

# CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

Arrive: 0800 Monday, October 10  
Onboard: 1800 Friday, October 14



**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.



## Art and Architecture:

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

Day 5: CAS 116-501 Enchanting El Jadida with Lunch

## Cultural highlights:

Day 4: CAS 111-403 Evening with a Moroccan Family

## Taste of Morocco:

Day 2: CAS 103-203 Moroccan Dinner & Belly Dancing

Day 5: CAS 107-501 Casablanca Market & Cooking Demonstration

## Action/Adventure:

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

Day 2: CAS 301-201 Marrakech & Nomad Camp

## Impact Opportunity:

Day 1: CAS 121-103 Dar America Open Mic Night & Student Exchange

Day 2: CAS 405-202 Go Local-Berber Village & Homestay

Day 2: CAS 119-201 Social Entrepreneurship in Morocco

Day 4: CAS 117-402 Afterschool Enrichment at Sidi Moumen

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## Day 1: Monday, 10 October

**IMPORTANT:** If you registered in one of the following courses, you have a Field Class 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 – Monday 10 October
PHIL 171	Professor Yael Avrahami	Religions of the West (Section 1)
SOC 100	Professor Susan Ferguson	General Sociology
MKT 300	Professor Gail Taylor	Principles of Marketing (Section 2)
PSY 228	Professor Toni Zimmerman	Human Sexuality

CAS 404-101

FES & CHAOEN (THE BLUE CITY)

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 **Tetouan** and **Chaouen**, known as Morocco's blue city.

Depart as early as possible after ship clearance. Upon arrival in

**Tetouan**, enjoy your lunch break in a local restaurant before a short orientation tour. 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 Andalousian cultures evident in the seven magnificently sculpted gateways, the ceramics decorating the buildings, or the wrought iron balconies on the white houses. Overnight in Chaouen.

Start the next day with a visit to the **Old Kasbah** in Chaouen and 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**, and have some free time to explore on your own. 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.

On the third day, step back in time as you 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. Enjoy a lunch break of typical Moroccan dishes at a local restaurant. After lunch, continue your visit of the Medina including: the souk Attarine (spices), the souk Nejarine (carpenters), Place Seffarine (blacksmiths), and the dyers' souk where skeins of silk are hung to dry in the sun.



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 589	\$ 559
Child	\$ 295	\$ 280
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 10	1030
Return	October 13	1930
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 404-101****FES & CHAOEN (THE BLUE CITY)****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.

*"The 'blue city' of Chefchaouen and the medina of Fes were definitely the main attractions, and they did not disappoint."* – Dan, Fall 2015 Faculty/Staff Voyager

*"I thoroughly enjoyed this trip and loved the sightseeing, the meals we ate out, and the shopping in the markets."* – Annie, Spring 2016 Voyager

*"Probably one of my favorite ports so far because of the variety of different parts of Morocco we were able to see!"* – Anna, Spring 2016 Voyager

Day 1: (L,D)

- Travel (~ 4 hrs.) to Tetouan
- Late Lunch
- Panoramic tour of Tetouan
- Drive (~1 hr.) from Tetouan to Chaouen
- Hotel check-in, dinner & overnight

Day 2: (B,L,D)

- Breakfast
- Explore Chaouen
- Drive (~2 hrs.) from Chaouen to Ouazzane for lunch
- Drive (~2 hrs.) to Fes
- Arrival to your hotel for check-in & dinner

Day 3: (B,L,D)

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

Day 4: (B,L)

- Breakfast
- Drive (~1 hr.) to Volubilis and visit the city
- Drive (~45 min) to Meknes and visit the city
- Lunch
- Drive (~4 hrs.) back to Casablanca

**CAS 116-102****ENCHANTING EL JADIDA AFTERNOON****FULL-DAY**

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

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 57	\$ 54
Child	\$ 29	\$ 27
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 10	1230
Return	October 10	1830
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portuguese underground cistern</li> <li>• Medina of El Jadida &amp; ramparts</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		

## CAS 116-102

## ENCHANTING EL JADIDA AFTERNOON

## FULL-DAY



'Othello' and 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

*"I loved walking along the ramparts and looking out at the ocean." - Sara, Fall 2015 Voyager*

*"The seaside city was beautiful and I enjoyed walking through the median and seeing the cisterne." - Savitskie, Fall 2015 Faculty/Staff Voyage*

## CAS 100-102

## CASABLANCA CITY ORIENTATION

## HALF-DAY



Experience the historic splendor and landmarks of Casablanca during this scenic, half-day sightseeing tour of the city. Stroll through the **Medina**, lined with souks and shops. Drive through the elegant residential district of Anfa, the original site of

Casablanca, and stop at Mohammed V Square where you see examples of many Moslem-styled buildings, a monumental fountain and a public garden. Due to our arrival time and immigration clearance, an inside visit at the **Hassan II Mosque** cannot be confirmed. We will attempt to visit, but at a minimum will stop nearby to experience Asr (the afternoon call to prayer). From a second viewpoint, you can see the mosque as it was intended to look – as if it were 'floating' on the sea.

*"This field program gave me an opportunity to visit the mosque and have a really meaningful experience that developed my understanding and respect for Muslim culture." - Sarah, Fall 2015 Voyager*

*"I was very relaxed and pleasantly surprised by how much I saw in such a short time...This is a good first-day program because you can see the city and get lots of good practical advice on how to get around." - Gaby, Spring 2016 Voyager*

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 49	\$ 46
Child	\$ 25	\$ 23
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 10	1400
Return	October 10	1830
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cornish Street , Anfa area</li> <li>• Hassan II Mosque (outside only)</li> <li>• Habbous Quarter &amp; Royal Palace</li> <li>• Mohamed V Square</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 200		

## Day 2: Tuesday, 11 October

CAS 106-201

MARRAKECH MEDINA & 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

*"Despite the 4-hour bus ride each way, this is an excellent opportunity to get a taste of Marrakesh. Good combination of historical/ architectural sites and an opportunity to explore the souk." – Carolyn, Spring 2016 LLL Voyager*

*"I liked the more leisurely pace of letting us wander in the garden and markets while educating us about the school as well." – Cristina, Fall 2015 Voyager*

*"I really enjoyed going to the bazaar. Lunch was also amazing." – Amanda, Spring 2016 Voyager*

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 95	\$ 91
Child	\$ 48	\$ 45
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 11	0730
Return	October 11	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		







STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 607	\$ 578
Child	\$ 303	\$ 289
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 11	0800
Return	October 15	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: 120		

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 (check out those stars!) and a 2-hour camel trek into the desert. Keep in mind that means a 2-hour trek back out the next day! You will be sore.

On your way to the Sahara, stop in the 'fortified city' (ksar) of **Aït Benhaddou**, 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.

After your camel trek, spend your last evening and day in **Marrakech**, the gateway city to the Sahara.

**Please note:** This program involves LONG bus rides (6-7 hours multiple days) 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. Bring a swimsuit for swimming stops in Zagora and the hotel in Ouarzazate.**

*"I may be biased because I bonded a lot with my camel, Ahmed, but this was one of the coolest things I've ever done. If you have the chance, this field program is definitely worth it."* - Daphne, Fall 2015 Voyager

*Sleeping under the star filled sky, riding camels through the sand dunes and watching the sunset over the Sahara before sleeping in an amazingly decorated pop up camp site. Worth every penny."* - Melanie, Fall 2015 Voyager

*"From sunrise to sunset, and all of the countless shooting stars in between, visiting the Nomad Camp in Morocco was truly unforgettable" – Jonah, Spring 2016 Voyager*

Day 1: (L,D) (~7 hours drive time today)

- 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) (~5 hours drive time today)

- 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





Begin your adventure with a drive to the beautiful suburbs of Marrakech. This trip will take you along the path traced by nomads and will be an

introduction to their culture as well as recent improvements to their quality of life.

On arrival, you will have lunch at a local restaurant with a belly dancer show. From here, embark in SUVs for a 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 an overnight in nomad tents.

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



On your final day, take a tour of the Medina and enjoy lunch at Ksar el hamra before your return to Casablanca and the ship.

