), the Djemaa El-Fna town center and colorful marketplace. Return to Casablanca, for panoramic drive to visit the Hassan II Mosque. Then, top it all off with a delicious farewell dinner to celebrate your Moroccan Escape!







Itinerary

Day 1 **ARRIVE IN CASABLANCA, MOROCCO**

Welcome to Casablanca! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel.

🍽️ Dinner

Day 2 **CASABLANCA–RABAT–MEKNES–FEZ**

Follow North Africa's infamous Barbary Coast to Rabat, once a lair of the corsairs and now the country's capital. Enjoy an orientation drive to see the massive medieval battlements, the Royal Palace, and more. Continue to Meknes. Originally founded as a military settlement it was transformed into an impressive city in Spanish-Moorish style during the reign of Sultan Moulay Ismail. During your guided sightseeing, admire the monumental gates of the city walls, the mosques, and the palace. Visit the ROYAL STABLES, constructed to house 12,000 of the royal horses. Next is Fez. Blessed with an ample supply of water and strategically situated, Fez became the capital of Morocco when the country shook off foreign rule under Berber King Idris in the 8th century. To this day, Fez has remained Morocco's spiritual and artistic center.

🍽️ Breakfast

🍽️ Dinner

Day 3 **FEZ**

Admire the magnificent entrance to the Royal Palace, drive through the Mellah, the old Jewish quarter, and travel on to Bab Bou Jeloud, the traditional entrance to Old Fez. Your Local Guide also leads you through labyrinthine MEDINA and MEDERSA BOU INANIA. Tonight, an optional folklore dinner completes a fascinating day.

🍽️ Breakfast

Day 4 **FEZ–MARRAKESH**

A scenic drive through this fascinating country will take you to Marrakesh, beautifully located in an oasis, and also known as the "Red City" for its red walls and red sandstone buildings.

🍽️ Breakfast

🍽️ Dinner

Day 5 **MARRAKESH**

Follow your Local Guide and visit BAHIA PALACE, the 16th-century SAADIAN TOMBS (if closed, visit the BADIA PALACE instead), and to DJEMAA EL-FNA, the vibrant town center dominated by the 222-foot-high Koutoubia Minaret. In the evening, an exciting optional excursion is available.

🍽️ Breakfast

Day 6 **MARRAKESH–CASABLANCA**

Return to Casablanca and join your Local Guide, on a panoramic drive, featuring a visit to the HASSAN II MOSQUE, a splendid monument designed to mark the end of the century. This evening, 🍽️ a farewell dinner at one of Casablanca's lively restaurants celebrates your Moroccan Escape..

🍽️ Breakfast

🍽️ Dinner

Day 7 **CASABLANCA**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

🍽️ Breakfast

Vacation Highlights

CASABLANCA Welcome dinner; guided panoramic drive, visit the Hassan II Mosque; [LF] farewell dinner at a local restaurant

RABAT Orientation drive

MEKNES Guided sightseeing, visit the Royal Stables

FEZ Guided sightseeing, visit the Medina and Medersa Bou Inania

MARRAKESH Guided sightseeing, visit Bahia Palace and the Saadian Tombs (if closed, visit Badia Palace instead), and Djemaa El-Fna



Headsets throughout the tour.

Scenic Highlights

- Hotels listed may occasionally be substituted with alternative hotels of equivalent standard.

Meals

Full buffet breakfast daily; 4 three-course dinners: including welcome dinner in Casablanca at your hotel and farewell dinner in Casablanca at a local restaurant

Hotels

Casablanca



Movenpick Casablanca

Hotel as shown or similar

Moderate Deluxe

This 184-room upscale property is centrally located within the business district of Casablanca and only a short distance from the Old Medina with Free Wi-Fi access throughout. The hotel's rooftop area is packed with great amenities, including a small but lovely wooden decked pool, a sushi bar with expansive city views, a fitness center, and a spa. The main restaurant serves both Moroccan and international cuisine in a stylish dining room and the lounge bar area has live music several times a week.

Fez





Barcelo Fez Medina

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

A brand new hotel that combines comfort and functionality which can be seen in its modern rooms decorated in a contemporary style with designer furniture.

Marrakesh



Movenpick Mansour Eddahbi

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

Located in the central L'Hivernage district, just a few minutes away from the bustling Medina, this 503-room resort embodies the soul of Ahmed Al Mansour Eddahbi, Sultan of the Saadian dynasty, offering contemporary luxury in an oasis style setting. The property's five restaurants offer a fine selection of international, Mediterranean and Moroccan delicacies and the rooftop bar and lounge serves delicious cocktails and snacks under starry skies. Leisure facilities include a spa, wellbeing center and three swimming pools with Free Wi-Fi access available throughout.

Marrakesh



Novotel Marrakesh Hivernage

Hotel as shown or similar



First-Class

This modern 112-room is located in the new Hivernage area of Marrakech. The hotel brasserie is open daily for lunch and dinner, there is a relaxing outdoor swimming pool with poolside bar and Free Wi-Fi access is available throughout.

\$899 per person

The price listed does not include your airfare, taxes or fees.

Prices are per person in single, double, or triple room occupancy.

Important Notes

- Vacation departures, itineraries and prices are subject to change.
- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is required to reserve space for you.

Please note that at this time no space is being held and all prices are subject to change