Begin your culinary trip to Morocco with a 5-day visit to the elegant capital of Rabat and the enchanting imperial city of Fez, which is the cultural heart of Morocco. Revel in the sights, sounds, and smells of this ancient city, whose famous tanneries and beautiful gardens will illuminate the rich history of this region and provide the perfect start to your tour of Morocco.

Day 1: Arrive in Casablanca
Welcome to Morocco! We will transfer you from Casablanca’s Mohammed V International Airport to our hotel for the night.

Meals: None
Accommodation: Modern 5-star hotel in Casablanca
Drive time: 30-45 minutes

Day 2: Tour of Rabat
We begin our trip extension at 9 AM with a 1.5 hour drive to the elegant yet relaxed capital of Rabat. We’ll first visit the Kasbah des Oudaias, entering through the enormous Almoahad Gate. Situated on a bluff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, the Kasbah offers incredible views. Inside the gates you will discover artisan galleries, an ornate 17th

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century palace now part of the Musée des Oudaia (Museum of Moroccan Arts), and the beautiful Andalusian Gardens near the famous Tour Hassan – a 12th century minaret intended to be the highest and the largest in the Muslim world. We will also see the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and King Hassan’s stately official palace.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner
Accommodation: 4-star riad
Drive time: 1.5 hours

Day 3: Tour of Volubilis
Today we will drive past centuries-old olive groves and vineyards near Meknes, the Ismailian capital, famous for its 25-mile-long walls. We’ll stop for a rest to enjoy a sumptuous lunch and excellent wine. Next we will head to port Bab El Mansour and Bab El Khamis, and then journey back thousands of years to explore the ancient Roman ruins of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Sprawled over a wildflower-dotted hillside, a magnificent triumphal arch presides over the awesome remains of palaces and mansions, Roman baths and basilicas, and stunning mosaics. We’ll also take a short walk and explore the picturesque town of Moulay Idriss, home to the tomb of one of Morocco’s most important saints, before continuing on to Fez.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner
Accommodation: 4-star riad
Drive time: Approximately 4 hours (total time between cities)

NOTE: This riad does not serve alcohol. If you wish to purchase alcohol to bring to dinner, please make sure to mention it to your trip leader.

Day 4: Tour of Fez
Today we’ll tour the holy city of Fez, a fascinating UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded at the beginning of the 9th century by Moulay Idriss II, and still mostly unchanged, this enchanting city has been a seat of government, philosophy, and most notably, religion. The best surviving example of an ancient Arab city, Fez is comprised of the “new” city, established in the 12th century, and the ancient medina, where donkeys and mules laden with goods still trawl alongside buyers through the medieval souk. The souk is a fascinating maze of lanes, blind alleys, and bustling stands assaulting the senses with spices and exotic delicacies. Fez is the perfect place to hone your bargaining skills while buying souvenirs, brightly colored hand-loomed carpets and fine crafted artisan goods.
We will also visit the famous leather tanneries, a honeycomb of vats erupting in an explosion of brilliant color, then climb to the venerated Merenid Tombs for a spectacular panoramic view of Fez.
Meals: Breakfast, dinner
Accommodation: 4-star riad
Drive time: N/A

Day 5: Transfer to Casablanca for the start of the Morocco culinary tour
After breakfast, you’ll journey back to Casablanca in time to meet the rest of your group to begin your Morocco culinary tour!

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Modern 5-star hotel in Casablanca
Drive time: 4.5 hours, not including stops

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Standard Trip Price:
$2580 – per person, single occupancy
$1990 – per person, double occupancy
Note: Requires 2+ people on the extension, otherwise a surcharge applies.

Standard price includes:
• 5-star hotel and 4-star riad accommodations
• Private car
• English speaking tour leader
• Casablanca group airport transfer
• Knowledgeable certified guides in Rabat, Volubilis, & Fez
• Museum entrance fees
• 4 breakfasts and 3 dinners
• All taxes

Standard price does not include:
• Drinks, lunches, and dinner in Casablanca
• Discretionary gratuities
• International airfare
• Travel medical insurance (required)