

A NORTH-TO-SOUTH ROUTE · MOROCCO

Morocco from north to south: from blue Chefchaouen to the *Sahara*

Eight days from Tangier to Marrakech, from the blue of the Rif to the dunes of the Sahara.

DURATION

8 days / 7 nights

DESIGNED BY

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TRIP STYLE

Grupo reducido

FROM

690 €

— THE CHARACTER OF THE TRIP

The Tangier to Marrakech route, from north to *south*

The route from Tangier to Marrakech is best travelled from one end to the other. This trip enters through the north and heads down to the red city in eight days, without detours and without leaving out what really deserves a stop. It starts with the blue of Chefchaouen, in the Rif, continues to the imperial medina of Fez, heads into the Sahara to spend two nights by Erg Chebbi — one of them in a camp — and climbs back up through the Todra Gorge, the Dades Valley and the kasbah of Aït Ben Haddou before finishing in Marrakech.

It is a **private** trip: just your group, a Spanish-speaking driver and an air-conditioned minibus for the whole journey. That means you can stop wherever you like, linger at a viewpoint or set off earlier without depending on anyone else.

There are long driving days — Morocco is big — and we have arranged them so that each one ends somewhere worth the early start: a medina, an oasis, a dune. You will sleep in characterful riads inside the medinas and spend one night in a camp at Erg Chebbi.



Morocco is not seen in a day or in a single city: it is crossed. And crossing all of it, from the Rif to the Sahara, is what changes the memory.

This trip is for you if...

- ✓ You want to see Morocco from north to south without retracing your steps.
- ✓ You want to sleep in the desert, not just see it from afar.
- ✓ You prefer a private vehicle to a coach full of strangers.
- ✓ You value staying in riads inside the medina.

THE TRIP AT A GLANCE

The essentials, at a *glance*.

Private departures for your group, with a Spanish-speaking driver throughout the trip.

 DURATION 8 days / 7 nights	 TRIP STYLE Grupo reducido
 GROUP SIZE Máy. 10 viajeros	 ACTIVITY LEVEL Moderado
 ACCOMMODATION Characterful riads · luxury desert camp	 BEST TIME TO TRAVEL March — May · Sep — Nov
 PRICE 690 €	 DATES Dates on request
 INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS International flights and travel to Tangier are not included	 ROUTE Rif · Fez · Sáhara · Dades

— THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP

Moments you will *remember*.



01 • Chefchaouen

The blue of Chefchaouen

Wander the blue town without a map, climb up to the Kasbah and find the afternoon viewpoint. A Rif village best explored slowly, camera in hand.



02 • Merzouga

A night among the Erg Chebbi dunes

Arrive at the tents by camel, watch the sun set over the dunes and have dinner with Berber music under the stars. You sleep in a camp, not...



03 • Merzouga

Sunrise in the Sahara

Leave the tent before dawn to see the first light turn Erg Chebbi red. The quietest — and most photogenic — moment of the trip.



04 • Fez

The medina of Fez on foot

Get lost with a local guide in the 9,000 alleys of the oldest medina: the Chouara tannery, the Qarawiyyin and the artisans' quarter.



05 • Atlas

Aït Ben Haddou

Cross the river to the World Heritage mud-brick ksar, the setting for dozens of films. Climb to the top to understand why they chose this spot.



06 • Todra

Todra Gorge

Walk between 300-metre rock walls along the floor of a canyon where the river still flows. Stop for lunch at one of the highest sections.

MAP AND ROUTE

The route, stage by *stage*.

1

RIF • DÍA 1

From Tangier to the blue city

We meet at Tangier airport and head south to Chefchaouen, the small blue town perched in the Rif...

2

FEZ • DÍA 2

Chefchaouen and the medina of Fez

After breakfast we leave the blue city and drive straight to Fez — about three and a half...

3

SÁHARA • DÍAS 3-4

From the Middle Atlas to the desert

A long day on the road towards the desert, and one of the most beautiful of the trip...

4

DADES • DÍA 5

From the desert to the Todra Gorge

After sunrise in the dunes we set off for Rissani to see its market, where the desert nomads...

