

Byroads
Inspiring Escorted Journeys

Moroccan Mosaic





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18 DAYS

COME ROCK THE KASBAH

 DEPARTS FROM: **CASABLANCA**  MAX GROUP SIZE: **14 PEOPLE**  PHYSICAL LEVEL: **MODERATE**

Steeped in history and mystique, Morocco is a land where time seems to stand still. Embark on this unforgettable journey and discover the bustling old souks of Marrakech, wander the labyrinth that is Fes, travel through the astonishing Atlas Mountains and contrast Tangiers' glittering sea with Saharan sands.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Casablanca's Hassan II Mosque
- Hassan Tower & Mausoleum Rabat
- Cave of Hercules
- Kasbah Museum, Tangiers
- Blue houses of Chefchaouen
- Roman city of Volubilis
- Holy city of Moulay Idriss
- Imperial Meknes
- Tannery and copper souk of Fes
- Sahara Desert and camel trek
- The Draa Valley
- Kasbah-studded Town of N'kob
- UNESCO listed Ait Benhaddou,
- High Atlas Mountains
- Coastal Essaouira
- Jemma el Fna Square, Marrakech
- Saadian Tombs
- Bahia Palace

MEET YOUR HOST



Every Byroads tour is supported by either Steve or Bronny - two experienced travellers with a genuine passion for people. They take care of all the nitty-gritty details to ensure your trip runs smoothly - and you can focus on enjoying the moment.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: CASABLANCA

Arrive at Casablanca Airport and transfer to your hotel. Settle in and meet up with your group in the evening.

DAY 2: CASABLANCA, RABAT AND TANGIERS

Visit the grand Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca then stop by the never-completed Hassan Tower and the royal tombs in Rabat. Walk the colourful streets of the Kasbah des Oudaias. Arrive in Tangiers and look out to the view of the Strait of Gibraltar. (B)

DAY 3: TANGIERS

This morning visit the Cave of Hercules, often considered a symbol of Tangiers. Later discover the many Phoenician artefacts at the Kasbah Museum and be guided through Tangiers' lively medina. Enjoy free time to wander the medina and the city's array of wonderful shops and cafes. (B)

DAYS 4 & 5: CHEFCHAOUEN

Head eastward to the quaint village of Chefchaouen, known for its stunning, blue-washed houses, and settle in for two nights. Explore the town, take photographs, hike the surrounding hills for some stunning views, or just relax, immersed in the magic that is Morocco. (2B)

DAY 6: VOLUBILIS, MOULAY IDRIS AND MEKNES

Continue southward and then stop to traverse the well-preserved ruins of the Roman city of Volubilis, where the archaeological remains of several civilizations are evident. Enjoy a coffee at the holy city of Moulay Idriss, named for the great-grandson of the Prophet Muhammad. Arrive in Imperial Meknes and be guided through the great storerooms of Moulay Ismail, the stunning Dar Jamai Museum and the Bou Inania Madrasa. (B)

DAY 7: SEFROU AND FES

Call in to the virtually untouched town of Sefrou and be guided through its ancient medina and Jewish Quarter. Arrive in Fes and settle in to the traditional riad, home for two nights. Later, delve into the old city and see Funduk Nejjarine, an historic caravanserai and now a museum located in the heart of the medina. (B)

DAY 8: FES

The morning is for admiring the local artisans who create intricate Zellij tile mosaics. Next, soak up one of Morocco's most memorable sights: the celebrated Tanneries and coppersmith's souk of Fes. Here animal hides are treated in vats of lime and urine before being dyed in vivid colours. Enjoy a free afternoon to wander, to shop, and maybe enjoy a hammam. (B)

DAY 9: IFRANE, AZROU AND ER RACHIDA

It's a long drive south today between the Atlas and Anti-Atlas Mountains to Er Rachida. Pass through Ifrane and marvel at its Swiss-style chalets and alpine villas. In the market town of Azrou locals produce Middle Atlas carpets and stone and cedar carvings. Tonight stay in a family-run auberge in Er Rachida. (B,D)

DAY 10: MERZOUGA AND THE SAHARA

En route to Merzouga explore the very old and crumbling Ksar Maadid, noted for its architecture and historical importance. Visit the frontier-like market town of Rissani then check in to accommodation where there's time for a swim before a sunset camel ride over the Saharan dunes. (B,D)

