

CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

Arrive: 0800 Sunday, 23 June
Onboard: 1800 Wednesday, 26 June

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.

Other Destinations: Adventurers from previous voyages described their trip to the **Berber Villages of the High Atlas Mountains** as a “transformative experience.” Ouarzazate and the magical Draa Valley also provide opportunities to try a camel trek through the Sahara.

Suggested short-cuts to simple planning:

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

Art and Architecture:

Day 1: CAS100-101 Casablanca & Hassan II Mosque
Day 2: CAS105-201 Authentic Rabat & Casablanca
Day 3-4: CAS203-301 Meknes & Arabo Andalous Fès

Cultural highlights:

Day 1-4: CAS401-101 Berber Villages of the High Atlas Mountains
Day 2-4: CAS302-201 Fès, Family Homestay

Taste of Morocco:

Day 2-3: CAS202-201 Marrakech & Cooking Class
Day 3: CAS102-302 Wines of Benslimane Province
Day 4: CAS101-401 Rabat & Moroccan Tea

Action/Adventure:

Day 2-4: CAS301-201 Marrakesh Nomad Camp with Camel Trek
Day 2-4: CAS301-201 Exploring Marrakech & the Atlas Mountains



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Day 1: Sunday, June 23

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:

PSYC 4559-501	Professor Belgrave	Cross-Cultural Psychology, Section 1
SEMS 3500-106	Professor Emerson	Economic Development
PLCP 3500-501	Professor Hibbard	Politics & Change in the European-Mediterranean Region (Field Lab in Casablanca)
SEMS 3500-101	Professor Laseter	Retail Supply Chains Across the World
ANTH 2500	Professor Lefkowitz	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East

CAS 201-101

MARRAKECH & OURIKA VALLEY – BERBER FAMILY VISIT

2 days/1 night

Situated at the foot of the tall Atlas Mountain range is the famous imperial city of Marrakech. Begin your adventure on foot as you explore the ancient city, also known as the Medina. Explore the Mosque of the Koutoubia (the booksellers), erected in the 12th century. From the imposing minaret, a masterpiece of the Hispanic-Moorish art, the muezzin calls the inhabitants of the city every day to prayer.

Continue on an inside visit of the Bahia Palace, which serves as the residence of Ba Ahmed (a chief advisor to Sultan Moulay El Hassan). Lunch provides an opportunity to relax and to taste local cuisine. 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. You will also visit the Medersa Ben Youssef a Koranic school that was built around 1570 and which is now one of the biggest medersas (school) 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 plaza el Fna. 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.



The next day, travel to the beautiful Ourika Valley. Less than 45 minutes out of Marrakech you can see green gorges, sparkling yellow wheat fields at the foot of snowcapped mountains. At the banks of the ferocious Ourika River you will find women washing clothes in the spray of waterfalls and traditional flat Berber homes made out of red earth. Spend time with a traditional Berber family where you can observe their way of life and enjoy lunch with them before the drive back to Casablanca.

Please note: Please bring a pair of sturdy walking shoes.

ITINERARY

Day 1: (L,D)

- Arrive in Marrakech via Casablanca
- Inside visit of Bahia Palace & photo stop at Koutoubia
- Lunch at Moroccan restaurant
- Visit Majorelle Gardens, souks, Medina, and Djamaa el Fna Square
- Hotel check-in and dinner

Day 2: (B,L)

- Depart to Ourika Valley in High Atlas Mountains
- Lunch with Berber family
- Drive back to Casablanca
- Return to pier

STANDARD PRICE

Early Booking

Adult	\$213	\$198
Child	\$106	\$99

TIME

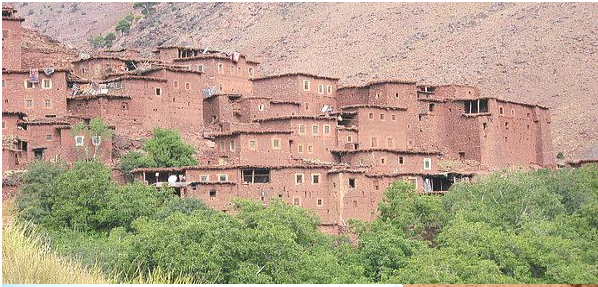
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Depart	June 23	0900
Return	June 24	2030

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bahia Palace & Koutoubia Tower
- Majorelle Gardens, Bahia Palace, Djamaa el Fna Square
- Ourika Valley with Berber family

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 30

MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 46



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 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.

