

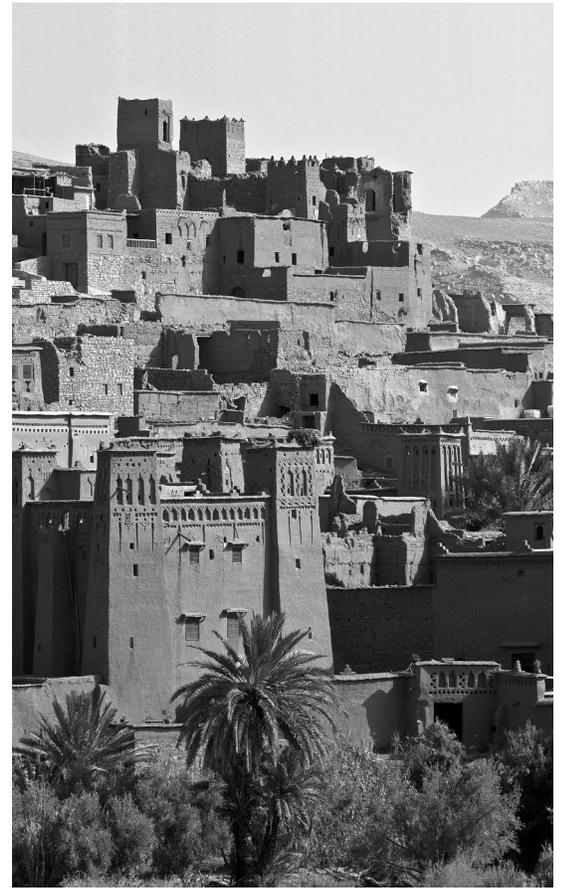
Daum Museum of Contemporary Art

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A Moroccan Journey

An 11-day travel program, March 12-22, 2020

Morocco . . . You've known about it since "Here's looking at you, kid," Humphrey Bogart's farewell to Ingrid Bergman in the film *Casablanca*. Renowned for its historic cities, diverse landscape, and delicious cuisine, it's the place where Europe, Africa, and the Middle East merge. The country offers a feast for all the senses: from sweet mint tea and spice markets to a scrub in the hammam, colorful *zellij* tiles, and the muezzin's call to prayer. This trip will introduce you to Morocco's rich culture, long history, and natural beauty. Explore the colonial architecture of **Casablanca**, the ancient Roman ruins of **Volubilis**, the medieval old town of **Fès**, and the imposing clay architecture of **Aït Benhaddou** *ksar*. Experience the snow-capped **Atlas Mountains** and the sweeping dunes of the **Sahara**; the crashing waves of the **Atlantic** coast and the shaded calm of a high-plains **oasis**. Kasbah, oasis, medina, and souk . . . words steeped in history and mystery . . . they beckon: "To **Marrakech** / All aboard the train . . ."



Trip cost and reservations: \$3,890 per person, based on double occupancy and including a \$200 charitable donation to the Daum Museum; single supplement is \$385 (every attempt will be made to pair solo travelers). **Space is very limited.** Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. **A deposit of \$1,500** will hold your place. Please make your reservations as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, December 6, 2019. **Final payment** must be made by Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Includes the following features:

Ground transportation: Private, deluxe, round-trip motor coach transportation between Sedalia and the Kansas City International Airport.

Air transportation: Round-trip airfare, Kansas City–Marrakech and Casablanca–Kansas City on Delta Airlines.

While in Morocco: Private deluxe motor coach transportation provided for transfers and sightseeing.

Accommodations: All are centrally located, first class hotels: three nights at the Opera Plaza Hotel, Marrakech; one night at the Oscar Hotel By Atlas Studios, Ouarzazate; one night in a luxury desert encampment; two nights at Les Merinides Hotel, Fès; and two nights at the Idou Anfa Hotel, Casablanca.

Meals: Daily breakfast is included as well as three lunches and five dinners.

Sightseeing: As indicated on the itinerary.

Taxes, admissions, gratuities: All applicable taxes, luggage handling, admissions, and customary gratuities to guides and drivers are included.

Luggage: Handling for one piece of checked luggage, plus one carry-on bag.

Travel packet: Containing detailed information pertaining to the tour.

Does not include the following: **Meals**, other than those mentioned in the itinerary; **personal items**, such as alcoholic and soft drinks, gifts, souvenirs, et cetera; **optional tours and excursions**, other than those mentioned in the itinerary.

Please note: The features and costs outlined above are based on a minimum number of full-paying passengers participating in the program. Costs are subject to change pending any currently unforeseen increases in existing tariffs and/or currency exchange rates, government taxes, or air-line fuel surcharges.