5

ATLAS • DÍA 6

Kasbahs, cinema and the Atlas

After breakfast we travel down the Valley of the Roses and the palm grove of Skoura, where a...

6

MARRAKECH • DÍAS 7-8

Marrakech, the red city

A full day in Marrakech with a local guide. In the morning, the great classics: the Bahia Palace,...

STAGE 1 • RIF • DÍA 1

Rif

DAY CHEFCHAOUEN

01 From Tangier to the blue city

We meet at Tangier airport and head south to Chefchaouen, the small blue town perched in the Rif mountains. Its houses painted blue and white make it one of the most beautiful towns in the north. The afternoon is free to wander at your own pace: Uta el-Hammam square, the Kasbah and the viewpoints from which you can see the whole town at sunset. First night in a riad inside the medina.

📍 Chefchaouen viewpoints

📍 Riad Tassili

— None included

🚗 Transfer ~2 h • 114 km

STAGE 2 • FEZ • DÍA 2

Fez

DAY FEZ

02 Chefchaouen and the medina of Fez

After breakfast we leave the blue city and drive straight to Fez — about three and a half hours — the oldest of the imperial cities and once the country's first political, religious and cultural capital. We start the visit at the Golden Gates of the Royal Palace and continue to the walls that enclose the medina. We explore it on foot among mosques, madrasas and caravanserais until we reach the tanners' quarter. Night in a charming riad inside the medina.

📍 Golden Gates of the Royal Palace

📍 The tanners' quarter

📍 Riad Sara

— Breakfast

🚗 Drive ~3 h 30 • direct

STAGE 3 • SÁHARA • DÍAS 3-4

Sáhara

DAY MERZOUGA

03 From the Middle Atlas to the desert

A long day on the road towards the desert, and one of the most beautiful of the trip. We leave Fez for the Middle Atlas to see Ifrane, known as the Switzerland of Africa, and Azrou — “the rock” — among cedar forests. We cross Midelt and the Tizi n'Talghemt pass, the Camel's Neck, at more than 1,900 metres, and descend through Errachidia and the Tafilalet massif to the palm grove of Erfoud. At the end of the day the fine-sand dunes of Erg Chebbi appear, next to Merzouga. Night in a riad at the edge of the desert.

↗ Ifrane and the cedars of Azrou

↗ The Camel's Neck pass

↗ Riad Madu

— Breakfast • dinner

🚗 Drive ~7–8 h

🕒 Large luggage stays at the riad in Merzouga; for the night at the camp a small bag with the essentials is enough.

DAY ERG CHEBBI

04 A full day in the desert

A full day in the desert. We drive by 4x4 along one of the tracks of the Paris-Dakar Rally to visit nomadic families, who welcome us with tea, and the oasis where films such as “Sahara” and “Aladdin” were shot. We stop in Khamlia, the village of Gnawa music. After lunch we swap the car for camels and head into the dunes to watch the sunset. The night is spent in a camp: a private air-conditioned tent, dinner, Berber music and a dazzling starry sky.

↗ Tea with nomadic families

↗ Sunset at Erg Chebbi

↗ A night in a private tent

↗ The Desert Palace

— Breakfast • dinner

🚗 4x4 and camels through the desert

🕒 Bring a small bag with the essentials for the night; large luggage stays in the vehicle.

STAGE 4 • DADES • DÍA 5

Dades

DAY DADES

05 From the desert to the Todra Gorge

After sunrise in the dunes we set off for Rissani to see its market, where the desert nomads stock up. We continue to Erfoud and its fossil marble workshop, and carry on through the palm groves of Touroug and Tinjdad to the Todra Gorge: a canyon of towering vertical walls with a river running along its floor, a paradise for climbers. We have lunch there and walk a stretch. In the afternoon we head for the Dades Valley, where we have dinner and spend the night.

