

6 Days/5 Nights
Daily



HIGHLIGHTS OF NORTHERN MOROCCO TANGIER - CHEFCHAOUEN - FEZ

Get ready for a genuine travel experience by discovering the diverse, vibrant culture of Morocco. This amazing itinerary will tempt your senses with visits to medinas, stunning coastlines, epic mountain ranges, and Roman ruins. In addition, your tour includes stays in captivating Tangier, Europe's gateway to Africa, then onto Chefchaouen, the magical blue tinged village, ending in the visually stunning, walled city of Fez; Morocco's cultural and spiritual capital.

ACCOMMODATIONS

1 Night Tangier | 1 Night Chefchaouen | 3 Nights Fez

INCLUSIONS

- Private Tangier City Tour 3.5 Hours
- Private Meknes, Moulay Idriss, and the Roman City of Volubilis Tour from Fez 7.5 Hours
- Daily Breakfast
- Private Fez Medieval Heritage Driving/Walking Tour 3.5 Hours
- Private Transportation Throughout



Tangier, a Moroccan port on the Strait of Gibraltar, has been a strategic gateway between Africa and Europe since Phoenician times. Its whitewashed hillside medina is home to the Dar el Makhzen, a palace of the sultans that's now a museum of Moroccan artifacts.

Day 1 ARRIVE TANGIER:

After arriving in Tangier, meet your driver for a private transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to rest or explore your surroundings. This evening, with recommendations from your hotel, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Moroccan cuisine combines spices, herbs, and fresh ingredients, including tajine, (a North African stew made with stewed meat and vegetables), and couscous. Although a Muslim country, Morocco produces quality wines that one can order in most restaurants, including their excellent reds.



Private Transfer - Tangier Airport to Tangier Hotel

Duration: 15 min



Tangier - Dar Chams - Standard

1 Nights ★★★★★

Style: Boutique, Traditional *Location:* In the heart of Tangier

Nearby Attractions: Kasbah Museum, Dar el Makhzen Sultanate Palace, American Legation Museum, Tangier City Port

The Dar Chams is very centrally located in the heart of Tangiers and offers guests a exceptional views over Tangier and the bay. It is within walking distance to the souks and features a hammam. Guests will love the traditional Moroccan style offered throughout the property.

Day 2 TANGIER TO CHEFCHAOUEN:

After breakfast, your local guide will meet you at the hotel for a panoramic drive through the city, including the French quarter, the Spanish quarter, and even an American Quarter called "small California". You will pass the horse riding school, the oldest golf course in Africa, The Christian cemetery, even a cat and dog cemetery. The drive will continue up the mountain passing several palaces before arriving at Cap Spartel light house, where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Mediterranean Sea. Then an exhilarating drive along the Atlantic coast where you'll have the opportunity to ride camels. You'll return to the city and have a walking tour to discover the cultural part of Tangier, the old Medina (the famous Kasbah). Your next stop is the former Sultan's Palace (Dar el Makhzen), located at one of the highest points of the city, overlooking the Medina and the Strait of Gibraltar. Afterwards, a stroll through the Medina will give you a good feel for life in the city, both past and present. The tour continues past the Grand Socco and Petit Socco where a number of small hotels had accommodated famous artists and writers such as Matisse, Camille Saint Saens, and Paul Bowles. Following the tour, you'll make the 2 hour drive to the famous blue village of Chefchaouen.

(Breakfast)



Private Tangier City Tour - 3.5 Hours

Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes *Category:* City Tour, Historical *Tour Type:* Car/Bus Tour, Walking Tour

Enjoy a panoramic drive through the various areas of this multi cultural city before walking through the old Medina. Discover the main street in the French quarter and through the Spanish quarter to the American quarter. Continuing up the mountain, the tour goes by seven palaces before driving along the Atlantic coast.



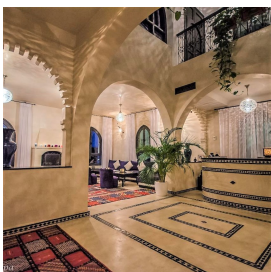
Private Transfer - Tangier to Chefchaouen

Duration: 2 hrs 10 min



Chefchaouen is a city in the Rif Mountains of northwest Morocco. It is known for the striking, blue washed buildings of its old town. Leather and weaving workshops line its steep cobbled lanes. In the shady main square of Place Outa el Hammam is the red walled Kasbah, a 15th century fortress and dungeon, and Chefchaouen Ethnographic Museum. The octagonal minaret of the Great Mosque rises nearby.

