

# CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

Arrive: 0800 Thursday, 22 October  
Onboard: 1800 Monday, 26 October

**Brief Overview:** 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 also fascinating to experience, and Moroccan cuisine is considered by many to be some of the best in the world.

**Nearby:** **Rabat** is an elegant and modern capital city. It offers visitors a view of the historic grandeur and cultural diversity of Morocco with a smaller, more relaxed Kasbah and medina.

**Fès:** The old-town **Medina of Fès** 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. It also serves as the inland base for adventures ranging from riding camels through palm groves to experiencing life in a nomad camp.



## Highlights:

### **Art and Architecture:**

Day 2: CAS 106-201 Marrakech Medina & Majorelle Gardens

Day 5: CAS 116-501 Enchanting El Jadida

### **Cultural highlights:**

Day 4: CAS 104-401 Religions of Morocco

### **Action/Adventure:**

Day 2: CAS 402-201 Sahara Camel Trek Via Ouarzazate

Day 2: CAS 301-301 Marrakech & Nomad Camp

### **Impact Opportunity:**

Day 3: CAS 206-201 IMPACT: Children of Marrakech

### **Taste of Morocco:**

Day 1: CAS 103-103 Casablanca Market By Night and Belly Dancing

Day 4: CAS 107-401 Market & Cooking Demonstration



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# Day 1: Thursday, 22 October

**IMPORTANT: If you are 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:**

COURSE #	FACULTY	DAY 1 - Thursday, 22 October
PSYC 3480 101	Professor Peg Barratt	Adolescence: Theory and Development
ANTH 1010 502	Professor Eve Danziger	Introduction to Anthropology (Section 2)
PHIL 1510 101	Professor Louise Harmon	Philosophy of Poverty
RELG 1005 501	Professor John Nemec	World Religions (Section 1)
PHS 2050 101	Professor Mary Ropka	Introduction to Public Health
SEMS 3500 102	Professor Tom Trittipio	Marketing Strategy
PLIR 1010 502	Professor Rob Wilder	International Relations (Section 2)

CAS 404-201

FES AND CHAOEN

4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS



In addition to visiting **Fes**, Morocco's oldest imperial city and a UNESCO World Heritage site, you will also get to visit **Chaouen** (or Chefchaouen) and **Tetouan**. Chaouen, known as Morocco's blue city with its blue and white washed buildings, is considered the prettiest town in Morocco.

Tetouan was once the main point of contact between Andalusia and Morocco and this Andalusian influence is easily recognized in its art and architecture.

On the way to Tetouan, enjoy your lunch break in a local restaurant. Upon arrival, take a short orientation tour of the city. Tetouan lies at the foot of the **Rif Mountains** and is just a few kilometers from the sea. Its verdant green setting brings together Arab and Andalusian cultures evident in the seven magnificently sculpted gateways, the ceramics decorating the buildings or the wrought iron balconies on the white houses. Continue to Chaouen and check in at your hotel upon arrival for dinner & overnight.

Start the next day with a visit to the **Old Kasbah** in the medina built by the legendary ruler Moulay Ismail in the early 18th century. Next, explore this blue-washed town by foot along with your guide who will share stories of Chaouen's history. You will stop at the cobbled main square, **Plaza Uta el-Hammam**, where the 15th century Grand Mosque sits and you will have some free time to explore. The Mosque and its nearby buildings were built by Jewish refugees, who alongside Muslims escaped the Spanish persecution to Chaouen. Continue towards Fes, stopping for lunch in Ouazzane. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel followed by dinner & overnight.

On the third day you will have the opportunity to fully explore Fes, entering the medieval city through the monumental door **Bab Bou Jeloud**. You will find yourself absorbed in a world of the past where artisans work with original methods and tools, women cook the bread in the public oven, and donkeys are the only means of transport. You will visit the **Medersa Bouanania**, whose courtyard is marvelously realized in marble and onyx. Enjoy a lunch break of typical Moroccan dishes at a local restaurant. After lunch, continue the visit of the Medina including: the souk Attarine, entirely devoted to the spices; the souk Nejarine, devoted to the carpenters; Place Seffarine, populated with blacksmiths shops; and the dyers' souk where skeins of silk are hung to dry in the sun. On your way back to the hotel for dinner you will cross the Jewish district of Mellah.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$660	\$629
Child	\$330	\$315
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 22	12:00
Return	October 25	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short orientation tour in Tetouan</li> <li>• The Blue city of Chaouen</li> <li>• Ancient city of Fes</li> <li>• Meknes &amp; Volubilis, both Unesco World Heritage Sites</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 32		



