

Morocco

Textiles Arts&Crafts Desertscapes

April 25 – May 8, 2023

With Optional Essaouira or Atlas Mountains

“To visit Morocco is still like turning the pages of some illuminated Persian manuscript all embroidered with bright shapes and subtle lines.” – Edith Wharton





Experience a place where mystique and enchantment are always waiting around the next corner

Stunning landscapes, beautiful architecture, and unique lifestyles are a given in this endlessly fascinating country. In addition, journey deep into a magical land of shifting sands where centuries of history have created a passionate crafts culture.

“Having a lovely time in Morocco – especially experiences off the beaten track . . . spectacular! Thank you, Dana, for introducing me to this trip.” – Susan Brown, Houston. Trip report – [click](#).

“In one word, amazing. Shila provided me an opportunity to experience the treasure that is Morocco: colors, the food, history, people, handicrafts, markets, accommodations. I was witness to a wide range of Moroccan life from the hustle and bustle of Casablanca to a man plowing a field behind a donkey. Your choice of Hicham as a guide was a true asset. Thank you, Shila, for giving me memories for a lifetime”—Cindy Broughton, NM

Highlights

14 days immersion in Morocco

- 8 UNESCO sites
- Intimate exploration of Morocco’s royal walled cities
- Luxury accommodations in 4-5* heritage riads
- Sahara luxury camp stay
- Four hands-on textile workshops with women socio-preneurs including Berber natural dyeing demo and workshop
- Zellige and arts and crafts demos
- YSL Majorelle Gardens and Berber Jewellery Museum
- Medina tours with expert guides
- Lecture by professor of Women Studies, Univ. of Meknes
- Route of 1000 Kasbahs
- Jemaa el Fna, Marrakech





Your destination awaits

From the rugged, breathtaking face of the Atlas Mountains to the shifting golden dunes of the Sahara, Morocco is a place of unparalleled natural beauty.

Not to be outdone, Morocco's craftspeople instil their work with the rich palette and texture of their surroundings. E.Y.H.O. will take you into the homes and workshops of Morocco's many talented artisans to learn of their sense of design, shape, form, colour, and texture. You'll have a chance to work alongside masters of their craft while exchanging stories of your own craft.

We will also visit medinas, mosques, and villages carved from rock. We will experience a night under the stars in deluxe Berber tents and wander lush palmyra gardens.

This trip is a veritable "best of" this kaleidoscopic country.

What I love about this itinerary

What's not to love about this veritable jewel box of a country? Treasures abound, from fabled royal cities, charming mountain towns, the Sahara, Atlas Mountains, and the exotic chic that is Marrakech. We will explore it all. If that isn't enough, we will go deeper by camping with Berbers in the desert, and meeting artisans who craft exquisitely with their hands and hearts. We will work alongside women who have newly found their voice and vocation. Few attempt the scope of this itinerary, and even fewer do it well. With options for branching out later according to your desire, this trip promises to make your "best-ever" list.

~ Shila

"Morocco with E.Y.H.O was the dream trip of a lifetime, a beautiful combination of adventure and cultural appreciation, thoughtfully and thoroughly conceived". – Jessica Bradley, Montreal

14 days (13 nights)

- 1 night Tangier
 - 2 nights Chefchaouen
 - 3 nights Fes
 - 1 night Erfoud
 - 1 night Sahara – Merzouga
 - 1 night Todra Gorge
 - 1 night Ouarzazate
 - 3 nights Marrakech
- Tour begins Tangier. Escorted Casablanca-Tangier train transfer \$
- Tour ends Marrakech. Transfer back to Casablanca or Tangier \$

Our 2022 tour participants speak....

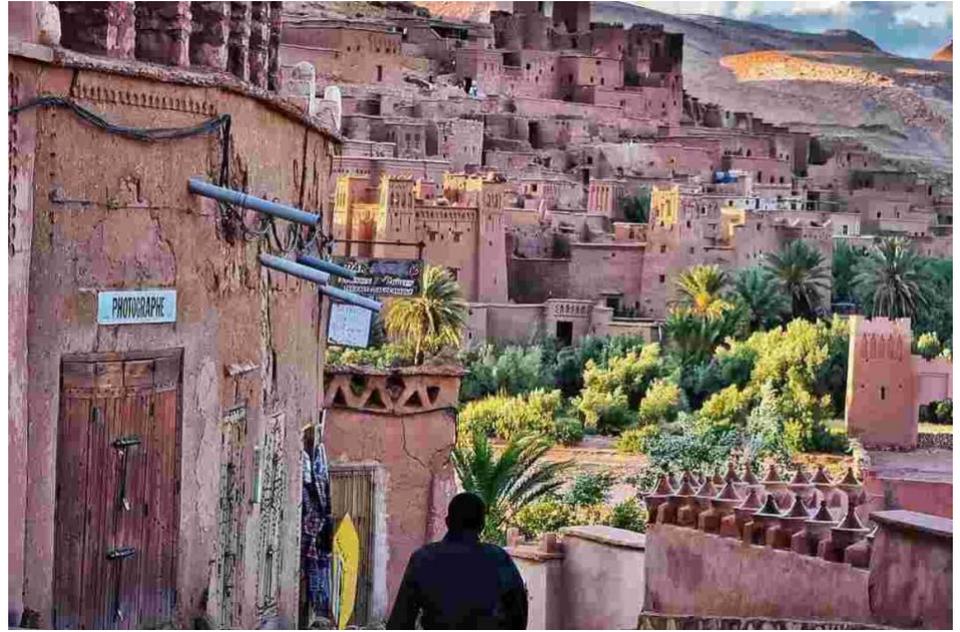
"Shila, our fearless leader, you are a dream tour organiser, always attentive and always wanting us to have the best memories. Big thanks for an unforgettable adventure. Your spirit of generosity, infectious love of travel, and curiosity are an inspiration"– Jessica Bradley, Montreal

"We wanted to tell you again how much we enjoyed our recent tour of Morocco with you and E.Y.H.O. Tours. The itinerary was fascinating, accommodations top-notch, and organization flawless – quite an achievement given the challenges of travelling these days.

