EXOTIC EXPEDITIONS

Experiential journeys for the exploring traveller

CASABLANCA - FES - DADES
MERZOUGA - MARRAKESH



17 - 25 APRIL 2027

OVERVIEW

Discover the wonders of Morocco on this 9-day journey filled with rich history, diverse landscapes, and vibrant culture.
Begin in Casablanca with a visit to the iconic Hassan II Mosque, then travel to Fes, stopping en route at the Roman ruins of Volubilis – Morocco's best-preserved archaeological site. In Fes, get lost in the medieval medina, a UNESCO World Heritage site teeming with artisans, spice markets, and centuries-old architecture. Cross the scenic Middle Atlas Mountains to reach Merzouga, where a camel ride takes you into the heart of the Sahar Desert for an unforgettable night under the stars. Continue to Tinghir and explore the dramatic Todra Gorges and the beautiful Dades Valley. Visit the ancient ksar of Aït Benhaddou, a UNESCO-listed mudbrick fortress featured in many films. End your adventure in Marrakech, where lively souks, majestic palaces, and the buzzing Djemaa el-Fna square offer the perfect finale. This immersive tour blends Morocco's imperial cities, desert magic, and mountain beauty – ideal for travelers seeking a once-in-a-lifetime cultural escape.



ESSENTIAL INFO

Cost: Rs 115000/- per person

Country: Morocco

Start: Casablanca

End: Casablanca

Start Date: 17th April 2027

End Date: 25th April 2027

Duration: 9 Days

Group Size : Min 5 / Max 15

Theme: Culture, Adventure



HIGHLIGHTS



Explore the ancient cities of Marrakesh, Fes and Casablanca



Wander Ancient Roman Ruins in Volubilis



Stay at a luxury camp in the Sahara desert at Merzouga



Drive through the beautiful Atlas mountains and Dades Valley



Explore the UNESCO heritage Fortified Village of Aït Benhaddou



Experience the sheer energy, sights and sounds of Jemaa el-Fna



Day 1 : April 17

CASABLANCA ARRIVAL - WALKING TOUR

Welcome to Morocco and the great city of Casablanca. Once you arrive at Casablanca, you will be transferred to the hotel.
Check in time is 2 p.m.

Day to meet your group leader and fellow travellers, rest and relax. Today, there are no activities scheduled, but time permitting, we can visit the **Villa des Arts** – this gorgeous gallery dates back to the 1930s and holds numerous exhibitions of contemporary Moroccan and international art. Other places to visit in Casablanca include the **Museum of Judaism, Hassan II Mosque** (one of the largest mosques in the world), and **Habous Quarter (New Medina).**
For dinner, we could visit the Corniche (Casablanca's beach promenade with views of the Atlantic).

Overnight in Casablanca.



Day 2 : April 18

CASABLANCA - VOLUBILIS - FES (300 KMS / 5 HRS)

After breakfast, travel to **Fes, often called the spiritual and cultural heart of Morocco**. Drive through the rolling hills and on the way stop at the **Roman ruins of Volubilis.** Volubilis, Morocco's most famous Roman archaeological site, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its remarkably well-preserved ruins, mosaics, and grand Roman architecture. It was once a thriving city on the edge of the Roman Empire and remains one of the most impressive Roman sites in all of North Africa.

Take a **1 hour guided tour of Volubilis** and listen to a local guide explain life in the Roman Empire at this UNESCO World Heritage site. See the Arch of Caracalla, Capitol, Basilica, stunning mosaics (House of Orpheus, House of Dionysus), Decumanus Maximus, and Public Baths.

After lunch, continue to Fes and arrive by late afternoon. Evening free to explore, rest, or try some authentic Moroccan Tagine.

Overnight in Fes.



Day 3 : April 19

FES GUIDED CITY TOUR

Today, you'll discover the city of Fes.

The **spiritual and cultural heart of Morocco – Fes**, is a feast for the senses. **Join an expert local guide** and head into Fes el Bali – arguably the world's most fascinating Old City. The Fès medina is the world's largest living medieval medina and a UNESCO site.
Visit the **Bab Bou Jeloud (Blue Gate), Borj Neffara Viewpoint, Bou Inania Madrasa, and Al-Attarine Madrasa,** built by the Marinid sultan Uthman II Abu Said
After lunch, you'll then explore the **tanneries and the Fondouk Nejjarine – a beautifully restored 18th-century inn** with a courtyard. Stop for a refreshing mint tea at a local café and take in the views of the bustling medina.
Evening free to explore on your own or visit a hamam or go shopping.