Day 2 CHEFCHAOUEN:



Chefchaouen - Lina Ryad and Spa - Suite

1 Nights ★★★★★

Style: Boutique, Luxury, Traditional *Location:* Old Town

Nearby Attractions: Outa El Hammam Square, Kasba, Ras Elma Water Source, Mohammed 5 Square, Khandak Semmar

Surrounded by magnificent cerulean mountains and nestled in the heart of the medina, this luxurious riad enjoys a privileged position in one of Morocco's most unique destinations. Many of the bright and spacious suites enjoy views of the surrounding peaks and the bustling medina. 300 square meter terraces offer spectacular views, making Lina Riad and Spa a haven of tranquility within one of the most peaceful places in the world. Special attention has been paid to the harmonious shapes and colors of the mountains, with dim lights and aquatic scents captivating your every glance.

Day 3 CHEFCHAOUEN TO FEZ:

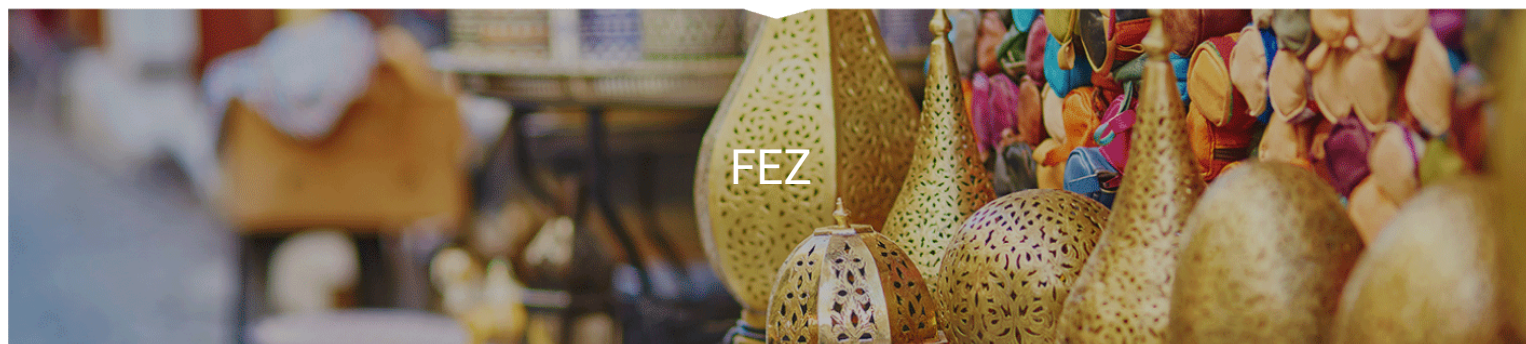
Today is at your leisure to explore the "Blue Pearl" on your own. The northern Rif mountain city of Chefchaouen is incredibly picturesque, with its rich blue buildings. Simply wander the winding streets and alleyways of the medina and you will soon leave the tourist crowds behind. A gentle 20 minute walk up to the Spanish mosque provides a fantastic view over the city. At the bottom of the medina is the shady main square, Outa el Hammam; and nearby, the red walled Kasbah, a 15th century fortress and dungeon. You'll find a range of restaurants and cafes, as well as leather, carpentry, and textile shops. Time permitting, visit one of the Moroccan hammams which are similar to the public Turkish bathhouses. During your visit, your skin and hair will be deeply cleansed and nourished, using only natural products (like clay, rose petals, argan oil). Some hotels will also offer a similar spa treatment. Later in the afternoon, you'll have a private transfer to your hotel in Fez.

(Breakfast)



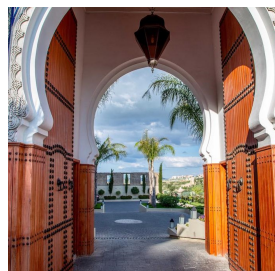
Private Transfer - Chefchouen to Fez

Duration: 3 hrs 30 min



Fes/Fez is a northeastern Moroccan city often referred to as the country's cultural capital. It is primarily known for its Fes El Bali walled medina, with medieval Marinid architecture, vibrant souks and old world atmosphere. The medina is home to religious schools such as the 14th century Bou Inania and Al Attarine, both decorated with elaborate cedar carvings and ornate tile work.

