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# 07 Days Morocco Gastronomical, Wine Tasting & Cultural Tour



- *Thanks to this trip you are going to spoil your palate, traveling through the sens and aromas of Moroccan cuisine and its legendary wines. Discover Casablanca, and its legendary movie spirit, The wineries of both Benslimane & Meknes plains, The imperial Fes and the charming Marrakech*

## ■ Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 | CMN AIRPORT-CASABLANCA  
DAY 2 | CASABLANCA-BENSLIMANE-FES  
DAY 3 | FES  
DAY 4 | FES-VOLUBILIS-MEKNES-RABAT  
DAY 5 | RABAT-MARRAKECH  
DAY 6 | MARRAKECH  
DAY 7 | MARRAKECH-DEPARTURE

## ■ Special activities

Wine Tasting in Benslimane  
Wine Tasting in Meknes Area  
Cooking Class in Marrakech





The Great Mosque Hassan II, This mosque is a religious and cultural space build on nine hectares and can accommodate up to 120,000 faithful during religious ceremonies.

# الدار البيضاء Casablanca

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*I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship*

*Rick Blain  
a charachter in Casablanca Movie*

## DAY 01

CMN-AIRPORT-CASABLANCA

Arrival at Casablanca Airport, welcome by your english speaking guide and transfer by deluxe bus to Casablanca. The rest of day will be at leisure to Enjoy the hotel facilities. Dinner at luxury restaurant. Overnight at the Hotel

### Special activities

Wine Tasting  
in Benslimane



see more annexed hereto

## DAY 02

CASABLANCA-BENSLIMANE-FES

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the "White city" Casablanca with its wide avenues and long stripes. the tour includes the visit of the United Nation Square, Quartier Des Habbous, Mahkama du Pacha (08:30 to 16:30 | closed saturdays and sundays) & The Great Mosque Hassan II (photo stop). Departure to Ouled Thaleb Estate, the wine-making area of Bensliman.

Visit the vineyard plot, the vat room then experience the tasting of their wines and olive oils and enjoy a French lunch. Continue to the spiritual city of Morocco Fes. Check-in,

Dinner in 3 courses menu or Buffet and Overnight at the Hotel



PepperMint tea, a first taste to the legendary Moroccan Hospitality







Fez is famous for its leather goods. The medina is home to three ancient tanneries, the largest and oldest being **The Tannery of Chouara**, which is nearly a thousand years old.

“*A little imagination goes a long way in Fes*”

*Tahir Shah*

# Fes

## DAY 03

### FES

Breakfast at the hotel. The whole day will be devoted to visit the cultural, artistic & spiritual city Fes precisely the Old Medina that has been listed a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1981.

We will start stroll in the “medina” (the medieval city) from The Blue Gate Bab Boujloud then continue walking down through the winding cobblestone narrow street to explore the jealously-guarded secret places that has been restored from ruins (Thanks to UNESCO, the World Bank and



The 7 golden gates that mark the entrance to the Royal Palace are covered with intricate patterns and grace the covers of many Morocco travel books.

the Ministry of Culture) including the Karaouine Mosque (outside view only), the magnificent Nejjarine Fountain and many beautiful constructions.

Enjoy a typical lunch at Moroccan local restaurant. The afternoon you may discover an important part of the Moroccan traditional urban architecture, with an optional Moorish mosaic workshop.

Dinner in 3 courses menu or Buffet and Overnight at the Hotel

### Optional activities

Moorish Mosaic Workshop

see more annexed hereto



Artisan of Bronze work, ancestral heritage and years of practice to provide astonishing products



Founded in the 3rd century B.C. Volubilis became an important outpost of the Roman Empire and was graced with many fine buildings



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**Bab Mansour** ; One of the most impressive and well-preserved gates, This gates was founded by Moulay Ismail, then renewed, decorated, and completed by his son Moulay Abdullah around 1732

# Meknes & Volubilis

## DAY 04

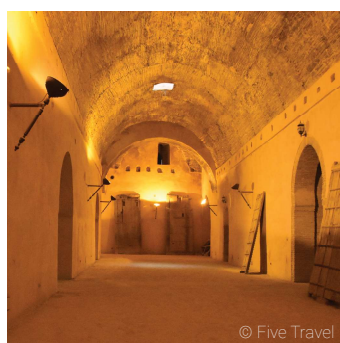
FES - VOLUBILIS - MEKNES - RABAT

Breakfast at the hotel. Take the bus to Volubilis | Roman Ruins (entrance). Bear witness to the grandeur of the former residence of King Juba II.