📍 Rissani market

📍 Todra Gorge

📍 Riad Gabsi Dades

— Breakfast • dinner

🚗 Drive ~5 h

STAGE 5 • ATLAS • DÍA 6

Atlas

DAY AÏT BEN HADDOU

06 Kasbahs, cinema and the Atlas

After breakfast we travel down the Valley of the Roses and the palm grove of Skoura, where a local guide opens the kasbah of Amerhidil for us. The main stop is the fortified kasbah of Aït Ben Haddou, on the banks of the Ounila river: a World Heritage mud-brick ksar where “Gladiator”, “Babel” and “Aladdin” were filmed. You cross it on foot up to the top. After lunch we cross the High Atlas and descend towards Marrakech. Night in a riad in the medina.

📍 The kasbah of Amerhidil with a local guide

📍 Aït Ben Haddou

📍 Riad Dar Silsila

— Breakfast

🚗 Drive ~6 h

⌚ The Tizi n'Tichka pass has many bends; if you get carsick, sit in the front and keep water to hand.

STAGE 6 • MARRAKECH • DÍAS 7-8

Marrakech

DAY MARRAKECH

07 Marrakech, the red city

A full day in Marrakech with a local guide. In the morning, the great classics: the Bahia Palace, the Ben Youssef Madrasa, the Saadian Tombs, the Koutoubia Mosque and the heart of the city, Jemaa el-Fna square. Then the Majorelle Garden, which Yves Saint Laurent rescued and painted blue. The afternoon is free for the souks — spices, leather, lamps — or to return to the square at sunset, when it fills with stalls, smoke and music. Last night in the riad.

⌆ Jemaa el-Fna square at sunset

⌆ Souks and the spice market

⌆ Riad Dar Silsila

— Breakfast

☞ On foot through the medina

DAY MARRAKECH

08 End of the trip

Breakfast and free time depending on your flight time. At the agreed time, transfer to Marrakech airport. The end of the trip — or the start of the next one, if you stay a few more days in the city. If your flight leaves late, we help you plan the morning: a hammam, one last walk through the souks or a long breakfast on a rooftop overlooking the Koutoubia.

— Breakfast

☞ Airport transfer included

— WHERE YOU WILL SLEEP

Accommodation chosen with *care*.

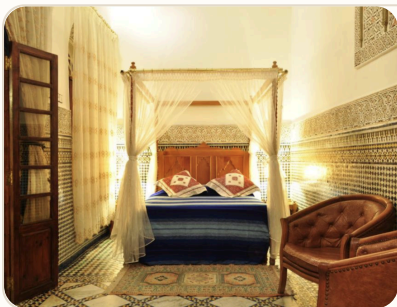


RIF

Riad Tassili

Riad in the medina

A characterful riad inside the blue medina.



FEZ

Riad Sara

Riad in the medina

A quiet base inside the medina of Fez for both nights



SÁHARA

Riad Madu

Riad at the edge of the desert

A base next to Erg Chebbi before heading into the dunes; assigned according to availability.



SÁHARA

The Desert Palace

Camp - Erg Chebbi

Luxury desert camp • Private tents with bathroom in the heart of Erg Chebbi, to experience the desert from within, not in passing.



Final accommodation is subject to availability. If it changes, we will propose an equivalent alternative.

— CLEAR CONDITIONS

What is included and what is *not*.



The trip includes

- ✓ 100% private trip, without sharing the vehicle with other groups.
- ✓ Pick-up at Tangier airport and transfer to Marrakech airport.
- ✓ Private minibus with a Spanish-speaking driver-guide, water, fuel and tolls.
- ✓ 6 nights of accommodation on a half-board basis (Fez, Marrakech and Chefchaouen, breakfast only).
- ✓ 1 night in a private air-conditioned tent in the desert.
- ✓ Dromedary ride (one per person) and Berber music at the camp.
- ✓ Local guides in Fez, Marrakech and the kasbah of Amerhidil.
- ✓ Henna tattoo, Berber dress and a bottle of wine at the camp.



