

CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

Arrive: 0800 Friday, 28 September
Onboard: 1800 Monday, 1 October

Brief Overview: Exotic Morocco is an intoxicating blend of sights, smells, and sounds. In Casablanca, the **Hassan II Mosque** (inaugurated in 1993) is the largest in the world after Mecca. The bazaars and **kasbahs** are fascinating to experience, and Moroccan cuisine is considered by many to be some of the best in the world. Spend an evening or a couple of days with a family to really understand the culture and the people of this intriguing country.

Nearby: **Rabat**, an elegant, modern capital city, offers visitors a view of the historic grandeur and cultural diversity of Morocco with a smaller, more relaxed kasbah and medina. Participate in half day or full day trips such as CAS25 or CAS35.

Fes: The old-town **Medina of Fes** will transport the visitor to another century. Citizens still gather at the local well for water, apothecary carts on the streets offer medicinal treatments, and vast open leather-dying pits are a sight to behold. Visit **Meknes** and explore the best-preserved Roman ruins in Morocco at **Volubilis**.

Marrakech: The city of Marrakech is a hub of activity with an intriguing Medina and bazaar itself. It also serves as the inland base for adventures ranging from **Camel Riding in Palm Groves**; visiting a **Nomad Camp** in the mountains; a treasure hunt/**zipline adventure**; or the beautiful **Ourika Valley**.

Other Destinations: Adventurers from the 2011 voyage described their trip to the **Berber Villages of the High Atlas Mountains** as a “transformative experience.” New by request for 2012 is a camel trek in the **Sahara (CAS04)** via Ouarzazate and the magical Draa Valley.

Suggested short-cuts to simple planning:

Register for the following “bundles” of trips based on your interests.

Art and Architecture:

Day 1: CAS15 City Orientation with Hassan II Mosque Visit
Day 2: CAS25 Rabat Full Day
Day 3: CAS33 Marrakech

Cultural highlights:

Day 1: CAS15 City Orientation with Hassan II Mosque Visit
Day 2: CAS26 Evening with a Moroccan Family
Day 4: Sacred Spaces of Casablanca



Taste of Morocco:

Day 1: CAS 18 Welcome Reception & Party at University
Day 2-3: CAS24 Fes – Family Traditions and Gastronomy Overnight

Action/Adventure:

Day 1-4: CAS12 Sahara Camel Trek via Ourzazate
OR
Day 3-4: CAS31 Marrakech with Treasure Hunt & Zipline

OVERNIGHT TRIPS SHOULD BE BOOKED BY AUG 13. All overnight registrations received after AUG 13 will be subject to availability and possible price increases.

Day 1: Friday, September 28

IMPORTANT: If you registered in one of the following courses, you have a field lab on this day. Do not make any other travel plans as this is a designated class day in port for your course:

ANTH 3590-101	Topics in Cultural and Social Anthropology: Reading Images Culturally with Professor Chavez
CPLT 2559	Writers Along the Way with Professor Stewart

CAS11 BERBER VILLAGES OF THE HIGH ATLAS MOUNTAINS

4 days/3 nights



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the capital of southern Morocco but an integral city to the Islamic world. The cultural, natural and historical attractions of this traditional Berber capital, seat to nearly all of Morocco's dynasties over the last thousand years, make Marrakech the top tourism destination in North Africa.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$440	\$390
Child	\$220	\$195
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 28	1200
Return	October 1	1700
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Lunches (1 BOX lunch from ship) • 3 Dinners • 3 Breakfasts 		

From Marrakech, travel into the mountains and become truly immersed in Morocco's rural culture. Spend a few days enjoying the varied scenery and the kind hospitality of the Berber villagers. Enjoy walks through cultivated terraced fields with the jagged mountains of the High Atlas rising into the distance. This trip provides a wonderful opportunity to spend time with, and learn about, rural Berber communities as participants will spend two nights in the villages.

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Transfer to the Casablanca train station for your journey (approximately 3 hours) to Marrakech. Discover the city during free time in the late afternoon. In the evening, enjoy a Moroccan dinner in the medina with an Arabo-andalucian orchestra and a belly dancer show.

Day 2: After breakfast, travel from Marrakech (about 1.5 hours) to Tachbibt where you begin a moderate three-hour trek through the dry but cultivated landscape to the village of Ait Zitoun.

