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**Departs 19 September 2026**

*Join us on a special itinerary with a focus on food, culture, and textiles. Immerse yourself in experiences with inspiring local women and share unique perspectives on life on this elegant, luxurious journey that takes us from the Atlantic Ocean to the Sahara Desert through the heart of Morocco.*

### YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

- Fly via Dubai to start your Moroccan journey in the charming capital, Rabat
- Visit the blue-washed town of Chefchaouen and its majestic palaces before joining a local family for dinner
- Discover the exquisite Bou Inania Medersa and bustling artisan workshops in Fes
- Hear about the Moroccan traditions from an esteemed female scholar
- Drive through the dramatic Atlas Mountains, followed by a journey through the Sahara Desert
- Enjoy a special lunch with a local Berber family
- Learn about the traditional textile arts of natural dyeing and weaving
- Stroll through Marrakech's lively souks and view beautiful tapestries
- Fly home via Dubai with lasting memories!
- A World Journeys host to guide you every step of the way

### SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

#### ***Photography walking tour in Chefchaouen***

Capture the blue-washed beauty and unique charm of Chefchaouen through your lens on a guided photography walk.

#### ***Cooking class***

Immerse yourself in local gastronomy while preparing flavourful local dishes in a hands-on cooking class.

#### ***Dinner with female scholar***

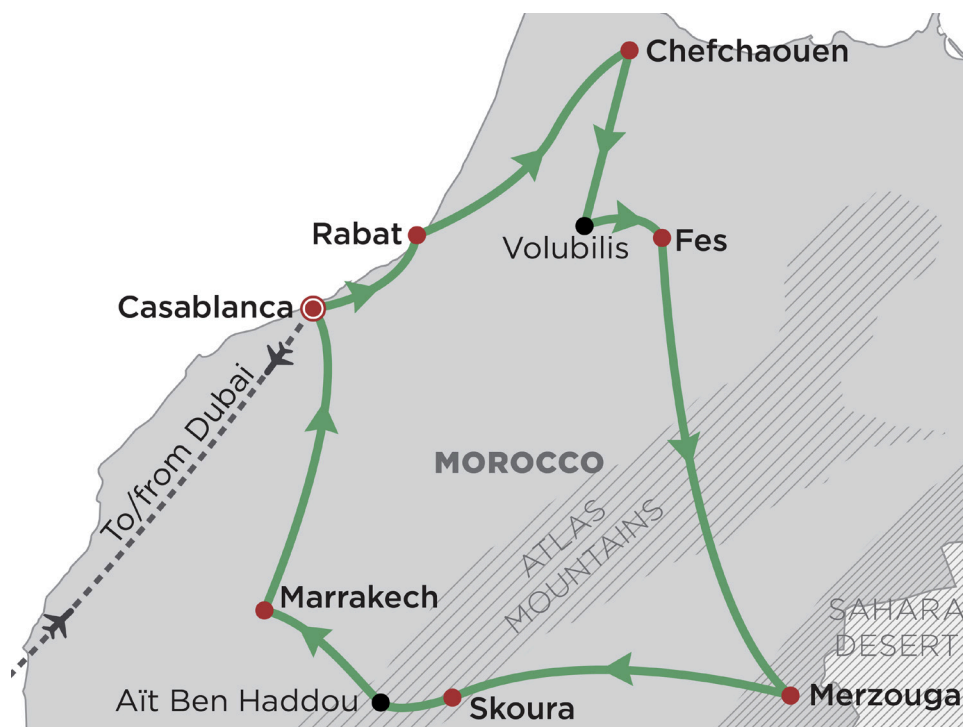
Gain a deeper understanding of Moroccan culture and traditions over dinner with a knowledgeable female scholar.

#### ***Luxury Desert Camp***

Experience the magic of the Sahara Desert in style with an overnight stay in a luxury camp.

#### ***Marrakech Market tour with female chef***

Explore the vibrant sights, sounds, and smells of the Marrakech market with a local female chef.



# MOROCCAN HEARTBEAT ITINERARY

ALL FLIGHTS INCLUDED    **B** BREAKFAST    **L** LUNCH    **D** DINNER



– SEPTEMBER 2026

## **SAT 19 AUCKLAND > DUBAI**

Fly overnight via Dubai to Casablanca.

## **SUN 20 DUBAI > CASABLANCA > RABAT** **D**

Transit in Dubai and fly to Casablanca. On arrival you will be driven to Rabat and check in to our comfortable hotel.

## **MON 21 RABAT > CHEFCHAOUEN** **B** **D**

Today enjoy an orientation tour of the charming capital of Rabat, visiting the majestic Royal Palace and the Kasbah of the Udayas, surrounded by French-designed gardens overlooking the ocean. Also visit the iconic 12th century Hassan Tower. Continue your journey to the charming blue-washed town of Chefchaouen in time for dinner.

