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10 Days | Casablanca - Fes - Rabat - Marrakech

With an intriguing culinary heritage and one of the world's finest cuisines, Morocco is the perfect destination for avid foodies. On this journey, you'll join celebrity chef Justine Schofield on a colourful adventure through the markets and kitchens of this extraordinary country. You'll share an understanding and appreciation of Moroccan food and the traditions associated with it while learning ancient nutritional secrets and modern food trends. Special culinary surprises are included along the way from grand imperial banquets to lovingly home cooked feasts and basic village style dishes with privileged access to the tables of this most intriguing and exotic destination. While food ranks high amongst the touring highlights, this exclusive journey also takes in breathtaking landscapes, vibrant cities and the country's most impressive ancient monuments.



Your Host

Author, cook, TV presenter and former MasterChef contestant, Justine Schofield has a passion for all things food and travel. Host of Network Ten's daily cooking show, *Everyday Gourmet*, Justine is an established and much-loved cooking personality in her own right and has just released her first book, *Dinner with Justine*. She also runs a Sydney catering company and is a regular columnist for *taste.com.au*. Her mantra for living sums up Justine perfectly - "great ingredients, a healthy dose of adventure, an appetite to learn, friends and family around to share the spoils and always, always lick the bowl"!

Journey Highlights

- An intimate group size of no more than 18 guests
- One-on-one interaction with your host and A&K guides
- Exclusive culinary experiences with Justine
- An excellent selection of luxury hotels
- Market visits, cooking demonstrations and tastings
- Guided tours of Casablanca, Fes and Rabat
- Dinner with local guest speaker who shares her insight into local Moroccan culture.
- Visit an organic farm for a hands on cooking demonstration

Your Itinerary

Sunday 5 November 2017. Arrive Casablanca.

A warm A&K welcome to Morocco and arrival transfer. Later meet your A&K Tour Director, your host Justine and other travelling companions for a tour briefing and Welcome dinner at the hotel (D). *Hyatt Regency BB (Regency Club Room)*

Monday 6 November 2017: Casablanca –

Fes. This morning explore the port city of Casablanca including a visit to the Hassan II Grand Mosque, amongst the largest in the world. Next journey east to the historic city of Fes, the cultural heart of Morocco. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure before dinner in the wonderful surrounds of your Fes hotel (B,D). *Hotel Sahrai (Deluxe Room)*

Tuesday 7 November 2016: Fes. This morning explore Old Fes. Wander through some of the 9000 narrow lanes, alleys and souks that make up the labyrinth of the city's old quarter. This afternoon touring includes New Fes, dating to the 13th century, where you see the royal palace, mosques, medersas, souks and the city wall. Gain an interesting insight into Jewish architecture in the old Jewish quarter and visit the medieval medina. This evening dine in the courtyard of Dar Anebar restaurant in the company of a local resident who will share some fascinating insights into the Moroccan culture (B,D). *Hotel Sahrai (Deluxe Room)*

Wednesday 8 November 2017: Fes. Join Justine in the Fes souk where you'll explore the narrow, jam-packed alleyways selling all manner of goods sampling local specialities along the way. Next, a special culinary experience is in store with a traditional cooking class at the Riad Myra, followed by lunch at this wonderful property, a superb example of classic Fassi architecture and design (B,L). *Hotel Sahrai (Deluxe Room)*



Entrance to the Royal Palace, Meknes



Fes markets



Volubilis

Thursday 9 November 2017: Fes – Volubilis – Meknes – Rabat. Travel overland to Volubilis, a World Heritage Site and home to Morocco's largest and most well-preserved Roman ruins. See the triumphal arches, basilicas, capitol and the beautifully preserved mosaic floors. Continue to Meknes (another World Heritage Site), one of the imperial cities of Morocco where impressive 17th century monuments include the monumental Bab Mansour gateway and Moulay Ismail's mausoleum. After lunch continue the journey to Rabat (B,L). *Villa Mandarine (Deluxe Room)*

Friday 10 November 2017: Rabat – Marrakech.

This morning your sightseeing includes the 12th century Hassan Tower, the incomplete minaret of a great mosque. Alongside is the mausoleum of Mohamed V, founder of modern Morocco. Visit the Oudaya Kasbah overlooking the Atlantic with one of the most beautiful surviving gates in the Moorish world and a delightful Andalusian garden. Later you continue south to Marrakech stopping en route at Le Vigneron for lunch and wine tasting (B,L). *Selman Marrakech (Run of House Room)*

Saturday 11 November 2017: Marrakech. This morning take an orientation tour of Marrakech and see the 12th century Koutoubia Minaret, the most perfect Islamic religious structure in North Africa, and the Bahia Palace, a fine example of Eastern Architecture from the 19th century. This

is followed by a special culinary experience with Justine at the Beldi Country Club, a stunning setting on the outskirts of Marrakech (B,L). *Selman Marrakech (Run of House Room)*

Sunday 12 November 2017: Marrakech. A day at leisure in Marrakech to either relax and unwind at the delightful Selman Hotel or to venture out and make your own discoveries in this wonderful city (B). *Selman Marrakech (Run of House Room)*

Monday 13 November 2017: Marrakech. Today offers another wonderful culinary experience. Travel to the outskirts of Marrakech and visit an organic farm. Enjoy a mint tea demonstration then Justine will walk you through the garden which abounds with vegetables and herbs used in traditional Moroccan cuisine. A cooking demonstration is included followed by lunch. This evening, a special farewell dinner is planned (B,L,D). *Selman Marrakech (Run of House Room)*

Tuesday 14 November 2017: Depart Marrakech. Today you bid farewell to Morocco and transfer to the Marrakech airport for your onward flight (B).

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



Hassan II Mosque, Casablanca

Price

Twin share per person: \$8,860
Single supplement: \$2,675

Tour Dates

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Tour inclusions

All accommodation as detailed on a double/twin share basis with private facilities; meals as specified; bottled water during transfers and touring; airport welcome; assistance with luggage and group transportation by private air-conditioned vehicle; services of English speaking A&K tour escort & Guest Host; all entrance fees, planning, handling, operational and communication charges; all tipping excluding A&K tour escort.

Tour exclusions

International flights; any meals not specified; insurance coverage of personal loss, injury, illness or damages incurred during your trip; items of a purely personal nature such as drinks, laundry, dry cleaning, internet, fax or phone charges and transfers/sightseeing or meals not specified; excess baggage charges, tipping to your A&K Escort. Tipping is not expected or required for Guest Host.



Traditional Moroccan tajine



Selman Hotel, Marrakech

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