Day 3: A full day's trek to Ait Hamed (4-5 hours) takes you down valleys and up mountains, offering fabulous views of the magnificent Haouz plain and Lake Lalla Tazerkount. The day is spent walking through pine forests and following rivers that are bordered by oleander bushes. End today's walk at Ait Hamed. Enjoy dinner and overnight in a gîte.

Day 4: Enjoy a morning walk through the traditional villages in the valley of Amizmiz with their well-tended, precariously labored garden patches, luxuriously verdant wherever water is available, arid where not. View mountainsides in ever changing colors due to the rich and varied mineral contents. Travel to Marrakech for a sandwich lunch and the return journey to Casablanca.

***You may wish to bring cards/games for evening free time and trinkets (small gifts for villagers: e.g. old clothes)**

Suggested packing list:

Clothing

- Light walking shoes, not new to avoid blisters as much as possible
- Baskets or sandals for light walking and evenings
- Light socks for daywear
- Cotton trousers, Bermudas (not short shorts)
- Light shirts and T-shirts for day wear, warm pullovers

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CAS11 BERBER VILLAGES OF THE HIGH ATLAS MOUNTAINS**4 days/3 nights**

- Hat
- Good sun glasses

Equipment

- Sleeping bag
- Toiletries and towel(s), wipes very useful
- High factor sun protection for face and lips
- Torch or headlamp
- A flask
- Spare batteries for all your electronic equipment

CAS12 SAHARA CAMEL TREK VIA OURZAZATE OVERNIGHT**4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS**

Ouarzazate lies on the confluence of three important oasis valley systems: the Ouarzazate, Dadès and Drâa. As one travels southeast from Ouarzazate to Zagora, the contrast of bare sun-baked rock with the lush green of the palm groves forms some beautiful scenery. A labyrinth of irrigation channels feeds the fertile, palm-shaded terraces of farmland in the Drâa valley. Dates are the primary commercial crop, and the best eating dates are found in Zagora. The Drâa Valley has always been strongly influenced and interlinked with the destiny of the surrounding nomadic tribes. It has served as a stepping-stone for Saharan explorations since the 10th century. Your experience in the Sahara will include an overnight in a nomad camp and a camel trek into the desert.

Aït Benhaddou is a 'fortified city', or ksar, along the former caravan route between the Sahara and Marrakech in present-day Morocco. It is known for its Kasbahs and has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987 and several films have been shot there, such as The Last Temptation of Christ, The Mummy, Gladiator, Alexander, Kingdom of Heaven and Prince of Persia.

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Day 1: Depart by bus to Ouarzazate (7 hours not including stops). Lunch near Marrakech. In the evening enjoy a Moroccan dinner in a Kasbah with a local folklore show. (L, D, Hotel in Ouarzazate)

Day 2: Travel to Mhamid (5 hours, not including stops). A lunch stop will be made in Zagora in the magnificent Drâa Valley. Camel trek in the dunes of the Sahara to join a nomad camp and enjoy dinner and the desert atmosphere. Overnight under nomad tents (B, L, D, Camp)

Day 3: This morning you will venture into the Sahara Desert on an early morning mehari (camel trek) with nomads. Enjoy a last mint tea in the desert before coming back. Lunch near Kasbah Aït Benhaddou. The late afternoon and evening are free to explore Marrakech and the famous Jemaa el Fna Square and other sites. Dinner is on your own. (B, L; Hotel in Marrakech)

Day 4: Enjoy Marrakech on your own until you depart for your return by minibus to Casablanca.

Please Note: Participants should bring towels

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$620	\$550
Child	\$310	\$275
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 28	1000
Return	October 1	1700
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Lunches • 3 Dinners • 3 Breakfasts 		

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ITINERARY:

Day 1: Depart by air-conditioned bus to Marrakech (3-4 hours). Upon arrival, check in to the hotel and have dinner. The evening is at leisure.