DAY 11: JEBEL OUGNAT AND N'KOB

Take a rarely travelled route through the spectacular region of the Jebel Ognat, an extension of the Anti-Atlas. It is a spectacular region and home to the Ait Atta, who still practice traditional agriculture, growing crops, almonds and dates and tending to goats and sheep. Enjoy a guided tour through the village and palmery of N'Kob before settling in around the Kasbah Hotel's pool. (B,D)

ITINERARY

DAY 12: TAMNOUGALT AND TAMDAKHT

Journey through the lush Draa Valley and discover the impressive 16th century ksar at Tamnougalt which served as a caravan stop along the trans-Saharan trade routes. Enjoy a guided tour before continuing via Ouarzazat to Tamdakht to check in to the fabulous kasbah-style hotel for the next two nights. (B,D)

DAY 13: AIT BENHADDOU AND TAMDAKHT

This morning visit the nearby World Heritage listed Ait Benhaddou. Feel a part of some ancient world or in a blockbuster movie at this staggeringly beautiful site. After lunch Return to Tamdakht to relax, take photos or swim in this magical setting. (BD)

DAY 14: TELOUET AND ESSAOUIRA

Travel is long today, over the High Atlas Mountains. Drive to Telouet and view the Kasbah of Glaoui and then cross over the Tizi 'n Tkchha pass at 2260m, to the charming coastal town of Essaouira. The town was once an important trading seaport, linking Marrakech and sub-Saharan Africa with Europe and the rest of the world. Once checked in, enjoy a delicious dinner at one of the many seafood restaurants in Essaouira. (B)

DAY 15: ESSAOUIRA

Take a guided walk around the old walled medina, an outstanding example of an 18th century fortified town. The rest of the day is yours to relax and wander around this pretty and historic town. Retire to the hotel in the heart of the old medina and enjoy a hammam or spa treatment. (B)

DAY 16: MARRAKECH

After breakfast drive to Marrakech. The afternoon is at leisure. Time to walk to and immerse yourself in the celebrated Jemaa el Fna square and its nearby souks. An optional Moroccan cookery class can be arranged for those interested. (B)

DAY 17: MARRAKECH

Enjoy a half day walking tour of Marrakech and visit the Saadian Tombs, the mausoleum of the ruling Saadian dynasty of the 16th & 17th centuries. Marvel at the architectural masterpiece that is the Bahia Palace and later, be inspired at the superb Photographic Museum. This afternoon search and haggle for the last of your Moroccan souvenirs or grab a taxi to see the Majorelle Garden and the Yves Saint Laurent Museum (optional). (B)

DAY 18: MARRAKECH

Breakfast concludes your tour. Taxis to the airport are available, or Byroads can organise a transfer on request. (B)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

GUIDES

- ✓ Byroads tour host and national and local guides

TRANSPORT

- ✓ Arrival transfer, private minibus

ACCOMMODATION

- ✓ 17 nights (3 to 4-star hotel average)

MEALS

- ✓ 17 breakfasts, 5 dinners

TICKETS

- ✓ Entrance fees to indicated sites



GETTING THERE: FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS

You can book your flights online or via your travel agent. Emirates, Qatar, and Etihad Airlines operate flights to Casablanca through the Gulf.

Your arrival transfer is included in your tour cost – however, your departure transfer is not. But we can organise one upon request.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

We'd love to do it all for you. But there are a few things you'll need to arrange yourself. This includes you:

- Visa
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Departure transfer
- International flights
- Additional meals and drinks
- Cash for tipping kitty
- Optional tours
- Spending of a personal nature
- Laundry

ACCOMMODATION

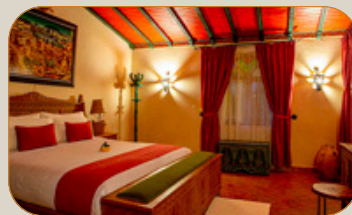
Byroads accommodation is a destination unto itself. We choose our hotels carefully to ensure a seamless transition from your day exploring to a night of relaxation. Think traditional architecture blended with modern comforts – and plenty of views.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



Riad Algila

Step back in time and enjoy this lovingly restored 18th century riad in the heart of Fes medina. With 3 interior courtyards and beautiful rooms, it will make for an unforgettable stay.