It was identified by the French archaeologist Charles Tissot in 1874 and it has been listed a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997 for being "an exceptionally well-preserved example of a large Roman colonial town on the fringes of the Empire".

Drive to Meknes "The Moroccan Versailles". Visit Bab Mansour, Old Medina.

Then continue to visit the Zouina Winery. start by a guided



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**Heri Souani | The Royal Stables**  
One of the most prestigious and impressive size buildings in the city of Meknes, dating from the seventeenth century. It use to be the royal granary for the preservation of food,

Technical Visit to discover the wine making stages then enjoy the win-tasting with the goat-cheese (home made) and the local olive oil. lunch at Domaine Zouina. After lunch Go straight to the the administrative capital of Morocco Rabat. Check-in, Dinner in 3 courses menu or Buffet and Overnight at the Hotel

### Special activities

Wine Tasting  
in Meknes

↓ see more annexed hereto







■ The mausoleum houses the tombs of King Mohammed V -his sons, Prince Moulay Abdallah and King Hassan II. Designed by the Vietnamese architect Eric Vo Toan, its construction was completed in 1971 after 10 years of work with 400 of the best craftsmen in the country.

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*The past is buried deep within the ground in Rabat,*

*Raquel Cepeda*

# Rabat

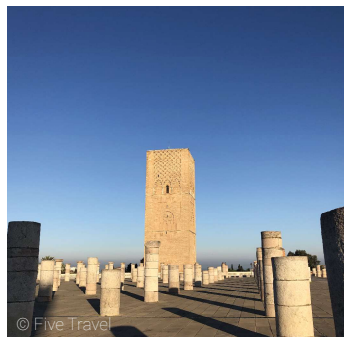
## DAY 05

### RABAT - MARRAKECH

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit "Imperial Garden City" with its main monuments: Hassan Tower, Mausoleum Mohammed V, Kasbah of Oudayas.

You'll also see the ramparts and walls of the Mechouar which surround the Royal Palace. Enjoy seafood lunch. at a local restaurant in Rabat.

Afternoon drive to the "Pearl of the South" red city Marrakech one of the four Imperial Cities of Morocco. Founded by the Almoravids' at the end of the



■ The Hassan Tower, represents the minaret of an unfinished mosque built by Sultan Yacoub El Mansour on the 12th century.



■ The Oudayas Kasbah, served as a base for Moroccan armies set off to conquer Andalusia, led by the Almohad dynasty on the 12th century

11th century and situated at the foothills of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains. Overnight at the Hotel



## DAY 06

### MARRAKECH

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, you are going to discover an interesting aspect of Moroccan culture: its Gastronomy. One of the most famous in the world thanks to its variety of dishes and its subtle mixture of flavors. you will discover the secrets of this art by experiencing the cooking class at Marrakech and

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*Here in these spacious palm groves rising from the desert, the traveller can be sure of perennial sunshine, of every comfort and diversion, and can contemplate with ceaseless satisfaction the stately and snow-clad panoramas of the Atlas Mountains.”*

*Winston Churchill*

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# Marrakech



■ Jemaa El Fna Square,  
Still a must go in world unesco  
heritage list

indulge yourself by cooking your own lunch!!! Bon appétit!

Afternoon Guests will have the pleasure to discover the “Red City” with professional English-speaking guide with its monuments and its old markets (the souks), visit the Koutoubia Mosque (outside view only), Badii Palace (entrance), Bahia Palace (entrance) then enjoy the

unique Jemaa El Fna Square, a hustle & bustle of Berber acrobats, fortune tellers & mischievous monkeys’ performances!!

Your farewell evening will be an enchanting Dinner in Hotel.