Day 2: After breakfast, spend the day exploring Marrakech including the Bahia Palace, Dar Si Said Museum, and the city's famed maze of reed-covered bazaars. Bahia Palace, the lavish palace of a black slave who rose to become grand vizier, was built in 1880 and was later inhabited by the French General Lyauty. It was looted after the vizier's death, but the surviving quarters and the lovely garden with fruit trees give a clear idea of its former grandeur. Dar Si Said Museum is a delightful palace that houses an impressive collection of Moroccan arts. The star exhibit is a decorated marble basin from the Ben Youssef medersa. Equally impressive are the collection of Berber jewelry and the 16th century wood carvings from el-Badi. After lunch in a typical Moroccan restaurant, continue your exploration of Marrakech by visiting the souks, the winding little streets and the Djemaâ El Fna Square, with its varied and non-stop entertainment: storytellers, snake charmers, fire-eaters and more. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3: After breakfast, enjoy Olympiad games in the palm grove. After lunch, it's time for camel riding! Finish the afternoon with mint tea and Moroccan pastries in a local house Chez l'Habitant. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Following breakfast at the hotel, depart for your return to Casablanca.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$590	\$525
Child	\$295	\$262.50
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 28	1400
Return	October 1	1230
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Dinners • 3 Breakfasts • 2 Lunches 		



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Marrakesh is the gateway city to the Sahara. The town's origins are attributed to the development of an oasis. Discover how, long ago, the Saharan Almoravid Dynasty gained the upper hand on this arid land, developing irrigation by creating reservoirs in river valleys and, later, constructing dams. Upon arrival, you will ride camels to

reach a nomad camp in a desert like region, and then visit a nearby village of mud made houses, where people, coming from the Sahara, are still living. Spend the evening in the beautiful nomad camp build especially for the occasion. You will be having dinner and enjoying the feast under nomad tents. Local folklore will entertain the evening around a big fire. The day after explore the area by 4WD following N'fis Wadi (River), a field of old salt mines, and have a nice view on the two dams that provide the city of Marrakesh with water and electricity, before returning back to visit and enjoy Marrakesh. This trip will take you through the path traced by nomads and will be an overview of the mechanism of their settlement and the work done to improve their lives

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$760	\$675
Child	\$380	\$337.50
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 28	1000
Return	September 30	1700
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Lunches • 2 Dinners 		

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Transfer from Casablanca to the suburbs of Marrakesh by motor-coach (a drive of approximately 4 hours). Reach the nomad camp by camels. After lunch, visit of a local village. Dinner and folkloric entertainment and Overnight under nomad tents.

Day 2: Discover the region by 4WD following N'fis Wadi (River) and the beautiful landscapes from the Haouz plain to the Atlas Mountains. Return to Marrakesh at the end of the afternoon. Later enjoy a Moroccan dinner in the Medina with an Arabo-Andalusian orchestra and belly dancing show.

Day 3: Visit the medina of Marrakesh: Jamaa El Fna Square with snake charmers, acrobats, storytellers and scribes and the souks (Traditional markets). Depart to Casablanca after lunch.

Suggested packing list:

Clothing

- Light walking shoes, not new to avoid blisters as much as possible
- sandals for light walking and evenings
- Light socks for daywear
- Cotton trousers, Bermudas (not short shorts)
- Light shirts and T-shirts for day wear, warm pullovers
- Hat
- Good sun glasses

Equipment

- Toiletries and towel(s), wipes very useful
- High factor sun protection, face and lips
- Flashlight or headlamp

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CAS17 CITY ORIENTATION**Half-Day**

More than 150 years ago, the village that eventually developed into modern-day Casablanca contained a mere 600 inhabitants. Today it is the economic center of Morocco, the country's largest city and Africa's second-largest city, with a population of more than three million people. It is a new and vital city, clearly a product of the 20th century. Casablanca is a modern and well-planned city that is good at hosting the many foreign visitors who pass through each year.

