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## Escorted Rail Journey: London to Marrakech

From £1,499 per person // 10 days



Take an epic journey through France and Spain to the Straits of Gibraltar and then onto the African continent by ferry, continuing via Morocco's rail network to Marrakech, all with the help and support of a Moroccan rail expert!

### The Essentials

- Travel to Morocco by rail and ferry with a Moroccan guide
- Small group with a maximum of 12 passengers
- Enjoy free time in Tangiers, Rabat and Marrakech
- Stop in Barcelona and Ronda en route to the Strait of Gibraltar
- Optional day trip to Chefchaouen from Tangier
- Departure on 3 April 2025

### What's included

- First Class rail travel (where available) with seat reservations
- 9 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Ferry from Tarifa to Tangiers
- The services of a guide for your journey from London to Marrakech
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

### Tailor make your holiday

- Add extra nights and destinations to the beginning/ end of your holiday
- Add a return journey by rail with a stop in Fez and/ or Casablanca

## - Itinerary -



### Thursday 3 April - London To Barcelona

Your guide Zak will be waiting for you at London St Pancras station bright and early this morning for your 09:30 departure aboard the Eurostar to Paris. Once in Paris, it's a quick journey by RER (rapid metro) to the Gare de Lyon, where there should be plenty of time to pick up some lunch before your onward TGV service direct to Barcelona. On arrival in Barcelona, you'll have one night at the Abba Sants Hotel (or similar), conveniently located next to the station.



### Friday - Barcelona To Ronda

There's some time after breakfast this morning to have a quick wander into Barcelona. It's only 12 minutes on the metro to the Plaça Catalunya at the top of the famous La Rambla which stretches all the way down to the sea. But you'll need to be back at the station for a mid-morning departure aboard the high-speed AVE train to Madrid. Change in the lovely Madrid Atocha station onto another service, bound for Ronda. You'll arrive here in time for dinner this evening. Your hotel for the night is the Catalonia Ronda (or similar).



### Saturday - Ronda To Tangier

After a leisurely start this morning, head back to the station and catch a train to Algeciras on the Spanish coast. There's time for lunch here before you take a shuttle bus to the port and board a ferry for North Africa. The crossing is just 60 minutes and you'll soon be docking in Tangier and checking in at the Hilton Garden Inn City Centre (or similar) for a 2-night stay.



### Sunday - Tangier

Enjoy a free day at leisure in Tangier. Located on the coast of the Mediterranean and Atlantic Ocean, Tangier has been a strategic port for over a millennium. More recently, Tangier was known as a mecca for millionaires, spies and gamblers in the 1940s and 50s. Perhaps visit the Kasbah Palace, former residence of the governors of Tangier or take a stroll down the Rue Es-Siaghine, an historic thoroughfare now lined with cafés and shops. You also have the option today to make a day trip to the stunning city of Chefchaouen in the Rif Mountains. If you would like to do this, you can let your guide know during your trip and he will escort whoever would like to go (payable locally).



### Monday - Tangier To Rabat

Check out of your hotel after breakfast this morning and head together to Tanger Ville station for the Al-Boraq high-speed service to Rabat. This high-speed line has only been operating since 2018 and is the first of its kind on the African continent. You'll be whisked at speeds of up to 200 miles per hour to Rabat, arriving at lunchtime. Once you arrive, you'll head for the Dar el Kebira riad (or similar) and check in for a 2-night stay.



### Tuesday - Rabat

Spend a full day exploring Morocco's exciting capital, which doesn't often feature on many tourist trails. The highlight is undoubtedly the walled Medina, where you can haggle for bargains and watch the locals trade. Don't miss the Kasbah of the Udayas, a Berber-era royal fort, surrounded by formal French-designed gardens and overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Other highlights include the Hassan Mosque (pictured) and the ultra-modern Grand Théâtre de Rabat, designed by famous British architect Zaha Hadid. If the weather is good, you might also like to spend some time topping up your tan on the centrally located city beach.



### Wednesday - Rabat To Marrakech

Leave Rabat Ville station this morning aboard the Atlas train, bound for Marrakech, the last leg of your journey. You'll arrive into Marrakech at lunchtime and Zak will help organise taxis to take you to your accommodation, the Riad De Charme Moullaoud (or similar), where you have a 3-night stay.



### Thursday & Friday - Marrakech

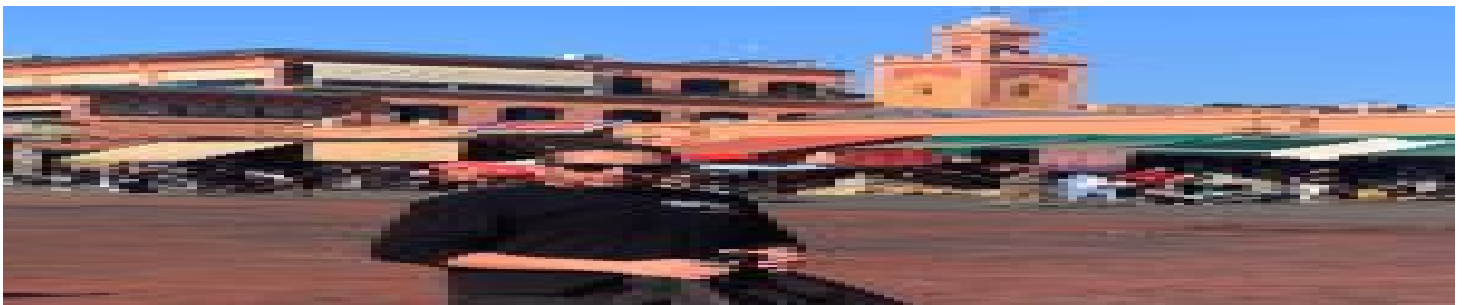
You have two full days to experience Marrakech. There is plenty to do here, from bargaining in souks and tasting fantastic street food, to visiting historic palaces and relaxing in lush gardens. Top recommendations include the stunning Bahia Palace, the Musée de Marrakech and the Jardin Majorelle, once owned by Yves Saint-Laurent. You'll be at your own devices while exploring the city, but Zak will still be around if you need any help or advice.



### Saturday 12 April - Depart Marrakech

What happens today is up to you! You can book your own flight home – there are direct flights from Marrakech to London, Manchester & Birmingham. Alternatively, you can extend your stay with visits to Fez and Casablanca or make your way home independently by rail and sea, via one or both of these cities. The choice is yours! Let us know if you would like us to add a return rail journey or onward accommodation to your trip.

## Your Guide - Zak Nouri



Zak is one of our rail experts here at TMR and has been working in the industry for over 20 years. So what he doesn't know about train travel is probably not worth knowing. He also happens to hail from Marrakech, making him ideally suited to be the guide on this epic journey!

He will meet you at St Pancras on the morning of your departure and ensure that you have a smooth trip, while allowing you to explore each destination independently. He'll also be on hand to lend his expert haggling skills in the medina.

## Pricing

From £1,499 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on First Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary

Single occupancy from £1,999