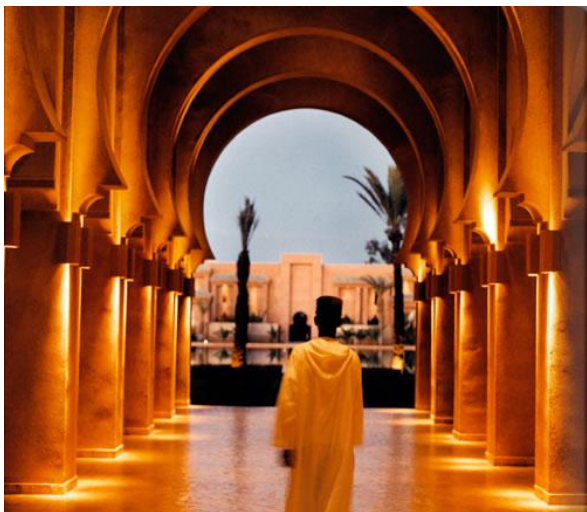


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Day1-3

MARRAKECH



Be met at Marrakech Airport and transfer to the lush Amanjena , where you will be based for the next three nights.

Based in the Pavilion, a free-standing villa with a private garden, the Amanjena stands out for the

privacy it affords- with its sprawling gardens, it's easy to feel like you had the whole place to yourself, even during high season. Once you're relaxed, we'll start the tour of the Djemaa el Fnaa- an icon of Marrakech and from which the centre of all life seems to revolve. Start at the Koutoubia Mosque. You would not want to miss out on the shopping through the labyrinthine souks of Marrakech, ending the evening at the iconic Djemaa el Fnaa, with its Fellini-esque assortment of characters- fire-eaters, story-tellers, snake charmers, water sellers and acrobats.

Day 2

Today, enjoy a full day of shopping through the mazes of Marrakech. Explore art galleries, stores selling caftans, antiques and other items quintessentially Moroccan. Do let us know if you'd like to end the day with a spa session at the

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Les Bains de Marrakech. Your travel advisor at Urbane Nomads would be happy to come up with a shopping list tailored to your interests.

Day 3

Wake up early this morning and transfer to the Atlas Mountains, the fabled mountains of the Berbers spanning Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria.

Calling ourselves 'travel mixologists', we've served up interesting itineraries for you to choose from- all of which are available for tweaking and embellishments whilst keeping the main ingredients. Beautifully-themed journeys for you to choose from and to tweak according to your predilections. We believe there are different ways to 'do' any particular country; taking in different sights, going on different activities and taking the pressure off the typical must-do travel list

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A day trip to the Atlas Mountains- that rocky outcrop which benignly overlook the city of Marrakech and which travellers often gaze so wonderingly at- its snow-covered summits accessible as a day trip from Marrakech. Here you'll find earthen Berber villages with flat, adobe roofs. Explore the local souks(refreshingly local in its demographic and intent and, like the best of local markets around the world, is a good place to witness the social life and daily transactions of the area.



Break for lunch at the Kasbah Tamadot before possibly going on to visit the 12th century

mosque at Tinmal. From this mountain outpost, a Berber warrior tribe conquered Marrakech , planting the seeds for the Almohad dynasty. Moving on to swiftly conquer all of North Africa and Spain, the dynasty with brutality and terror until they were vanquished by another Berber tribe.



Day 4

OUARZAZATE

In a valley at the foot of the Atlas Mountains, Ouarzazate is a popular stopover for travelers en route to the Sahara desert. Its landscape strangely familiar even to those who'd never been to Morocco prior (Ouarzazate being the film capital of Morocco, being the backdrop for Star Wars, Kundun, Lawrence of Arabia and Alexander amongst others), Ouarzazate is forms an ideal base for many worthwhile day trips- from the fortified village of Ait Benhaddou. Situated on a hill along the Ouarzazate River, the village has also served as the site of Orson Welles' Sodom and Gomorrah. Based in the oasis, occupying the former royal hunting grounds of a sultan, your stay in Ouarzazate

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could (should?) include a day trip to the Valley of the Roses. You will be taking in dramatically different landscapes- from torrents of water gushing through the mountains, deep gorges and unyielding valleys, the excursion will be punctuated by a gourmet picnic en route to the Sahara and can be extended to include visits to old castles in the Gorges of Dades.

A 4 hour drive from Marrakech, the pace will be relaxed today as you transfer from Marrakech and relax upon arrival at the magnificent Dar Ahlam, occupying the aforementioned former royal hunting grounds of a sultan. Explore Dar Ahlam's spa facilities and arrange to have dinner in the beautiful gardens of the premises.



Day 5

SAHARA

Today you'll move on to the Sahara, experiencing the Sahara's undulating dunes in ultimate luxury. You'll be driving via the Tazenakht and the Draa Valley towards Zagora, enjoying a picnic lunch en route.

Arriving at camp, you will find that a traditional Berber dinner has been prepared for you. After

dinner enjoy the beauty and magnificence of isolation. The premises having been reserved exclusively for your use, it's easy to feel like you had the entire Sahara to yourself amidst indescribable luxury.

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Day 6

OUARZAZATE

Early morning wake-up to catch the magnificent sunrise over the Sahara. Drive back to Dar Ahlam. Once back at Dar Ahlam, enquire arrange to visit the Valley of the Roses. With a dramatic landscape, you'd have the opportunity to hike in this area. Lunch can be taken en route or in the gardens of Dar Ahlam.



Dinner at Dar Ahlam.

Day7

OUARZAZATE-
MARRAKECH

Depart early morning and drive back to Marrakech today. Today you will be transferring to the Royal Mansour, Marrakech's most elite accommodation, built by the King (Mohamed VI, otherwise affectionately known as M-6) and comprised of a series of opulent, private riads.

Spanning over eight acres, the luxury resort recreates the setting of a historical medina with its own winding alleyways, Andalusian courtyards and beautiful water displays and fountains.



You will be staying in private one bedroom riads. Each riad is uniquely designed and furnished with silks and brocades, ornate tiles, and handcrafted wood and antique furniture featuring open-air courtyards and bedrooms that overlook the private courtyard below; and roof terraces display sun beds and private jacuzzi pool provide stunning views of Marrakech or of the Atlas Mountains.

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Arriving early afternoon, you will begin a city tour of Marrakech. Visit the medieval Medresse ben Youssef (Koranic university) – one of the finest Islamic monuments in North Africa.

Architecture enthusiasts will appreciate the delicate dome of the 12th-century Koubba.

Close to the medresse are two of the most interesting cultural showplaces in Marrakech- the Musee de Marrakech (housed in the sumptuous, 19th-century Mnebhi Palace) and the the Dar Bellarj cultural foundation.



Visit also, the Jardins Marjorelle, a garden once privately owned by Yves Saint Laurent and is so distinguished by its tinge of blue that it's inspired a new colour called 'Marjorelle Blue'. Visit the small, but excellent Islamic Arts Museum in the home of the painter Jacque Marjorelle before

moving on to the opulent Saadien Tombs, the mausoleum of a great dynasty which once ruled North Africa. No one was able to pinpoint the

location of these tombs until the beginning of the 20th century when aerial photographs of the medina revealed its existence.

Wander through the Dar Si Said Museum of traditional crafts housed in a 19th- century palace, and the nearby Maison Tiskiwin, a private collection

of indigenous crafts started by a Swiss collector as well as the ruins of the Ba'dia palace with its 800-year old wooden mimbar (pulpit) from the Koutoubia mosque restored by New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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Day 8

TRANSFER OUT

Airport transfer to Marrakech airport for onward international flight out.

OPTIONS

Chartering a private jet would omit the need for long drives to or from the Sahara encampment and allow you to take more into the itinerary. Please enquire with us with regards to the chartering of a private plane.