Drive through Casablanca's varied neighborhoods, including the Ain Diab Corniche, lined with swimming pools, restaurants and nightclubs; and the luxurious Anfa residential section, where Churchill and Roosevelt met for the Casablanca Conference during World War II. Continue to Mohamed V Square, the Central Market, the Habous Quarter, the *Mahkama* (court), the Cathedral Notre Dame du Lourdes, and the Royal Palace Mechouar. Finally, enjoy a walking tour through the mechouar bazaars of the new medina adjoining the Royal Palace.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$60	\$50
Child	\$30	\$25
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 28	1400
Return	September 28	1800
MEALS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		

CAS18 WELCOME RECEPTION & PARTY AT UNIVERSITY**EVENING**

Meet Moroccan university students, taste Moroccan cuisine, and enjoy traditional Moroccan music at this reception. Hosted by several universities, the reception will include English-speaking Moroccan students from business, engineering and literature schools. Refreshments will include soft drinks, tea, coffee, & Moroccan traditional food. Please note: Appropriate dress requested.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$60	\$50
Child	\$30	\$25
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 28	TBD
Return	September 28	TBD
MEALS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		

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Day 2: Saturday, September 29

CAS21 VOLUBILIS & FES OVERNIGHT

2 days/ 1 night



Fes, the oldest of Morocco's Imperial Cities and the kingdom's spiritual center, is central to the Islamic world. Founded around 790 by Moulay Idriss I, many mosques and mederas (Koranic schools) were constructed in Fes. Considered by scholars to be the last true example of a typical medieval Arab town, Fes is under the strict building code supervision of UNESCO, which declared the whole

medina (Old City) of Fes a world Heritage Site in 1981. Its labyrinth of alleyways reveals craft workshops, vast leather tanneries and richly ornamented monuments.

Considered the gateway to the Atlas Mountains, Meknes is smaller and more subdued than Fes. The narrow streets of the medina and the grand buildings of this imperial city reflect its rich tradition and culture; no wonder so many visitors adore this charming city. Founded in the 11th century by the Almoravids as a military settlement, Meknes became a capital city under Sultan Moulay Ismaïl (1672-1727), the founder of the Alawite dynasty. The sultan then transformed the settlement into an impressive city featuring Spanish-Moorish architecture. Today, the city is a harmonious blend of 17th-century Maghreb, Islamic and European styles.



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Adult	\$315	\$280
Child	\$157.50	\$140
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 29	0730
Return	September 30	2000
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Lunches • 1 Dinner • 1 Breakfast 		

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Travel by motorcoach to Volubilis (approximately four hours), stopping in Meknes for an orientation tour and lunch. Upon arrival in Volubilis, visit the well-preserved Roman ruins. Continue to Fes (about 1 ½ hours) for dinner and overnight.

Day 2: The morning begins with a walking tour of 9th-century "old" Fes, the world's best-preserved example of a typical medieval Arab town. Visit the world's oldest functioning university (the Qaraouiyine) as well as the Attarine Koranic School, the mausoleum of the city's founder Moulay Idriss II, leather tanneries and various workshops where craft trades are passed on from father to son. After lunch in a typical Moroccan restaurant, explore the "new" city of Fes with a visit to the 14th century Royal Palace, Jewish Quarter and Dar Batha, a museum of northern crafts. Depart for the return drive to Casablanca.

CAS22 MARRAKECH & OURIKA VALLEY – GROUP A

2 days/ 1 night



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Depart	September 29	0800
Return	September 30	1800
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Lunches • 1 Dinner • 1 Breakfast 		

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The Ourika is a narrow valley that cuts deep into the High Atlas Mountains. As you move further south into the valley, the mountains rise ever more precipitously, and the area of cultivation diminishes further. At the head of the valley, constricted terraced gardens are productive throughout most of the year since the Ourika stream, which drains the northeast face of Jbel Toubkal, seldom runs dry. In the past, people of the Ourika Valley were in a powerful position since they controlled the water supply to the city and gardens of Marrakech. At the time, Moroccan law did not acknowledge the rights of any user downstream. In practice, this meant that no ruler of Marrakech could afford to have a hostile power in control of the valley.

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Transfer from Casablanca to Marrakech by motorcoach (a drive of approximately 3 hours). Upon arrival, visit the Majorelle Gardens. After lunch visit the Bahia and Dar Si Said Palaces (the latter now a museum of southern crafts). Wind up the afternoon at the tumultuous Jemaa el Fna Square at the height of the day’s activity—with snake charmers, acrobats, medicine men and women, storytellers and scribes. Later enjoy a Moroccan dinner in the medina with an Arabo-andalucian orchestra and a belly dancer show.