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.

Check out the blog from a Summer 2011 voyager on our website:

<http://dan-spencer.blogspot.com/2011/09/morocco-day-2-berber-villages-on-haouz.html>

Please note: Children under 8 years are not permitted on this tour.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$400	\$384
Child	\$200	\$192
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 23	1000
Return	June 26	1700
HIGHLIGHTS		
• Marrakech • Traditional Berber life • Trek at the footsteps of the High-Atlas mountains		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		

ITINERARY

Day 1: (L,D)

- Train to Marrakech
- Explore Marrakech on your own after check in
- Moroccan dinner in the medina with belly dancer show

Day 2: (B,L,D)

- Transfer to Tachbibt
- Trek through beautiful landscape to Ait Situn, Berber village
- Dinner

ITINERARY

Day 3: (B,L,D)

- Hike to Ait Ahmed (4-5 hours)
- Enjoy views of the Haous plain and Lake Lalla Tazerkount

Day 4: (B)

- Back to Marrakech
- Train to Casablanca



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 groves 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.

Aït 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*.

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STANDARD PRICE**Early Booking**

Adult	\$524	\$503
Child	\$262	\$251

TIME

	Date	Time
Depart	June 23	1000
Return	June 26	1700

HIGHLIGHTS

- Crossing the High-Atlas mountains
- Palm groves, ksours and Kasbahs
- Camel trek in the Sahara
- Dinner under the stars at nomad camp
- Marrakech

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 30

MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 100

ITINERARYDay 1: (L,D)

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

Day 2: (B,L,D)

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

ITINERARYDay 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 4: (B)

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

CAS-100-101

CASABLANCA & HASSAN II MOSQUE

Half Day



Experience the historic splendor and landmarks of Casablanca during this scenic, half-day sightseeing tour of the city. First, proceed to the beautiful Hassan II Mosque. The Mosque is the second-largest mosque in the Islamic world, and you will have an inside visit to admire the immense and ornate architecture of this masterpiece.

From here, depart for another view of the mosque which makes it seem like the mosque was to look as though 'floating' on the sea. Your next stop will be the Medina, or 'Habous Quarter', for a short stroll through this historic part of the city. Explore the souks, shops, and wandering alleyways. Next, drive through the elegant residential district of Anfa, noted as the original site of Casablanca. It is a far cry from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the city. The tour concludes with a photo stop at Mohammed V Square where you see many examples of Moslem-styled buildings, a monumental fountain, a public garden and the statue of Marshal Lyautey.

Please note: Proper attire is required to enter the mosque. Shoulders and knees must be covered. In case of religious celebrations or holidays, the tour will visit but not enter the Hassan Mosque. When visiting a place/s of worship, a cultural respect and etiquette must be strictly observed at all times.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$45	\$43
Child	\$22	\$21
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 23	1300
Return	June 23	1830
HIGHLIGHTS		
• Corniche Street, Anfa area • Hassan II Mosque • Habous Quarter & Royal Palace • Mohamed V Square		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 200		

CAS-103-103

CASABLANCA BY NIGHT & BELLY DANCER

Evening



Leave the port of Casablanca for a panoramic bus tour by crossing the city's modern suburbs, built from the beginning of the 20th Century. Stop to take photos of Mohamed V square, which provides many examples of Moslem-style architecture. 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 open 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 the Moroccan hospitality.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$106	\$102
Child	\$53	\$51
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 23	1900
Return	June 23	2300
HIGHLIGHTS		
• Casablanca & Hassan II Mosque by night • Dinner at Moroccan restaurant • Belly dancer		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		

Day 2: Monday, June 24

CAS 202-201

MARRAKECH & INTERACTIVE COOKING CLASS

2 days/1 night

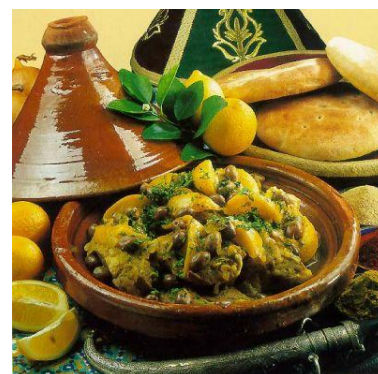
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The next morning you'll visit the market to buy supplies for your cooking class. Your participation in the Moroccan Cooking School, a non-profit organization, provides you with the rare experience of preparing authentic Moroccan cuisine. The proceeds help fund literacy and job skill training for Moroccan girls and women. Enjoy the lunch you have helped prepare before heading back to the ship.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$272	\$254
Child	\$136	\$127
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 24	0800
Return	June 25	1900
HIGHLIGHTS		
• Majorelle Gardens, Medersa Ben Youssef • Medina & Souks -Moroccan Lunch • Djamaa El Fna Square • Riad in the Medina & Cooking Class • Mosque of the Koutoubia		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 11		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 12		