Overnight at the Hotel

## DAY 07

### MARRAKECH - DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel. This is the end of a wonderful dream that takes you to Marrakech airport or to Casablanca airport according to your international flight.

**Special activities**  
Moroccan Cuisine  
Cooking Class

↓ see more annexed hereto







The **Ouled Taleb** estate in the Benslimane region, founded in 1926, 50 km north-east of Casablanca, is the oldest wine cellar still in activity in the Kingdom. The estate carried out its first harvest in 1927.

In 1968, Thalvin was created and operated the cellar of the Ouled Thaleb estate on nearly 500 hectares, planted only with noble grape varieties of French origin. The Domaine des Ouled Thaleb understood from its beginnings that the future of Moroccan wine is no longer the wine industry, but in the era of cooperative estates and cellars.

Preferring quality over yield, noble grape varieties, such as Syrah, the estate is a pioneer in the art of viticulture in Morocco.



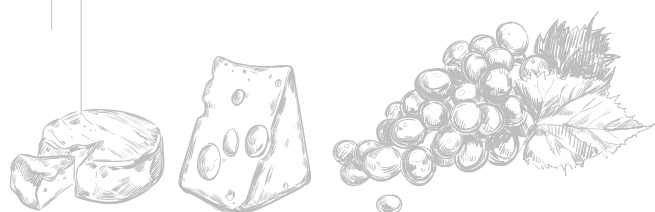
# Benslimane Wineries



The hillside vineyards and the mild temperature of Morocco make the region a privileged wine-growing region.

By combining the experience of oenologists and the quality of the terroir, the estate has been able to expand its range and initiate a real quality policy.

Undoubtedly, the domain of Ouled Thaleb is now one of the flagship domains of Morocco.





source : Basmane restaurant

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*When the stomach gets  
full it tells the head to  
sing*

*Moroccan Proverb*



# Moroccan Cuisine

## Enjoy A Cooking Class



The secret of Moroccan gastronomic art lies in the skilful dosage of a mixture of spices.

Moroccan cuisine is characterized by its variety of dishes mainly from Berber cuisine, with Arab, Jewish and Andalusian influences.

Despite its common features with the cuisines of other North African countries, Moroccan cuisine has retained its originality and unique cultural specificities.

Known for its aromas, spices and the hospitality of its inhabitants, Morocco is increasingly coveted for its cuisine. An art closely linked to the history and customs of the country.

From international rankings to international rankings, Moroccan cuisine has become one of the attractions of the

Kingdom. Many travelers around the world praise the variety of dishes, which come from many backgrounds and various influences.

Moroccan cuisine reflects the history of the country and the different populations who have settled there. The tagine comes from the Berbers; these brought dates, milk, cereals, bread, almonds, fruits and herbs. The Arabs brought spices, dried fruits, nuts and bitter-sweet combinations; the Moors introduced olives, its oil and citrus fruits while the Jews notably shared their preservation techniques such as those of candied lemons or pickles, not to mention the British who, in the eighteenth century, imported the famous tea and the colonists French

who have left behind a culture of cafes, pastries and even wine making. But the two great imprints of Moroccan cuisine in fact remain the Arab and Andalusian influence.

Get the chance to experience our cooking class in Morocco, to share our traditions and culture. This opportunity is an enjoyable participation to discover the Moroccan cuisine and know the secrets of the best Moroccan recipes in an entertaining way.







**Domaine Zouina** stretches over 115 hectares. Cypress and olive trees surround and protect the vines in this ancient land that gives off an unique signature.

The vineyard houses a selection of the best grape varieties: syrah, cabernet sauvignon, tempranillo for red wines; chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, sauvignon gris, viognier and vermentino for white wines; caladoc, mourvèdre and marselan for Rosés.

The material used in the cellar is worthy of the greatest « Châteaux » of Bordeaux: cold storage, sorting tables, process by gravity, vertical presses, concrete tanks of small capacity, where a special care is giveto preserve the integrity of the harvest, to protect its aromas and to prevent oxidation phenomena. In this cellar, the

# Meknes Wineries



traditionnal know-how matches perfectly the french mastery...

