



AFRICA · RECOMMENDED 9 DAYS

✨ Blue medina of Chefchaouen

Northern Morocco

From Tangier and white Asilah to blue Chefchaouen, Roman Volubilis and the Fes medina. Private, at your own pace

RECOMMENDED LENGTH

9 days

DATES

Your choice

you pick the dates

TRANSPORT

Self-drive

or private driver

PRICE

Coming soon

via the interest list

I arrange this route through northern Morocco in full for you as a 9-day private trip. You start on the Strait of Gibraltar in Tangier and in the blue-and-white seaside town of Asilah, head into the green Rif mountains to blue Chefchaouen and walk to the Akchour waterfalls. Via Roman Volubilis and the imperial city of Meknes you end with three nights in a riad in the Fes medina, with a day trip to the cedar forests of the Middle Atlas. Short drives, plenty of time in each place: you drive yourself or travel with a private driver, and you fly home from Fes.

✓ Personally composed

✓ No group travel

✓ At your own pace

✓ Leave out or add what you like

✓ Dates of your choice

✓ Eat wherever you like

Highlights

- ★ The Kasbah and medina of Tangier, looking out over the Strait of Gibraltar
- ★ Cape Spartel and the Caves of Hercules, where the Mediterranean meets the ocean
- ★ Blue-and-white Asilah within its Portuguese walls, with murals and sunset on the bastions
- ★ Two nights in blue Chefchaouen in the Rif mountains
- ★ A walk to the Akchour waterfalls and God's Bridge
- ★ Roman Volubilis (UNESCO) and the holy town of Moulay Idriss
- ★ Meknes, the imperial city of Moulay Ismail, with the Bab Mansour gate
- ★ Day trip to the Middle Atlas: the cedar forest with wild Barbary macaques, Ifrane and the cave houses of Bhalil
- ★ A full day in the Fes medina (UNESCO): madrasas, tanneries and workshops

Best time to travel

JAN FEB **MAR** APR MAY JUN JUL AUG **SEP** OCT NOV DEC

best time to travel: advice only, you travel when you like

TRAVELLERS

Only your own party, from 1 traveller. No group travel, no fellow travellers you don't know.

LENGTH

Recommended: 9 days · shorter or longer is always possible

DATES

Completely flexible: you leave on the day that suits you.

Your route on the map



Map: Natural Earth (public domain) · the arcs show the order of the route, not the exact road

◇ Tangier airport day 1

1 **Tangier**
1 night · day 1

2 **Asilah**
1 night · day 2

3 **Chefchaouen**
2 nights · day 3–4

4 **Meknes**
1 night · day 5

5 **Fes**
3 nights · day 6–8

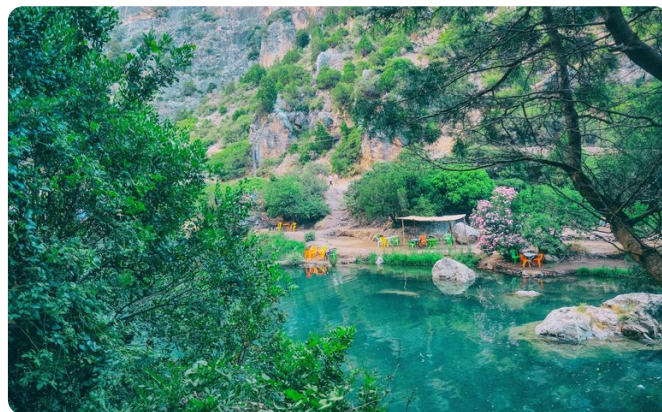
◇ Fes airport day 9

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◇ airport / connection



DAY 3 Blue lanes of Chefchaouen



DAY 4 Turquoise river pool at Akchour

My recommended route

This is the route as I put it together for you. It is a starting point, not a fixed programme: leave out what doesn't appeal to you, add what you would like to do and travel at your own pace. Everything below is arranged for you in advance. Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity.

DAY 1 **Arrival in Tangier** TANGER

You fly to Tangier (I am happy to book the flight for you, or you book it yourself). A private driver waits in the arrivals hall with a name sign and takes you to your riad or hotel in the medina or the Kasbah (approx. 30 minutes). Stroll to the Grand Socco and the terraces above the port, looking out over the Strait of Gibraltar to the lights of Spain. Your roadbook has my favourite places for a first mint tea.

DAY 2 **Tangier, Cape Spartel and Asilah** ASILAH ♦ BREAKFAST

In the morning you explore the Kasbah of Tangier, with the Kasbah Museum in the old sultan's palace, and the lanes of the medina. Then you collect your rental car, or your private driver is ready. Along the coast to Cape Spartel, where the Mediterranean meets the Atlantic, and the Caves of Hercules. On to Asilah (approx. 45 minutes): a blue-and-white fishing town within Portuguese walls, with murals by artists from all over the world. You watch the sunset from the bastions above the ocean.



