

Tour Type: POST CONGRESS TOUR

Tour Name : IMPERIAL CITIES & GREAT SOUTH

Dates: August 28th to September 03rd

Duration: 6 nights & 7 days

August 28th MARRAKESH / CASABLANCA / RABAT

Breakfast and departure in air conditioned coach with English speaking guide, to CASABLANCA, largest city of Morocco. Sightseeing tour from the coast of Anfa to the fine French and neo-Moorish architecture (1920s) of Mohamed V square and main avenues. Stop at King Hassan II mosque which can be visited. Inaugurated in 1993, it is the largest in Africa and, with a minaret of 175m, it is the tallest religious building of the world.

Drive to Rabat, capital city. Stop at the The Hassan tower, to visit Mohamed V Mausoleum, drive along the Kasbah of Oudayas and the ramparts of the Medina, to The Royal Palace main entrance. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

August 29th RABAT / MEKNES / Volubilis / FEZ

Visit the Chellah, royal burial ground built on the ruins of the roman port of Sala Colonia

Drive to MEKNES, Capital city of Moulay Ismail during the end of the 17th century who planned a palace of the scale of Versailles. From Bab Mansour a massive triple-bayed gate, to the Tomb of Moulay Ismail inside the unique Moroccan mosque, open to non Muslim, to the mechouar and the Heri Souani, where Moulay Ismail stored grain to feed the army and the Agdal Bassin.

Lunch and way to Volubilis

From the top of the hill, views on the green-tiled roofs and at further distance the ruins of Volubilis. Visit the house of Orpheus with several mosaics, the Therms of Gallienus, the Capital, the Basilic... Continue to FEZ (60kms), one of the world last pockets of medieval civilisation, it is peppered with palaces, and madrasas, their blank walls concealing intricate interiors and packed with the still busy workshops of ancient industries.

In 1976 Fez old city was declared a World Heritage site by Unesco which in 1980 launched a programme of restoration.

Tour of the walls of the old city of Fez El Bali and stop at the panoramic view on the Medina. Dinner and overnight in Hotel.

August 30th FEZ

A whole day in the medina to visit Souk el henna; place Nejjarine with the beautifully restored 17th century fountain; the fondouk Nejjarine of the 18th century turned into a museum devoted to carpentry techniques and tools; The Moulay Idriss II zaouia; the Kissaria, covered market selling luxury goods; the Attarine Madrassa. The University mosque of Kayrouyine, largest mosque in Africa until Hassan II mosque was built in Casablanca; the Kayrouyine library; the Chouaras Tanneries... Dinner and overnight in Hotel

August 31th FEZ / Erfoud

After breakfast In the morning an enjoyable drive across The atlas maintains, the first hills you see of the Middle Atlas seem surprisingly un-Moroccan. There are evergreen pines. tall cedar trees on the peaks and poplars on the foot hills. The road across is almost ceremonial.

Azrou, the first real town of the Middle Atlas stands at a major junction of routes. It is an important market center, and has long held a strategic role in controlling the Berbers of the mountains.

Midelt: you have left the Middle Atlas behind. Suddenly, through the haze, appear the much greater peaks of the High Atlas rising sheer behind the town to a massive range, the Dgebel Ayashi at over 12000ft. The drama of that sight, tremendous in the clear, cool noon, is the most compelling reason to stop over for lunch.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Erfoud.

September 01st ERFOUD /OUARZAZATE.

Early Morning Optional (extra fee) excursion to Erg Chebbi in 4WD to watch the magical sunrise over the Sahara dunes.

departure to Tinghir through the beautiful road of 1000 Kasbah valley.

First, Stop in Tinerhir, a former military outpost built on terraces above the magnificent palm grove and the way into the awesome Todra Gorge between 300m cliffs. Lunch in Todra.

After Lunch, continuation to Ouarzazate passing by the road of the magical Kasbahs and the roses valley.

Arriving Ouarzazate, Dinner and overnight in hotel 4 star

September 02nd Ouarzazate / Marrakech

Breakfast and departure for a visit of Ouarzazate and Kasbah Ait Ben Haddou

A picturesque ksar, decorated in geometric patterns, that has served as a location for many movies, including scenes of Laurence of Arabia, Jesus of Nazareth, Gladiators ...

Visit of the village.

Morning drive back to Marrakech by Tichka Pass.

Arrival to the chosen hotel Congress around 01.PM

September 03rd MARRAKESH - DEPARTURE

Breakfast

Transfer to Marrakech Menara airport according to flight

PRICE

MINIMUM 06 PERSONS

4 nights in 4*hotels

Included:

- air conditioned coach,
- guide,
- tips,
- accommodation in double room,
- full board from Lunch of day 1 to breakfast of day 7.

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM 505 Euro

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT 110 Euro