

Lost in Morocco Itinerary 2023

Date	Day	Destination	Activities	Lodging	Transport	Notes
Mar 6	Mon	Montreal	YWG to Casablanca			
Mar 7	Tue	Casablanca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive Casablanca • Day in Casablanca 	Hôtel Central, 20 Place Ahmed El Bidaoui, Sidi Belyout, 20000, Casablanca	<u>Train</u> to city centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dep 8:50 and every hour after, Aeroport Med V station, Level -1 (arrivals level), Terminal 1 • Arr 46 min later, Casa Port station • 50dh 2nd class • 70dh 1st class • <u>Train schedules</u> 500m walk to hotel	At Airport or Casa Port train station: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy Sim card for phone: Maroc Telecom Jawal Pass 2, DH100, 5GB, 3hr Visit: <u>Casablanca guide</u> (sights, food, shops) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hassan II Mosque</u>, mosque website, 45 min. guided tours 9,10,11,12, 15:00, cover knees and arms, no scarf req'd, Museum open 9-13:30, 14:30-17:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seafront promenade (west of mosque) • Hotels, restaurants, shops bet. mosque and port • Old Medina • <u>Abderrahman Slaoui Foundation Museum</u>, 10-18:00, DH60, Literary Cafe on roof • Place Mohammed V <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Théâtre de Casablanca (not open) • <u>Église du Sacré-Coeur</u> (art deco, arts centre) • <u>Eglise Notre Dame De Lourdes</u>, 8:30-19:00, 1954 Catholic church, stained glass by Gabriel Loire • Arab League Park (near churches above)

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Mar 8	Wed	Casablanca	Day in Casablanca	Hôtel Central		<p>Visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Villa des Arts, 1934 art deco villa, presenting contemporary art, may be closed • Boulevard Mohammed V (art deco), from Place des Nations Unies to Blvd Hassan Seghir <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cinema Rialto • Marché Central, Fresh fish market surrounded by multiple small kitchens that will cook the fish for you • Quartier Habbous (New Medina) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where food tour starts • Mahkama of Pacha, Moorish-styled gov. bldg (not likely open) • Royal Palace (not open to public) • La Villa Ronde, 1965 villa by Wolfgang Ewerth, not open, would require taxi ride <p>Eat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick's Cafe (see dress code) • Marché Central, fresh fish market surrounded by multiple small kitchens that will cook the fish or seafood for you • Le Cabestan Ocean View, online res. • Umayya, beside Le Cabestan, seafood, menu • Patisserie Bennis Habbous, traditional Maghreb pastries, 9-14:00, 15-20:30 • Le Jasmine (in Hôtel Le Doge), menu, 19-23:00 • Al-Mounia, trad tajines, couscous, near Place Mohammed V • La Sqala, in the medina ramparts • Taverne du Dauphin, near Casa Port, seafood • Casablanca Street Food Tour, Taste of Casablanca