Day 2: Visit the Ourika Valley, an orchard center amid red cliffs in the High Atlas Mountains, and a Berber family, where you can witness their Middle Ages way of life. Enjoy the day hiking in the beautiful landscape through Berber villages nestled in the mountains. Return to Marrakech for lunch before departing for Casablanca.

CAS23 MARRAKECH & CAMEL RIDING IN THE PALM GROVES**3 days/ 2 nights**

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ITINERARY:

Day 1: Depart by air-conditioned bus to Marrakech (3-4 hours). Upon arrival, enjoy lunch in a typical Moroccan restaurant. After lunch, depart to the palm grove for camel riding, finishing with mint tea and Moroccan pastries in a local house, Chez l’Habitant. Check in to the hotel for dinner and overnight. After dinner, the evening is at your leisure.

Day 2: Following breakfast at the hotel, participate in a full-day tour of the city of Marrakech.

Day 3: Following breakfast at the hotel, depart for your return to Casablanca.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$550	\$490
Child	\$275	\$245
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 29	0800
Return	October 1	1230
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Lunches • 2 Dinners • 2 Breakfasts 		



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CAS15**CITY ORIENTATION WITH HASSAN II MOSQUE VISIT *NEW DATE*****Half-Day**

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STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$80	\$70
Child	\$40	\$35
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 29	0830
Return	September 29	1330
MEALS INCLUDED		
• None		

Visit the Hassan II Mosque, the world's third largest mosque (outside viewing only). Completed in 1993, the mosque was designed by French architect Michel Pinseau and built by Bouygues. The minaret of the Hassan II Mosque is the world's tallest at 689 feet. Similar to the architecture of the Alhambra, the mosque displays strong Moorish influence but also includes modern touches, such as electric doors, a sliding roof and heated floor. It was also built to withstand earthquakes.



After visiting the Great Mosque, drive through Casablanca's varied neighborhoods, including the Ain Diab Corniche, lined with swimming pools, restaurants and nightclubs; and the luxurious Anfa residential section, where Churchill and Roosevelt met for the Casablanca Conference during World War II. Continue to Mohamed V Square, the Central Market, the Habous Quarter, the *Mahkama* (court), the Cathedral Notre Dame du Lourdes, and the Royal Palace Mechouar. Finally, enjoy a walking tour through the mechouar bazaars of the new medina adjoining the Royal Palace.

CAS16**HASSAN II MOSQUE VISIT *NEW DATE*****2 hours**

Visit the Hassan II Mosque, the world's third largest mosque. Completed in 1993, the mosque was designed by French architect Michel Pinseau and built by Bouygues. The minaret of the Hassan II Mosque is the world's tallest at 689 feet. Similar to the architecture of the Alhambra, the mosque displays strong Moorish influence but also includes modern touches, such as electric doors, a sliding roof and heated floor. It was also built to withstand earthquakes.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$50	\$45
Child	\$25	\$22.50
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 29	0815
Return	September 29	1015
MEALS INCLUDED		
• None		

Built on reclaimed land, almost half of the surface of the mosque lies over the Atlantic. This was inspired by a verse of the *Qur'an* that states, "the throne of God was built on the water." Part of floor of this facility is glass so that as many as 25,000 worshippers can kneel directly over the sea. Eighty thousand additional worshippers can be accommodated in the courtyard.

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CAS24 FES: FAMILY TRADITIONS & GASTRONOMY OVERNIGHT**3Days/2Nights**

Head to Fès, the oldest of Morocco's Imperial Cities and the kingdom's spiritual center, Fes is central to the Islamic world. Founded around 790 by Moulay Idriss I, many mosques and medersas (Koranic schools) were constructed in Fes. Considered by scholars to be the last true example of a typical medieval Arab town, Fes is under the strict building code supervision of UNESCO. Its labyrinth of alleyways opens to craft workshops, vast leather tanneries and richly ornamented monuments. **Live Fes from the inside, sharing dinner and spending two nights with a Moroccan family in its architecturally interesting house in the famous medina of Fes.**

(Two years ago, a non-government and non-profit organization promoting sustainable development, started a project helping 30 families to preserve their houses that are part of the architectural Heritage of Fes. The income from accommodating foreigners is used to that purpose and to an interesting cultural exchange.)