Hicham, was exceptional, could always be counted on to make our experiences of Morocco more remarkable. Not to mention cinematographic skills during our camel trek!

Driver, Sliman was also terrific – reliable, punctual; we always felt safe when he was behind the wheel, whether in rush-hour traffic in downtown Casablanca or on twisting mountain roads in the High Atlas. Simply put, we had a great time." Mary & Scott Gibson, Toronto

"An all-encompassing tour of Morocco with the best team I've ever experienced. Hicham felt like a dear friend by the end of the tour." Becky Sharp Dean, Nashville, TN



Costs and inclusions

What's included

- hosted by E.Y.H.O Tours owner, Shila Desai
- expert English-speaking destination guide
- monument guides at Volubilis, Fes, Marrakech
- air-conditioned ground transport
- accommodation in riads (boutique heritage 4-5*)
- all activities and entrance fees
- Berber weaving workshop with lunch
- Berber natural dyeing workshop with lunch
- Needle-button making workshop with lunch
- Moroccan embroidery workshop
- Zellige and arts and crafts demos
- All breakfasts and daily lunch or dinner
- local taxes and fees

What's not

- International airfare
- Tipping guides, drivers, meals, personal spending
- Travel insurance

Minimum 10 / Maximum 16



Spring 2023	Double occ.pp Min 10-11 pax	Double occ.pp 12-16 pax	Single supplement
Cost per person USD	\$ 4550	\$ 4280	\$ 970

Casablanca-Tangier escorted high-speed first-class train: \$ 55
Extra nights and airport transfers Casa and Tangiers, please enquire.

Registration with USD 800 deposit

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Accommodations

A sample of 4-5* accommodations selected for location, comfort, ambiance, superior service, and cultural relevance



Riad Myra, Fes

Located in the heart of the medina, this exquisitely appointed palace is renowned for its interpretation of Fes cuisine. Meals are served in the inner courtyard in the traditional style. Steps from shops and the buzz of Fes markets.



Riad Palais Sebban, Marrakech

One of the most beautiful riads in the heart of the medina has been meticulously restored to former magnificence as the residence of the *caïd* Sebban. Ideal location from Jamaâ el Fna and souks, with rooftop terrace, views of the Medina, patios, plunge pool, fountains, and on-site spa.



Jamais Madu Luxury Berber Tented Camp

From atop a camel, arrive at a very special place in the desert. Live like a Berber royal in this tented camp with plentiful hot water, fine dining in Moroccan tents with floors covered by Berber rugs. As darkness falls, dance to the beat of ancient Berber drumming under a sprangled milky way.



Ksar Ighnda Ait Ben Haddou

In an authentic yet modern setting, this Ksar blends in with its stunning environment. In the village, discover Berber culture, local artisans, and crafts. Spectacular location in the heart of Moroccan desert, next to Ksar Aït Benhaddou UNESCO site



Essaouira 8 – 11 May

Can be combined with Berbers and Atlas Mountains

UNESCO city's dual heritage can be seen in the mighty walls that surround this old Moroccan trade centre. Once a Portuguese fortress, its rusting cannons between the ramparts still point out to sea. Narrow winding streets are filled with the sound of Gnaoua singing, women in white haiks weave their way through the alleys of the old medina, and palm trees cast their shadows across the walls of whitewashed houses. At its heart Essaouira is, and always has been, a Moroccan city.

- 4 days, 3 nights
- 4* riad
- Breakfast daily
- Transportation to and from Essaouira

Day 1 - Marrakech to Essaouira/ stop at Argan oil workshop

Day 2 - Free day in Essaouira/ optional cooking class \$

Day 3 - Free day in Essaouira, farewell dinner

Day 4 - Casablanca departure

USD 680 pp double occ/USD 250 single supplement

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Berbers and Atlas Mountains 8 – 10 May

Can be combined with Essaouira

Travel from Marrakech into the Atlas Mtns to Lake Takerkoust and Berber farms. Descend through oak forests to the Toubkal national park and the Ouirgane Valley. In the afternoon take a walk through the Berber villages and forests. Next day, depart with guide and mule to carry lunch, trek through valley and hills around Ouirgane lake, watched over by highest peak in North Africa, Toubkal (at over 4000m) After a picnic in the afternoon wind your way through fields and past orchards of apples back to your guesthouse. On last day, return to Marrakech via Asni, with its egret nesting site. Transfer to airport for departure. (Casablanca transfer for a fee)

- 3 days, 2 nights
- Lodge style accommodation
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Trekking guide, mule, lunch picnic
- Transfer to and from Ouirgane (extra fee to Casablanca)

USD 650 pp double occ/USD 200 single supplement

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