*"An incredible way to experience the culture! There is no way I would have slept in a luxury nomad camp, driven through the Atlas mountains, or eaten in most of the restaurants without the help of this SAS program!" - Jenna, Fall 2015 Voyager*

*"I have been on a lot of field programs and this one by far has been the most culturally immersive."- Jenna, Fall 2015 Voyager*

*"Riding Camels was an amazing experience! and the night in the desert was beyond anything I ever expected! I loved it!" – Amelia, Spring 2016 Voyager*

#### 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)

- 4wd 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

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 815	\$ 775
Child	\$ 408	\$ 388
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 11	0800
Return	October 13	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>• Marrakech</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		





rich opportunity for in-depth cultural exchange sharing their stories, experiences and perspectives.

At a time when the media asks whether a clash of civilizations exists between Muslims and the people of the West, this four day and three night program offers first-hand experience in a Muslim majority nation. Get to know Islam and Morocco

through the voices of Moroccans, including a host family, local university students, rural women artisans, and others! Led by **Toni and Craig Zimmerman**, SAS students and Moroccan counterparts will have a



A dynamic discussion with university students will serve as an introduction into Moroccan culture. Your home for three nights will be with a local family in Amizmiz, a Berber village. SAS students will be placed in groups of two, three, and four with families that have at least one English-speaking family member. Experience rural village life with visits to local artisan cooperatives, possibly a Moroccan school, and through a soccer game with the village kids. Try Moroccan cuisines and maybe even cook with your host family; learn to eat using bread as your utensil – right hand only, please!

*“Honestly, I loved every second. The host family was welcoming and cooked a delicious warm meal for us....Students should know that they’re in for an eye-opening two-day trip...And that they’ll have a lot of fun.” – Courteney, Spring 2016 Voyager*

Based on positive feedback, this trip has been expanded to 4 days!

The group will hike through rural villages in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, where homes only recently received access to running water or electricity. Join host siblings for an optional visit to a traditional Moroccan bath, known as a Hammam (gender separated, these “Turkish” baths are an exhilarating, exfoliating experience – underwear and bikini tops are acceptable but not required.) Celebrate new relationships with a traditional Moroccan party featuring music and dance. On the final day, say good-bye to host families and then take a 10 minute camel ride to a local lake, gazing upon the Atlas Mountains in the distance. This trip wraps up with lunch and shopping time in Marrakech’s Jema el-Fnaa Square and the surrounding markets. Return with Moroccan souvenirs and a new perspective on Morocco and the Middle East.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$486	\$459
Child	\$486	\$459
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 11	1200
Return	October 14	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hospitality of a Moroccan host family in a rural village</li> <li>• Discussions with local students, women artisans, and rural community members</li> <li>• Traditional musical and dance celebration with host community</li> <li>• Camel photo-op</li> <li>• Optional Hammam bath</li> <li>• Lunch and shopping in Marrakech’s Jema el-Fnaa Square and surrounding markets</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 34		



Day 1: (D)

- Drive to Marrakech (~3hrs)
- Discussion about Moroccan culture with Moroccan students over tea
- Drive to Amizmiz (~1hr)
- Go home with host families for dinner and the rest of the evening

Day 3: (B,L,D)

- Breakfast with host family
- Hike to Koranic School for discussion with students
- Discussion with students about perceptions of Islam in the West
- Hike through rural villages
- Lunch with families and free time
- (Optional) hammam with host siblings
- Traditional celebration, including music, dance, and (optional) henna
- Dinner with families

Day 2: (B,L,D)

- Breakfast with host family
- Activity with local school or association
- Lunch and free time
- Visit local women's couscous organization for a discussion about rural life
- Free time to explore the old city or pick-up soccer match with kids
- Dinner with host families

Day 4: (B,L)

- Breakfast with families and final good byes to family
- Depart Amizmiz
- Camel ride at scenic viewpoint
- Group Reflection
- Drive to Marrakech
- Lunch
- Explore markets and shop near Jema el-Fnaa market
- Drive to Casablanca



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	\$ 100	\$ 95
Child	\$ 50	\$ 47
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 11	1900
Return	October 11	2300
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casablanca &amp; Hassan II Mosque by night (external view)</li> <li>• Moroccan restaurant</li> <li>• Traditional Belly Dancers</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		

*"I really enjoyed this trip. Everything was amazing!...I loved the meal and seeing the mosque!" – Aspen, Fall 2015 Voyager*

