## **DAY 1, Saturday - Depart for Morocco**

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#### DAY 2, Sunday - Arrive in Casablanca & Travel to Rabat

Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to your hotel in Rabat where you have the rest of the day at leisure to explore the capital city of Morocco or relax in your hotel for your upcoming adventure. This evening, enjoy a complimentary welcome Moroccan mint tea with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager

Overnight: Rabat

## DAY 3, Monday - Rabat Sightseeing then Travel to Fez

This morning, enjoy a city tour of Rabat. View the Royal Palace and the ancient ruins of Chellah, the Oudaya Kasbah, and the Hassan Tower. En route to Fez, stop and visit the ancient ruins of the Roman city of Volubilis where you will get a chance to see the wonderfully preserved original mosaics, Roman Road, and city layout. As you travel through the Moroccan countryside, pass by the Holy City of Moulay Idriss for a photo opportunity. This evening, upon arrival in Fez, enjoy a short bus tour of the imperial city conducted by your Tour Manager on the way to the hotel

Overnight: Fez Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 4, Tuesday - Full Day in Fez

Enjoy a full day at leisure to bravely wander the old medina yourself or choose to take the guided *optional* tour where you will visit the many hidden treasures of the medina that only a Moroccan guide can know. Fez served as the capital of Morocco for more than 400 years and is home to the University of Al Karaouine, the oldest operating university in the world. It is particularly famous for its tanneries and the Fes el Bali Medina. A short visit to the surrounding leather shops gives you the best view of the tanneries. View the Attarine Medersa, Moulay Idriss mausoleum, and visit the Nejjarine Fountains and Museum. Opportunities for shopping for authentic Moroccan carpets. Finally, view the exterior of the Royal Palace and walk through the famed Jewish quarter of the medina where you will get a chance to walk through one of the few remaining Jewish cemeteries in Morocco. Though the city has endured periods of hardship, it has emerged more vibrant than ever, boasting its own distinctive culture, art, and even cuisine. This evening, enjoy a special dinner hosted by a local family and learn about Moroccan culture and traditions

Optional: Full Day Fez (AM)

Overnight: Fez

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 5, Wednesday - Travel to Marrakesh**

This morning, depart for Marrakesh, a day-long journey taking you through the ever-changing landscape of the Moroccan valleys and Atlas Mountains along the way. Kindly note that this will be the longest coach ride of your tour. You will depart Fez in the early morning and arrive in Marrakesh in the early evening. Included will be sufficient rest stops for your comfort and a break for lunch. Your journey begins with beautiful views of the mountains around Ifrane and ends in the dry flatlands around Marrakesh, allowing you to experience the depth of the country's terrain. This evening, enjoy a short bus tour of Marrakesh, conducted by your Tour Manager en route to your hotel. Over the next day, you will have ample opportunity to explore this city including the famous Djemaa el Fna Square and wide boulevards lined with restaurants and cafes

Overnight: Marrakesh Meals: Breakfast

# **DAY 6, Thursday - Morning Tour of Marrakesh**

Morning tour of this fabulous city begins at the 16th century Saadian Tombs, where Saadian royalty found their final resting place. Continue to the Koutoubia Minaret and the beautiful Bahia Palace. You will also have the opportunity to shop for authentic Moroccan argan oil before strolling through the bustling Medina to Djemaa el Fna Square, the lively center of the city. Then, perhaps join the *optional* couscous cooking demo followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. Visit the Marrakesh Museum with its gorgeous display of artifacts before continuing to the magnificent Majorelle Botanical Gardens, inspired by French artists and fashion designer Yves St. Laurent. The rest of the day is yours for independent discoveries. Tonight, an*optional* horse-drawn carriage ride takes you through the nightlit streets of Marrakesh ending at a popular restaurant. A typical Moroccan dinner is served while you listen to live music and watch an elegant belly dancing performance that caps off the night Optional: Marrakesh Culinary Demonstration, Museum, Palace & Gardens Tour with Lunch (PM)

Optional: Dinner with Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride (PM)

Overnight: Marrakesh Meals: Breakfast

# DAY 7, Friday - Travel to Casablanca & City Tour

After breakfast, travel to Casablanca and transfer to your hotel. Later this afternoon, tour Casablanca. Your half day sightseeing tour includes the exterior of the Hassan II Mosque, the largest Mosque in Morocco and the beautiful Corniche seaside. Take a moment to catch your breath at the end of your Moroccan adventure to admire the serenity of the Atlantic Ocean. Continue on a short drive through the residential areas of Casablanca to the city center to visit the Mohamed V Square, the Habous quarter and the Notre Dame de Lourdes Cathedral. Tonight, say goodbye to your fellow travelers and enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant on the Corniche

Overnight: Casablanca Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

# **DAY 8, Saturday - Depart Morocco**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast