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## Marrakech Express

From \$1,899 per person // 8 days



Enjoy an epic adventure, travelling from London overland to the south of Spain and then across the Straits of Gibraltar to North Africa. Enjoy stops in Barcelona, Tangiers and Moroccan capital Rabat en route to unforgettable Marrakech.

### The Essentials

- Travel to Morocco and back on comfortable trains through France and Spain
- Cross the Straits of Gibraltar to Africa
- Explore the medinas of Fez, Rabat and Tangier
- Experience the sights, smells and sounds of the Djemaa-el-Fna in Marrakech

### Tailor make your holiday

- Add extra nights & destinations
- Choose alternative hotels
- Upgrade all your journeys to First Class
- Let us suggest the most scenic routes

### What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations (First Class within Morocco)
- Boat crossing from Spain to Morocco
- 7 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

## - Suggested Itinerary -



### Day 1 - London To Barcelona

Starting out from London, your adventure will begin with a Eurostar service under the English Channel to Paris. On arrival at the Gare du Nord, you will hop on the metro to Gare de Lyon where a direct high-speed train will take you all the way to Barcelona. You will arrive in the evening and make your way to your accommodation, the Barcelo Sants Hotel (or similar) which is helpfully situated close to the station. If time permits, you might like to spend an extra night here so that you have time to get a closer look at the city.

### Day 2 - Barcelona To Tangier

Your second day begins with another high-speed train, this one taking you to the Spanish capital. In Madrid, you will pick up a direct service to the port town of Algeciras where you will meet the ferry which takes you across the Straits of Gibraltar and into Morocco. When you dock in Tangier, make your way to the luxurious Grand Hotel Villa de France (or similar) where you have an overnight stay. Please let us know if you would like us to arrange a transfer with the hotel in advance, to meet you at the port.

### Day 3 - Tangier To Rabat

Tangier has long been known as the gateway to Africa and you have the morning to explore the city. Alternatively, you might want to relax and enjoy the views from your spectacular accommodation. At lunchtime, you will transfer to the city's station and travel in First Class on a high speed train to Rabat, Morocco's capital, where you have 2-nights at the Riad Dar El Kebira Hotel (or similar). TMR RECOMMENDS: If you would like to extend your stay in Morocco, you can stop for a couple of nights in the exciting city of Fez on your way to Rabat.



### Day 4 - Rabat

Rabat does not feature on many tours, nor is it in all the guide books. As a result, Morocco's seaside capital is that much more enjoyable to explore. For many, the city's highlight is the medina – a walled off, car-free area full of vendors along narrow, winding streets. You can hunt for bargains or watch locals do the same, all whilst taking in the sounds and smells of this old part of the city. You might also want to visit the Kasbah of the Udayas, whose beautiful landscaped gardens overlook the Atlantic. If you have the time, you could also consider taking a short taxi ride from the city centre to the Chellah – an ancient Roman city whose ruins you are able to wander around.



### Day 5 - Rabat To Marrakech

Following breakfast at your hotel, you will take a direct service to Marrakech. You will journey via the fabled city of Casablanca and arrive into Marrakech late in the afternoon. Check in at the Riad Altair (or similar) where you will have a 3-night stay. After you've settled in, it's time to head out and start exploring! Alternatively, you might prefer to relax in the courtyard of your riad with a refreshing fresh mint tea.



### Days 6 & 7 - Marrakech

Like many Moroccan cities, Marrakech has two distinct halves, a medina full of winding alleys and closely-packed buildings, and the new town, or Ville Nouvelle, with wide boulevards and green spaces. Many visitors head directly for the medina and in particular for Djemaa-el-Fna, Marrakech's famous square where snake charmers and street entertainers vie for space with stallholders who offer a mind-boggling array of spices and foods. Make sure you don't miss out!





### **Day 8 - Depart Marrakech**

Leave Marrakech today for your onward journey. We can also arrange rail travel or a flight back to London, or any onward travel you might like to make. TMR RECOMMENDS: Marrakech is close to the majestic Atlas Mountains. Staying for an extra couple of nights would give you time to enjoy some of Morocco's stunning landscape via a jeep safari – or even a camel trek! For further information, speak to one of the team.

## **Pricing**

From \$1,899 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel in Europe and First Class rail in Morocco. It includes seat reservations as necessary as is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.