Day 3 FEZ:



Fez - Palais Faraj - Classic Room

3 Nights ★★★★★

Style: Luxury, Traditional Location: Ziat district

Nearby Attractions: Batha Square, Bouanania Madrasa, Bab Bou Jeloud Fes, Karaouiyne Mosque and University

Born out of the mind of Evelyne and Driss Faceh, Palais Faraj expresses the desire to share Fassi immemorial stories and Moroccan lifestyle with the world. This unparalleled and timeless retreat not only provides travelers with exceptional hospitality experiences but also offers a unique privileged access to Fes and its beautiful region. With a most attentive concierge service, Palais Faraj will plan out individually tailor made journeys where your desire is key. Discovering and understanding Fez within a few days is impossible, but for sure every traveler is immediately attracted to this city its ancient culture, unparalleled spiritual heritage and the countless secrets never let the sensitive adventurer go.

Day 4 FEZ:

After breakfast, meet your guide for a private tour of this historical city. You'll learn about the history of Morocco and how people from different origins, religions and cultures settled this region. This cultural visit will begin in the El Jid, the beautifully built Jewish quarter, which stands next to the 14th century Royal Palace. This is the famous Mellah, where you'll admire a fine example of old Spanish Moorish architecture, and the Jewish cemetery with tombs going back to the early history of Fez. You will have access to the recently restored synagogue of Aben Danan, built in the 17th century, and learn about the history of Judaism in this area. The tour continues past Quaraouiyne University; the oldest existing university in the world. Pass through one of the main gates of the city, reaching the lush, historical gardens of Jnan Sbil, replete with eucalyptus, weeping willows, and citrus trees. You'll visit the 19th century Royal Palace. Founded in 1915, it's the oldest museum of Moroccan traditional arts. Then drive along the beautifully restored ramparts before stopping to enjoy the stunning view of the city from the hilltops. Before returning to your hotel, enjoy a stop at a pottery making village, where this ancestral fine craft is still practiced.

(Breakfast)



Private Fez Medieval Heritage Driving/Walking Tour - 3.5 Hours

Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes Category: City Tour, Historical Tour Type: Car/Bus Tour, Walking Tour

Fez El Jedid is a different part of the old city that was built in the 14th century. This cultural visit will begin in the most beautifully built Jewish quarter, which stands next to the 14th century Royal Palace. The exploration continues through one of the main gates of the city to reach the historical gardens of Jnan Sbil and a visit to the 19th century Royal Palace. Continue on a drive along the beautifully restored ramparts before you stop to enjoy the stunning view of the whole city from the hilltops.

Day 5 FEZ:

Meeting your private guide, you'll drive across the Saiss plain to Meknes: a medieval city rebuilt by King Moulay Ismail in the 17th century. On this tour you will visit various monuments, including the El Heri Souani stables; a vast, cathedral like home for the sultan's 12,000 horses. Other attractions include the mausoleum of Moulay Ismail with its harmonious Moorish design, and Bab El Mansour gate, the most beautiful in North Africa, with an amazing arrangement of tile work. At the end of your visit take a walk to El Hdim square and visit its food market and the museum Dar Jamal. Take a break from the tour to stop at a cafe for their famous tea: an infusion of geranium, verbena and mint. In the early afternoon, you'll head north towards the mountains of Zerhoun to visit Moulay Idriss, the holiest town for the Muslims in Morocco, where the first King is buried. After that, you'll have a walking tour of Volubilis, a partly excavated Roman and Berber city, built over two thousand years ago when this part of the country was a Roman province. Their footprints are still visible, as you gaze at one of the most beautiful collections of mosaics, which have remained at the original site since their discovery in the early 20th Century. Late in the afternoon, return to Fez via the village of Zgouta for another view of this scenic countryside.

(Breakfast)



Private Meknes, Moulay Idriss, and the Roman City of Volubilis Tour from Fez 7.5 Hours

Duration: 7 Hours 30 Minutes *Category:* Historical *Tour Type:* Car/Bus Tour

Spend the day exploring the cities of Meknes, Moulay Idriss, and Volubilis. Meknes is one of the several imperial cities of Morocco, Moulay Idriss is the holiest of towns for Muslims, and Volubilis was the Roman capital of Morocco built over 2,000 years ago. Take in the scenery, sites, beautiful landscapes, and learn a little Moroccan history.

Day 6 DEPART FEZ:

After breakfast, meet your driver for a private transfer to the Fez Airport for your return home or on to your next Avanti Destination!

(Breakfast)



Private Transfer - Fez Hotel to Fez Airport

Duration: 25 min

*** Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change*