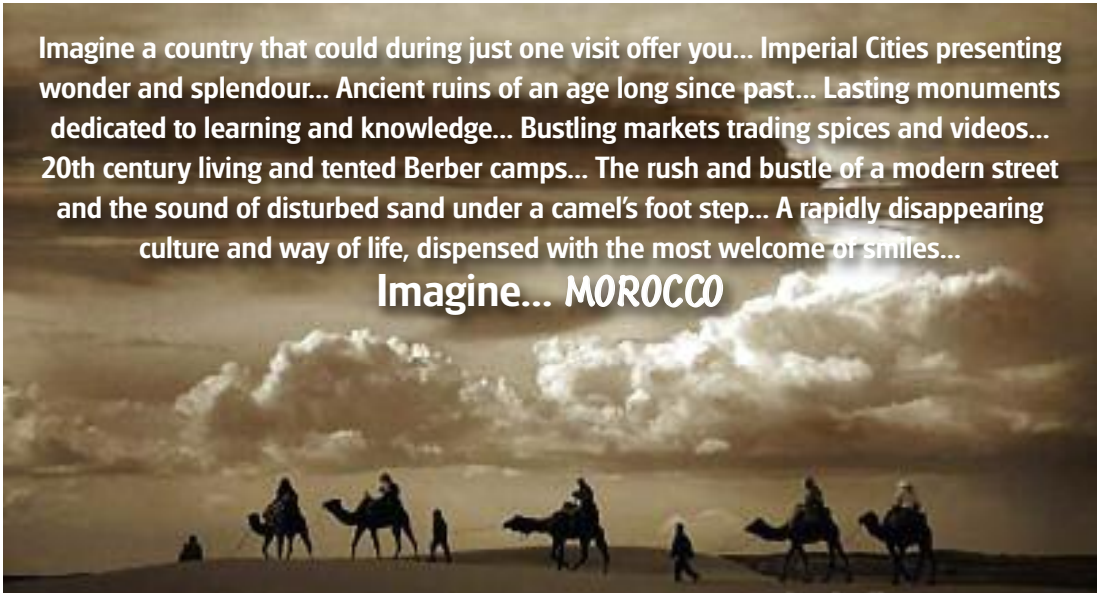


23 night escorted tour of Morocco

Imagine a country that could during just one visit offer you... Imperial Cities presenting wonder and splendour... Ancient ruins of an age long since past... Lasting monuments dedicated to learning and knowledge... Bustling markets trading spices and videos... 20th century living and tented Berber camps... The rush and bustle of a modern street and the sound of disturbed sand under a camel's foot step... A rapidly disappearing culture and way of life, dispensed with the most welcome of smiles...

Imagine... MOROCCO



MOR01 1-24 November 2010

from £2160 for unit plus 2 adults

This tour is suitable for motorhomes, caravans and tent campers

Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 November

Meet up with your fellow adventurers – a chance to relax and get to know your tour leader too. Includes an evening of food and entertainment. Overnight at Malaga Monte Parc (see p77)

Wednesday 3 November

Drive to near Algeciras (85 miles). During the afternoon/evening the Tour Leader will issue vehicle documentation, ferry tickets and conduct a pre-tour weather and information report, including a question and answer session, during which free wine and beer will be served. Good value for money restaurant available too. Should you wish to visit Gibraltar it is only a short distance away by bus or taxi. Overnight on parking at Venta Casa Bernardos restaurant

Thursday 4 November

Early start for short drive to Algeciras Port for high-speed ferry crossing to Ceuta – Spanish city and entry point to North Africa. Brief fuel stop before continuing to the Moroccan border. At the Spanish-Moroccan border our Tour Leader will check and clear all vehicle documents, importation, immigration, customs formalities and arrange money exchange. Overnight at full facility camp site at Martil situated just a short walking distance from the Mediterranean seafront. This campsite has a modern Moroccan-style restaurant and swimming pool (27 miles)

Friday 5 November – Martil to Chefchaouen

Moroccan-style breakfast on site. Drive to Chefchaouen for a two night stay. Moroccan wine tasting on arrival at this camp site set in Riff Mountain woodland with stunning views. This legendary town is packed with places of interest (44 miles)

Sunday 7 November – Moulay-Idriss

Take the spectacular route over the Riff Mountains to Moulay-Idriss (110 miles). Enjoy a campfire evening at this informal wilderness camp site set in a Eucalyptus woodland

Monday 8 November – Meknès

Start the day with a Berber-style breakfast, then enjoy a free guided tour of the Roman ruins at Volubilis. Continue to Meknès (16 miles), where you will stay for two nights on a conveniently located formal campsite, set in this stunning and fabulous Imperial City. There will be ample time to visit the souks, lake, palace and markets. Free entry to museum