The white sea ramparts of Asilah

DAY 3 **Through the Rif mountains to Chefchaouen** CHEFCHAOUEN ♦ BREAKFAST

Through the green Rif mountains to Chefchaouen (approx. 2.5 hours), the blue town on the mountainside. Your car stays in a guarded car park at the edge of the medina; a porter carries your luggage for the last stretch. In the afternoon you wander the blue lanes to Outa el-Hammam square and the kasbah with its garden. At sunset you walk up to the Spanish mosque for the finest view over the town.

DAY 4 **The Akchour waterfalls** CHEFCHAOUEN ♦ BREAKFAST

A day in Talassemtane National Park. After a drive of approx. 45 minutes you walk from Akchour along the clear river to the waterfalls and, if you like, on to the natural rock arch of God's Bridge. On the way you eat by the water at one of the simple eateries. By late afternoon you are back in Chefchaouen, with time for a terrace on the square.

DAY 5**Volubilis, Moulay Idriss and Meknes** MEKNÈS ♦ BREAKFAST

Through the rolling interior to Volubilis (approx. 3 hours), the best-preserved Roman city in Morocco (UNESCO), with mosaics still in place. You walk among the olive groves through the streets, baths and villas of the city. Then a short drive to the holy town of Moulay Idriss on its two hills, and on to Meknes (approx. 30 minutes). You spend the evening on lively El Hedim square.



The Roman basilica of Volubilis

DAY 6**Meknes and on to Fes** FÈS ♦ BREAKFAST

A morning in Meknes, the imperial city of Sultan Moulay Ismail: the monumental Bab Mansour gate, the mausoleum of Moulay Ismail and the vast granaries and stables of Heri es-Souani. Then on to Fes (approx. 1 hour). Your car stays in a guarded car park at the edge of the medina and a porter takes your luggage to your riad. In the evening you look out over the rooftops of the old town from the roof terrace; tips for a first dinner are in your roadbook.

DAY 7**Day trip to the Middle Atlas** FÈS ♦ BREAKFAST

Today you swap the bustle of the medina for the cool of the mountains. You drive past the lake of Dayet Aoua, among oaks and cedars, to Ifrane, the mountain town with its chalets known as the Switzerland of Morocco. In the cedar forest near Azrou you walk among centuries-old Atlas cedars, where wild Barbary macaques live among the trees. On the way back you stop in Bhalil, where people still live in houses carved into the rock (approx. 3.5 hours of driving in total). If you drive yourself, you return your rental car in Fes in the evening.

DAY 8**The Fes medina** FÈS ♦ BREAKFAST

A full day in Fes el-Bali, the largest car-free medieval city in the world (UNESCO). You visit the Bou Inania and Al-Attarine madrasas, look out over the colourful Chouara tannery from a terrace and discover the workshops of coppersmiths, weavers and zellij makers. Your roadbook has a route through the maze of lanes, with my address for lunch.



The Chouara tannery in the Fes medina

DAY 9**Flight home from Fes** ♦ BREAKFAST

After breakfast a private driver takes you from your riad to Fes airport (approx. 30 minutes) for your flight home.

What I arrange for you

- 1 **Pickup on arrival**
On arrival at Tangier airport a private driver waits with a name sign and takes you to your hotel. On the last day a private driver takes you from your riad to Fes airport.
- 2 **Hotels**
Every night is booked and confirmed in advance, at the level you choose: Budget, Comfort or Premium. Prefer another hotel? I change it.
- 3 **Transport**
You choose: self-drive with a rental car waiting for you, or a private driver and private transfers. Domestic flights, trains and boats where they make sense, all booked in advance.
- 4 **Activities, at your pace**
The activities and entrance tickets on the route. No guide or group travels with you: you set the pace, and anything you would rather skip, you simply leave out.
- 5 **Eat wherever you like**
Breakfast is included, as are the meals at remote camps and lodges where there is no alternative. For the rest I give you my restaurant tips, but you are completely free to choose where you eat. I never recommend a place because I earn a commission on it.

Level and transport

Price coming soon – join the interest list to be the first to receive it.

ACCOMMODATION LEVEL	Self-drive	Private driver
	rental car, everything pre-booked	private transfers and driver
Budget simple, clean and well located	price to follow	price to follow
Comfort characterful mid-range	price to follow	price to follow
Premium the best addresses on the ground	price to follow	price to follow

WITH 4 TRAVELLERS	the price per person goes down: you share the car and driver.
TRAVELLING SOLO	you pay a supplement: you cover the cost of the room and transport alone.
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT	I'm happy to book your flight for you, or you book it yourself; if I book it, the flight price for your dates is in your personal quote. Flight to Tangier, returning from Fes, not included. I am happy to book the flight for you, or you book it yourself.

SELF-DRIVE

The north is ideal for a self-drive: short distances (the longest drive is approx. 3 hours), good roads and plenty of fine stops. You collect your rental car (full insurance with zero excess) in Tangier on day 2 and return it in Fes on day 7, after the day trip to the Middle Atlas; the one-way fee is included. In Tangier and Fes you do not need a car: a private driver takes you to and from the airport. Fuel, tolls and parking are paid locally. Your roadbook gives a guarded car park at the edge of the medina for every hotel.