The aging of whites wines last 4 months and the red one 15 months. We bottle them at the end of winter. The fermentation and aging of great vintages (Epicuria Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah) take place in barrels made of french oak.

**The Olives trees**  
Planted in the early twentieth century, the 4000 olive trees protect the vineyard from the capricious chergui. The olives are harvested by hand, sorted and crushed within the four hours after the harvest.

The oil produced is of the highest quality: Extra Virgin Volubilia was awarded in 2006 as the world's best olive oil and in 2008 as the best foreign olive oil by Italian guides.





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# Moorish Mosaic Workshop

Also called  
Zellij-Tilework

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Moorish Mosaic, Moroccan Tilework or Zellij. Zellige or Zillij is a typically Moroccan Art Form, which has been gratefully preserved by Families of Moroccan master's form generations back to the 10th century, thanks to their love of work well done, nobility of materials selected, and full mastery of required know-how.

A whole series of stages must be accomplished before handing over the piece to its decorator.

The craftsman unifies the clay paste with his arms and feet, making it less stiff, then the pieces are split into blocks and hardened again under sun light and flattened with a bat. Then, parts of 10x10 cm are obtained and placed under sun light for as

long as it took to fully dry, which corresponded to the first burnt stage.

Afterwards, these pieces are submersed into a coloring, containing a mixture of lead, sand and other oxides that promote the desired color. This mixture is applied together with water, which help the process of dying.

The pieces are then submitted to a firing process in an oven and they are placed in it according to an order: the ones with white surfaces on the bottom (exposed directly to heat) and on the top the green ones (which are more sensitive to the firing process).

An important step of the whole manufacturing process is,

afterwards, when the artisan draws onto the pieces using drawn and cut molds of paper. In the end, all pieces are rearranged according to their shape and color.

The Zellige is used to cover and ornate walls floors as an important element of Arab-Andalusian architecture which has been able to adapt to contemporary styles of decoration while preserving an artisanal manufacturing method.

A workshop, led by masters in traditional Moorish Mosaic, called Zellige, to learn about fes pottery and assemble by yourself the intricate color pieces, for a worthy challenge and a joyful entertaining.





# Hotels Selections...

## in Casablanca

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### LE CASABLANCA HOTEL

Located in one of the residential and green areas of the city of Casablanca, 5 minutes from the business center, the corniche and the royal golf course, Casablanca Hotel is the essence of this destination.

With an uncluttered architecture reminiscent of the beautiful Art Deco period, and an exceptional garden planted in the city center, it asserts its imprint of an Urbain Resort with .....

[www.lecasablanca-hotel.com](http://www.lecasablanca-hotel.com)



### SOFITEL LA TOUR BLANCHE

With a contemporary, luxurious interior and oriental touches, Sofitel Casablanca has 141 rooms and 30 panoramic suites.

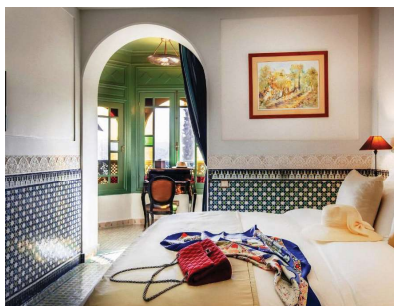
restaurant and spa with indoor swimming pool will create a unique indulgent experience.

The elegant bar highlights mixology and the brasserie, exclusive Moroccan-Lebanese

The 24-storey hotel is the second largest building in....

[www.all.accor.com](http://www.all.accor.com)

## in Fes



### PALAIS FARAJ SUITES & SPA

Refined traditions and elegant art of living, stunning architecture, impressive craftsmanship and an outstanding view on the millennial medina of Fes await you. Incorporating the most luxurious décor elements in an

authentic nineteenth century palace, extensively renovated with love and obsession of details by its owners Evelyne and Driss Faceh until opening in 2012, Palais Faraj .....

[www.palaisfaraj.com](http://www.palaisfaraj.com)



### HOTEL SAHRAI

The five-star Hotel Sahrai, designed by the architect and designer Christophe Pillet, enjoys spectacular views of the largest medina in the Arab world, taking in twelve centuries of the city's history in one fell swoop.