Wednesday 10 November – The Great Cedar Forest near Azrou

Drive to this wilderness camp location in the Great Cedar Forest south of Azrou (45 miles) with opportunities to see barbary apes and enjoy a campfire and a Berber-style meal. There is a network of tracks for fantastic walking, cycle or scenery routes

Thursday 11 November – Source Bleu de Meski

Drive to Meski, for a two night stay in an oasis location on the



very edge of the Sahara (160 miles). Your stay here should allow time for a free guided tour of ruined Kasbah, new village and local school. You can also visit the bustling market town of Er-Rachidia. Some of the best local/traditional meals are available at the village café with traditional entertainment by the famous Moroccan musician, Moulard and his band

Saturday 13 November – Erg Chebbi sand dunes

Drive to Erg Chebbi (85 miles) for a two night stay at this Sahara desert location, which is reached via made-up roads, track and off road piste (non-damaging), camping outside an ex-Legion fort. Meals (optional) and entertainment (African desert drums) locally. Camel transport can be arranged for assisted climb to top of 500ft+ dunes for spectacular sunset or sunrise. Overnight Berber style camp on dunes and 4x4 tours around dunes can also be arranged. Ingredients supplied for dune barbecue

Monday 15 November – Todra Gorge

Drive to Tinerhir (122 miles) Overnight at a first class formal campsite with free swimming pool, excellent restaurant and free entertainment. Visit the spectacular Todra Gorge

Tuesday 16 November – Ouarzazate

Drive to Ouarzazate (100 miles). Stay for two nights on a formal camp site just outside the town. There will be ample time to visit a featured Kasbah, the market and eat at some authentic eating houses in the area. Mini-bus tours can be arranged (extra cost) to the nearby Atlas Film Studio and the spectacular ancient Ait-Benhaddou Kasbah. Another free wine tasting.

Thursday 18 November – Marrakech

An early start as possible is needed to cross the High Atlas mountains via the infamous and very spectacular Tizi n Tichka pass. It will be a slow crossing (120 miles). Camping is at a camp site on the Casablanca road, 10k north-west of the city for three nights (two full days) here for visits in and around this wonderful city. Subsidised taxi/minibus between camp site and city centre, city tours and visit to the *Marrakech Fantasia* show

Sunday 21 November – Essaouira

Drive to Essaouira for a two night stay (110 miles). Essaouira is a truly splendid and magical Atlantic town where you can stroll the narrow streets and alleys and visit the many craft shops, markets and restaurants. There is a fabulous beach plus a fishing and shipbuilding harbour
Farewell dinner at top class *Riad-style* restaurant

Tuesday 23 November – Essaouira to Ceuta

The drive along the Atlantic Coast and back to Ceuta is 90% motorway (465 miles). The preferred route is the road to El Jadida and the Atlantic Motorway via Casablanca, Rabat and Larache. Overnight stop is unscheduled and will depend on progress, but should be around the Moulay Bousellham area. Various options are available. Some members may plan for an extended stay in Morocco and travel further south, while others may wish to remain at Essaouira a little while longer. You can of course continue your homeward journey with the tour leader and support vehicle. ALL options and needs can be discussed fully and individually with the tour leader

Wednesday 24 November – Ferry crossing to Algeciras, Spain

Free overnight parking at Casa Bernardos restaurant is available for those who do not wish to drive on after landing in Spain.

Please note that mileages are approximate and indicated to give an idea of the distances between sites.

What's included

- Open return high-speed Algeciras-Ceuta ferry crossing for your unit and passengers – you have the option to continue your stay in Morocco after the tour
- Meals and drinks as specified in the itinerary
- Site fees during the tour, including taxes and electricity (where applicable)
- Service of Tour Leader and support vehicle
- Michelin map of Morocco
- Visits as stated in itinerary
- Extensive pre-tour preparatory guidance and advice, will be available after booking

What's not included

- Expenditures of a personal nature (including fuel, food, tolls and tips)
- Vehicle breakdown and personal insurance. (compulsory) Please see pages 94-97 for insurance available through Europ Assistance and important information on cover for existing medical conditions

Camp sites in Morocco

On this tour you will stay at a variety of camp sites, which range from full facility sites to simple sites with or without hook-ups or washblocks

TOUR ESCORT

Your tour escort will be Ray Monteith-Smith.

Ray and his full-time support team are very experienced tour leaders in Morocco

Please note that this tour is subject to a minimum of 10 units/20 people booking. It is expected to book up very quickly, so we recommend booking early.

Please note that the itinerary needs to be flexible to take into account likely additions to the itinerary, local weather and road conditions

Crossing the Altas mountains