*"The mosque and restaurant were lovely. Very enjoyable." – Bobbie, Fall 2015 Voyager*



## Day 3: Wednesday, 12 October

CAS 101-301

RABAT, TEA & MUSEUMS

FULL-DAY



Today you will visit **Rabat**, an ancient city and the capital of Morocco. Start off with an external view of the **Royal Palace**, a splendid representation of Islamic architecture. Then pay a visit will be to the **Chellah necropolis**, which was built in the 14th century by the Merinides and stands on the site of the Roman city of

Sala. Here, nature runs riot and the stones speak volumes. Rising up out of the bushes, a minaret with brightly colored tile mosaics stands guard over this magic spot.

Continue your day by exploring the new **Museum Mohammed VI of Modern and Contemporary Art**, the design of which was conceived by the architect Karim Chakor. The Museum showcases the evolution of Moroccan artistic creation in the visual arts, from the beginning of the 20th century to the present. After an interesting visit of the museum, you drive to a local restaurant for lunch.

You will then make your way to the **Mohamed V Mausoleum** - situated a stone's throw from the Hassan tower. The Mausoleum, constructed in 1962, was built to honor the Sultan that led Morocco to independence. The mausoleum features a magnificent white marble pavilion surmounted by a roof of green tiles, the exquisitely crafted burial chamber and white onyx tomb, which stands on a slab of mirror.



Continue on to see the **Hassan Tower**. Majestic although never finished, the Hassan Tower was the brainchild of Sultan Yacoub El Mansour whose ambition was to build the biggest mosque in the Muslim world. The Tower stands 44 meters (140 feet); a little over half of its originally-intended 80 meters (260 feet). Two hundred columns mark out where it was to stand, reflecting the glory of the Almohad Empire which, in the 12th century, stretched as far as Tunisia and Moorish Spain.

Finally you will 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 and hornacheros. After tasting a very nice **Moroccan tea** in this beautiful Kasbah, board your coach and depart back to Casablanca.

### STANDARD PRICE

Adult \$ 78

Child \$ 39

### Early Booking

\$ 74

\$ 37

### TIME

	Date	Time
Depart	October 12	0830
Return	October 12	1830

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Royal Palace & Chellah Necropolis
- The new Museum Mohammed VI of Modern Contemporary Art
- Mohamed V mausoleum & Hassan Tower
- Kasbah of the Oudayas

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10

MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40



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.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 60	\$ 58
Child	\$ 30	\$ 29
TIME		
Depart	October 12	0830
Return	October 12	1230
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic Church Notre Dame de lourdes</li> <li>• Hassan II Mosque</li> <li>• Jewish Museum</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

**CANCELLED**

Your first stop is at the Hassan II Mosque, the brainchild and crowning achievement of King Hassan II. This phenomenal Mosque, opened in 1993, is the second-largest in the world and was built to commemorate the former king's 60th birthday. It is the only mosque in Morocco where non-Muslims are allowed to enter. Afterwards, depart to the Jewish Museum, an amazing little place retracing the history and way of life of the once very important Jewish community of Morocco. Next, visit the Catholic cathedral. Built in 1930, the cathedral ceased to function as a church in 1956, after the independence of Morocco, and is now a cultural center. 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 viewpoints 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, Fall 2015 Voyager*

*"Beautiful, fascinating sites" – Elizabeth, Spring 2016 Faculty/Staff Voyager*







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 Boufrane 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 Bouanania**, 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 Kairouine**. 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.

*"This was a wonderful trip. I loved seeing the artisans in the market and learning about their skills" – Michaela, Fall 2015 Voyager*

*"If you want to see a lot of Morocco in a short period of time, then this is a good trip as you get to see Meknes and Fes and the countryside along the drive. Beautiful drive." – Jeanine, Spring 2016 Faculty Voyager*

*"Morocco was amazing. We went to Meknes, Volubilis and Fes on this trip. I would do it again." – Terri, Spring 2016 Faculty Voyager*

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 335	\$ 315
Child	\$ 168	\$ 158
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 12	0900
Return	October 13	2030
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meknes City &amp; Volubilis</li> <li>• Fes City &amp; Bab Boujloud</li> <li>• Walking tour of Medina</li> <li>• Medersa Bouanania</li> <li>• Delicious, local meals</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 46		