Just 2h30 away from Paris, it offers a totally new hotel experience in Fes. An alternative to the shady isolation of the riads and the impersonal feel of the big .....

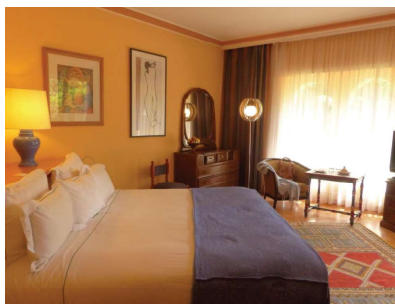
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# Hotels Selections...

## in Rabat

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### VILLA MANDARINE

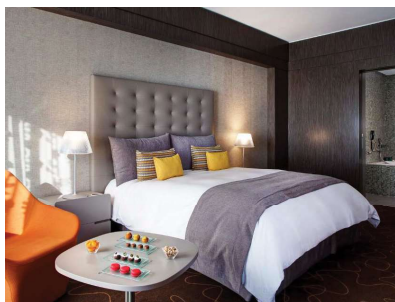
The Villa Mandarine is the story of a french family that has settled in Morocco for generations.

When Claudy Imbert inherited part of the orange grove that her father created, she had a house built that was large enough to

welcome her family, surrounded it by a garden with a pool and then set out to maintain and care for the 700 citrus trees.

Then came the time, in the...

[www.villamandarine.com](http://www.villamandarine.com)



### THE VIEW HOTEL

The View Rabat: a hotel in the heart of the city enjoying an exceptional location, with its 17 panoramic floors overlooking Rabat.

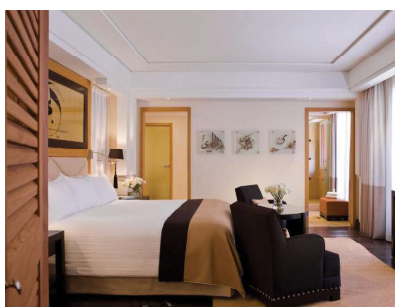
An authentic cocoon of well-being with a resolutely contemporary ambiance set

against a breathtaking panorama.

Elegant and refined, The View Hotel offers...

[www.theviewhotelrabat.com](http://www.theviewhotelrabat.com)

## in Marrakech



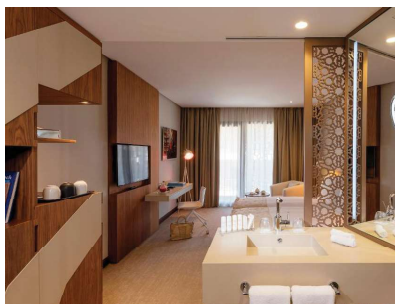
### BARRIERE LE NOUARA

Admire mineral and plant, ebony and ivory, terraces and sublime views over a garden adorned with palm trees.

The bright, welcoming interior design by Pascal Desprez blends perfectly with the ochre

hotel walls. Enjoy a modular lounge, a king size bed and a Spa for relaxation. ....

[www.hotelsbarriere.com](http://www.hotelsbarriere.com)



### RADISSON BLUE MARRAKECH

TSet in the heart of Marrakech, the Radisson Blu welcomes visitors to the vibrant Gueliz quarter. A location in the newly built Carré Eden complex gives easy access to the complex's internationally recognized stores and restaurants as well

as to trendy nightlife nearby and steps away from the Hivernage neighbourhood. Designed by famous architect Imaad Rahmouni, this modern hotel features a beautiful ....

[www.radissonhotels.com](http://www.radissonhotels.com)





# This trip will include...

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Accommodation for 06 nights in luxurious five-star hotels, 02 Lunches after wine tasting, 02 Lunches at restaurant, 01 Lunch after the cooking class (5 Lunches). A Welcome dinner at a moroccan restaurant, 04 Dinners at Hotels, comfortable transportation by deluxe vehicle with a daily mineral water, a professional English-speaking guide at your disposal during the whole trip, the portage of your luggage and the entrance fees for the monuments mentioned in the present program.

A personalized conciergerie service, ... All ornated with the passion of our staff to provide a high-end service for your welfare.

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