**CAS 404-201**

**FES AND CHAOEN**

**4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS**

The next morning, depart from Fes to the roman city of **Volubilis**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and home to the largest and most well preserved Roman ruins in Morocco. With its triumphal arches, basilicas and its incredibly well preserved mosaics, Volubilis is a prime example of Roman architecture. Continue to **Meknes**, for lunch with a stop at the monumental Bab Mansour gateway, considered one of the finest of the great gates of Morocco. Arrive back in Casablanca in the late afternoon.

Day 1: (L, D)

- Travel to Larache for lunch
- Panoramic tour of Tetouan
- Drive from Tetouan to Chaouen
- Arrival to your hotel for check-in and dinner

Day 3: (B, L, D)

- Breakfast
- Sightseeing of Fes
- Lunch at a Moroccan Restaurant
- Afternoon sightseeing in Fes
- Dinner at hotel

Day 2: (B, L, D)

- Breakfast
- Explore Chaouen
- Drive from Chaouen to Ouazzane for lunch
- Drive to Fes
- Arrival to your hotel for check-in and dinner

Day 4: (B, L)

- Breakfast
- Drive to Volubilis and visit the city
- Drive to Meknes and visit the city
- Lunch
- Drive back to Casablanca

**CAS 100-102**

**CASABLANCA AND HASSAN II MOSQUE**

**HALF-DAY**

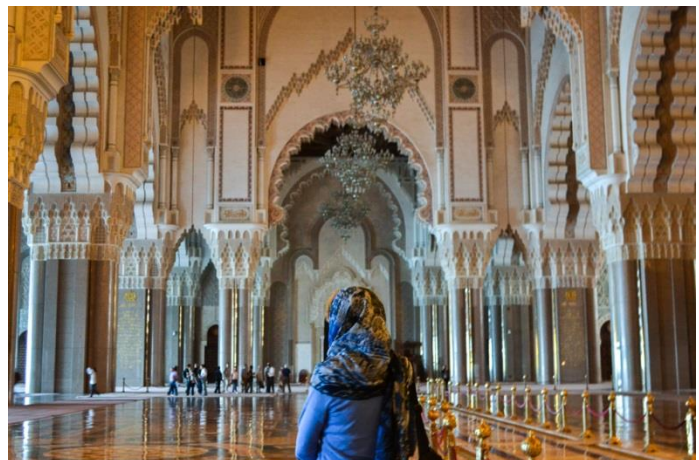
Experience the historic splendor and landmarks of Casablanca during this scenic, half-day sightseeing tour of the city. You depart the pier and proceed to the amazing and beautiful **Hassan II Mosque**. The Mosque is the second-largest mosque in the Islamic world, and you stop for an inside visit to admire the immense and ornate architecture of this masterpiece building. From here you depart to another viewpoint of the mosque for a photo stop which shows the city along the coastline, and how the mosque was built in such a way that it looks to be 'floating' on the sea.

Next, proceed to the **Medina**, or 'Habous Quarter' for a short stroll through this historic part of the city, lined with souks, shops, and a warren of alleyways.

After re-boarding the coach you drive through the elegant residential district of Anfa, the original site of Casablanca, and a far cry from the hustle and bustle of this large commercial city. Your tour concludes with a stop at Mohammed V Square where you see examples of many Moslem-styled buildings, a monumental fountain, a public garden and the statue of Marshal Lyautey.

**Please note:** Appropriate clothing is recommended for access to the holy places. Shoulders and knees must be covered while visiting the mosque. In case of religious celebrations or holidays, the tour will visit but not enter the Hassan Mosque.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$47	\$45
Child	\$24	\$23
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 22	1338
Return	October 22	1830
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cornish Street , Anfa area</li> <li>• Hassan II Mosque</li> <li>• Habbous Quarter &amp; Royal Palace</li> <li>• Mohamed V Square</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY:		