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Mar 9	Thu	Tangier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Casablanca to Tangier Afternoon in Tangier 	<u>La Tangerina</u> , 19 RIAD Sultan, Kasbah, Tanger, Senior suite N°8 with mezzanine and sea view	To train station: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk to Place Nations Unies (560m/7 min) Casa Tramway T1 to Casa Voyageurs (8 min, every 15 min) Train to Tangier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dep 9:00 Casa Voyageurs Arr 11:10 Tanger Ville Al Boraq 1013 To hotel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 46 min/3.6km walk to La Tangerina or 6 min via Blue Petit Taxi, DH30-40 	Visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kasbah and Medina: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medina (follow the colour-coded signs) Kasbah ramparts, start at Bab El-Bahar, Place de la Kasbah <u>American Legation Museum</u>, 10-17:00, MAD 50 Kasbah Museum of Mediterranean Cultures, 10-18:00, closed Tue Place Petit Socco <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gran Café Central (where Burroughs hung out) Rue Es-Siaghine (from Petit to Grand Socco) Grand Socco and la Terrace <u>Cinematheque de Tangier</u> (Cinéma Rif) Nahon Synagogue, 9-18:00, closed Sat Ville Nouvelle (from Place de France along Blvd Pasteur)
Mar 10	Fri	Tangier	Day in Tangier	La Tangerina		Eat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gran Cafe de Paris (at Place de France), where Tennessee Williams and Paul Bowles hung out <u>Populaire Saveur de Poisson</u>, closed Fridays <u>Le Salon Bleu</u>, in Dar Nour guesthouse <u>El Morocco Club</u>, close to hotel <u>Beit Al Tarab</u> teahouse, 19-22:00 Tangerinn Pub (in El Muniria hotel), 9-2:00 AM, where Burroughs, Ginsberg and Kerouac hung out Café Hafa, 9-23:00, coffee/tea, excellent sea views, 1,2km from hotel Shop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Las Chicas, concept store /restaurant Les Insolites, bookstore, photo gallery <u>Boutique Majid</u>, clothing, jewellery, etc.

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Mar 11	Sat	Chefchaouen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tangier to Chefchaouen Afternoon in Chefchaouen 	<u>Dar Hannan</u> , Rue Kiklana, Bab Souk 11 91000 Chefchaouen, deluxe triple room, inc. BR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26 min. Blue Petit Taxi to CTM Bus Station, DH50-65 CTM Bus to Chefchaouen via Tetouan (2:15hr) Take taxi to Bab Souk, 200 m. from hotel. Or...walk 1.6km/ 20min to Bab Souk 	Visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grande Mosquée Medina walking tour (LP) Kasbah, 9-18:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andalusian-style Garden Ethnographic Museum of Chefchaouen, 9-18:30 Horno Bab El Ain, traditional bakery, 9:00-17:00 Oued Ras El Maa waterfall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.7km/10min walk from hotel Lavadero de la ciudad Coffee shop w/ fresh orange juice Return walk to Medina following Fouara River, see LP Riverside Stroll Spanish Mosque <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.7km/13min walk from Gas El May best at sunset fresh orange juice available
Mar 12	Sun	Chefchaouen	Day in Chefchaouen	Dar Hannan		Eat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> El Jaleo (permanently closed) Dar Hannan <u>Auberge Dardara Restaurant</u> (26 min. taxi from town) <u>Café Clock</u> Sophia Shop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensemble Artisan, arts and crafts, 8-18:00, closed Sunday L'art berbère, textiles, 9:30-20:00
Mar 13	Mon	Fez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chefchaouen to Fez Afternoon in Fez 	<u>Ryad Mabrouka</u> , 25 Derb El Miter, Talaa Kira Aïn Azliten, 30110, Fès, Mérinides room, double bed, inc. BR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take taxi to CTM Bus Station Or...walk 1.6km/ 20min to station CTM Bus to Fez (4.75hr) Red Petit taxi to Ryad Mabrouka, 6 min, DH30-40 Or...walk 1.0km/ 13min 	Medina: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medersa Bou Inania, 9-17:00, closed during prayers Medersa Cheratin, 9-17:00 Medersa El Attarine 9-17:00 Nejjarine Museum of Wooden Arts and Crafts, in restored funduq, 10-17:00, rooftop cafe Fondouk Chemmaïne-Sbitriyine, 2 restored fanadiq (pl) Chouara Tannery, 9-19:00, access through <u>leather shop</u> No. 10 or No. 64 (see LP), look for rooftop views Kairouine Mosque and University, world's oldest university, outside views only Palais Glaoui, 9-17:00 60 fountains