Not included

- ✗ International flights and travel to Tangier
- ✗ Drinks.
- ✗ Lunches.
- ✗ Dinners in Chefchaouen, Fez and Marrakech.
- ✗ Entrance fees to kasbahs, museums and monuments.
- ✗ Travel insurance



International flights and travel to Tangier are not included

PRICE, DATES AND PERSONALISATION

A transparent *price.*

FROM

690 €

per person, in a double room.
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DATES ON REQUEST

Dates	Your choice
Trip style	Grupo reducido
Group size	Máx. 10 viajeros
Status	● Disponible
Dates on request	

Condiciones

Information document with no contractual value. Prices, accommodation and schedules may vary depending on availability and season. The accommodation listed is confirmed at the time of booking. UKIYO designs every route to measure.

WHO DESIGNS THE TRIP

Behind the route, a *person*.



CO-FOUNDER OF UKIYO

Sergio García

Sergio co-founded UKIYO with Víctor and Helena. A backpacker before he was a travel agent, he designs routes with the judgement of someone who has walked them: he knows which early start is worth it, where to stay an extra night and which long drive feels short because of the scenery. UKIYO was born from one non-negotiable principle — to organise only trips its team knows first-hand — and this route through Morocco follows that rule: the blue north, the imperial cities, a real night in the desert and the kasbahs of the Atlas, arranged so that each day ends where it should. He likes what is authentic and mindful, far from the crowds and close to what matters.

“The world is too beautiful not to travel all of it. Morocco, from north to south, is one of the places that proves it best: it all fits into eight days.”

SPECIALISM	LANGUAGES	PROFILE
Designing routes through Morocco	ES	Spain

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“Travelling to Morocco was like opening a door to another world, but the night in the desert was pure magic. Crossing the dunes by dromedary at sunset, watching the sky turn orange and hearing nothing but silence was a feeling I will never forget.”

Berta y Rubén · Marrakech-Merzouga · February

— PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Before you *decide*.

P. Is the trip private or shared?

Private. It is just your group, with your own driver and vehicle, without sharing with other travellers. That lets you set the pace: stop at a viewpoint, spend longer in a medina or leave earlier without depending on anyone.

P. Where does the route start and finish?

It starts in Tangier — we pick you up at the port or the airport — and finishes in Marrakech, with a transfer to the airport on the last day. It is designed for travellers arriving in Morocco from the north who want to head south without retracing their steps.

P. How many hours of driving are there each day?

It depends on the day. Some are short, like the Chefchaouen day, and others are long, like the day to the dunes (about 7 hours). Morocco is big and the route crosses the whole country; that is why you travel in a private vehicle, stopping whenever you need to.

P. What are the nights in the desert like?

There are two nights in the Merzouga area: the first in a riad at the edge of the desert and the second in a camp, in a private air-conditioned tent among the dunes, with dinner, Berber music and dromedaries at sunset.

P. Which meals are included?

Half board (breakfast and dinner) in the desert — the Merzouga riad and the camp — and in the Dades Valley. In Chefchaouen, Fez and Marrakech, breakfast only, so you can choose where to have dinner. Lunches are always extra.

P. Does the price include flights?

No. The price is from €690 per person in a double room and includes the overland route, accommodation and everything listed. Flights and travel to Tangier are extra; if you like, we can help you find them.

P. What documents do I need?

Spanish citizens and those of most EU countries can enter Morocco with a valid passport and no visa for short tourist stays. A minimum validity of six months is recommended. Always check the requirements for your nationality before travelling.

P. When is the best time to go?

Spring (March—May) and autumn (September—November) are the best seasons: mild days and bearable nights in the desert. Summer is very hot in the south and winter makes nights in the Sahara and the Atlas very cold, although the days are still pleasant.

P. Do you visit any World Heritage sites?

Yes. The highlight is the mud-brick ksar of Aït Ben Haddou (whc.unesco.org), a World Heritage site and the setting for “Gladiator” and “Babel”. You also explore the medina of Fez on foot, another UNESCO gem.

P. Are tips expected?

It is customary, not compulsory. A tip for the driver at the end of the trip and for the local guides is appreciated, but it is up to you; in restaurants, rounding up is enough. Carry some cash in dirhams for day-to-day expenses.

LET US START TOGETHER

Morocco is waiting, from north to *south*

Tell us your dates, your pace and what you would like to find. We will review the route with you and prepare a clear, personalised proposal.



See the trip online

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