CAS 103-103

CASABLANCA MARKET BY NIGHT & BELLY DANCING

EVENING



On your way to the restaurant stop at Mohamed V square to capture the beautiful effect of sounds and lights as the sun sets on the square's magnificent fountain. Take in the Hassan II Mosque, the second largest mosque after Mecca. The mosque is an astonishing

masterpiece of art and technology, symbolizing an Islam opening to the rest of the world. Return to the waterfront and proceed through the famous Corniche restaurant for dinner. Candles and hand painted decorations provide a very intimate atmosphere at this authentic Moroccan restaurant. Enjoy the aromas and tastes of authentic local cuisine, combining the sweet and salty flavors and the delicate use of spices and aromatic herbs. The dinner will be accompanied by Arab Andalusia musical notes and a traditional dance. Of course, dinner would not be complete without mint tea, a symbol of Moroccan hospitality.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$114	\$109
Child	\$57	\$55
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 22	1900
Return	October 22	2300
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Casablanca &amp; Hassan II Mosque by night</li> <li>Moroccan restaurant</li> <li>Belly Dancer</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY:		

Day 2: Friday, 23 October

**IMPORTANT:** If you are 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:

COURSE #	FACULTY	DAY 2 - Friday, 23 October
SEMS 3500 505	Professor Melinda Cain	Intercultural Communication (Section 2)
ARTS 2110 101	Professor Paige Critcher	Fine Art Photography
CE 3100 101	Professor Gerry Johnson	Water for the World
MUSI 1070 501	Professor Dan Merrill	Global Music (Section 1)
ENWR 2559 503	Professor Paul Shepard	Travel Writing Workshop (Section 3)
SEMS 2500 504	Professor Yuwei Shi	Social Entrepreneurship (Section 2)

CAS 402-201

SAHARA CAMEL TREK VIA OUARZAZATE

4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS



Explore the Sahara in this program through **Ouarzazate**. The city lies on the confluence of three important oasis valley systems: the Ouarzazate, Dadès, and Drâa. Bare sunbaked rock turns into lush green palm grove forms as you move from Ouarzazate to Zagora. A labyrinth of irrigation

channels feeds the fertile, palm-shaded terraces of farmland in the surrounding Drâa valley. Dates are the primary commercial crop, and the best dates are found in Zagora. The Drâa Valley has always been strongly influenced by the surrounding nomadic tribes and has served as a stepping-stone for Saharan explorations since the 10th century. Your experience in the Sahara will include an overnight stay in a nomad camp and a camel trek into the desert.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$607	\$578
Child	\$303	\$289
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 23	0800
Return	October 26	1700
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crossing the High-Atlas mountains</li> <li>Palm groves, ksours and Kasbahs</li> <li>Camel trek in the Sahara</li> <li>Dinner under the stars at nomad camp</li> <li>Marrakech</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 30		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 90		

**Ait Benhaddou** is a 'fortified city', or ksar, along the former caravan route between the Sahara and Marrakech in present-day Morocco. Known for its Kasbahs, it has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987. Several films have been shot there, such as *The Last Temptation of Christ*, *The Mummy*, *Gladiator*, *Alexander*, *Kingdom of Heaven* and *Prince of Persia*. **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. These 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 this time, Marrakech has seen many dynasties and fortunes rise and fall, resulting in a remarkably beautiful city which 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.



Check out the **AMAZING** photos from this trip on the Fall 2013 voyage [here](#).

**Please Note:** This program involves long bus rides (10-11 hours) in order to travel to the Sahara and then back to Marrakech and Casablanca. **Much of the travel is over winding mountain roads and may not be suitable for those prone to car sickness.**

Day 1: (L,D)

- Drive to Ait Ourir via Marrakech
- Lunch at Ait Ourir
- Drive to Ouarzazate
- Dinner and local folklore in a Kasbah

Day 3: (B,L,D)

- Berber breakfast
- Camel trek
- Travel to Marrakech, mint tea break in Zagora, lunch in Ait Ben Haddou
- Dinner in Jamaa El Fna square

Day 2: (B,L,D)

- To Zagora for Lunch
- Zagora to Oulad Driss
- Camel trek
- Dinner and night at nomad camp in the desert

Day 4: (B)