Overnight in Fes.



Day 4 : April 20

FEZ - IFRANE - ZIZ VALLEY MERZOUGA (SAHARA) 470 KMS

After breakfast, hit the road again and drive through ever-changing scenery, from barren mountainsides to fertile valleys, on the journey to Merzouga.

Stop for coffee in Ifrane in the Atlas Mountains along the way. Take in the views over **Ziz Valley** and stop for lunch in Midelt – a town in the high plains between the Middle Atlas and High Atlas Mountain ranges.

Reach **Merzouga and check into our desert camp for the night**. In the late afternoon, take a camel ride deep into the dunes to watch the sunset. Learn to tie a turban to keep the desert sun off your face and add a little flair to photos.

This evening, indulge in a traditional dinner, then gather around a campfire under the stars near your camp. Listen to stories about life in this region and listen to some traditional music on the drums.

Overnight in Merzouga Desert Camp.



Day 5 : April 21

MERZOUGA - TODRA GORGE - TINGHIR (200 KMS / 3.5 HRS)

Early this morning and **climb one of the dunes to watch the sunrise over the Sahara.**
After breakfast, take the camel ride for about and hour to reach Merzouga village and later drive to Tinghir stopping at Erfoud or lunch.

Later we **visit Todra gorges – the highest, narrowest gorges in Morocco**. Walk through the Todra Valley, shaded palm groves and local farms – thanks to the abundance of water here, there are orchards of almost every variety! Think apples, pears, plums, apricots, quinces, pomegranates, figs, almonds, and peaches as well as tomatoes, mint, squash, carrots, turnips, beans and grapes. All these plantations belong to locals whom you'll meet along the way, learning how they take care of the land using traditional irrigation techniques.

Evening is free to relax and explore Tinghir town.

Overnight in Tinghir.



Day 6 : April 22

DADES VALLEY - OUARZAZATE AIT BENHADDOU (200 KMS)

Todays **scenic drive from Tinghir winds through Dades Valley**, renowned for its dramatic rock formations, serpentine mountain roads, palm-filled oases, ancient kasbahs, and the striking **“Monkey Fingers” cliffs.** The journey crosses the legendary **“Route of the Thousand Kasbahs,”** where centuries-old fortified villages and earthen towers stand against a backdrop of lush valleys and vast desert plains.

Reaching **Ouarzazate**, often called the gateway to the Sahara, visit the famous **Atlas Film Studios** to explore impressive international movie sets and cinematic backdrops.

After lunch continue onward to **Aït Benhaddou,** where you can wander through the **UNESCO-listed mud-brick ksar** and climb to the hilltop granary for sweeping panoramic views at sunset.

Overnight in Ait Ben Haddou.



Day 7 : April 23

ATLAS MOUNTAINS - TICHKA PASS - MARRAKESH (180 KMS)

After breakfast, head to Marrakesh continuing along the **Atlas Mountains and crossing Tichka Pass, the highest pass in Morocco at 2260 meters.** Stop for photos as you go over the Atlas Mountains and admire the breathtaking views of the Tichka Pass and the Atlas Mountains and Berber villages dotted along the valleys.

Arrive in Marrakesh for lunch and later check into the hotel. Late afternoon, **explore the Medina (Old City),** do shopping in the Souks, or even experience a traditional Hammam.

Evening visit the **Jemaa el-Fna Square**. Jemaa el-Fna is the vibrant, chaotic, and utterly mesmerizing main square in the heart of Marrakesh's old city (Medina). A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it's the city's cultural and social hub—and a must-see for every traveler.

Overnight in Marrakesh.



Day 8 : April 24

MARRAKESH - CASABLANCA

245 KMS / 3 HRS

After breakfast, we explore Marrakesh more, on a guided walking tour, exploring the **Souks and Medina, visiting the Bahia Palace and Saadian Tombs** (Hidden for centuries, these royal tombs showcase stunning marble and zellige tilework from the 16th century).

After lunch, head to Casablanca and arrive by evening.

Evening is free to explore on your own.

Overnight in Casablanca.

