

Morocco quick May trip

Why quick? For those who only can take a week, but want to get a real feel for the country.

Why May? This is when the festival of Roses is held in the Atlas mountains.

Should you be able have more days, this is the perfect base trip to which one can add a few days and a night in the desert. A very humbling experience.



1st Day in Casablanca

Transfer from Casablanca Mohammed V airport to your hotel. Time permitting, visit of [Hassan II Mosque](#) - Its minaret is the world's tallest at 210 metres (689 ft). Lunch or drinks at “Le petit Rocher”, Corniche Ain Diab.

2nd Day in Marrakech

The journey starts with 3 hours typical train to Marrakech. Taxi to guest house. Relax for rest of afternoon.



3rd Day: High Atlas Mountains

After breakfast, depart by car towards the South crossing many Berber villages through the beautiful landscapes of the Atlas mountains range. Cross the Tizi N'Tichka pass over 2000 m high. And start the descent towards the very different pre saharian scenery of the Southern slopes. We will then drive along the “1000 Kasbahs Valley” and get to the Dades Gorge where we will settle for 2 nights.



4th Day: The roses valley

From Dades, you can visit El Kelaa des Mgouna where the speciality is the growing of the Damascus roses. The perfume PARIS, by Yves Saint Laurent, is made from the extract of these roses.

Shop for rose products such as rose water, body milk and dried petals... Then discover the Todra Gorge with its 300m high cliffs. Back to our auberge in the evening.

5th Day Marrakech

Drive back to Marrakech, via Skoura and Ouarzazate. Upon arrival in the afternoon, settle in our guest house in the old city of Marrakech, time permitting, visit to the Majorelle Gardens. End the day with yet another traditional Friday couscous.

6th Day Marrakech

Morning visit of the 2 main monument symbols of Marrakech: first the Koutoubia Mosque, sister tower to Seville's Giralda, the minaret of which has become the symbol of the city; then behind the ramparts that made Marrakech a fortified city, are the Saadian Tombs. The Mausoleum of the XVIth century dynasty shows through the delicacy of its carved wood ceiling, the great skill of Arabic craftsmen. Afternoon, shopping in the souks. Moroccan dinner.

7th Day Departure

Transfer to Marrakech Menara airport or Casablanca Mohammed V airport (2h30 drive). Departure.