

**Feb. 9: MERZOUGA / OUARZAZATE**  
Breakfast at your hotel and departure to Ouarzazate via Tinghir. Arrival to the spectacular Gorges of Todra, canyon in the eastern part of the High Atlas. Continue to Ouarzazate passing by Kalaat M’gouna, the capital of roses. Arrive to Ouarzazate, check-in and overnight.

**Feb. 10: OUARZAZATE / MARRAKECH**  
Breakfast at your hotel. Visit of Kasbah Taourirt and Atlas Studio. Continue to Ait benhaddou and visit of the Kasbah. the fortified village of Aït Benhaddou has been classified by UNESCO as one of the world’s cultural treasures. It is studded with crenulated towers and its buildings decorated with geometrical motifs and considered to be one of the most beautiful villages of this kind in Morocco, It is the most spectacular fortress in the south of Morocco, used as decors for many films as well like the “Lawrence of Arabia”. Later departure to Marrakech via a long mountainous road and the Tizi n’tichka Pass, the highest pass in Morocco. Arrive, check-in and overnight at your hotel.

**Feb. 11: MARRAKECH**  
Breakfast on board – You will start a historical visit of the principal monuments of Marrakech known as “The Pearl of South”. You will visit the famous Koutoubia, a demonstration of Hispano-Moorish art that has a 70m minaret; it’s an architectural masterpiece showing the remarkable design of the period. The Bahia palace decorated with exceptional cedar wood.  
Later visit of the Souks sources of temptations, regrouping different works and business: Cabinetmakers, ironware merchants, boiler makers. Then the visit continues to the famous Jamâa El fna square known to be a place of public execution until last century. Today it provides constant ever-changing entertainment, which is more alive in the sunset and continues late in the night. The square is centre for public meetings and even riots, where story tellers, snake charmers, acrobats, folkloric bands, etc... are operating daily.

**Feb. 12: 1 DAY EXCURSION TO THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS**  
Breakfast at the hotel and then departure to Imlil in the middle of the Atlas Mountains. Arrive and

visit of this beautiful village. Meet with locals and enjoy your trekking day and hiking through the Atlas Mountains. A very pure nature and beautiful waterfalls to discover. Check-in and overnight at your hotel.

**Feb. 13: MARRAKECH / CASABLANCA**  
Breakfast at your hotel and then departure to Casablanca. Arrive and start a sightseeing tour of the Economic Capital. Visit of Hassan II Mosque (Interior visit). Visit of Cornich of Ain Diab and the Habbous. Visit of the Royal Palace (exterior visit) and Mohamed V square. Check-in and overnight at your hotel.

**Feb. 14: CASABLANCA**  
Day at leisure in Casablanca.

**Feb. 15: CASABLANCA AIRPORT**  
Breakfast at your hotel and then departure to Casablanca airport for your flight back home.



# A JOURNEY TO MOROCCO

## January 31–February 15, 2026

**Led by Franciscan Fr. Mario DiCicco**

*In conjunction with Santours (#2092786-40)*

**Land Cost Only in Double Occupancy: \$5,575**

**Single Supplement: \$1,860**

**Air fare based on the city of departure.**



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Feb. 1: CASABLANCA AIRPORT / RABAT

Upon landing at Casablanca Airport, you'll be greeted by your driver and then transfer to Rabat. Check-in at your hotel. Go for a dinner in the old medina. Overnight at your hotel.

Feb. 2: RABAT / TANGIER

Breakfast at your hotel and Embark on a journey through the city's landmarks, Morocco's capital. The journey offers picturesque views of the Atlantic coastline. Explore the city's rich history, from the Hassan Tower to the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. Wander through the Kasbah of the Udayas, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Departure to Tangier. Arrive and Visit of the mythical city of Tangier. Visit of Cape Spartel, where the Mediterranean Sea meets the Atlantic Ocean. Free time to enjoy the fabulous view on the farthest point of northwest Africa. Continue the visit with the Caves of Hercules and Cape Spartel. Check-in and overnight at your hotel.