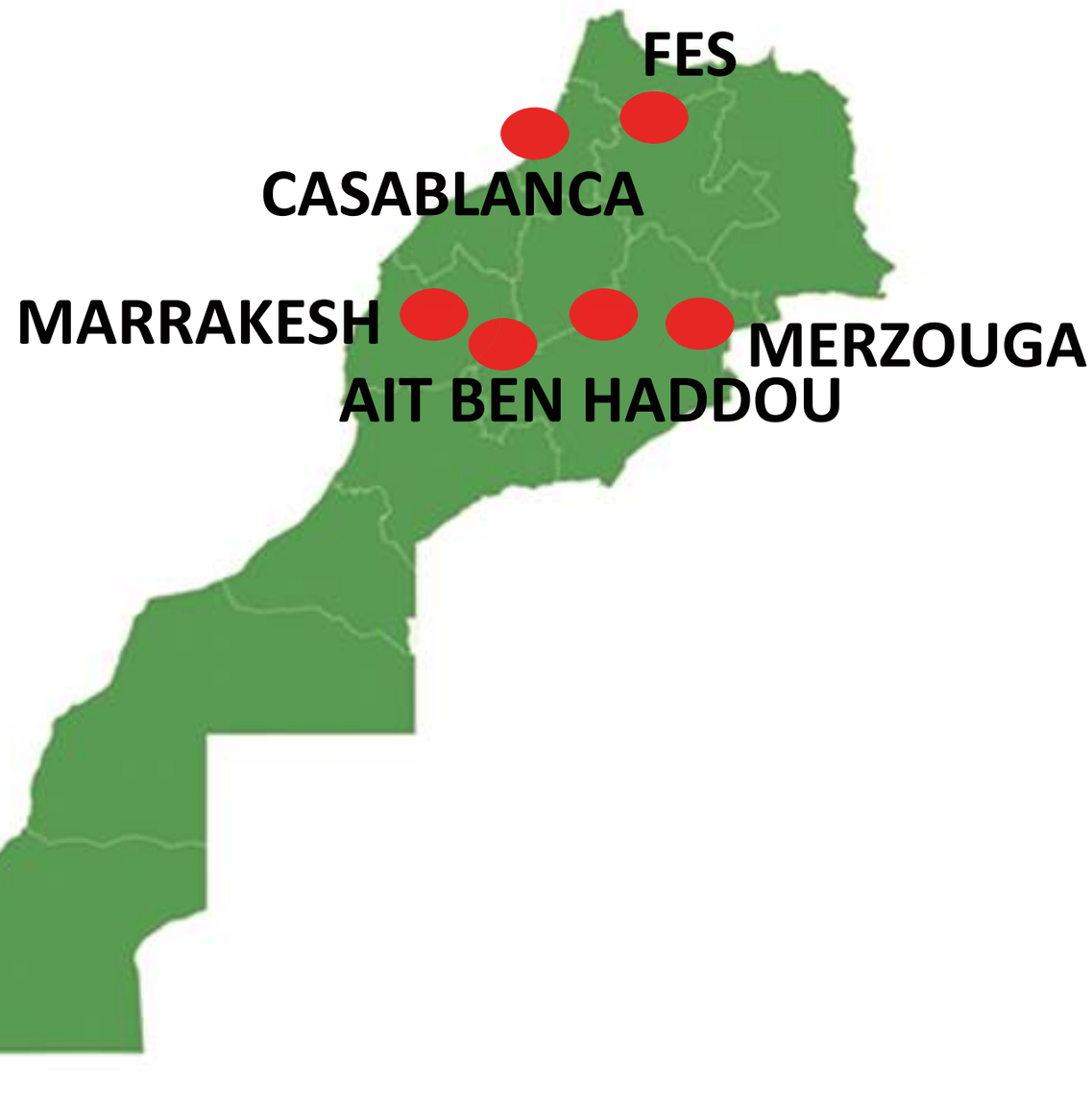


Day 9 : April 25

CASABLANCA DEPARTURE

This day marks the end of our Morocco adventure. Go back with beautiful memories, stories and new friendships that you have made on the journey.