Cancellation policy: Please make your reservations with a non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 per person by December 6, 2019. No refunds will be made for cancellations made after January 2, 2020, and up to the day of departure.

Daily Itinerary — March 12-22, 2020

Day one
Thur, 3/12

SEDALIA / KANSAS CITY / IN FLIGHT

Depart at 9:00 a.m. from State Fair Community College, Sedalia, by private motor coach, to Kansas City International Airport to check in for the overseas flight to Marrakech, Morocco, by way of Boston and Paris.

Day two
Fri, 3/13

PARIS / ARRIVE MARRAKECH, MOROCCO (D [Dinner])

After a morning arrival in Paris, make your way to a connecting Air France flight to Marrakech Menara Airport. After a late afternoon arrival, and once through customs and immigration, board a private motor coach to the Opera Plaza Hotel, where dinner is included, tonight.

Overnight: Opera Plaza Hotel, Marrakech

Day three
Sat, 3/14

MARRAKECH (B [Breakfast])

After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a full-day **city tour** of Marrakech. Founded almost a thousand years ago, Marrakech sits in a lush oasis nestled at the foot of the Atlas Mountains. Today, visit **Bahia Palace**, a vast, gorgeously decorated complex, built at the end of the 19th century and boasting luxurious apartments, marble-paved courtyards, fountains, and intricate *zellij* tilework. Discover the city's history at the 16th century **Saadian Tombs**, where Sultan el-Mansur spared no expense decorating his dazzling mausoleum. Next, **Menara**, a 220-acre imperial garden founded in the 12th century; and the **Koutoubia Mosque**, one of the largest mosques in the western Muslim world, dating from 1147. This afternoon, walk the **souks of Marrakech**, the fascinating and labyrinthine bazaar, located in the old quarter of the city, and filled with spice markets, leather-goods stores, metalwork, jewelry, and so much more. Finally, visit nearby **Jemaa el-Fina square**, the heart of the city and the busiest square in all of Africa. Lunch and dinner are on your own, today.

Overnight: Opera Plaza Hotel, Marrakech

Day four
Sun, 3/15

MARRAKECH (B)

Today you have a free day to explore Marrakech on your own. There's so much more to see: maybe the newly opened museum dedicated to **Yves Saint Laurent** (a long-time resident of the city), which houses a permanent exhibition of the designer's couture collections; and the nearby **Majorelle Garden**, an extraordinary desert garden filled with giant cacti and palms. Or the **El Badi Palace**, once magnificent, now a monumental ruin offering impressive views of the city and the distant Atlas Mountains. How about a spa day in a local **hammam** or a return trip to the **souks**?

Overnight: Opera Plaza Hotel, Marrakech

Day five
Mon, 3/16

MARRAKECH / OUARZAZATE (B, L [Lunch], D)

Today, you'll cross the beautiful landscape of the **High Atlas Mountains** by way of **Tizi n'Tichka**, the highest major mountain pass in North Africa, linking Marrakech to the city of Ouarzazate and the Sahara desert, beyond. Later, visit **Ait Benhaddou**, a fortified mud-brick city, dating from the 17th century (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). It looks familiar? The city was recently featured in *Game of Thrones*. Lunch is included at a local restaurant.

After, continue on to **Ouarzazate**, a former outpost of the French Foreign Legion and known as both "the door of the desert" and "the Hollywood of Africa" (the area is a noted filmmaking location—*Lawrence of Arabia*, *The Last Temptation of Christ*, *The Mummy*, et al). You'll visit the **Kasbah Taourirt**, a citadel set against the backdrop of the Atlas Mountains and the former home of a once powerful Moroccan clan. Dating from the 19th century, the *kasbah* ("fortified home") has almost 300 rooms set along a maze of passageways and staircases. Dinner is included tonight at the hotel.

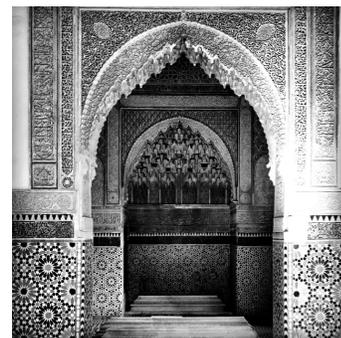
Overnight: Oscar Hotel By Atlas Studios, Ouarzazate

Day six
Tues, 3/17

OUARZAZATE / MERZOUGA (B, L, D)

Today, take a fascinating drive through the Sahara via the **Dadès Valley**, with its many oases filled with olive trees, date palms, and figs. Stop for lunch in **Tinghir**, a city set among lush palm groves. Later, head through the **Todra Gorge**, Morocco's Grand Canyon, along the "route of a thousand kasbahs," to **Merzouga**, a small oasis in the heart of the desert. After arriving at your luxury encampment, a special treat awaits—enjoy a spectacular **sunset camel ride** along the sand dunes of **Erg Chebbi**. Dinner is included tonight.