ITINERARY

Day 1: (L,D)

- Travel to Marrakech via Casablanca
- Visit Majorelle Gardens & Medersa Ben Youssef
- Lunch of local food
- Free time at Djamaa el Fna Square
- Dinner and overnight in traditional "riad"

Day 2: (B,L)

- Walk to vegetables souk
- Hakima cooking class
- Drive back to Casablanca
- Return to pier



nomad camp built especially for the occasion and enjoy local folklore as you feast under 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 through 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	\$662	\$635
Child	\$331	\$317
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 24	0800
Return	June 26	1700
HIGHLIGHTS		
• Evening in a comfortable nomad camp • Camel Trek • Beautiful landscape • Drive through rugged terrain		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 30		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 100		



ITINERARY

Day 1: (L,D)

- Trip from Casablanca to Marrakech
- Camel trek & lunch time
- Visit to local nomad village
- Drive to nomad camp
- Dinner and overnight in camp tents

Day 2: (B,L,D)

- Breakfast at camp
- Discover small villages and local dams
- Back to Marrakech via Asni Valley after lunch
- Dinner and belly dancing show in Marrakech

Day 3: (B,L)

- Tour of the medina
- Lunch
- Return to Casablanca



Marrakech is the pulse of Morocco. This Berber city, once an imperial city, links sub-Saharan Africa to the Arabo-Andalous in the north. Marrakech is certainly a cross section of civilizations, highlighting a cross-section of ethnicity and religion. In addition to visiting Marrakech, you will have the opportunity to explore Berber life and culture through several fun activities.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$407	\$380
Child	\$204	\$190
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 24	0900
Return	June 26	TBD (Evening)
HIGHLIGHTS		
• Marrakech • Berber village • Traditional activities • Nature trek		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

Upon arrival in Marrakech, enjoy a relaxing lunch. See the Koutoubia mosque, an emblem of Marrakech. Koutoubia's minaret inspired the architects of the Giralda of Seville and the Hassan Tower of Rabat; it is the most famous religious structures in North Africa. Next, visit the Bahia palace, created in 1880 by the great vizir Sidi Moussa. This masterpiece of domestic architecture gives you a good idea of how the wealthy lived during the 19th Century in this Imperial city. By the end of the afternoon, visit Djemâa el Fna square, a multitude of street artists with stalls of dried fruit or orange juice freshly-pressed before you. Mime artists, snake-charmers and street musicians perform at every turn. Dinner and overnight will take place in Marrakech.

The second day is dedicated to the Berber culture and way of life. Follow local people will take to an oil mill and a traditional Berber house. Ascend on a soft trek to a high plateau above the village, escorted by the villagers. Upon arrival on the plateau, you will be split into groups that will rotate through different activities:

- Activity 1 – Preparation of Adobe bricks used in the building of Berber houses using the ancestral technique
- Activity 2 – Bread making and cooking class (this group will prepare what the entire group will have for lunch)
- Activity 3 – Acro Park – In the forest and the valleys surrounding the plateau.

After lunch, the groups will rotate to a different activity. Spend the night and enjoy dinner here.

After breakfast on the third day, groups continue with activities and have the opportunity to try out something new. Return to Casablanca after an early lunch, arriving at the port in the late afternoon.

ITINERARY	
<u>Day 1: (L,D)</u> • Trip from Casablanca to Marrakech (about 4 hours) • Lunch • Koutoubi Mosque • Discover Jemâa el Fna Square • Dinner and overnight hotel stay	<u>Day 2: (B,L,D)</u> • Drive to Atlas Mountains • Visit Berber village • Nature trek to higher plateau • Activities cycle
<u>Day 3: (B,L)</u> • Activities cycle • Lunch • Drive to Casablanca	

Please note: This program is NOT suitable for people with limited mobility.