WITH A PRIVATE DRIVER

A French- or English-speaking private driver takes you in a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle on all travel and excursion days: from Tangier airport, via Cape Spartel to Asilah, through the Rif to Chefchaouen, to Akchour, via Volubilis and Moulay Idriss to Meknes and Fes, on a day trip to Ifrane and the cedar forest of Azrou, and on the last day to Fes airport. He waits during your visits and drops you at the edge of the medinas. He is a driver, not a guide.

Three accommodation levels

Budget

Simple, excellently reviewed riads and guesthouses in or right by the medinas, with a warm welcome and breakfast.

Comfort

Characterful riads with a roof terrace and patio, right in the old towns of Tangier, Chefchaouen, Meknes and Fes.

Premium

The finest riads and boutique hotels on the route, with more space, refined zellij and woodwork, often with a spa, hammam or pool.

Possible guided moments

Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity.

✦ On this trip you discover everything at your own pace, without a fixed guide: your roadbook tells you what to see where.

✦ Optional: a local guide in Akchour (day 4), a licensed guide at Volubilis (day 5) or a licensed city guide in the Fes medina (day 8). I am happy to arrange one for you, also in Tangier and Meknes.

Ideas to adapt the route

➔ More time by the sea: an extra night in Asilah, or two nights in Tangier

➔ More mountains: a third night in Chefchaouen for a second walking day in the Rif

- Combine with the south: after Fes through the Middle Atlas to the Sahara at Merzouga and on to Marrakech (see my Southern Morocco trip)
- Add Rabat: a night in the capital between Asilah and Meknes

Included

- ✓ 8 nights at the level you choose (Budget, Comfort or Premium): riads and small hotels in the medinas and old towns (double room with private bathroom, breakfast included)
- ✓ Private transfer from Tangier airport to your hotel and, on the last day, from your riad to Fes airport
- ✓ Your choice: rental car from day 2 in Tangier to day 7 in Fes (full insurance with zero excess, one-way fee included; fuel, tolls and parking are paid locally) or a private driver with a comfortable vehicle on all travel and excursion days
- ✓ Entrance fees: Kasbah Museum and Caves of Hercules in Tangier, Chefchaouen kasbah, Volubilis, Heri es-Souani in Meknes, the Bou Inania and Al-Attarine madrasas in Fes
- ✓ Tourist tax (taxe de séjour)
- ✓ Detailed roadbook with routes, parking tips by the medinas and my favourite addresses

- Extras: cooking class and hammam in Fes, a day in Tetouan, an extra day in Fes for the Marinid tombs, the Mellah and Fes el-Jdid

Not included

- Flights to Tangier and home from Fes (I am happy to book the flight for you, or you book it yourself; guide price: see below)
- Meals other than breakfast, and drinks (allow approx. €20–30 pp per day; my restaurant tips are in your roadbook)
- Hammam and cooking class in Fes (optional, I am happy to book them for you)
- Tips for the driver, guides and porters
- Travel and cancellation insurance
- When self-driving: fuel, tolls and parking (paid locally)
- When self-driving: credit-card deposit for the rental car and any traffic fines

Practical information

VISA (BELGIAN CITIZENS)

No visa required for tourist stays up to 90 days. Passport valid for the entire stay; 6 months' validity is recommended. The Belgian ID card is not sufficient.

HEALTH

No mandatory vaccinations. Recommended: routine vaccinations up to date and hepatitis A. No malaria. Drink bottled water. See wanda.be.

CURRENCY & PAYMENT

Moroccan dirham (MAD); exchange or withdraw cash locally. ATMs in the towns; in small villages and souks you pay cash.

FLIGHT TIME FROM BRUSSELS

Approx. 3 hours to Tangier and approx. 3 hours home from Fes, direct (flights from Brussels and Charleroi).

TIME DIFFERENCE

Morocco uses UTC+1 (UTC+0 during Ramadan): no difference in Belgian winter, 1 hour behind in Belgian summer.

LANGUAGE

Arabic (Darija) and Tamazight are official; French widely spoken, Spanish in Tangier and the Rif.

MEALS

Breakfast is included every day. For the other meals you get my restaurant recommendations, but you are completely free to choose where and when you eat.

GUIDES

By default you travel without a guide. Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity.

As of September 2026: check diplomatie.belgium.be (travel advice) and wanda.be (health) before you travel.

Travelling responsibly

You stay in small, locally owned riads and guesthouses, eat at small family places and buy directly from the workshops of Fes. If you choose a guide, I arrange a local, licensed guide paid per visit. The drives are short and in Fes the car stays behind: you explore the medina on foot. You fly into Tangier and home from Fes, so you never drive the same road twice.



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PRICE

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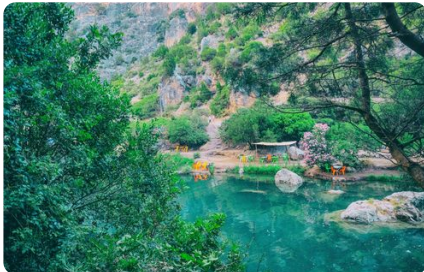
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