Dar Echchaouen

This charming 4 star Moroccan style hotel overlooks Chefchaouen village. It has a swimming pool, an excellent restaurant and gorgeous gardens. Every room is beautifully appointed.



La Kasbah Ellouze

This charming Kasbah-hotel is a true highlight. Tasteful décor characterises this lovely family-run property, which boasts some terrific views and a welcoming pool.

THE FINER DETAILS

DATES AND PRICES

DATE	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
1 October 2024	3995 EUR	890 EUR
*30 September 2025	*4295 EUR	*960 EUR

Due to the volatility of international currencies, trip fees are calculated in EURO. However, you will be charged in Australian dollars. Currency conversion is based on Westpac Banking Corporation's buying rate on your balance due date.

***2025 prices are provisional**

Additional expenses

Tipping is customary, so please allow extra funds for the tipping kitty. This will pay your local and national guides, drivers and porters.

MEALS

Breakfast is included daily. An additional 5 dinners are also included. Elsewhere, you can enjoy the delicious variety of local food on offer. Meals typically cost between 10-15 EUR for lunch and 20-25 EUR for dinner.

DOCUMENTATION

Once we've received your final payment, we'll post you a comprehensive field guide. It's a physical document you can keep handy to inform your travels. It also includes all relevant tour and accommodation information you need to book your visa.

VISAS

Australian and New Zealand passport holders do not require a visa for Morocco.

Other passport holders, please contact Byroads for the latest information.

READY TO PACK YOUR BAGS?

There are two ways to book:

Online
(available 24/7)

Postal booking
form (below)



Got questions? Contact us at travel@byroads.com.au

BYROADS TOUR

BOOKING FORM

Tour name: Start date:

Room type: Twin Double Single Sharing with:

Full name: Date of Birth:

Email: Mobile:

Postal address:

Emergency contact (Name and phone number):

Nationality: Passport No:

Issue date: Expiry date:

Any medical, dietary or other special requests?

Travel insurance provider:

Policy No:

Emergency assistance phone no:

PAYMENT DETAILS

The tour deposit is due at the time of booking. The final balance payment is due 60 days prior to the commencement of the tour. All payments must be made via direct bank deposit to Byroads.

Acc Name: Byroads Pty Ltd

BSB: 034-605

Acc number: 697336

DECLARATION

I have read and I understand all the information in the respective Byroads tour brochure, and agree to abide by the Standard Booking Conditions attached to this booking form. I also confirm that I am fit to travel.

Signature:

Date:

BYROADS TOUR

BOOKING CONDITIONS

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT

A non-refundable deposit of \$750 is payable on all tours. This deposit must be paid to Byroads, and each participating client must complete the Byroads Booking form. You agree to accept these conditions when paying a deposit for your tour and completing the Booking Form. Your Byroads tour booking will only be confirmed once the deposit and completed booking form have been received. These Booking Conditions form the basis of the contract between you and Byroads.

PAYMENT

All payments must be made directly to Byroads by bank transfer.

FINAL BALANCE

The balance of your tour payment is due 60 days prior to the start of your tour. If, for any reason, the balance payment is not received by the due date, Byroads reserves the right to treat such failure to pay the balance as a cancellation and to apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

CANCELLATION BY YOU

If, for any reason, you cancel your tour booking, Byroads shall apply the following cancellation penalties. Charges are per person:

- Cancellation up to and including 60 days prior to departure, forfeiture of the total deposit
- From 59 to 45 days prior to departure, 30% of the tour price shall be retained
- From 44 to 31 days prior to departure, 50% of the tour price shall be retained
- Within 30 days prior to departure, no refund will be made.

In addition to the above charges, cancellation fees may also apply to any domestic airfare component of your tour. No refund will be made after your tour has commenced or in respect of lost or unused tickets, hotel coupons, meals or any other services not utilized.

CANCELLATION BY BYROADS – Prior to Travel

If, for any reason, Byroads is forced to cancel a tour before it commences, Byroads may offer a transfer to an alternate departure, or all monies paid by you in respect of the tour will be refunded, less any unrecoverable costs. Unrecoverable costs may include but are not limited to monies paid to service providers, airlines, transportation companies, travel agencies and hotels associated with your tour.