Take part to a cooking lesson to be introduced to the Moroccan Gastronomy and lunch in an old palace of the medina. You will also visit the world's oldest functioning university (the Qaraouine) as the Attarine Koranic School. In addition, explore various workshops and tanneries where craft trades are still passed from father to son.

The last day you can also visit Volubilis the site of the best preserved Roman ruins in Morocco. Dating primarily from the 2nd and 3rd centuries, Volubilis was one of the Roman Empire's most remote outposts.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$529	\$499
Child	\$264.50	\$249.50
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 29	0900
Return	October 1	1800
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners 		

CAS25 RABAT**FULL DAY**

North Africa was a significant center during the Roman Empire, and Morocco played a vital part in the expansion of Islam. History classes will use this ancient site to study the movement of these peoples. The Medieval Traveler, Ibn Battuta, began his travels from Morocco in the 14th century, so we can visit some of the sites he would have seen.

Although Rabat has a thousand-year history, it became a major city only in the twentieth century when the French moved the administrative capital from Fes to Rabat. Since then it has become a distinguished, elegant and modern city. It is the closest city to Casablanca where one may feel the historical grandeur and cultural diversity of Morocco. First visited by the Phoenicians, Rabat later served as the capital to the 12th-century Almohad dynasty, which is responsible for some of the city's most impressive monuments. The small casbah and old city (medina) offer a relaxed look at traditional culture.

Travel by motorcoach along the scenic coastal road to Rabat (about 1.5 hours). Upon arrival, view the major historical sights including the Mechouar of the Royal Palace, the Ramparts, Hassan Tower and Mosque, the splendid Mohamed V Mausoleum, the Kasbah of the Oudaya and the Chellah, a 14th century necropolis of the Merinide where one can view the Roman tombs within the complex.

With a full-day excursion, you will have ample free-time to explore the Kasbah of the Oudaya, have time for LUNCH ON YOUR OWN, and even visit inside the Oudaya Museum (at your own expense) or enjoy a cup of tea and cookies.

Additionally, there will be time to visit the old Medina before returning to Casablanca.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$72	\$65.00
Child	\$36.00	\$32.50
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 29	0900
Return	September 29	1800
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		

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CAS26 EVENING WITH A MOROCCAN FAMILY – GROUP A**Evening**

Sharing a meal with a Moroccan family provides a unique opportunity to experience their wonderful hospitality and a chance to sample typical, local cuisine. By engaging in candid conversations with your hosts, you will gain many insights into the Moroccan culture and way of life.

Your visit will include a traditional Moroccan Fatour (breakfast) meal which is served to break their daily fast. Please be aware that the Moroccan dinner hour is later than that of most American families. Families usually host 3-4 students each. As they have prepared a special meal, please be sure to find someone to take your place if you are unable to attend.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$60	\$50
Child	\$30	\$25
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 29	1700
Return	September 29	2200
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dinner 		

Day 3: Sunday, September 30**CAS31 MARRAKECH WITH TREASURE HUNT & ZIP-LINE****2 days/ 1 night**

Founded in 1070 by the Almoravids, the southern Moroccan city of Marrakech was once an important political and cultural center, with influence throughout the western Muslim world. Today, Marrakech plays less of a political role but it remains the most popular destination for visitors to Morocco. In addition to the souks, the famous Place Jamaâ El Fna with its snake charmers, and the enchanting "red city" itself, Marrakech retains several impressive monuments from its illustrious history.

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Depart by minibus to Marrakech (3-4 hours). Upon arrival, proceed for a brief city orientation ending in Jamaâ El Fna Square for lunch. After lunch, participate in a "Treasure Hunt." This special activity is the best way to discover Marrakech; it will give you the opportunity to explore the most important places of Marrakech: souks, medina, old streets, and the famous square, Jamaa El Fna. Later enjoy a Moroccan dinner with folklore show and horse fantasia at Chez Ali.

Day 2: After breakfast, discover the marvelous landscape of the foothills of the High Atlas Mountains via minibus. Participate in a variety of challenging activities including zip-lines (*tyroliennes*) and rope bridges. Enjoy lunch under nomad tents. Return to Casablanca in the late afternoon.