You will be dropped to the airport as per your individual flight timings.



what people say about us

shruthi venkatesh
Local Guide · 18 reviews

★★★★★ a year ago

Arunachal Pradesh, November 2024.
I travelled to Arunachal Pradesh with Santhosh aka Exotic Expedition. One of the best trips filled with exhilarating and fascinating experiences. I usually travel solo and this was my first organized tour experience. Now I would like to explore many such possibilities. EE not covers all the important and famous sites but ensures that you experience the local culture and cuisine. You get to stay in some amazing homes stays and heritage homes. Each day is exciting and the flexibility element makes it more special. The stay, food and the evenings spent with fellow travellers makes the tour memorable and incredible. Each day is well planned and

Tarini Mukherji recommends **Exotic Expeditions**.
18 Dec 2023 ·

I recently embarked on a mesmerizing journey with exotic expeditions to Nagaland, and it wa an adventure like no other. The tour seamlessl blended cultural immersion with breathtaking landscapes, offering an authentic glimpse intc Nagaland's rich heritage.
Santosh navigated us through vibrant local markets, where we indulged in delicious Naga cuisine and interacted with warm, welcoming locals. The highlight was the Hornbill Festival, a kaleidoscope of traditional dances, indigenous crafts, and the vibrant N... See mor

Jaclyn Desouza
Local Guide · 15 reviews · 10 photos

★★★★★ a day ago **New**

I had an absolutely fantastic experience travelling with Exotic Expeditions to Western Arunachal, Nagaland, Ubekistan and Bali. If you're someone who prefers meaningful, offbeat journeys over crowded tourist checklists, Exotic Expeditions truly delivers.

What stood out for me the most was how thoughtfully the itinerary was designed — unique locations, authentic local experiences, and hidden gems I would never have discovered on my own. Every detail from Home-stays in the north east to scenic routes in Bali to interactions with local communities in Ubekistan made the trips feel personal and

XO
2 reviews · 10 photos

★★★★★ 2 years ago

3 trips with them ... Meghalaya, Vietnam & recently Nagaland !
Each one simple , perfect & memorable.
It's about an experience of the lifestyle and culture which is perfectly curated ... More



Sandhya Pulaskar
Local Guide · 40 reviews · 63 photos

★★★★★ a year ago

We booked our Bali trip for 10 days with Exotic Expeditions.
The service and itinerary was designed as per our needs. Hotels and cab was booked by Santosh. The hotels were good, close to the beautiful landscapes, In Ubud, he booked a stay in between rice fields, in Amed, we had a beach front place. Loved all the stays!
The itinerary was off beat and covered some of the best locations. We could not have discovered these hidden gems had we not chosen Exotic Expeditions.
Thanks for making our Bali trip and the overall experience memorable!
Looking forward to visit Ladhak with you guys

Vijay Pravin Iyer
Local Guide · 6 reviews · 26 photos

★★★★★ Edited 7 months ago

Santosh Nair's remarkable endeavor in orchestrating the exotic Nagaland expedition deserves the greatest encomium. Exploring the resplendent locales and immersing ourselves in the vibrant cultural milieu has been nothing short of ... More



100% recommend (82 reviews)

Divya Mehta Suri recommends **Exotic Expeditions**.
29 Jun 2024 ·

Two things aptly define Exotic Expedition - affordable and safe

I did four trips with Santosh so far-Nagaland, Leh Ladakh, Vietnam and Cambodia
Nagaland was on my list for a long time but due to its remote location I was hesitant to attempt it. But he made it memorable for us by adding the interior, non touristy and unexplored locations along with the World famous Hornbill festival in the itinerary.... See more

Devesh Arora
Local Guide · 22 reviews

★★★★★ 6 years ago

First things first, I love solo travelling! I never thought that group travelling can be as much fun as travelling by yourself, I was wrong. First time I traveled with Exotic Expeditions was in late 2016 (to Bhutan), since than I have done 6-7 trips (Bali, Andaman, Vietnam, Cambodia, North-East, Sri Lanka) with Santosh (Yes, he is the guy), and every trip has been an Experience! The places Santosh try to cover in his trips you will not find with any other tour company/guide. If I can try to sum-up travelling with E-E in one line, Exotic Expeditions is for real travelers, and may be for some tourists also, only if you know the difference ;) Cheers - Devesh