AMENDMENTS

Up to and including 60 days prior to the departure of your tour, any amendment to a confirmed reservation may incur a fee of \$50 per change per file. From 59 to 30 days prior to departure, any amendment to confirmed travel arrangements may incur a fee of \$100 per change per file. Once documents have been dispatched, any amendment may incur a fee of \$150 per change per file.

TOUR PRICES

Byroads tour prices and provisional tour prices are based on tariffs and prevailing rates of exchange when tours were costed. Prices are subject to change without prior notice. In the event of fluctuations in currency exchange rates, service providers' tariffs, fuel prices or any other cost that affects the price of your tour, Byroads reserves the right to adjust tour prices at any time up to the day of departure.

TOUR OPERATION

Although Byroads will endeavour to ensure that tours are operated as advertised, an express condition of making a reservation is the acceptance by you that the tour itineraries, schedules, advertised accommodation, sightseeing and mode of transportation as outlined in the Byroads brochure and/or supplied in the pre-departure information are subject to change without prior notice.

Unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, epidemic, pandemic, adverse weather conditions, floods, earthquakes, airline flight rescheduling, technical faults with transportation and road conditions may also have a consequential effect on the tour's content. Any decision made in respect of tour services provided by Byroads to reroute or amend the itinerary due to the above or similar circumstances shall be at the sole discretion of Byroads. Byroads shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events that affect the schedule and content of your tour.

If Byroads is forced to cancel your travel arrangements after your trip has commenced due to reasons outside of its control, it will provide you with a refund of recoverable third-party costs only.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Byroads operate soft adventure tours. All participants must have a reasonable degree of physical fitness and be healthy. Before travelling with Byroads, you must familiarise yourself with any health requirements applicable to the areas you will be travelling. This includes obtaining any compulsory vaccinations or medical tests that may be required for entry into your country of travel.

You are responsible for having the correct entry and exit documents for your visiting countries. Byroads will assist in providing up-to-date information but is not responsible for any changes that may be made by governments.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

You acknowledge that the nature of the tour is adventurous and that participation involves a degree of personal risk. You will be visiting places where the political, cultural and geographical attributes can present dangers and physical challenges greater than those present in our daily lives. We use information from foreign government departments and reports from our own contacts in assessing whether the itinerary should operate. However, you must acquaint yourself with all relevant travel information and your itinerary. You acknowledge that your decision to travel is made considering this information, and you accept that you are aware of the personal risks attendant upon such travel.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Ensure your passport has a minimum of six months validity remaining, as this is an entry requirement in many countries. Upon booking, visa requirements will be advised once Byroads has received your passport details. Visas are required for a number of our tours, and it is your responsibility to obtain them.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

The cost of your Byroads tour does not include international airfares, airport departure taxes, unspecified meals, optional sightseeing, additional transfers, gratuities for hotel staff, guides and tour leaders, items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, etc. or any other incidental expenses.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is an express condition of travelling with Byroads that you have comprehensive travel insurance to cover you for the duration of your tour. This should include full cover for any medical expenses and repatriation if required. It is highly recommended that you take out travel insurance when you pay the deposit to guard against any unforeseen circumstances that can lead to your need to cancel your tour. If you rely on complimentary travel insurance offered through your credit card company or bank, you should ensure that it is suitable for your tour. Some of the policies offered by these institutions may not offer adequate coverage. You must provide the policy number, insurance supplier details and emergency contact number to Byroads before your documents are issued.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

We contract with a network of companies, government agencies and individuals to assist in the running of our tours as agent for these third parties. We are not responsible for the acts and omissions of these third parties. To the fullest extent permitted by law:

(i) Any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a tour, or any breach of the Booking Conditions, is excluded;

(ii) You release Byroads and its officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of, or in connection with, your participation in a tour;

(iii) Any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these Booking Conditions (Implied Warranty) is excluded.

To the extent an Implied Warranty cannot be excluded, our liability in respect of the Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (a) the provision of a similar tour to an equivalent value or (b) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

Any claim by you is excluded to the extent that it is for indirect or consequential loss, loss of profits or economic loss (however it arises) or for indirect, special, punitive or exemplary damages.

APPLICABLE LAW

The laws of Victoria, Australia, govern these Booking Conditions to the fullest extent allowable. Any disputes in connection with a tour or these Booking Conditions must be initiated in the courts of Victoria.