Please note: You should be in good physical condition to participate in this trip. It is not recommended for individuals who have a fear of heights. **** MAXIMUM WEIGHT IS 110KG OR 243 LBS. ****

Suggested packing list:

Clothing

- Basket shoes
- Sandals for light walking
- Cotton trousers, Bermudas (not short shorts)
- Light shirts and T-shirts for day wear, warm pullovers
- Hat
- Good sun glasses

Equipment

- High factor sun protection for face and lips
- Toiletries
- Water bottle

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$505	\$450
Child	\$252.50	\$225
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 30	0800
Return	October 1	1730
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Lunches 1 Dinner 1 Breakfast 		

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Located on an oasis at the base of the High Atlas Mountains, Marrakech is the gateway city to the Sahara. Legend and fact both contribute to the explanation of Marrakech's unique character. The town's origins are attributed to the development of an oasis, which grew out of the refuse of caravans from the south, whose food supplies contained

dates. The palm groves that sprang up provided an ideal place for the Saharan nomad Almoravids to settle. Since that time, Marrakech has seen many dynasties and fortunes rise and fall, resulting in a remarkably beautiful city that has not only become the capital of southern Morocco but an integral city to the Islamic world. The cultural, natural and historical attractions of this traditional Berber capital, seat to nearly all of Morocco's dynasties over the last thousand years, make Marrakech the top tourism destination in North Africa.

The Ourika is a narrow valley that cuts deep into the High Atlas Mountains. As you move further south into the valley, the mountains rise ever more precipitously, and the area of cultivation diminishes further. At the head of the valley, constricted terraced gardens are productive throughout most of the year since the Ourika stream, which drains the northeast face of Jbel Toubkal, seldom runs dry. In the past, people of the Ourika Valley were in a powerful position since they controlled the water supply to the city and gardens of Marrakech. At the time, Moroccan law did not acknowledge the rights of any user downstream. In practice, this meant that no ruler of Marrakech could afford to have a hostile power in control of the valley.

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Transfer from Casablanca to Marrakech by motorcoach (a drive of approximately 3 hours). Upon arrival, visit the Majorelle Gardens. After lunch visit the Bahia and Dar Si Said Palaces (the latter now a museum of southern crafts). Wind up the afternoon at the tumultuous Jemaa el Fna Square at the height of the day's activity—with snake charmers, acrobats, medicine men and women, storytellers and scribes. Later enjoy a Moroccan dinner in the medina with an Arabo-andalucian orchestra and a belly dancer show.

Day 2: Visit the Ourika Valley, an orchard center amid red cliffs in the High Atlas Mountains, and a Berber family, where you can witness their Middle Ages way of life. Enjoy the day hiking in the beautiful landscape through Berber villages nestled in the mountains. Return to Marrakech for lunch before departing for Casablanca.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$315	\$280
Child	\$157.50	\$140
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 30	0800
Return	October 1	1700
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Lunches • 1 Dinner • 1 Breakfast 		

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CAS33 MARRAKECH**Full-Day**

Travel from Casablanca to Marrakech by motorcoach (a drive of approximately three hours). Upon arrival, visit the Majorelle Gardens. After lunch, the exploration of the city will continue with the Bahia and Dar Si Said Palaces (the latter now a museum of southern crafts). Wind up the afternoon at the tumultuous Jemaa el Fna Square at the height of the day's activity—with snake charmers, acrobats, medicine men and women, storytellers, and scribes. Return to Casablanca.

Suggested packing list:

Clothing

- Light walking shoes, not new to avoid blisters as much as possible
- Cotton trousers, Bermudas (not short shorts)
- Light shirts and T-shirts for day wear
- Hat
- Good sun glasses

Equipment

- High factor sun protection for face and lips

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$145	\$130
Child	\$72.50	\$65
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 30	0700
Return	September 30	1900
MEALS INCLUDED		
• None		

CAS34 SERVICE VISIT: ORPHANAGE - GROUP A**Half-Day**

Visit a Moroccan orphanage, which provides care for children ages newborn to 15 years old. Upon arrival at the orphanage, students will tour the facilities and meet with staff to learn about their programs, sources of funding and challenges of operating in Morocco. Children who have been abandoned or orphaned for a wide range of reasons enjoy interacting with students. Engage with the children through games, music, and other activities. (Cost of the trip includes a donation to the orphanage.)