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Mar 14	Tue	Fez	Day in Fez	Ryad Mabrouka		<p>Fez El Jdid (New Fez):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jnan Sbil gardens, 8-19:00, Tue-Su, best at dusk • Aben Danan Synagogue, 9:30-18:00 • Mellah (Jewish quarter) • <u>American Fondouk</u> (donkey rescue)8:00-noon <p>Hammams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hammam Mernissi</u>, public, tourist-friendly, DH200 includes kit, men 21-24:00, women 11-21:00
Mar 15	Wed	Fez	Day in Fez	Ryad Mabrouka		<p>Eat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Café Clock</u>, 9-23:00 • Dar Hatim restaurant, 12-22:30 • Ryad Mabrouk restaurant • <u>The Ruined Garden</u>, 13:00-21:00 • <u>Nur</u>, tasting menu, wine pairings, expensive, mixed reviews, need to reserve/pay in advance • <u>Restaurant Fez Cafe</u>, 12-15:00, 19:30-22:00, set in riad courtyard • <u>Top 10 places for bastilla</u>
Mar 16	Thu	Todra Gorge	<u>Authentic Morocco 5 day/ 4 night tour</u> : Fez to Todra Gorge	<u>Auberge Le Festival</u> Todra Gorge, Tower Room	Deluxe 4WD 8 hours plus stops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ifrane (Morocco's take on Switzerland) • <u>Azrou</u> (a good place to visit the Barbary Monkeys and take a hike in the Cedar forests) • <u>Er-rich</u> (a nice stop for coffee or lunch) • Brief visit in one of the berber villages • Todra Gorge, best light in morning
Mar 17	Fri	Erg Chigaga	Authentic Morocco 5 day/ 4 night tour: Todra Gorge to Erg Chigaga	<u>Erg Chigaga Luxury Desert Camp</u> , Luxury Tent - Main Camp , inc. all food and drink	Deluxe 4WD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tamegroute</u> (famed for green glazed pottery and an ancient koranic library which houses manuscripts from the 12°C) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maison de Poterie • Nasiriyya Zawiya (Sufi, library can be visited) • <u>Zagora</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Tombouctou 52 days" sign/mural • Amazraou, village near Zagora with mellah • Lower reaches of the Draa Valley • Enter the desert via M'hamid • Sundowner views from the top of the dunes

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Mar 18	Sat	Erg Chigaga	Authentic Morocco 5 day/ 4 night tour: Day in Erg Chigaga	Erg Chigaga Luxury Desert Camp		<p>Optional activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camel trekking (included in the price) • Sand boarding • Quad biking (additional cost) • Guided walks • Climbing dunes • Picnic lunch in shaded areas deep in the desert
Mar 19	Sun	Ait Ben Haddou	Authentic Morocco 5 day/ 4 night tour: Erg Chigaga to Sit Ben Haddou	Riad Caravane, Superior Room	Deluxe 4WD 5 hours plus stops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Foum Zguid</u>, large palmeraie, a good place for lunch, Chigaga café serves, arguably, the best French Fries in Morocco, rec. bbq brochettes • Ouarzazat, the Moroccan and Maghrebian Hollywood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Atlas Studios</u>, 8:30-sunset • Kingdom of Heaven movie set (get combo ticket w/studio) • <u>Taourirt Kasbah</u>, 8-17:00 • Cinema Museum closed Sun • <u>Taznacht</u>, Berber carpet making town <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Coopérative des Tapis Berbères Tazenakht</u>, 9-21:00 • <u>Ait Ben Haddou</u>, best preserved kasbah in Morocco <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Unesco</u> designation
Mar 20	Mon	Marrakech	Authentic Morocco 5 day/ 4 night tour: Hit Ben Haddou to Marrakesh	<u>Dar Attajmil</u> , <u>video</u> , 23 Rue Laksour, 40008 Marrakech, Nomads room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deluxe 4WD • 3.5 hours plus stops • To hotel: • From Bab Laksour, walk straight, take the second alley on right (rue Laksour). 100m walk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ounila Valley • Anmiter, crumbling kasbah, just past Auberge Ouahsous (on right side of road) on road to pass • Tiz n'Tichka Pass • Berber villages

