

Moroccan Discovery

From £1,799 per person // 14 days



Take an unforgettable trip to another continent (and back) without flying. Let the sights and sounds of Morocco seduce you on this incredible adventure, with stops in France and Spain enroute along with a ferry across the Straits of Gibraltar.

The Essentials

- Travel to Morocco and back on comfortable trains through France and Spain
- Cross the Straits of Gibraltar to Africa
- Explore the medinas of Fez, Rabat and Tangiers
- Experience the sights, smells and sounds of the Djemaa-el-Fna in Marrakech

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations (First Class within Morocco)
- Boat crossing from Spain to Morocco and back
- 13 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Barcelona

Catch the Eurostar from London this morning to Paris Gare du Nord, then transfer to Gare de Lyon on the metro. From here, catch the direct TGV train all the way through France and northern Spain to Barcelona, arriving in the evening. On arrival, make your way to the Barcelo Sants Hotel (or similar), conveniently located above the station.



Day 2 - Barcelona To Algeciras

Enjoy a leisurely start today before catching the high-speed AVE service to Spanish capital Madrid. There's time for lunch in exciting Atocha station, featuring its own indoor rainforest, before continuing your journey south to the coastal town of Algeciras, where you will arrive in the evening. Here, you have an overnight stay at the Globales Reina Cristina (or similar), with tantalising views of Morocco across the Straits of Gibraltar!



Day 3 - Algeciras To Rabat

After breakfast this morning, hop on the ferry across to North Africa. The crossing is only 90 minutes and you'll arrive in Tangiers by lunchtime. You can choose to stop for a spot of lunch here if you would like, before catching your first Moroccan train to capital Rabat. You'll be travelling in First Class in Morocco. On arrival into Rabat, check in at the Riad Dar El Kebira Hotel (or similar) in the heart of the Medina and, once you have settled in, head out to begin your exploration of this bustling city.



Day 4 - Rabat

Spend a full day exploring Morocco's enchanting capital, which doesn't often feature on many tourist trails. The highlight is undoubtedly the walled Medina, where you can haggle for bargains and watch the locals trade. Don't miss the Kasbah of the Udayas, a Berber-era royal fort, surrounded by formal French-designed gardens and overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. If the weather is good, you might also like to spend some time topping up your tan on the centrally located city beach.



Day 5 - Rabat To Marrakech

After a leisurely breakfast in your hotel it's time to leave Rabat. Return to the station and catch a direct train via the famous city of Casablanca, to Marrakech, where you will arrive in the late afternoon. When you pull into the station, make your way to the Riad Karmela Princesse (or similar) for a 3-night stay. Again, we can arrange a driver to meet you at the station if you would prefer.



Days 6 & 7 - Marrakech

The enchanting city of Marrakech is divided into two distinct parts, the medina and the Ville Nouvelle (new town). Central to the medina is the iconic square of Djemaa-el-Fna, where food stalls and spice merchants vie for space with the snake charmers and other street entertainment. TMR RECOMMENDS: Add extra nights in Marrakech so that you have time to visit the Atlas Mountains, where you can take a jeep safari, a camel trek or even stay in a luxury mountain retreat.



Day 8 - Marrakech To Fez

Leave Marrakech in the morning on board another excellent Moroccan train, which takes you through rocky and mountainous landscapes, via the imperial city of Meknes, to Fez, where you arrive in time for dinner. Check in at the fabulous Riad Myra (or similar) for 3 nights and then find an inviting restaurant for dinner. Alternatively, you may just like to relax and unwind in your Riad.



Days 9 & 10 - Fez

Fez's magnificent medina is an experience in itself. Follow the marked trails through the narrow streets or hire a local guide to show you around. Visit the unmissable Tanneries (pictured), where leather-dying techniques have remained unchanged for centuries. After all that sightseeing, have a mint tea on one of the rooftop cafés and admire the city from one of these superb vantage points. We can arrange a day trip to the nearby imperial city of Meknes and the Roman ruins of Volubilis – ask one of the team for details.



Day 11 - Fez To Tangier

The journey to Tangier is very easy, taking around 5 hours and delivering you into the heart of the port of Tangier, where your Moroccan adventure began. Check in once again at the El Minzah Hotel (or similar), for another overnight stay. You have a little more time this afternoon to explore this historic port city, known as the 'gateway to Africa' and famous as a haven for international spies, hence its use in many thrillers on the Big Screen, including three James Bond films.



Day 12 - Tangiers To Cordoba

Transfer to the port this morning and take a boat across the Strait of Gibraltar back to Algeciras. There is plenty of time here to connect with the Spanish Alaria train, which criss-crosses the mountainous topography of southern Andalusia and runs straight into the heart of the beautiful city of Cordoba. When you arrive, head for the Soho Boutique Hotel Cappuchinos (or similar) where you have an overnight stay. You may like to extend your stay in Cordoba so that you have time to see the historic sights of this Andalusian city.



Day 13 - Cordoba To Perpignan

Late morning, take a high-speed AVE train north to the capital, Madrid, where you connect with the convenient TGV service that runs directly into France. The first stop after the French border is Perpignan, where you alight to check into the modern Kyriad Prestige Centre del Mon (or similar). The hotel is right next to the station and perfect for your overnight stay.



Day 14 - Perpignan To London

The final instalment of your adventure involves a direct TGV train that races across France, eating up the miles in very impressive time. You need to transfer between stations in Paris and then your Eurostar delivers you back into London later this evening.

Pricing

From £1,799 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on a mixture of Standard (in Europe) and First Class rail travel (within Morocco) and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.