- Free morning to visit Marrakech
- Lunch on own
- Back to Casablanca

CAS 101-201

RABAT AND MOROCCAN TEA

FULL-DAY



Enjoy a day exploring Rabat and finish the afternoon with a traditional Moroccan tea. Begin with an external view of the **Royal Palace**, a splendid representation of Islamic architecture. The next visit will be the **Chellah necropolis**. Built in the 14th century by the Merinides, the necropolis stands on

the site of the Roman city of Sala. Continue to the **Mohammed V Mausoleum**, situated a stone's throw from the Hassan tower, but separated by many centuries. The **Hassan Tower** is 44 meters (140 feet) high and was originally intended to attain 80 meters (260 feet). Majestic, although never finished, the tower was the brainchild of sultan Yacoub El Mansour, whose ambition was to build the biggest mosque in the Muslim world. Finally, drive to the **Kasbah of the Oudayas**, named after the Oudaya tribe that was sent to Rabat by Sultan Moulay Ismail to defend the city against the invincible Andalusian pirates. After tasting a very nice Moroccan tea in this beautiful Kasbah, depart back to Casablanca.

**Please note:** A boxed lunch from the Ship is provided for participants to eat on the return ride to Casablanca.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$66	\$63
Child	\$33	\$32
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 23	0900
Return	October 23	1500
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Royal Palace &amp; Chellah Necropolis</li> <li>Mohamed V mausoleum &amp; Hassan Tower</li> <li>Kasbah of the Oudayas</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 160		

CAS 106-201

MARRAKECH AND MAJORELLE GARDENS

FULL-DAY



For a long time, Marrakech has embodied a romantic "Moroccan dream" for many curious travelers. Start your visit to Marrakech at the **Mosque of the Koutoubia** (or of the booksellers), a masterpiece of the Hispanic-Moorish art, that calls the inhabitants of the city every day to prayer. You'll then visit **Majorelle Gardens**, home to the late Yves Saint Laurent. Today it houses a collection of plants from the four corners of the earth. Next, you will enjoy a traditional Moroccan lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, you will go to the **Medersa Ben Youssef**, a Koranic school that was built around 1570 and which is now one of the biggest medersas (schools) in northwest Africa. Next, enjoy an era gone by as you explore the colorful and perfumed world of the souks of Marrakech. Explore local handicrafts in these lanes, covered with reeds and lanterns. Finally, take in the **Jemaa el-Fna Square**. You will find a cosmopolitan crowd of dancers, snake charmers, and monkey trainers at this famous pavilion. This site was proclaimed as Marrakech's most famous pavilion. Noted for its role in showing the cultural heritage of humanity by UNESCO, it definitely won't disappoint

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$103	\$98
Child	\$51	\$49
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 23	0730
Return	October 23	2045
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Majorelle Gardens</li> <li>Medersa Ben Youssef</li> <li>Moroccan Lunch</li> <li>Medina &amp; Souks</li> <li>Jemaa El-Fna Square</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		



Begin your adventure with a drive to the beautiful suburbs of Marrakech. On arrival, you will have lunch at a local restaurant with a belly dancer show.

From here, embark in your 4x4 vehicles and drive to **Agafay**, a rocky desert in the foothills of the High Atlas Mountains in the heart of Berber country. Here your camels will be waiting for you and you will ride to an authentic nomad camp

where you will enjoy dinner with a traditional folkloric show followed by overnight under nomad tents.

The next day, explore the area by 'four wheel drive following the **N'fis Wadi River**. Travel along old salt mines and dams that provide the city of Marrakech with water and electricity. In the evening, return to **Marrakech** for an evening out with delicious Moroccan food in the medina, complete with a belly dancer show.

This trip will take you along the path traced by nomads and will be an overview of their culture as well as recent improvements to their quality of life.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$838	\$798
Child	\$419	\$399
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 23	0800
Return	October 25	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evening in a comfortable nomad camp</li> <li>• Camel Trek in a rocky desert.</li> <li>• Beautiful landscape</li> <li>• Drive through rugged terrain</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		

Day 1: (L,D)

- Departure to beautiful suburbs of Marrakech
- Short orientation tour in Marrakech
- Lunch at Chahramane
- Transfer in 4wd to the Agafay rocky desert
- Camel ride to the nomad camp with a visit of the suburbs folkloric show, dinner and night under tents

Day 2: (B,L,D)

- Four wheel drive to discover small villages and dams of the region
- Back to Marrakech via Asni valley after lunch
- Enjoy a Moroccan dinner in the medina with belly dancer show

Day 3: (B,L)

- Tour of the medina
- Lunch at Ksar el hamra
- Marrakech-Casablanca



This unique overnight program takes you to the famous city of Marrakech as well as to the lesser known cities of Agadir and Taroudant. Agadir is a beautiful coastal city that has been completely rebuilt following a devastating earthquake in 1960. While in Agadir, you will have the opportunity visit a women owned co-operative named Tighanimine, the first argan oil producer in the world to become Fairtrade certified. Taroudant is an authentic walled Berber market town in the heart of the beautiful Souss Valley with the best preserved town walls in Morocco.

