

*A Ladies Visit
The Kingdom of Morocco
April 20-27, 2022*

*\$8600 per person double occupancy
Limited to 16 Ladies*

Wednesday, April 20:

Depart US for Morocco – flights are not included in this trip cost.

Thursday, April 21:

Arrival at Marrakech Menara Airport.

VIP airport services include being met upon arrival, expedited through passport control and escorted to meet your guide.

Check in at **La Mamounia**, the iconic hotel of Marrakech. Located just inside the ancient city wall with acres of gardens, La Mamounia has been a center of Marrakech since the 1920's.

You will be staying in a deluxe room.

www.mamounia.com/fr/?utm_source=MyBusiness&utm_medium=google

Rest and refresh at your hotel.

Late this afternoon, enjoy an introduction to Marrakech with your guides and drivers.

The Koutoubia Minaret dominates the skyline of Marrakech. The 12th-Century monument is a master class in Moorish architecture.

Early this evening, head to the Djemaa el Fnaa, the main square at the heart of Marrakech's medina. In the late afternoon, food stalls appear next to rows of escargot sellers, snake charmers, musicians and story tellers.

Dinner at the **Villa des Orangers' Moroccan restaurant**. Before dinner, take tour of the courtyards and gardens of Marrakech's stunning Relais & Chateaux inn.

Overnight: La Mamounia – deluxe rooms.



Friday, April 22:

Breakfast at your hotel.

Your guides and drivers are at your disposal today.

Visit the Jardin Majorelle. The garden was a gift to Marrakech from Yves-Saint Laurent. Purchased from the painter Jacques Majorelle, the garden is adorned with Majorelle blue, the color named for him.

Continue to the Yves-Saint Laurent Museum, opened in October 2017. The museum highlights the life work of the designer, his works and his connection to Marrakech.

Continue to **lunch** at **Beldi Country Club**. The club, a favorite retreat for Marrakech residents, also has a lovely arcade of shops and is home to a glassblowing studio producing colorful Moroccan tea glasses and other items. After lunch enjoy time to shop and explore their souks.

After lunch, visit at Dar El Bacha, built for Pacha Thami El Glaoui, who ruled over Marrakesh from 1912 to 1956. Opened to the public in 2015, it is one of the medina's finest examples of Moroccan riad architecture and features exhibitions focused on Moroccan culture.

Visit the opulent Saadien Tombs, the mausoleum of a great dynasty which once ruled North Africa. The site has some of the most eye-popping mosaic work.

Dinner at leisure. We are pleased to make suggestions and reservations.

Overnight: La Mamounia – deluxe rooms.



Saturday, April 23:

Breakfast at your hotel.

Your guides and drivers are at your disposal today.

Take an excursion to seaside **Essaouira** (about 2 ½ hours from Marrakech),

En route, you are likely to see goats climb Argan trees in search of the tree nuts.

Essaouira, a former Portuguese town on the Atlantic Ocean that has become something of an artists'

colony, the enchanting streets of this fortified town were the setting for Orson Welles' 1952 Othello.

Explore the picturesque street of the thuya workers, the oceanside ramparts, and the numerous art galleries and boutiques scattered about.

Lunch at Chalet de la Plage, a classic seafood restaurant located ocean-side.

Stop at a women's Argan cooperative just outside of town. See how Argan oil is traditionally made.

Return to Marrakech at your leisure (2 ½ hours).

Dinner at leisure. We are pleased to make suggestions and reservations.

Overnight: La Mamounia – deluxe rooms.

Sunday, April 24:

Breakfast at your hotel.

Your guides and drivers are at your disposal today.

Visit the architectural Secret Garden, a recently restored complex showcasing Islamic art and architecture. The garden and adjacent buildings date back 400 years. The small café is a nice place to grab a refreshment.

Continue to the grand Mnebhi Palace that now houses the Musée de Marrakech.

Lunch at Terrasse des Epices, a classic rooftop spot in the spice market.

Explore the endless souks of Marrakech. Each trade and specialty clusters together over alleyways and squares. The colorful spice souks lead down the metalworkers clanging away.

On your path, you may want to stop in one of the Argan cooperative shops. Argan oil is gaining notoriety for its cholesterol reducing qualities and use in beauty products.

Dinner at La Mamounia's Le Marocain, their elegant restaurant located in the lush gardens.

Overnight: La Mamounia – deluxe rooms.



Monday, April 25:

Breakfast at your hotel.