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Date	Nts.	Location/Route	Accommodation/ Details	Rooms/Travel Time/Basis
		Name of the airport		type of room plus meals
Day 1		Marrakech	Amanjena 3 nights(Day 1-4),	B
Day 2		Marrakech	Pickup from Casablanca. 2.5 hour land transfer to Marrakech.	
Day 3		High Atlas(day trip)	<p><i>Day 1 Itinerary :</i> Visit of Djemaa el Fnaa and Koutoubia Mosque(early evening tour).</p> <p><i>Day 2 Itinerary :</i> Medersa ben Youssef, Musee de Marrakech, Dar Bellarj Foundation. Majorelle Gardens, Dar Si Said Museum, Badi'a Palace</p> <p><i>Day 3 Itinerary:</i> Day trip to the High Atlas</p>	
Day 4		Transfer from Marrakech to Ouarzazate, approx.. 4 hours		
		Ouarzazate	<p>Dar Ahlam</p> <p>Itinerary is at your discretion as the car and driver is at your disposal. Our suggestion would be:</p> <p><i>Day 5 Itinerary.</i> After the transfer, spend the time relaxing on the</p>	B, L, D

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Day 5

Sahara

grounds of Dar Ahlam. Located in the Skoura Oasis, take in the relaxing surroundings as well as sample the spa facilities(own cost). Have dinner.

**Luxury tent.
(premises have been reserved for you exclusive use)**

B, L, D

Day 6

Ouarzazate

Day 6 Itinerary, 24th February: Breakfast in the gardens. A beautiful drive(4 hrs) in the Tazenakht and Draa Valley towards Zagora. Lunch en route. Traditional Berber dinner prepared for you at the encampment.

Dar Ahlam

B,L,D

Day 7 Itinerary, 25th February: Early morning wake-up to catch the magnificent sunrise over the Sahara. Drive back to Dar Ahlam. Once back at Dar Ahlam, enquire arrange to visit the

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Day 7	Ouarzazate-Marrakech	Valley of the Roses. With a dramatic landscape, you'd have the opportunity to hike in this area. Lunch can be taken en route or in the gardens of Dar Ahlam. Dinner at Dar Ahlam.
Day 8	Transfer out	Transfer back to Marrakech. City tour of Marrakech. Airport transfer to Marrakech airport for onward international flight out.

Total Price: US\$7,231 Price per person on a double occupancy basis(prices approximate only)

Total

Price Includes :

All domestic transfers and tours mentioned. Accommodations and meals specified.

Price excludes:

International flights to Casablanca. All gratuities and tips, tours not mentioned and items of a personal nature.

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Important Notes

Trip Grading/Difficulty:

This itinerary is done at a relaxed pace, with no strenuous or overtly physical activities and is suitable for all ages.

Flights

It is essential that you give us your air schedule at least 60 days prior to departure, so that we may confirm your arrival and departure hotels.

Health

You are strongly advised to contact your own GP or vaccination centre in respect of required vaccinations for Morocco. Check on recommended immunizations as least a month before travel. Among the items you might pack are: sun creams (factor 12 and above), insect repellent, sting relief cream, antiseptic cream, a lightweight hat and sunglasses.

Important Note

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While we endeavor to make the itinerary as accurate as possible, it should be considered an approximate schedule of activities rather than a rigid schedule of events. Trip itineraries are subject to revision due to weather, road and trail conditions, government restrictions and other factors beyond our control.

Booking Conditions:

Booking your tailor-made holiday

A booking is accepted only after we receive the completed signed booking form and/or the non-refundable deposit required. If the booking is made within 60 days of departure, then full payment is required at the time of confirmation except over the Christmas & New Year period when the full itinerary amount must be made at the time of booking. The balance of payment due for your travel arrangements must be paid by you not later than 60 days before departure; otherwise we may treat the booking as cancelled.

Methods of payment

Payments for deposits and final monies for Travel Arrangements may be made by bank transfer or credit card transfer.

Cancellation

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All cancellations must be advised in writing and will take effect the day we receive it. Urbane Nomads refunds all recoverable costs after cancellation, subject to third-party cancellation and refund policies and a USD500 administration and travel planning fee.

In some cases hotels require prepayment in full for hotel rooms and services in the peak period. In such cases these deposits are non refundable.

Travel Insurance

It is a condition of booking the Travel Arrangements that You are adequately insured for the full duration of the your travel arrangements in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment. The choice of insurer is the sole discretion of You. In signing the Booking Form or paying for your holiday You confirm to Us that You either have or will have procured such insurance before the commencement of Your Travel Arrangements.

Further Terms and Conditions apply. In signing the Booking Form or paying the deposit you confirm to Us that you have accepted the booking terms and conditions.