## CAS 203-301

## SPIRITUAL CAPITAL OF FES OVERNIGHT

2 DAYS/1 NIGHT

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

## CAS 121-303

## IMPACT: DAR AMERICA OPEN MIC &amp; STUDENT EXCHANGE

EVENING



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 25	\$ 25
Child	\$ 20	\$20
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 12	1500
Return	October 12	2100
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interaction with local university students</li> <li>• Shwarma and other snack favorites</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 60		

Be a part of this fun, regular event that is very popular among local Moroccan university students. Do you play music, write stories or poems, recite slam poetry, or perform sketches? Do you have any other special talents that you would like to share with a supportive audience? Then come to Dar America's\* Open Mic night, called "**Open Dar**," and show us what you've got! Don't have a talent? That's okay. Come along and just enjoy getting to know some locals and making new friends.

The event takes place in the Dar America garden – sitting along the walls and on the grass (voyagers should bring towels/blankets to sit on if they wish). Voyagers are encouraged to bring whatever they think would add to the positive atmosphere (instruments, costumes, flashlights, candy – anything).

*\*Dar America is the American cultural centre attached to the Consulate General of the USA in Casablanca.*

**Shwarma and other snacks will be available in lieu of dinner.**





## Day 4: Thursday, 13 October

CAS 108-401

FES SPIRITUAL CAPITAL IN A DAY

FULL-DAY



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. You will enter the medieval city through the monumental door **Bab Bou Jeloud**, decorated with mosaic, enamelled and resplendent to the sun. You will find yourself absorbed in a world where traditional methods have been preserved: the artisans work with skill using original tools, the women cook the bread in the public oven, the weavers work on looms, and donkeys are the only means of transport permitted inside the medina. A lunch of typical Moroccan dishes will be served at a local Moroccan restaurant.

After lunch, walk through a labyrinth of alleys where every turn contains a different guild of old-world artisans (spices, blacksmiths, silks). Explore with your guide the most fascinating souk of Fès, the tannery. Known for the strong, 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 Kairouyine**. This mosque is part of a famous university and is 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. You will leave the medieval city passing the fortitude Saadita of Borj Nord, here you have a photo opportunity to capture the whole and mysterious Medina. If time permits, you will also have a chance to

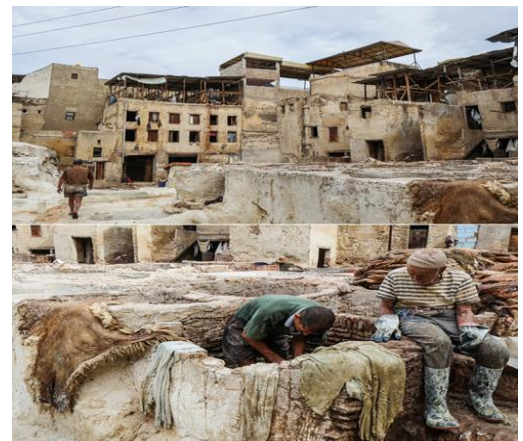
cross the Jewish district of Mellah before returning late to Casablanca.

**Note:** The program includes a large, late lunch. There will be a brief dinner stop (at your own expense) on the return back to the ship.

**A+ day. One of the best” – Andrea, Spring 2016 Faculty/Staff Voyager**

**“I was pleasurable to taste the Moroccan food, such as couscous, olives, carrot salad, oranges, strawberries, mint green tea, [and] the almond dessert. I loved the walking too. Good exercise.” – Dong, Spring 2016 Faculty Voyager**

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 110	\$ 99
Child	\$ 55	\$ 50
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 13	0730
Return	October 13	2330
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fes City &amp; Bab Boujloud</li><li>• Walking through the old world medina</li><li>• Tannery</li><li>• 3-course lunch in local restaurant</li></ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		





