

**ALTERRA
GLOBAL
EDUCATION
INITIATIVES**

*Presents
A Journey to*



MOROCCO

August 5-15, 2019

WELCOME TO MOROCCO! Over 11 days in this magical country, you will have a dizzying experience of lifetime. Each city – Casablanca, Fez, Marrakesh, and Essaouira – is diverse and unique. Morocco has been and is ‘home’ to many people. Each culture brings its unique music, food, architecture, and more.

MUSIC, DANCE, AND THE VISUAL ARTS ARE ALIVE IN MOROCCO! A thriving arts scene is evident everywhere you go! The country’s diversity informs its character, its sound, its rhythm of music and dance. There is Andalusian classical music, Berber folk music, Gnawa mystical music, classical Sufi music – plus a variety of dances rooted in Arab, Berber, and African traditions.

CULTURE IS STRONG AND RESILIENT! Moroccan culture reflects Berber, Arab, Spanish, and African influences.

MOROCCO IS A “MUST-DESTINATION” FOR FOODIES! You will enjoy the rich and varied flavors of the nation’s diverse traditions. You’ll visit eateries where locals dine, and you’ll access mouth-watering food, with influences from around the world.

MOROCCO’S HISTORY IS UNIQUE – AND ITS CULTURE RICH & TEXTURED! You’ll tour medinas, well-preserved Roman ruins, world-famous tanneries with beautiful leather shops, famed Jewish quarters, mausoleums, tombs, and royal palaces. You’ll also have the option to take camel and horse-drawn carriage rides. Traveling through the Moroccan countryside completes your experience.

MOROCCO’S ARCHITECTURE IS SIMPLY STUNNING. GEOGRAPHIC AND HISTORICAL DIVERSITY, AND SUCCESSIVE WAVES OF SETTLEMENT, makes Morocco one of the most architecturally interesting countries in the world, with Berber, Islam, Moorish, French influences.

ENJOY A HOST OF OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES! We have built in time for you to explore and enjoy several distinct cities, on your own in the afternoons and evenings. Activities range from cooking classes, camel and horse rides, beach time, visits to world-class museums & galleries, and stupendous shopping!





PRICING, DATES & REGISTRATION

Dates: August 5-15, 2019

PRICING FOR THIS UNIQUE CULTURE EXPERIENCE:

Early Bird Registration: \$2900 per person sharing ends February 20

*Regular Registration after February 20: \$3200 per person sharing.
(Subject to availability)*

(Single rooms are available for an additional \$500)

INCLUSIONS:

- ✦ Airfare from Boston to Casablanca & return
- ✦ 4-star luxury hotel accommodation
- ✦ Daily breakfasts, 5 lunches and 2 Dinners
- ✦ Daytime luxury ground transport
- ✦ English-language guiding and tour management
- ✦ Entrance to museums & historical/cultural sites throughout the week, as per itinerary

EXCLUSIONS:

- ✦ Lunches and dinners not mentioned in itinerary
- ✦ Optional Activities: (Camel rides, horse drawn carriage rides, music and dance events.)
- ✦ Gratuity for tour manager/guide and driver

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Deposit: January 15, 2019

Amount Due: \$500.00

2nd Payment, March 15, 2019

Amount Due: \$700.00

3rd Payment, May 1, 2019

Amount Due: \$600.00

Final Amount due June 15, 2019:

For early bird registration: \$1100.00

Regular registration: \$1500.00

DAY 1, August 5, 2019 - Depart Boston for Morocco

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DAY 2, August 6, 2019 - Arrive in Casablanca & Travel to Fez

Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to your hotel in Fez, about 3 hours away. Lunch will be taken in Rabat on the way. After lunch, view the royal palace and then continue to Fez.

Dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Fez

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3, August 7, 2019 - Full Day in Fez

Enjoy a full day tour to Fez, which served as the capital of Morocco for more than 400 years. Fez is particularly famous for its tanneries, and for the Fes el Bali Medina. Visit the surrounding leather shops. View the Attarine Medersa, the Moulay Idriss mausoleum, the Nejjarine Fountains and Museum, and the famed Jewish quarter. This evening, enjoy a special dinner hosted by a local family

Overnight: Fez

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4, August 8, 2019 - Full Day in Fez/Zallagh

Morning to relax. An option is to visit the ancient ruins of the Roman city of Volubilis. Travel through the Moroccan countryside to the holy city of Moulay Idriss and enjoy a short bus tour of the imperial city of Fez. Visit with local musicians, and learn their unique customs – and take the chance to hear them play their world-renowned music. Take an afternoon excursion to Mt. Zallagh in the Riff Mountains to meet a mule caravan with local musicians and dancers. Enjoy a mint tea party, with the sunset over Fez, at the shrine of Sidi Ahmed Al Barnoussi. This is a retreat sanctuary for sufis from all over Morocco. Dinner and dancing in a Moroccan restaurant with Chaabi musicians.

Overnight in Fez

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5, August 9, 2019 – Fez/Marrakesh

Transfer from Fez to Marrakesh. On arrival in Marrakesh, enjoy a short bus tour of the "Red City" Marrakesh, conducted by your tour manager en route to your hotel. Over the next day, you will have ample opportunity to explore this city – to include the famous Jemaa El Fna Square and wide boulevards lined with restaurants and cafes. Continue for dinner.

Overnight: Marrakesh

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6, August 10, 2019 - Morning Tour of Marrakesh

Morning tour of this fabulous city. You will also have the opportunity to shop for authentic Moroccan argan oil. Visit the magnificent Majorelle Botanical Gardens, inspired by French artist and fashion designer Yves St. Laurent. The rest of the day is yours for personal discoveries.

Overnight: Marrakesh

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7, August 11, 2019 - Essaouira daytrip

This morning, travel to Essaouira, a seaside resort city on Morocco's Atlantic coast, whose medina is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Optional activities include a camel ride on the beach. In the medina, you will meet artisans and craftsmen; you will have the opportunity to buy authentic local, hand-crafted products. Explore the many souks in the medina. Essaouira is famed for hosting the Gnaoua World Music Festival, which draws musicians from across the world who come to play with the Gnaoua mystics.

Overnight: Marrakesh

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, August 12, 2019 – Day at leisure in Marrakesh

This is your last day in Marrakesh. You can spend the day relaxing, visiting galleries and museums, and purchasing last-minute gifts for family and friends.

Overnight: Marrakesh

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, August 13, 2019 - Travel to Casablanca & City Tour

After breakfast, travel to Casablanca and transfer to your hotel. Later this afternoon, tour Casablanca. Spend downtime relaxing and taking in the breathtaking views of the Atlantic ocean. Tonight, say goodbye to your fellow travelers, and enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 10, August 14, 2019 - Depart Morocco

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11, August 15, 2019 – Arrive in Boston

Arrive back in the US.

