Tour Program (2)

 **Family Tour Morocco 13D.12N**

### Day 1 - Welcome to Morocco

### Arrive at Marrakech airport where your driver will meet you and take you straight to Villa Dinari located 20mins drive from Marrakech Medina. This is a fantastic place away from the hassle and bustle of the central Marrakech. Plan an evening visit to Marrakech Medina to see the main square at night where you can wander amongst the snake charmers, storytellers and souks before sitting a top a rooftop bar with a chilled glass of wine and freshly squeezed orange juice for the children, watching the action unfold beneath you. Children can enjoy the sleepover in the exotic tents (rooms are also available) and everyone can relax by the pool. For families with older children or couples we’d recommend being right in the center of Marrakech in one of the beautiful riads.Day 2&3 - Explore Marrakech

Spend the days enjoying everything Marrakech has to offer. Take an early morning visit to the Majorelle gardens before it gets too hot and all the bus loads of tourists arrive. Visit the various mosques and historical sites, have a lunch at the Jemaa el Fna and return to Villa Dinari for a lazy afternoon. For the adventurers we can arrange a day’s mules trek in the Atlas Mountains complete with lunch in one of the Berber Villages.

### Day 4 - Start the desert trip

### You will leave Marrakech early and within 30 minutes be winding your way up the Atlas Mountains to the Tizni-Tichna pass and the gateway to the desert south. A good lunch-time stop is the World Heritage site of Ait Ben Haddou a rock fortress and village carved into the mountains. In the afternoon you head south to the quiet town of Agdz for the night. Kasbah Azul is a perfect place to unwind after the travelling. The distance to Ait Ben Haddou is around 3 hours, you will stop there for about 2 hours and then there is another 1-2 hour drive to Agdz. The distances are not large and the scenery spectacular.Day 5 - Sleeping in the dunesFrom Agdz, you travel south along the Draa valley, famous for its oases and pottery until you reach the end of the road at M’hamid. From here it is 4×4’s (and camels) only and you have an hour or so to reach the desert camp in the massive dunes of Chiggaga. You will be assigned sleeping quarters, maybe climb a dune to watch the sunset or try sand boarding – it’s a heart pumping workout and amazing fun. Then settle to watch your nomad hosts prepare dinner and entertain you while you eat. Then to bed under the stars. The drive on this day will take around 4-5 hours. You will of course stop en-route for lunch.

### Day 6 - Fossil hunt

The next morning it is worth waking early for a short camel trek to watch the sunrise and then a leisurely breakfast. Once packed up it is a gentle day’s travelling across the desert and Iriqi dry lake bed to exit the desert at Foum Zguid, where you pick up the road again. On the way the guide will organise a fossil hunt for you. It is possible to push on to Taroudant and have an extra night there but a gentler pace is to stop at Foum Zguid and enjoy the last of the desert scenery. You will stay in Bab Rimal and so have a chance for a swim and a proper clean up.

### Day 7 - Carpet purchase

Today you have around 4 hours driving along the southern flank of the Atlas Mountains. You pass through first Tazenacht which is the centre of the Berber rug making industry so a good shopping point if luggage allowances permit. You also pass the main area for growing Saffron, more expensive by weight than gold and it can be possible to visit one of the farms up in the valleys. You finish for the night in Taroudant, one of the prettiest towns in the south, and you should have a chance for a quick tour before heading to Dar Zitoune for the night.

### Day 8-12 - Sea & Sun

Travel from Taroudant up the winding roads to Essaouira to relax, with a 5 nights stay on the coast. You can stay in one of the riads in the centre of Essaouira or somewhere like Rebali Riads on the beach some 20 minutes to the south of town.  There is loads to do in Essaouira: camel trekking or quad-biking on the massive beaches, loads of watersports and the town itself has fabulous souks and loads of places to eat. You have now seen a big slice of Morocco and Moroccan life and will feel very at home in Essaouira.  The trip then finishes with the transfer back to Marrakech airport

**Day 13: Departure**

Today marks the end of your Magical Morocco Vacation. You take home a big smile and a lifetime of memories that much is certain! You will be transferred back to the Marrakech  airport to board your flight.

*End of your tour to Morocco*