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Mar 21	Tue	Marrakech		Dar Attajmil		<p>Central Medina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See LP walking tour • Djemaa El Fna* • Koutoubia Mosque* • Koutoubia Gardens, 8-20:00 • Dar Si Said*, 19C. mansion, 10-18:00, closed Tue, home to National Museum of Weaving and Carpets <p>Central Souqs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North of Djemaa El Fna • Open 9-19:00, closed Fridays • See DK for map, details • Buying/bargaining guide • Souk Semarine, clothing, souvenirs • Rabha Kedima, food, baskets, spices • Criée Berbère/Souk des Tapis, carpets • Souk el Attarin, lamps, depots, etc. • Kissaria, leather goods, designer boutiques • Souk Haddadin, ironworkers, trays, lanterns • Souk des Teintures, dyed fabric. ceramics <p>Shopping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marrakshi Life, clothing, v. expensive, 10-17:30, 7km from hotel • Kulchi, rugs, near Marrakshi Life, 10-18:00 • 33 Rue Majorelle, one stop shop, near YSL • Les Nomades De Marrakech, rugs, online catalogue and prices, 10-18:00, mid-medina • V.Barkowski Store, linen, 10-13:00, 14-19:00, medina • Mustapha Blaoui, home decor, will ship, 10-18:00, Tue-Sat • Akbar Delights, clothing, 10-19:00, near Djemaa El Fna • Laly Marrakech, women clothing, medina • Sissi Morocco, int. design, clothing w/ old photos, 10:30-19:00, medina • Naturom, argan oil, cosmetics, 9-20:00, medina near culinary museum • Souk cherifia, 'shopping mall', 10:30-19:30, medina • Good shopping streets running south from Djeem El Fna: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rue Riad Zitoun el Jdid • Rue Riad Zitoun el Kdim <p>Hamмам:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Le Bain Bleu, 10-21:00

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Mar 22	Wed	Marrakech		Dar Attajmil		<p>Mouassine and Central Souqs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Le Jardin Secret*, 9:30-19:30, gardens, cafe, shop • Dar El Bacha Museum, 9-18:00, gardens, cafe • Coffee Dar El Bacha, 10-22:00 • Musée de Mouassine/Museum of Music, restored riad, 10-19:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moroccan music concert (reserve online) • Arr 17:30 for museum tour • Concerts 18-19:00 <p>Kâat Ben Nahid and Bab Debbagh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maison de la Photographie*, 9:30-19:00 <p>Eat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Djeema El Fna food stalls for dinner, sunset-1:00. <p>Recommended stalls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #14, fried fish • #1, brochettes (kebabs), tajines • #34, barbecue, sausage • #31, maakouda (potato cakes) • #14(Krita), fresh seafood zaalouk (tomato, eggplant dip) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amal Women's Training Center - Guéliz, 12-15:30 • Mechoui Alley, east side of Souk Ableuh, stalls serving slow-roasted lamb, 11-14:00 • Henna Cafe, for lunch • Dar Essalam, “Man Who Knew Too Much” restaurant, menu • Nomad, 12-23:00, reserve online, medina • Pepe Nero, 18-23:00, Italian/Moroccan • Le Jardin Restaurant Marrakech Medina, 10-23:00, some fish/seafood dishes • MaisonMK, 12-23:30, read, local wine, medina, reserve online • Cafe Clock, <p>Drink:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Kabana, rooftop wine and cocktails in Medina, Moroccan wines • 66 Bar à Vin, Geuliz and Ville Nouvelle • Café du Livre, Geuliz and Ville Nouvelle, happy hour 18-20:00