Your guides and drivers are at your disposal today.

Take an excursion by 4x4 to the **Desert d'Agafay** – a dry rocky area about 45 minutes from town.

Optional **camel trek** upon arrival. (not included in costs)

Enjoy **lunch in a Berber tent** on the edge of the Desert d'Agafay.

Continue by 4x4 into the High Atlas Mountains (about 90 minutes via the Plateau du Kik).

Head to the Lalla Takerkoust Dam passing through the village of Tfierwine. Climb via winding tarmac road across the **Plateau du Kik**. This area is stunning as you will pass mountain villages with wide open spaces.

You will rejoin the main riad near the village of Moulay Brahim. From there, continue further into the Mountains.

Continue to Asni.

Check in at **Kasbah Tamadot**, Richard Branson's retreat in the High Atlas. Once the home of an Italian antique dealer, Branson's mother discovered the property in the late 90s and began

its transformation to a Virgin collection property. Enjoy the indoor and outdoor pools. The hiking is excellent in the area.

www.virginlimitededition.com/en/kasbah-tamadot

Dinner at Kasbah Tamadot (drinks not included).
Overnight: Kasbah Tamadot.



Tuesday, April 26:

Breakfast at Kasbah Tamadot.

10:00 AM: Enjoy a two-hour walk with a local mountain guide. Stroll ancient pathways, through Berber villages and lush valleys. You may just get an invitation for mint tea!

We would be pleased to make spa reservations.

Lunch and dinner at Kasbah Tamadot (drinks not included).
Overnight: Kasbah Tamadot.

Wednesday, April 27:

Breakfast at Kasbah Tamadot.

You will be escorted to **Marrakech Menara airport** (about one hour) your departing flight.

VIP airport services includes help checking in, being expedited through passport control and use of the VIP lounge while you await your departure.

We will be happy to arrange a pre or post overnight in Casablanca.

Costs: \$8600 per person sharing double / \$2500 Single Supplement
Limited single accommodations available.

Deposit to guarantee space: \$2000 per person and non refundable UNLESS resold if cancelled.

Credit cards accepted with 4% fee added.

Due: Immediately

Final payment due January 15, 2022

All checks made to : Adventures and Cultures, Inc.

Included in your land package:

Four nights accommodations at La Mamounia (with breakfast).

Two nights accommodations at Kasbah Tamadot with breakfast, lunch & dinner included—drinks not included with lunch and dinner or gratuities for food and other services which must be paid by participant at check-out. Spa services must be arranged before arrival.

Dinner at Villa des Orangers' Moroccan restaurant including Moroccan wine & soft drinks (April 21).

Lunch at Beldi Country Club including Moroccan wine & soft drinks. (April 22).

Lunch at Chalet de la Plage including Moroccan wine & soft drinks (April 23).

Lunch at Terrasse des Epices including Moroccan wine & soft drinks. April 24).

Lunch in the Desert d'Agafay including Moroccan wine & soft drinks. (April 25).

Gratuities are included with meals in Marrakech.

Kasbah Tamadot: breakfast, lunch and dinner (drinks not included).

Airport transfers with VIP airport service for Marrakech arrivals (April 21).

Two air-conditioned Mercedes Sprinter minibuses and drivers (April 21-24 for touring and transfers as noted).

Transport to Desert d'Agafay and Kasbah Tamadot by desert-ready 4x4s (April 25).

Transfers from Kasbah Tamadot to Marrakech Menara Airport (April 27).

Departure transfers with VIP airport service for Marrakech departures (April 27).

Excursion to seaside Essaouira (April 23).

Guided walk from Kasbah Tamadot (April 26).

Two expert guides for touring and logistics (April 21-25).

Gratuities included for expert guide and drivers.

Gratuities for portage at check in and check out.

All admissions while touring.

The services of our Marrakech office and 24/7 emergency contact.

Not included:

Drinks with lunch and dinner at Kasbah Tamadot.

Gratuities at Kasbah Tamadot. (may be placed on personal bill and paid at check out with incidentals)

International air transportation.

Arrival and departure transfers not in Marrakech on start / completion dates.
Meals not specifically mentioned as included.

*Please note that your travel dates fall during the Muslim month of **Ramadan**. Ramadan is approximately **April 2- May 1, 2022** (the dates may shift by a day or two). Please note that touring and tourism continue as normal. You'll find that some markets have longer midday breaks. Ramadan evenings are a joyous end to the day of fasting for Muslims!*

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