

# GOOD THYME RESTAURANT & CATERING MOROCCO

Nov 2nd - Nov 13th 2020 \*includes travels days

## A "FOODIE" ADVENTURE IN MOROCCO

### ITINERARY



#### FULL ITENERARY

##### **Nov 3rd : CASABLANCA - RABAT ( 1h30 drive)**

Pick up at the airport upon arrival (there will be always drivers to wait for guests if they are not arriving on the same time) .Transfer to Rabat. Drop off the luggage at the Riad and freshen up/ rest. Later, go out and visit some of the sites of Rabat: the Chellah, Kasbah des Oudayas or Mohamed 5 mausoleum. around 7h30 PM everyone should meet for a drink by the pool at the terrace then have a tasty dinner together at the restaurant of the Riad . Accommodation at Riad Kalaa 1 and 2.

##### **Nov 4th: RABAT - MEKNES - DOMAINE ZOUINA - FES ( 4 hour drive)**

After breakfast, visit the medina of Sale with a local university teacher and enter sites not accessible to the general public: the dungeons, the towers, etc. while also learning about the Moroccan pirates and the typical elements of a Moroccan medina from someone that is conducting its restoration. leave Rabat and travel into this scenic region between the Rif and Middle Atlas Mountains, and admire the green vineyards. Then, visit the Domaine de La ZOUINA to tour the cellars and sample the wines. Learn about the flavors and aromas, share the passion of the winemakers, choose to purchase your favorites, and finish with a traditional Moroccan lunch. Leave the wine country after lunch to get to Fes late Afternoon. Dinner and accommodation At Riad Fes

##### **Nov 5th : FES.**

One day is hardly enough for all the wonders of the largest still standing enclosed city in the world and world- famous for its leather and metalwork to not mention the medersas or the leather tanneries, the 9500 derbs (narrow alleys), one of the oldest universities in the world and all the sounds, smells and sights that assault the senses. Fes conjures the image of the quintessential fabled Arab city as Baghdad at the time of the 1001 nights... Visit of the city with a local English speaking guide. Accommodation as per the previous night. Dinner on your own and we will be there to recommend the best places .

##### **Nov 6th : FES FOOD TOUR**

Today is day to go for Fes taste. After breakfast you will visit three different food souks that offer the opportunity to try traditional Moroccan street food including dried meats, milawi, harsha, briwats, spicy sardines, spicy potato cakes, soups, olives and more. At the honey souk you will be able to taste an array of delicious wild honeys, discuss their flavors and health-giving properties and find out why honey is so important in Moroccan cooking and Islamic culture. Along with your local Moroccan Food Tour guide you will investigate traditional cooking methods by visiting a furnatchi where the water for the communal bath house 'hammam' is also heated, and a 400 year old 'furan' or communal oven and bakery. Look no further as the world of spices and their uses and the secrets will be in your hands. Explore the spice market and the male-oriented domain of the tea den under the guidance of a culinary leader and story-teller. Accommodation as previously. Dinner on your own

##### **Nov 7th: FES - AZROU - MIDELT - ERFOUD - MERZOUGA ( 7 hour drive)**

After breakfast, our first stop is Ifrane and with its alpine chalets, trimmed gardens, leafy park surrounding a mountain fed lake, you could almost be in ... Switzerland. Pretty walks are to be had in these forests where the cheeky Barbary macaque roam, to the delight of the visitors- keep your snacks close... The surrounding countryside is pigmented by apricots, walnut and pictures of rural Berber life as we approach Midelt. We will stop for some very traditional meal at the village of Zaida where we can buy our own meat from the Boucher and have the guy nearby grill it for us with some local Moroccan salads. After lunch cross the Ziz gorges where the first palm groves come into sight. A few hours later we arrive in Erfoud and you can already scent the desert... In Rissani, visit the Jewish district. Arrive in Merzouga later in the afternoon. Dinner and accommodation At Riad Madu

##### **Nov 8th : MERZOUGA.**

Spend the day exploring the area. Pry out fossils, have tea with the nomads and try the local 'pizza', join in for a dance with the Gnawa, visit the old mines, scout for rock engravings or pre - Islamic tombs, among others. You can also try quad biking or sand surfing. Late afternoon, get taken to your desert camp, to arrive there in time for sunset. Dinner and accommodation in a luxury tent with ensuite shower and toilets at the Oasis Luxury camp.





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#### **Nov 9th : MERZOUGA - TINEJDAD - TINERIR - TODRA - SKOURA ( 5 hour drive)**

Have breakfast at the camp to then jump in the 4x4s and continue your journey. Further on, in Tinejdad, visit a traditional fortified ksour village and its wells of light. Todra Gorges, lie only 15 km from Tinerir, presenting an arresting spectacle with its crystal clear river emerging from it, its huge walls changing colour to magical effect as the day unfolds. Later, reach the Valley of Roses, Dades gorges and then the palm grove of Skoura. Dinner and accommodation At Chez Talout /Les Jardins De Skoura

#### **Nov 10th : SKOURA - OUARZAZATE - AIT BENHADDOU - MARRAKECH ( 5 hour drive)**

In the morning, have a guided visit of the palm grove with a local guide and learn about the traditional irrigation, the architecture of the kasbahs, the local marriage customs and more. Leave Skoura to then cross through Ouarzazate and arrive at UNESCO world site Ait Benhaddou. Have a wander around the adobe honey- comb citadel, home to such blockbusters as Gladiator or Game of Thrones. Take on the High Atlas mountains and its windy dramatic turns and cross the Tizi n Tichka pass at 2165 meters. Descend upon Marrakech in the evening. Dinner and accommodation at Villa Makassar

#### **Nov 11th : MARRAKECH.**

Visit of the city with our local English speaking guide. Since you probably had visited a few medersas in Fes, the best is to start with the Bahia Palace and the ruined Badi Palace. Next door, the imposing marble columns of the golden dynasty , the Saadis, adorn the mausoleums. The small yet very richly decorated Douiria is a fine example of crafts and architecture from two centuries ago. Make some time to sample UNESCO world site Jemaa El Fna square by night, the ideal place to people- watch: the musicians, acrobats, snake charmers, henna tattooers and the food stalls. Accommodation as per the previous night. Dinner on your own.

#### **Nov 12th: MARRAKECH.**

Today we suggest discovering Marrakech a little differently. Your guide for the day will take you around the medina and uncover for you each component of the food circuit inside the old town: the mechoui lamb ovens, the preserved vegetables, the farnatchi stove, the herbs and spices shop, the local butcher and finally the souika market where you will bargain for vegetables and grains. She will also point out the different sites and monuments of Marrakech on the way. Then, in the shade of a traditional riad, you will be assisted by Moroccan dadas in making your own Moroccan meal. Have a free afternoon. Before dinner, we recommend a coffee or drink at the legendary La Mamounia. Accommodation as per the previous night. Dinner on your own.

#### **Nov 13th: MARRAKECH - CASABLANCA ( 3 hour drive).**

Have breakfast to then take the highway to Casablanca. Drop off at the airport two hours before your flight. End of the tour.