Overnight: Luxury Desert Camp, Merzouga



Day seven
Wed, 3/18

MERZOUGA / FÈS (B, L)

Enjoy your last views of the desert and turn north toward Fès by way of the High Atlas Mountains and the **Ziz Gorge** and the **Middle Atlas Mountains**, beyond. This is another scenic drive through a changing landscape of densely packed groves of date palms, arid hills, and flocks of sheep. For lunch, stop in **Midelt**, a mile-high city on the high planes. Then onward to **Fès**—the oldest of Morocco's imperial cities and the embodiment of the country's history and its spiritual and artistic center. Dinner is on your own.

Overnight: Les Merinides Hotel, Fès

Day eight
Thur, 3/19

FÈS (B, D)

The whole day will be devoted to discovering Fès, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and founded around 800. Start with the richly ornamented entrance to the **Royal Palace**, former residence of the sultan and still used by today's king. On to the **mellah**, the historic Jewish quarter, dating from the 15th century, and the nearby **Bab Bou Jeloud** (or Blue Gate), the traditional entrance to old Fès. You'll have a guided tour of the **medina**, the oldest part of the city. Its maze of narrow streets teems with souks, mosques, and buildings dating from the 11th and 12th centuries. Visit the **Medersa Bou Inania**, a sumptuously decorated college and mosque, constructed during the 14th century. Lunch is on your own today, but dinner, included, will feature traditional Moroccan music, belly dancers, and other entertainment in a beautiful Moroccan setting.

Overnight: Les Merinides Hotel, Fès

Day nine
Fri, 3/20

FÈS / VOLUBILIS / MEKNÈS / CASABLANCA (B)

Make your way to **Volubilis**, an exceptionally well-preserved example of a Roman colonial town on the fringes of the Empire. It contains one of the finest Roman basilicas in Africa, and is well known for its vibrantly colored floor mosaics, maintained in their original locations. There is also a triumphal arch, Corinthian columns, and a sense of the Roman lifestyle and that of the subsequent Berbers, during medieval times.

Later, enjoy a guided tour of the imperial city of **Meknès**. Visit the **Bab Mansour**, one of the finest monumental gates in Morocco, erected in the 18th century and memorable for its green and white *zellij* tiles, marble columns, and inscriptions from the Quran. It sits on **El-Hedim Square**, once part of the grand entrance to the imperial city. Wander the bustling **souk** to browse the array of food, clothes, and souvenirs. Discover the **Royal Stables and Granary** (Heri es-Souani), a cavernous building built under the rule of the 18th century sultan to store grain and stable up to 12,000 horses at a time. Later, continue on to the hotel in **Casablanca**. Lunch and dinner are on your own.

Overnight: Idou Anfa Hotel, Casablanca

Day ten
Sat, 3/21

CASABLANCA (B, D)

This morning, enjoy a tour of **Casablanca**, a port city on the Atlantic Ocean and one of the four largest metropolises on the African continent. Highlights include **Mohammed V Square** and **United Nations Square**, both lined with fine examples of art deco buildings, built during the French Protectorate; **Mahkama du Pacha**, courts of law, which combine European art deco and Moorish architectural styles; and **Notre Dame de Lourdes**, a mid-century-modern Catholic church, notable for its breathtaking program of stained glass, covering 8,600 square feet. Also, visit **Anfa**, a luxurious residential district situated on a hill overlooking the city. It is also the site of a wartime conference between Roosevelt, Churchill, and Mohammed V.

After lunch (on your own), visit **Hassan II Mosque**, built jutting out over the Atlantic Ocean. Opened in 1993, it is a monument to traditional Moroccan architecture and features intricate mosaics, sculpted plaster moldings, and carved and painted ceilings. Its enormous prayer hall can accommodate 25,000 worshippers, making it the second largest mosque in the world, and it boasts a 690-foot-tall minaret topped with lasers directed toward Mecca. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travelers.

Overnight: Idou Anfa Hotel, Casablanca

Day eleven
Sun, 3/22

DEPART CASABLANCA / KANSAS CITY (B)

This morning, depart for the Casablanca Mohammed V Airport for your return flight home. Arrive late in Kansas City, with private motor coach return to Sedalia.



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