

RABAT Excursion

History of Rabat :

Chosen to be the Capital of the Almohad empire in the 12th century, then of present-day Morocco: that city is Rabat, the Royal city. Rabat is a kaleidoscope of colourful patios and exuberant gardens: the delightful Garden of the Oudayas and the romantic gardens of the Chellah Necropolis. Set like a jewel amid magnificent surroundings, Rabat is endowed with long beaches of golden sand, the noble Mamora cork oak forest and the Royal Golf Dar Essalam, one of the most beautiful courses in the world.

HASSAN TOWER: It is 44 metres (140 feet) high, it was originally intended to attain 80 metres (260 feet). Majestic but never finished, the tower was the brainchild of sultan Yacoub E I Mansour whose ambition was to build the biggest mosque in the Muslim world. Two hundred columns mark out where it was to stand, reflecting the glory of the Almohad Empire which, in the 12 century, stretched as far as Tunisia and Moorish Spain.

MOHAMED V MAUSOLEUM: A stone's throw from the Hassan tower, but separated by many centuries, stands the Mohamed V Mausoleum, the construction of which began in 1962. This Sultan led Morocco to the independence, and the country built a sumptuous monument to him to express its gratitude. No less than 400 craftsmen were employed in the building of this splendid edifice. The exterior comprises a magnificent white marble pavilion surmounted by a roof of green tiles. Inside, the exquisitely crafted burial chamber contains the white onyx tomb, which stands on a slab of mirror. The Mohamed V Mausoleum is open to the public.

THE KASBAH OF THE OUDAYAS: The Kasbah of the Oudayas has seen a great deal of action. It is named after the Oudaya tribe who were sent to Rabat by Sultan Moulay Ismail to defend the city against the invincible Andalusian pirates and hornacheros. It also witnessed the exploits of Yacoub El Mansour and Abd El Moumen who, in around 1150 built Jamaa El Atiq, the oldest mosque in Rabat.



Drive to Rabat via high way	75 min
Drive to the Royal Palace	15 min
Walk at the Mechour of the "Royal Palace"	30 min
Panoramic view on KASBAH CHELLAH	15 min
Drive to the Mausoleum	15 min
Interior visit of Mohamed V Mausoleum & la Tour HASSAN	30 min
Walking visit of the OUDAYAS Gardens	75 min
Drive back to Casablanca	75 min

What is not included:

- Personal expenses.
- Anything not clearly indicated in the above program.