Spend the afternoon and evening in an area of Casablanca that most visitors never see. Founded in 2007 by Boubkey Mazoz, the remarkable Sidi Moumen Cultural Center is dedicated to helping the city's marginalized, and mostly unemployed, youth

improve their opportunities in life through educational, sports, and artistic programs by providing a safe, clean and happy place for them to thrive after school. Sidi Moumen Cultural Center has a unique model of community organizing, one which uses the local talent of the neighborhood to run the programs, rather than importing privileged volunteers from outside the area. Students will be given a brief tour of the neighborhood, the local health clinic, and the Center. Then, students will break into groups to participate in a variety of activities that might include interacting with the smaller children in the newly founded kindergarten, cleaning up the garbage and trash for an area behind the Center, painting a wall, and playing soccer with the older boys with the newly delivered soccer balls. Share dinner with locals at the Center and participate in one of the evening activities before returning to the ship.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 59	\$ 59
Child	\$ 59	\$ 59
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 13	1430
Return	October 13	2130
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local community center</li> <li>Help with local afterschool program</li> <li>Dinner with locals</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

Check out this blog post: "[Learning to Serve in Casablanca](#)", from the Fall 2015 voyage!!!

*"Eating at tables with the other volunteers from the area was very valuable. I have never felt so welcomed by a community. This was an amazing first introduction to Morocco."* – Erin, Spring 2016 Voyager

*"I'm so charged after this program. It was great! It made me love Morocco and the wonderful people."* – Abram, Spring 2016 Voyager



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





Come experience the true heart of this country by sharing a meal with a Moroccan family. Seize this unique opportunity to enjoy this culture's famous hospitality and sample the delicious local fare, which is renowned for its

synergy of sweet and savory flavors and made with fresh organic ingredients. By engaging in candid conversations with your hosts, you will gain many insights into the Moroccan culture and way of life. Families usually host 3-4 Semester at Sea participants each, though some may invite as many as 8 to their home. Many people find this the most memorable and enjoyable part of their visit to Morocco.

**NOTE:** Please be aware that the Moroccan dinner hour is later than that of most American families. If for any reason you are unable to attend, please **be certain** that you find someone to take your place. Do not disappoint your hosts, who have prepared a special meal.

*"I loved this program, definitely one of my favorites! Getting the chance to talk to a student who lives oceans apart from me was something I'll never forget."* – Hannah, Fall 2015 Voyager

*"The food was incredible...Meeting with the family was the first time I felt truly welcomed in Morocco."* – Lauren, Fall 2015 Voyager Staff

*"I loved the family, we had such a great evening with plenty of time to talk and really learn about their life styles. I would highly recommend this program to future voyagers!"* – Emily, Spring 2016 Voyager

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 71	\$ 68
Child	\$ 36	\$ 34
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 13	1730
Return	October 13	2230
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enjoy a delicious authentic dinner with a Moroccan family</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		



## Day 5: Friday, 14 October

**IMPORTANT:** If you registered in the following course, you have a Field Class 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 5 – Friday, 14 October
MGT 340	Professor Margarita Lenk	Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship
POL 232	Professor Lewis Hinchman	International Relations (Section 2)

CAS 116-501

ENCHANTING EL JADIDA WITH LUNCH

FULL-DAY



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 having been sealed off for hundreds of years. Orson Wells used it in his film 'Othello' and many other directors have filmed in this dramatic area.

You will then walk around the city ramparts that provide splendid views over the surrounding countryside. From each of the five bastions you can look over the port, the moat, and the clustered houses. Next, enjoy a brief stop at the famous Church of the Assumption followed by lunch at one of the charming local cafes before returning to Casablanca.

*"Everyone seemed to have a great time...Everyone loved the cistern."*  
– Murillo, Fall 2015 Faculty/Staff Voyager

*"My favorite thing about this trip was being able to walk along the wall the Portuguese built."* – Courteney, Spring 2016 Voyager

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 67	\$ 64
Child	\$ 39	\$ 37
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 14	0830
Return	October 14	1600
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portuguese underground cistern</li> <li>Medina of El Jadida &amp; ramparts</li> <li>lunch</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		







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 enroute 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.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 136	\$ 129
Child	\$ 68	\$ 65
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 14	0900
Return	October 14	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		

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**.

*"I learned about Morocco's/Casablanca's history and how to cook delicious food! We learned how to cook traditionally...It was a great program" – Erin, Spring 2016 Voyager*

*"Food and guide were both incredible. Great program!" – Peyton, Spring 2016 Voyager*

*"Loved the food. Learned a lot about prep." – Carolyn, Spring 2016 LLL Voyager*

