



Morocco 1 : Casablanca Fez and Marrakech



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Morocco is one of the most popular tourist destinations of the Mediterranean. The four Imperial cities of Morocco: Marrakech, Fez, Rabat and Meknes are the jewels in her crown.

Fez is a perfect example of an oriental city, unchanged since the 12th Century, it's Medina (old town) is the largest in the Arab world.

Famous for the strong blue colour of its ceramics, it is undoubtedly the artistic and intellectual capital of Morocco.

In Marrakech, we drift amongst the charms of the ramparts, the gardens, the souks, stopping to visit the minaret of the Koutoubia, built by the Almohades in the 12th century, and to soak up the unique atmosphere of the Place Djemaa El Fna.

Visitors flock here every night to watch the snake charmers, monkey trainers, storytellers, musicians and other popular artists.

On the outskirts of the town is the Menara, a huge olive garden planted around a central pavilion and a large artificial lake.

The lake, which serves as a reservoir to irrigate the trees, is filled with water brought from the mountains using a hydraulic system designed over 700 years ago.

Another highlight of Marrakech is the Majorelle Garden, a botanic garden designed by the French painter Jacques Majorelle (1886 – 1962) in 1931.

The two key sites to visit in Meknes are the Inaniyya Medersa, and the Bal-Al Mansour gate.

Finally, in Casablanca, the « European » city, we visit the Great Mosque of Hassan II, the largest in Africa.

The forecourt can hold up to 120 000 worshippers, and the prayer room, 25 000.

Built over the sea, the minaret is over 200m tall, making it the tallest religious structure in the world.