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$50	\$40
Child	\$25	\$20
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 30	TBD
Return	September 30	TBD
MEALS INCLUDED		
• None		

CAS35 RABAT**Half-Day**

North Africa was a significant center during the Roman Empire, and Morocco played a vital part in the expansion of Islam. History classes will use this ancient site to study the movement of these peoples. The medieval traveler, Ibn Battuta, began his travels from Morocco in the 14th century; on this tour, participants will visit some of the sites he would have seen.

Although Rabat has a thousand-year history, it became a major city only in the 20th century when the French moved the administrative capital from Fes to Rabat. Since then it has become a distinguished, elegant and modern city. It is the closest city to Casablanca where one may feel the historical grandeur and cultural diversity of Morocco. First visited by the Phoenicians, Rabat later served as the capital to the 12th-century Almohad dynasty, which is responsible for some of the city's most impressive monuments. The small casbah and Old City (*medina*) offer a relaxed look at traditional culture.

Travel by motorcoach along the scenic coastal road to Rabat (about 90 minutes). Upon arrival, view the major historical sites, including the Mechouar of the Royal Palace, the Ramparts, Hassan Tower and Mosque, the splendid Mohamed V Mausoleum,

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STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$70	\$60
Child	\$35	\$30
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 30	1400
Return	September 30	1900
MEALS INCLUDED		
• None		

CAS35 RABAT**Half-Day**

the Kasbah of the Oudaya, and the Chellah—a 14th-century necropolis of the Merinide where one can view the Roman tombs within the complex.

Please note: Bring bottled water, a sun hat and sunscreen.

CAS36 EVENING WITH A MOROCCAN FAMILY**Evening**

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Your visit will include a traditional Moroccan Fatour (breakfast) meal which is served to break their daily fast. Please be aware that the Moroccan dinner hour is later than that of most American families. Also, as you will in Morocco during Ramadan, be aware that you will not eat or drink before sunset. Families usually host 3-4 students each. As they have prepared a special meal, please be sure to find someone to take your place if you are unable to attend.

STANDARD PRICE		<i>Early Booking</i>
Adult	\$60	\$50
Child	\$30	\$25
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 30	1700
Return	September 30	2200
MEALS INCLUDED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		

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Day 4: Monday, October 1

IMPORTANT: If you registered in one of the following courses, you have a field lab on this day. Do not make any other travel plans as this is a designated class day in port for your course:

PLAN 4500	Coastal Cities and Climate Change with Professor Slaughter
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CAS41	SERVICE VISIT: ORPHANAGE - GROUP B	Half-Day												
<p>Visit a Moroccan orphanage, which provides care for children ages newborn to 15 years old. Upon arrival at the orphanage, students will tour the facilities and meet with staff to learn about their programs, sources of funding and challenges of operating in Morocco. Children who have been abandoned or orphaned for a wide range of reasons enjoy interacting with students. Engage with the children through games, music, and other activities. (Cost of the trip includes a donation to the orphanage.)</p>														
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CAS42	SACRED SPACES OF CASABLANCA	Half-Day												
<p>This tours visit Casablanca's major places of worship. The most monumental of the sites will be the Hassan II Mosque, completed only recently, in 1993. It is not only one of the largest mosques in the world, but it is also the only mosque in Morocco open to the non-Muslim public. It is Casablanca's most monumental building. The tour will also visit two Christian sites, reinforcing the religious complexity of Morocco. Notre Dame de Lourdes, completed in 1956, has an extraordinary collection of Modern stained glass. Sacre-Coeur Cathedral, completed in 1930, functions today as a cultural center rather than an active place of worship. It also allows spectacular views of the city from its towers (Note: It may not be possible to visit the interior of the Sacré-Coeur Cathedral, but from outside we can, nevertheless, have an idea how it reflects the best of the more adventurous architectural products of the art deco era). And finally, the trip will also visit Beth El Synagogue, the premier place of worship for the city's Jewish population, offering a view into the city's third major religious community. Please note: Participants are advised to bring adequate sun protection and good walking shoes. A strict dress code is enforced in the Mosque. Shorts, short skirts and tank tops or any clothes revealing the knees or shoulders are not acceptable.</p>														
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