## **TUE 22 CHEFCHAOUEN** **B** **L**

Grab your cameras and capture the beauty of the blue Medina on your photography walking tour this morning. Transfer to the rural village of Houmar to cook traditional Moroccan dishes with a local family. Return to Chefchaouen in the afternoon to explore the hidden corners of the town.

## **WED 23 CHEFCHAOUEN > VOLUBILIS > FES** **B** **L** **D**

This morning drive from Chefchaouen to Volubilis, where you will see the best-preserved Roman ruins in North Africa. Enjoy an exclusive Roman-inspired picnic lunch with panoramic views before continuing to Fes. Dinner tonight is in the serene courtyard of our riad.

## **THU 24 FES** **B**

After breakfast, join your guide to walk through Fes' medieval medina. See the ancient Al-Qarawiyyin University, the world's oldest, and the exquisite Bou Inania Medersa as well as the

bustling tanneries and artisan workshops. End the day with a sunset yoga class, complete with views over the Zalah Mountains.

## **FRI 25 FES** **B** **D**

Today join an artisan masterclass. Later don traditional dress for a Sufi-themed dinner with music in a warm Moroccan setting. You will be joined by an esteemed female scholar for fascinating cultural discussion.

## **SAT 26 FES > MERZOUGA** **B** **D**

Today's scenic drive takes us through the Atlas Mountains, stopping in Midelt for refreshments before arriving in Erfoud. Transfer to 4X4 vehicles for the journey through the gigantic dunes to our luxury camp. Join a camel trek as the sun sets before dinner with Gnawa drumming, a henna art session with a local Moroccan artist and a Nomadic tea ceremony around a firelit desert circle.

## **SUN 27 MERZOUGA > SKOURA** **B** **L** **D**

Travel through to Skoura, stopping at Todra Gorge to take in the breathtaking views. Lunch today is with an Amazigh (Berber) family, sharing stories and traditions. Laze around the pool in Skoura this afternoon before dinner in the hotel.



## **MON 28 SKOURA > AÏT BEN HADDOU > MARRAKECH** **B**

Visit the UNESCO site of Aït Ben Haddou, Morocco's famous ksar (fortified village) before joining a Women's Cooperative at Tizi n'Tichka Pass for tea. Learn the traditional art of natural dyeing and support these women preserving age-old weaving techniques. Overnight in elegant accommodation in Marrakech.







#### TUE 29 MARRAKECH ⑥

Enjoy a guided exploration of Marrakech's cultural gems today including the iconic Majorelle Garden and the YSL Museum, the breathtaking Ben Youssef Medersa and vibrant souks. This afternoon, join a textile expert to discover hidden ateliers in the maze of the souk.

#### WED 30 MARRAKECH ⑥⑦⑧

This morning join a market tour with a female "Dada" (traditional chef) before our private cooking class at a beautiful eco-farm. This afternoon is at leisure. You may like to choose a hammam or spa treatment (additional cost) before our farewell dinner this evening.

– OCTOBER 2026

#### THU 1 MARRAKECH > CASABLANCA > DUBAI ⑥

Transfer to Casablanca airport and fly to Dubai. Enjoy a few hours rest in a transit hotel before continuing your journey.

#### FRI 2 DUBAI > AUCKLAND

Depart Dubai flying overnight.

#### SAT 3 ARRIVE AUCKLAND



### Departs 19 September 2026

Tour cost including flights

**Twin** *per person*

\$18,680

**Single** *per person*

\$23,570

#### INCLUDED

- Women-only small group tour (max 10 guests)
- Economy Class airfares ex Auckland
- A World Journeys host
- Accommodation in 4-star hotels, riads and a luxury camp
- 11 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 7 dinners
- Farewell dinner
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Gratuities

#### NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Visas
- Flight upgrades to Premium Economy or Business Class

#### GRATUITIES

In the countries we are visiting, tipping is customary. For a hassle-free journey, tipping is included for all group activities, and will be handled by the World Journeys host.

#### SHARE YOUR ROOM

If you are a single traveller and wish to take advantage of the share twin price, we will endeavour to match you with another woman. Share twin options are subject to availability and your room mate will be advised at time of final payment.

#### BOOKING CONDITIONS

Prices are in New Zealand dollars. A non-refundable deposit of \$3,000 per person is required, with the balance due 19 June 2026. In order to maintain the advertised tour price, if upgrading your Economy Class airfare to Premium Economy or Business Class, it will be necessary to collect the airfare portion earlier than the final balance date. As cancellation fees apply, travel insurance is mandatory. Please refer to World Journeys terms and conditions. [www.worldjourneys.co.nz/terms](http://www.worldjourneys.co.nz/terms)

#### IMPORTANT NOTES

- With a maximum group size of 10, this tour will be guaranteed to depart with a minimum of 6 guests. If numbers fall below 8 guests, a surcharge to the tour cost may apply
- As this tour involves quite a bit of walking, in order for you to obtain maximum enjoyment and benefit from the itinerary, you must be able to walk a minimum of **at least 4km unaided** at one time. Unfortunately, this tour is not suitable for those with mobility issues

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TRAVEL PROFESSIONAL**