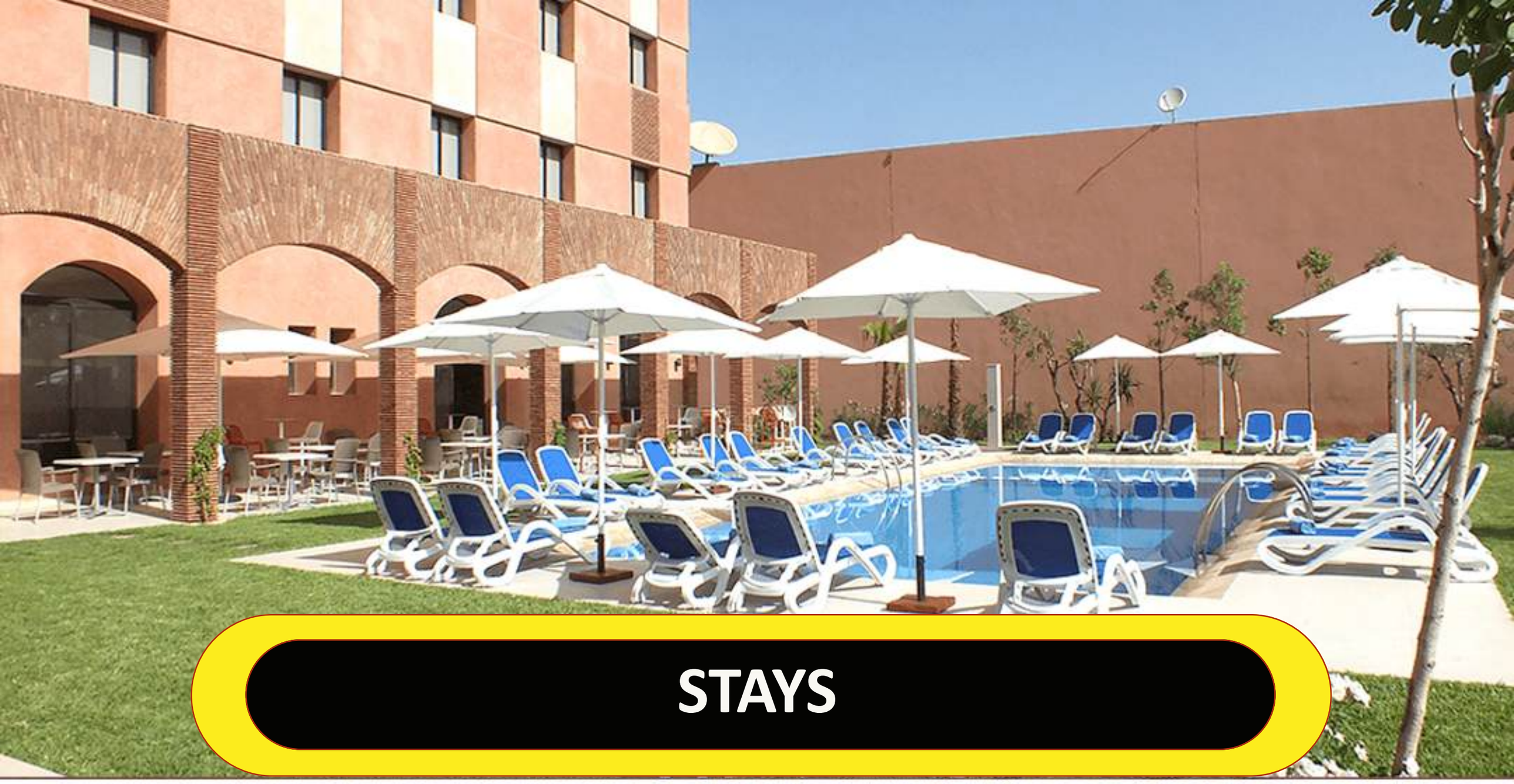
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COST - Rs 115000/- per person

INCLUSIONS

-2 Night stay in Casablanca, 2 Nights stay in Fes, 1 Night stay in Merzouga (Sahara Desert Camp), 1 Night stay in Aït Benhaddou, 1 Night stay in Tingir (Dades Valley) & 1 Night stay in Marrakesh
* Stays in Double / Twin sharing
– Breakfast on all days
– Airport transfers
– Private vehicle for all travel (Day 2 to Day 8)
– All sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary
– Guided Tours
– Service charges
– Taxes



STAYS



CASABLANCA
Relax Hotel Casa Voyaguers

FES
Riad Ouliya

MERZOUGA
Starlit Luxury Camp



TINGHIR
La Vallee Des Kasbahs Chez Ilyaz

AIT BEN HADDOU
La Baraka Auberge

MARRAKESH
Relax Hotel Marrakesh

OR SIMILAR



EXCLUSIONS

– India to Casablanca and back flights (we can advise you on which flights to book)
– Lunch and Dinner
– Any extra excursions and tours other than those mentioned.
– Entry tickets and camera charges at sightseeing points (wherever applicable)
– Activities on Day 1
– VISA (* E-Visa can be made by us if required at cost price)

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