Feb. 3: TANGIER / CHEFCHAOUEN / FES

Breakfast at your hotel. Departure to Fes passing by Chefchaouen. Sightseeing of the blue city: exploring the Medina; a beautiful unique city with its white washed walls and its blue doors and windows. Unlike many parts of Morocco, this city was occupied by Spain and the influences of Spanish civilization and architecture are all around. You'll also have the opportunity to meet locals and walk in its beautiful alleys. Continue to Fes. Arrive, check-in and overnight at your hotel.

Feb. 4: FES

After breakfast, the whole day will be devoted to discovering Fes, the oldest of the Imperial Cities, which is well known for its spiritual and educational contributions to the Moroccan culture. Visit of the medieval Medina. You will also explore the famous souks where craftsmen still labour in the age-old oriental tradition. Lunch at leisure. In the afternoon, Visit of the new city "Fes Jdid".

Feb. 5: EXCURSION TO MEKNES

After breakfast at your hotel, depart for Meknes. Enjoy a brief tour of this city, often referred to as

the "Moroccan Versailles," founded in the late 17th century by Sultan Moulay Ismail, a contemporary of Louis XIV. Highlights include a visit to Bab El Mansour, widely regarded as the most magnificent gateway in Morocco. Next, head to a nearby vineyard just a few kilometers from Meknes. There, you'll take a guided tour of the estate, discover the intricacies of Moroccan wine production, and enjoy a tasting of various local wines. Savor a delicious lunch paired with some of the region's finest wines. In the afternoon, return to Fes and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Feb. 6: FES / ERFOUD

Breakfast at hotel – Departure to Erfoud passing by Ifrane. Quick visit and then continue to Erfoud via Midelt and Errachidia. Arrive to Erfoud, check -in and overnight at your hotel.

Feb. 7: ERFOUD / MERZOUGA

Breakfast at your hotel. Visit of Erfoud and Rissani. Visit of th dates market in Erfoud and discover the different types of dates. Continue to Rissani. a holy city and the cradle of the great Alawite Dynasty, is a major city in Errachidia region. Rissani, the heir to Sijilmassa, is the region's famed city with a privileged spiritual and commercial position. It stands out due to its magnificent century old Ksours filled with palm trees, its historical monuments, and above all, its souk that dates back to the 8th century. Visit of Moulay Ali Cherif mausoleum and the souk. Return to Erfoud and switch your bus with 4x4s for your transfer to your camp in Merzouga desert. Enjoy the drive throught the sand dunes of Erg Chebbi. Dinner and overnight at the bivouac.

Feb. 8: SAFARI DAY

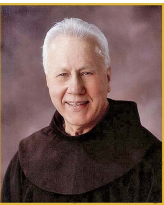
Breakfast at your hotel. Pick-up with 4x4 for a Safari day. Explore the lifestyle of the nomads, their irrigation system "Khettarate" and discover the surrounding villages. Lunch with the most famous dish in the region called "Medfouna" and then return to your desert camp. Have the rest of the day at leisure. Enjoy a camel ride while admiring the sunset. Dinner and overnight at the bivouac.

Dear Pilgrims,

Morocco evokes that famous movie, "Casablanca," with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. However for us Franciscans, Morocco is the place of the First Martyrs of our Order in 1220. Their bodies passed through Lisbon on the way back to Italy. A young Augustinian monk, having met them on their way to Morocco, was so inspired by their martyrdom that he immediately asked to become a Franciscan. He is known today as St. Anthony of Padua! The Franciscans and Poor Clares today have a large presence in this fabled country.

We shall travel to most of the major cities of Morocco. We shall also experience a night or two in Sahara Desert under tents and visit the Berbers in the Atlas Mountains. It is an exciting adventure full of kasbahs, souks, and unusual culinary delights. I invite you to join me on this unique travel experience.

Fr. Mario DiCicco, O.F.M.



Trip Includes:

- 14 Nights Accommodation in 5-Star Hotels
- Daily breakfast at the hotels
- 11 Dinners at the hotels
- 5 Lunches at local restaurants
- 3 dinners at local restaurants
- Deluxe Transportation
- English speaking tour-guide at disposal during the tour
- 4x4 roundtrip from Erfoud to Merzouga
- Safari day with 4x4 on Day 8
- Camel ride
- City taxes
- Tips for Porters and restaurants, guides, and drivers
- 1 Bottle of water (50ml) per person in the bus (Offered)

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Room Preference:

Single ☐ Double ☐

Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

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