Head to Fès, the oldest of Morocco's imperial cities and the kingdom's spiritual center. Considered by scholars to be the last true example of a typical medieval Arab town, Fès follows the strict preservation guidelines provided by UNESCO to preserve the historical quality of its buildings. Its labyrinth of alleyways opens to craft workshops, vast leather tanneries and richly ornamented monuments.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$552	\$529
Child	\$276	\$265
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 24	0900
Return	June 26	1800
HIGHLIGHTS		
• A home stay trip • Visit the secular Medina of Fès • Medieval city of Fès		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

Four years ago, non-government organizations and non-profit association assisted 30 families in renovating their homes in return for housing international visitors. These families live are a part of the rich architectural heritage of Fès.

During your first and second days you will have time to tour the city. Your first day will include the 14th Century Royal Palace, the Jewish Quarter, and Dar Batha, and a museum of northern crafts. The second day you will visit the Qaraouine, the world's oldest functioning university and the Attarine Koranic School. Take part in a cooking lesson, learning the rich Moroccan culinary traditions. Lunch will be provided in an old palace of the medina.

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. From here you will travel back to the ship to continue your journey. ***"Volubilis is my favorite place on the planet! It has the beauty of the Virginia Piedmont and incredibly accessible, unspoiled Roman ruins."*** Diane Burns

ITINERARY

Day 1: (L,D)

- Travel to Fès via Meknes (approximately a 6 hour drive)
- Orientation tour of the city
- Visit the Royal Palace, Jewish quarter, and Dar Batha, a museum of crafts
- Meet you host family
- Dinner and overnight

Day 2: (B,L,D)

- Visit the Qaraouine
- Moroccan cooking lesson
- Lunch in the old palace
- Explore the Medina and discover the interesting offerings at the apothecary

Day 3: (B,L)

- Travel from Fès to Volubilis
- Lunch
- From Volubilis to Casablanca



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A 3-hour return drive to Casablanca will reunite you with the ship. Marrakech will leave you mesmerized.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$91	\$87
Child	\$45	\$43
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 24	0800
Return	June 24	2200
HIGHLIGHTS		
• Majorelle Gardens & Medersa Ben Youssef • Medina & Souks – Moroccan lunch • Djamaa El Fna Square • Lunch included		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 30		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		





This tour introduces you to Casablanca and Rabat, both fine examples of modern urban development which nevertheless retain all the characteristic atmosphere of Moroccan cities. Casablanca, founded in 1515 by the Portuguese, is now an expanding and dynamic

metropolis, with wide avenues lined by modern buildings of typical European style. The tour starts along the Boulevard de la Résistance towards the Royal Palace (outside only), then proceeds to the Habous Quarter and the beautiful Mohammed V Square. Stop at the mosque of Hassan II, second in size only to Mecca.

The next stop is Rabat, chosen to be the Capital of the Almohad empire in the 12th century. First, visit 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 exterior comprises a magnificent white marble pavilion surmounted by a roof of green tiles. Inside, the exquisitely crafted burial chamber, we find the white onyx tomb, which stands on a slab of mirror. 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 who were sent to Rabat by Sultan Moulay Ismail to defend the city against the invincible Andalusian pirates and hornacheros. After tasting a very nice Moroccan tea at café Maure, where the view of the bay and Salé is breathtaking, depart back to Casablanca.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$88	\$84
Child	\$44	\$42
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 24	0830
Return	June 24	1830
HIGHLIGHTS		
• Panoramic tour of Casablanca • Royal Palace & Chellah Necropolis • Mohamed V mausoleum & Hassan Tower • Kasbah of the Oudayas • Lunch included		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 86		

Day 3: Tuesday, June 25

CAS 203-301

MEKNES & ARABO ANDALOUS FÈS

2 days/1 night



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. This beautiful, unspoiled area reminds visitors of the Piedmont area of Virginia and North Carolina. 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.

The next 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 firsthand. You will also pass by a place revered by Muslims, the Mosque Kairouyine. 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.

Please note: Children are not permitted on this tour.