Upon arrival in Marrakech, you will visit **Majorelle Gardens**, home to the late Yves Saint Laurent. Today it houses a collection of plants from the four corners of the earth. Next, you will enjoy a traditional Moroccan lunch at a local restaurant. Then you will discover the Mysteries of Marrakech beginning with a visit to the **Ben Youssef Medersa**, the biggest medersa (school) in the whole of the Maghreb (west). The current structure of this Koranic school was built around 1570. Next, prepare yourself for the labyrinth of the souks, a maze of colorful alleys and small squares which are home to a bewildering array of stalls and ateliers devoted to specific crafts. You will also visit **Jemaa El-Fna Square**, the beating heart of Marrakech where mime artists, snake-charmers and street musicians perform at every turn. In the evening, enjoy dinner at a Moroccan restaurant with a belly dancing show.

After breakfast the next morning, embark on the four hour drive to Agadir and have lunch on arrival. Next, visit **Tighanimine El Baz** the Fairtrade cooperative lead by Nadia Fatmi. Nadia sought to develop female literacy in the village and created a cooperative that benefits women, their children and their community. Spend some time at the association, and sample the famous argan oil before heading back to your hotel for dinner & overnight.

The next morning, explore **Agadir** with its modern architecture. Drive to the fort of Kasbah set above the Atlantic shoreline, built to defend against the onslaught of Portuguese invaders. The Kasbah is known for its breathtaking view over Agadir's almost endless beach. From the viewpoint, a short drive down the hill brings you to the Berber market of **Souk Al Had**. Here among the maze of souks (markets), you will have time to shop for everything from carpets to fine handicrafts.

Your next journey of 90 minutes will take you to **Taroudant** where you will have lunch on arrival in a beautiful outdoor garden. After lunch, there is a brief walk through the souks and then some free time at **Assarague Square** to meander or people watch. Return to Agadir for dinner and overnight.

On the final day after breakfast, you will head back to Marrakech for a lunch break before continuing to Casablanca.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$755	\$719
Child	\$377	\$359
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 23	0900
Return	October 26	1800
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the Red City of Marrakech</li> <li>• Visit of Tighanimine - Fair Trade Certified Argan Oil Producer</li> <li>• Explore Agadir &amp; Taroudant</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 16		





Day 1: (B, L, D)

- Travel to Marrakech
- Visit the Majorelle Gardens
- Lunch
- Visit the Medersa Ben Youssef
- Explorer the medina & souks and discover Jemaa El-Fna Square
- Hotel check-in
- Dinner and overnight in the hotel

Day 3: (B, L, D)

- Drive to Agadir Oufala
- Visit the Berber Market Souk Al Had and the Talborjt Mosque
- Drive to Taroudant
- Lunch
- Visit the ramparts, souks & medina with free time at Assarague Square
- Dinner & overnight at hotel

Day 2: (B, L, D)

- Drive to Agadir
- Lunch at Atlas Kasbah
- Visit the Argan Oil Association
- Hotel and check in
- Dinner and overnight at hotel

Day 4: (L)

- Drive to Marrakech
- Lunch
- Drive back to Casablanca
- Arrive at Casablanca pier

## Day 3: Saturday 24, October



This overnight program provides the opportunity to volunteer at **AL KARAM Association** as well as to spend some time getting to know the fascinating city of Marrakech. AL KARAM offers a safe haven for street children in Marrakech and young victims of abuse who have been abandoned or left to earn money begging or

through other illegal activities. It provides daily activities and education, as well as clothing, books and school supplies. It helps children get into school, and supports a home for street children in emergency situations.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$523	\$498
Child	\$261	\$249
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 24	0900
Return	October 25	1800
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share a meal with the children of AL KARAM Association</li> <li>• Experience Volunteering on a Care Project</li> <li>• Discover Magical Marrakech</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 16		



Become a member of a Global Grins Delivery Squad by delivering toothbrushes and spreading the word about good oral hygiene and disease prevention. More information about Global Grins can be found at <http://www.globalgrins.org/>.

