

MARRAKECH MOROCCO

5 days, 4 nights



Sightseeing in
Marrakech

3 Days in the Desert
& Camel Ride

Traditional
Spa Day

Trip Overview

DESTINATION:

Marrakech, Morocco

DATES:

March 16-20th

BUDGET:

€

ATTENDEES:

5

FLIGHTS & TRANSPORTATION:

- Flights information
- Transportation to/from airport available from Riads

ACCOMODATION:

- 1) March 16th-17th - Riad Elisa & Spa
- 2) Desert March 17th-19th: 100 euros for 3 days
 - Hotel Saghro or similar in Tinghir
 - Layali Camp or similar in Merzouga Desert
- 3) March 19th-20th - Riad Adika & Spa

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Day & Night walking tours in Marrakech
- Dinner with a show
- Historic Sites

- Desert trip through Atlas Mountains, World Heritage Sites, Camel Ride
- Spa & Recovery day in Marrakech at traditional spa

Before We Go

CONNECTION:

- Most European and American phone plans don't cover Morocco
- Sim cards available at the airport, approx. 20eur for 20GB
 - INWI - best deal
 - Do this BEFORE exiting baggage claim

MONEY:

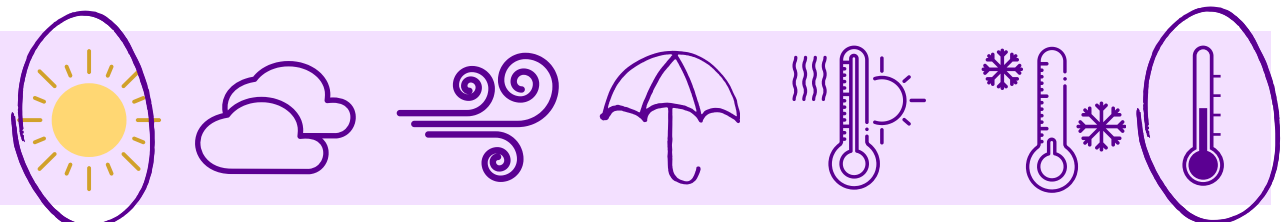
- We will need CASH - most activities are paid in cash, plus the markets, etc
- Wise has a MAD (Moroccan) currency account
 - Let me know if you need a sign up link - benefits us both!
- ATMs can be hard to come by, prepare to exchange in person
- **Hotel Farouk** and **Hotel Ali** are the best places for currency exchange according to locals
- It's illegal to take MAD out of Morocco - must spend it all before
- Download Tricount (great for splitting the bills) to manage expenses

FX RATE:

1 EUR = 11.14 MAD

WEATHER:

High 70,s, Low 50s



Before We Go

CULTURE & LANGUAGE:

- Big tipping culture - you will be expected to tip anyone who helps
- Bring small bills and coins
- Western clothing is accepted, but showing "too much" will cause unwanted attention

IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

- Close toed shoes are a good idea for exploring
 - Weather averages 70F high/50F low in March - bring layers
 - Bottled water for EVERYTHING
 - Buy alcohol at the airport, but most tourist places will have
 - Bring nausea/dizziness prevention pills if you are prone to carsickness as we will do a lot of driving
 - Buy pills with caffeine if possible to avoid drowsiness
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Riad Elisa & Spa

DATES:

March 16-17th

GUESTS:

5

ROOMS:

2 Junior Suites

COST:

€ 281.21, €56.24 pp

WEBSITE:

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/ma/riad-elisa.fr.html>

CONTACT:

**+32 478 37 34 10
info@riad-darsahlia.com**

ADDRESS:

**21 Rue Sidi el Yamani, Marrakesh
40000, Morocco**

NOTES:

- Airport Transportation Confirmed
- Breakfast not included
- 10-minute walk to Desert Trip Pick-Up Point
- In the Medina, 300m from Souk of the Medina
- Spa, Restaurant, & Indoor Swimming Pool

Riad Elisa & Spa



Itinerary

DATE:

Thursday, March 16th

LOCATION:

Marrakech, Morocco

TIME	ACTIVITY	INFORMATION
9:30am	<u>Free Walking Tour Exploring Marrakech</u>	L'Adresse Cafe & Restaurant in Jemaa El Fna Square - Ismael 3hr Tour - Avail Mon at 3h30pm
Lunch		Check Restaurant List or ask guide
2pm	Check-in at Riad opens	
Afternoon	Sightseeing	See Sightseeing List
7:00pm	<u>Free Walking Tour Magic by Night</u>	L'Adresse Cafe & Restaurant in Jemaa El Fna Square, Ends with Rooftop 2hr Tour
9:30pm	Dinner at <u>Le Tanjia</u>	Dinner & Belly Dancing Show



Itinerary

DATE:

Friday, March 17th

LOCATION:

Marrakech to Tinghir

TIME	ACTIVITY	INFORMATION
7:30am	Meet at pick-up point for <u>3-Day Desert Tour</u>	Hôtel Restaurant Café de France
Drive	Tizi-n-Tichka Atlas Pass	
	High Atlas Berber Villages	
	Kasbah Ait Benhaddou	UNESCO World Heritage site of Ait Benhaddou
Lunch	Ait Benhaddou	
	Ouarzazate	Market Visit
	Tinghir	Drive through Roses and Dades Valley
Dinner & Hotel	Tinghir	

Itinerary

DATE:

Saturday, March 18th

LOCATION:

Tinghir to Merzouga

TIME	ACTIVITY	INFORMATION
Breakfast	Tinghir	
Drive	Berber Villages	
Drive	Todra Gorges, Oasis, Tinjdad, Jorf & Erfoud	Beginning of the Saharan oasis of Tafilalet
Hotel	Hotel in Merzouga	We will leave our main luggage at the hotel and pack a smaller bag to go to the desert
Afternoon	Camel Ride	Through Erg Chebbi sand dunes Photo opportunities
Sunset	Dunes	Sandboarding & watching the sunset
Night	Drums & Music	
Dinner & Camp	Camp Layali or similar	

Itinerary

DATE:

Sunday, March 19th

LOCATION:

Merzouga to Marrakech

TIME	ACTIVITY	INFORMATION
Sunrise	Wake up & Breakfast	
Drive	Berber Villages & Ouarzazate	Same route back to Marrakech
7:30pm	Arrival to Marrakech	Drop off at Riad or closest point
7:30-8:00pm	Check-in at Riad Adika & Spa	Possibility to have dinner here and recover Very long driving day
Dinner	Restaurant at Riad Adika	Determine if dinner here or nearby restaurant to reserve



Itinerary

DATE:

Monday, March 20th

LOCATION:

Marrakech

TIME	ACTIVITY	INFORMATION
11:00am	Check-Out	Can leave luggage
12:00	<u>Alphais Spa</u>	Reservation made - Private hammam Hammam 45 min avec gommage et Ghasoul + massage 1h Hammam 45 min avec gommage savon noir, gant et Ghasoul
Lunch	TBD	
Afternoon	Sightseeing	See Sightseeing List
Departure	Airport Shuttle from Riad	Shuttle confirmed from Riad

Sightseeing

LOCATION:

Marrakech

ATTRACTION

INFORMATION

Majorelle Garden

Botanical Gardens - Go EARLY! Tickets online

Bahia Palace

Koutoutbia Mosque

Largest mosque, closed weekends

Jemaa El Fna Square

The Souks

Mellah

Old Jewish neighborhood, better prices than the souks

Badi Palace

Ruins of a palace

Maison Photographie

Riad-turned art gallery with famous rooftop cafe

Dar El Bacha Musuem

Palace museum in Medina. Closed Mondays



Restaurants

Name	Cuisine	Price	Notes
<u>Al Bahriya</u>	Moroccan	\$\$	Fish, Gueliz
Winoo	Moroccan	\$	Gueliz
Chez Ben Driss	Moroccan		Medina
Tajin Darna	Moroccan	\$\$	Medina
Lamine Hadj Mustapha	Authentic Moroccan		Medina, Meat
<u>Dar Marjana</u>	Moroccan	\$\$	
<u>Narwama</u>	Moroccan	\$\$	
<u>Al Fassia</u>	Moroccan	\$\$	
<u>La Trattoria</u>	Italian	\$\$	
<u>Jardins du Lotus</u>	Other Specialties	\$\$\$	
Rotisserie de la paix	Other Specialties	\$\$	Garden/Peacocks
<u>Azar</u>	Moroccan	\$\$\$	
<u>Dar Soukkar</u>		\$\$\$	Show; 19-03h

To-Do:

LOCATION:	Marrakech		
ACTIVITY	COST	BOOKING INFORMATION	✓
Alphais Spa	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Decide treatmentsBook in advance	✓
Walking Tour Confirmation	Free + Tip	Waiting to receive confirmation	✓
Airport Shuttles to Riad Elisa 3/16 Confirmation	22euros	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Request for both groups	✓
Dinner with a show	TBD	To be booked in advance for Thursday, March 16th	✓
Dinner at Riad Adika Sunday, 3/19	20euros pp	Determine food choice and confirm with Riad	✓
Airport Shuttle Monday, 3/20 Confirmation	20euros total	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Waiting for confirmation from Riad	✓
Additional Accommodation	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Group 2 needs extra night	✓
Additional Airport Transfers	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Group 1 - ConfirmedGroup 2 - Not Done	✓



BOOKING CONFIRMATIONS





**Add all of your booking
confirmations here so
they're all in one place!**