ITINERARY

Day 1: (L,D)

- Travel from Casablanca to Meknes (approx. 3.5 hours)
- Orientation tour of the city and lunch in Meknes
- Drive to Volubilis and inside visit
- 2-hour trip to Fès
- Hotel check-in and dinner

Day 2: (B,L)

- Sightseeing in Fès
- Lunch at Moroccan restaurant
- Continued tour of Fès
- Drive back to Casablanca

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$244	\$228
Child		
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 25	0800
Return	June 26	1800
HIGHLIGHTS		
• Meknes and the ancient Roman city of Volubilis • Medieval city of Fès		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 46		

CAS 108-301

FÈS SPIRITUAL CAPITAL

Full Day



If you had to visit only one city of Morocco, our choice would be Fes. Its architectural wealth, fascinating medina, and magnificent monuments makes Fes the cultural capital of the country. Enter the medieval city through the monumental gate Bab Bou Jeloud, decorated with blue enamel that glimmers in the sun. Visit the

Medersa Bouanania, whose courtyard is marvelously realized in marble and onyx. A lunch of typical Moroccan dishes will be served inside the Mnebhi building, one of the most refined buildings of the Medina. Continue through the medina, exploring its labyrinth of alleys of the Medina, where every corner holds a different guild of artisans. Explore the most fascinating souk of Fes, the tanner, announced by the strong and sharp odor of the hides. From a panoramic terrace we will see the extraordinary tradition of dying the skins in great tubs.

Pass in front of the Mausoleum of Moulay Idriss, a place revered by Moslems. Pass by the Mosque Kairouyine, founded in the 19th Century. The building is closed to non-Moslems, but from its numerous doors we can glimpse some of the beauties held inside. Before leaving the medieval city, take a photo stop that allows you to capture the entire Medina. Before returning to Casablanca, cross the Jewish district of Mellah, stopping in front of the Royal Building.

Please note: No children will be permitted on this tour.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$92	\$88
Child		
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 25	0700
Return	June 25	2230
HIGHLIGHTS		
• The Old Medina of Fès • Medersa Bounania & Boujloud Gate • The Souks of the Medina • Lunch		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		



CAS-102-302

THE WINES OF BENSLIMANE PROVENCE

Half Day



Enjoy a panoramic drive through the northern countryside to the green valley of Ben Slimane, for a tour of Morocco's award winning and most famous winery – Domain le Thalvin – where five varietals are tasted along with Moroccan finger food. Morocco has an active and upcoming wine industry, which is still a well-kept secret to much of the world. Today's excursion is for those with an interest in wine, and could very well expand your grape vocabulary.

Tour the vineyard – the caves, production area and a small portion of the actual growing area, before settling in for a comprehensive tasting of several of Domain le Thalvin best offerings, including its iconic 'Syrollo'. In between tastings, palettes are cleared with small Moroccan delicacies, and discussion of the viticulture of the region. The Atlas Mountains protect the valley from desert sands while the Atlantic Ocean offers some humidity, and the hot days and cool nights help to create an excellent climate for the vines.

Please note: No children will be permitted on this tour.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$76	\$68
Child		
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 25	1400
Return	June 25	1830
HIGHLIGHTS		
• Visit of vineyards and wine tasting		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

Day 4: Wednesday, June 26

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:

SEMS 2500-101	Professor Hornsby	Introduction to Global Public Health
PLIR 3500	Professor Leblang	Global Migration
PLIR TBA	Professor Walsh	Gender Politics in Comparative Perspective

CAS-101-401 RABAT & MOROCCAN TEA

Full Day



This full day tour of Rabat includes 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. Allow yourself to be bewitched by the peaceful calm of the Chellah Necropolis. Continue to

the Mohamed V Mausoleum situated a stone's throw from the Hassan tower, but separated by many centuries. 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, we find the white onyx tomb, which stands on a slab of mirror. 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 who were 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.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$52	\$50
Child	\$26	\$25
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 26	0900
Return	June 26	1500
HIGHLIGHTS		
- Royal Palace & Chellah Necropolis - Mohamed V mausoleum & Hassan Tower - Kasbah of the Oudayas		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 160		

CAS-107-401 CASABLANCA MARKET & INTERACTIVE COOKING CLASS

Full Day



Learn the secrets to preparing a variety of Moroccan specialties during this memorable cooking class and lunch at the La Toque Blanche School of Gastronomy. Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive en route to Anfa, an elegant residential district overlooking the city. 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 the School of Gastronomy. Your arrival is greeted with refreshments and pastries, followed by an informative cooking class. Learn the spices and methods used in the creation of a variety of Moroccan entrees and desserts, and you are invited to help prepare them. Afterward, a lunch consisting of the featured dishes is served. 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.

Please note: No children will be permitted on this tour.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$94	\$90
Child		
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	June 26	0900
Return	June 26	1530
HIGHLIGHTS		
- The city of Casablanca - Central Market - Cooking lesson		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30		