Upon arrival in Marrakech, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant accompanied by a folkloric show. Next, you will discover the mysteries of Marrakech. Begin with a visit to the **Koutoubia mosque**, an emblem of Marrakech. Koutoubia's minaret inspired the architects of the Giralda of Seville and the Hassan Tower of Rabat. Continue to the **Ben Youssef Medersa**, the biggest medersa (school) in the whole of the Maghreb (west). The current structure of this Koranic school was built around 1570. From there, you will walk to the **Bahia Palace**. The beauty of the Bahia Palace, which took 15 years to complete, makes it a remarkable example of the Eastern architecture from the 19th century. Freshen up at your hotel before enjoying a Moroccan dinner with belly dancing.

The next day after breakfast, a group of horse drawn carriages will take you on an orientation tour of Marrakech. Continue to AL KARAM Association where you will have lunch with the children, interact with them and learn about their daily life. After a rewarding afternoon, begin the return trip to Casablanca.

Day 1: (L, D)

- Travel to Marrakech
- Lunch with folkloric show
- Visit Marrakech (Koutoubia, Medersa Ben Youssef & Bahia Palace)
- Drive to hotel & check in
- Dinner at a local Moroccan restaurant with belly dancer show

Day 2: (L)

- Orientation around Marrakech in horse drawn carriage
- Lunch at AL KARAM Association
- Drive back to Casablanca
- Arrive at the pier



CAS 203-301

SPIRITUAL CAPITAL OF FES

2 DAYS/1 NIGHT



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$398	\$379
Child	\$199	\$190
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 24	0900
Return	October 25	2300
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meknes City &amp; Volubilis</li> <li>• Fes City &amp; Bab Boujloud</li> <li>• Medersa Bouanania</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 46		

If you had to visit only one city of Morocco, your choice should be **Fès**. Its architectural wealth, fascinating medina, and magnificent monuments make Fes the cultural capital of the country. On the way to Fes, you will also have the opportunity to visit **Meknes** and **Volubilis**. Meknes is located in the middle of fertile and prosperous plains along the Bokefrane River. It was the capital of Morocco during the reign of Moulay Ismail, a Sultan of the Louis XIV period. He wanted to create Meknes as a city of great monuments. Admire the ramparts and bastions connected by splendid gates, like the 'Bab Monsour' and the 'Victorious Gate.'

After lunch, drive through the countryside around Meknes, a lush and peaceful area with gently rolling hills and olive trees, to the ancient Roman city of Volubilis. After seeing the Roman history of Volubilis (where visitors are permitted to explore freely), continue on to Fes. The gentle architecture of flat roofs punctuated by soaring minarets and gentle succession of terraces will leave you breathless. Enjoy dinner and an overnight stay in Fes.



On the second day, you will continue to explore the medieval city of Fès. Visit **Medersa Bonania**, whose courtyard is decorated in marble and onyx, as well as the monumental door Bab Bou Jeloud. Walk through a labyrinth of alleys where every turn contains a different guild of artisans: the souk Attarine, entirely devoted to spices; the souk Nejarine, devoted to the carpenters; Place Seffarine, populated with blacksmith shops; and the dyers' souk where skeins of silk are hung to dry in the sun. You will also explore the most fascinating souk of Fès, the tannery. Known for the strong and sharp odor of the hides, witness the extraordinary methods of this tradition first-hand. You will

also pass by a place revered by Muslims, the **Mosque Kairouyne**.

This mosque is part of a famous university defined as the most ancient in the world. The building is closed to non-Muslims, but from its doors you can catch a glimpse of its beauty. If time permits, you will also have a chance to cross the Jewish district of Mellah before returning to Casablanca.

Day 1: (L, D)

- Drive from Casablanca to Meknes
- Lunch in Meknes
- Orientation tour of the city
- Drive to Volubilis and visit
- Drive to Fes
- Arrival to your hotel and check in
- Dinner and overnight

Day 2: (B, L)

- Breakfast & Check-out
- Sightseeing of Fes
- Lunch at a Moroccan Restaurant
- Free time to explore Fes
- Drive Back to Casablanca
- Arrival at the pier

## Day 4: Sunday 25, October



Learn the secrets to preparing a variety of Moroccan specialties during this memorable cooking demonstration and lunch at the **La Toque Blanche School of Gastronomy**.