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Mar 23	Thu	Marrakech		Dar Attajmil		<p>Ramadan: Ramadan Prayer Times for 2023 / 1444 - Marrakech, Morocco</p> <p>Geuliz and Ville Nouvelle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jardin Majorelle*, Musée Berbère, reserve in advance online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café Majorelle, courtyard cafe, breakfast, drinks, light lunch • Boutique w/blue slippers, textiles and Amazigh-inspired YSL jewellery, etc. • Musée Yves Saint Laurent*, reserve in advance online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSL Bookshop • Café Le Studio, Reserve: T. +212 6 62 62 70 43, or email cafe.lestudio@museeyslmarrakech.com • Current show: Cy Twombly, Morocco 1952/52 <p>Tours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramadan Iftar Picnic, Marrakech Food Tours
Mar 24	Fri	Marrakech		Dar Attajmil		<p>Kasbah and Mellah:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plan to spend a day in area • Bahia Palace*, 8-17:00, go early or late <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petit Riad • Cour d'Honneur • Grand Riad • Badia Palace*, 9-17:00 • Saadian Tombs*, 9-17:00 • Lazama Synagogue and museum, 9-19:00, closed Jewish holidays • Moroccan Culinary Arts Museum, 9-18:00, boutique, restaurant
Mar 25	Sat	Casablanca	To Casablanca	Hôtel les saisons , 19 Rue El Oraibi Jilali Ex Rue De Faucould Avenue Des F.A.R Sidi Belyout 20000 Casablanca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxi Verts to train station, 3 min, DH35-50 • or walk, 37min/3.1km • Train to Casablanca: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atlas Train (2:38hr) • Arr Casa Voyageurs • Tram to hotel: • Tram T1 Place Sidi Mohamed to Place Nations Unies, 8min every 15min, DH8 • Walk 310m 	

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Mar 26	Sun	Casablanca		Hôtel les saisons		<p>See March 7, above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hassan II Mosque tours during Ramadan: 9, 10, 11, 14:00 Sat, closed Sunday, museum open 9-15:00 <p>Shop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Organic Kitchen</u>, 10-22:30, Nafisa Olive oil, breakfast, lunch Souq Habous <u>Marina Shopping</u>, between mosque and port, Ramadan hours: 11-24:00, closed 1 ½ hr before and after iftar/f'tour <u>Morocco Mall</u>, 2nd largest in Africa, souk area <u>Anfaplace Mall</u>, designed by Norman Foster <u>Megarama</u> Movie Theatre, near Anfaplace (VOST=version original w/ subtitles)
Mar 27	Mon	Winnipeg			Hotel transfer to airport • 25 min taxi to airport	
<p>Terminology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medina: original Arab town enclosed by ramparts Kasbah: fortified dwelling Ksar(s), ksour(pl): fortified village Medersa: Qur'anic school for study of law, philosophy and astronomy Riad: mansion built around courtyard gardens Dar: house built around a central light well Fondouk or funduq(s), fanadiq(pl): medieval merchant's hostel with courtyard, stables or workshops on main floor, rented rooms above Souk: market street Quissariat: Covered market streets Zawiya: shrine to a marabout (saint) 						

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			<p>Ramadan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress conservatively (covered shoulders, shorts/skirts below knees, headscarves not required) • Muslims fast from sunrise (6:34) to sunset (18:45) • Do not eat or drink in public • Carry water in backpack and drink discretely • Local restaurants/cafes closed during daytime • Moroccan families have Iftar (or ftour), the meal served at sunset when they break their fast. • Many follow a tradition of breaking fast with a variety of sweet and savory finger foods, breakfast foods along with dates, harira soup, eggs, and sweets • Experience traditional Moroccan food and culture at night, when city streets come alive until midnight or later • Local shops and market stalls may not open until mid-morning/noon • International chain restaurants, hotel restaurants, and local tourist eateries should be open • Shrug off encounters with ill-tempered (due to fasting) people • Close to sunset, experience empty streets as people rush home to break their fast • Listen for canons and sirens at sunset, used to announce the end of the day of fasting • Walk by a large mosque about two hours after sunset, when crowds line up in rows both inside and outside the mosque for the optional nighttime taraweh prayers 			