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive along the Corniche adjoining the Atlantic Ocean en route to Anfa, an elegant residential district perched on a hill overlooking the city. Anfa was the original site of Casablanca, and is highlighted by main

avenues, green parks and magnificent villas in a variety of architectural styles.

Your first stop is the bustling Central Market, home to a cavalcade of color, charm, street musicians, a fish market, scenic handicrafts, and spices. From here, proceed to La Toque Blanche School of Gastronomy.

Your arrival is greeted with refreshments and pastries, followed by an informative cooking demonstration. Learn the spices and methods used in the creation of a variety of Moroccan entrees and desserts. Afterward, a lunch consisting of the featured dishes is served; guests may opt to be seated on chairs, or on pillows on the floor.

Following your visit, you are presented with a Certificate of Participation, along with a sample of the spices used and a description of their preferred cooking applications.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$148	\$141
Child	\$74	\$71
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 25	0900
Return	October 25	1530
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop at the Central Market</li> <li>• Cooking demonstration at La Toque Blanche School of Gastronomy.</li> <li>• Sample a variety of traditional Moroccan dishes during lunch</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30		

## Day 5: Monday 26, October

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RELIGIONS OF MOROCCO

HALF-DAY

As many Moroccans will proudly attest, the country has a very long tradition of religious tolerance. One of the best examples of this tolerance is the existence of a Jewish museum in Casablanca, making Morocco the only predominantly Muslim country in the world that has a dedicated Jewish museum.



Christianity in Morocco dates back to the Roman times and today constitutes approximately 1.1% of the country's overall population. The Moroccan constitution states that Islam is the official religion of the state; however Christian communities can openly practice elements of their faith.

Your first stop is at the Hassan II Mosque, the brainchild and crowning achievement of King Hassan II. This phenomenal building is the world's third-largest mosque and it was built to commemorate the former king's 60th birthday, opening in 1993. It is the only mosque in Morocco where non-Muslims are allowed to enter inside. Then, depart to the Jewish Museum, an amazing little museum retracing the history and way of life of the once very important Jewish community of Morocco. Next, visit the Catholic cathedral, which was built in 1930 and ceased to function as a church in 1956, after the independence of Morocco, and is now a cultural center and it is well worth the visit to admire the beautiful architecture and delightful stained glass windows.

**Please Note:** Appropriate clothing is recommended for access to the holy places. Shoulders and knees must be covered while visiting the mosque. In case of religious celebrations or holidays, the tour will visit but not enter the Hassan Mosque.

**“Seeing how many different view points there are and how accepting they are really impressed me...Growing up as a Christian I was never exposed to Islam and seeing all three different religions all in one day was incredible,”**  
 Quincey Shelton of [Oregon State University](#).

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$62	\$59
Child	\$31	\$30
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 26	0830
Return	October 26	1230
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholique Church Notre Dame de lourdes</li> <li>• Hassan II Mosque</li> <li>• Jewish Museum</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		



EL Jadida means the 'new one', and this new name was first used just after the departure of the Portuguese who had called it 'Mazagan'. Enjoy a drive along the coast past the village of Azemmour before arriving at El Jadida. You will visit

the most interesting part of EL Jadida, the old Portuguese quarter and the underground cistern, which is an immense square hall supported by 25 columns and lit only by a circular opening in the roof. The Portuguese built it originally as an arsenal but in the 16th century, they transformed it into a cistern. A mark on the wall records the water levels at that time. It was discovered in 1916 by chance, having been sealed off for hundreds of years. Orson Wells used it in his film 'Othello' and also many other directors have filmed in this dramatic area.

You will then walk around the city ramparts providing splendid views over the surrounding countryside. From each of the five bastions you can see over the port, the moat and the clustered houses. Next, enjoy a brief stop at the famous Church of the Assumption followed by refreshments of tea and soda before returning to Casablanca.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$68	\$64
Child	\$34	\$32
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 26	0800
Return	October 26	1400
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portuguese Citerne</li> <li>• Medina of El jadida &amp; ramparts</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		