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Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose

FAMILY TRAVEL ASSOCIATION MEMBER

MOROCCO: A JOURNEY OF THE SENSES

Go behind the scenes on a journey of culture, cuisine and tradition

MOMENTS THAT MATTER:

- Engage with rural Amazigh communities nestled in the High Atlas Mountains
- Meet with a pioneering organization empowering Moroccan women
- Soak in the hues of blue in the exquisite northern city of Chefchaouen
- Dive head first into Moroccan culture with cooking lessons, food tours and Islamic art classes
- Uncover the bustling medinas and colorful markets of Fès, Casablanca & Marrakech

TRIP AT A GLANCE

Day 1 - Arrive in Casablanca and settle in to our boutique hotel before a relaxing welcome dinner.

Day 2 - Tour the Hassan II Mosque in the morning before a scenic drive through the Rif Mountains to the "Blue City" of Chefchouen.

Day 3 - Take a guided tour of Chefchouen, navigating the town's vibrant medina. Catch the sunset over the blue-washed cityscape.

Day 4 - Venture to Fès stopping at the Roman ruins of Volubilis along the way.

Day 5 - Take a guided tour of Fès' vast medina followed by a Moroccan art workshop.

Day 6 - Venture from Fès to Marrakech. Meet with a group of Moroccans for a Q&A before a culinary walking tour of the medina.

Day 7 - Enjoy a guided tour of Marrakech's main sites followed by free time. Join a local chef for a cooking class in the evening.

Day 8 - Embark on a journey through the High Atlas Mountains to a local village. Meet with an Amazigh family to share a meal and learn about their traditions.

Day 9 - Visit Project Soar, an NGO working to empower girls in Morocco. Enjoy an unforgettable farewell dinner (and celebration) in the evening.

Day 10 - Depart from Marrakech on your flight home!

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OUR PURPOSE

Embark on an unforgettable journey to Morocco, a destination that hosts an enchanting blend of rich history, ancient medinas and stunning landscapes. From the bustling souks of Marrakech to the tranquil Atlas Mountains, we'll dive into some of the most iconic sites in this Northern African country while going behind the scenes to learn about the day-to-day life of those that call Morocco home. Each night, relax in the comfort of our portfolio of hand-selected high-end boutique hotels and riads that provide all of the modern amenities balanced with traditional design.

Over the course of ten days, take in the vibrant culture with hands-on experiences showcasing the area's rich heritage. One day you'll visit a local organization that is empowering marginalized teen girls; the next, you'll set off to a storybook mountain village cradled by the majestic peaks of the High Atlas to meet with a traditional Amazigh community. This is a glimpse into modern Morocco that very few have the opportunity to experience!

HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE "BLUE CITY" TO THE "RED CITY"

While this journey will take you to four of Morocco's most iconic cities, two unquestionable highlights will be the time spent in the "Blue City" of Chefchaouen and the "Red City" of Marrakech. Marrakech, with its rich history, lively souks, and iconic red-hued buildings, captures the essence of Morocco's energy and allure. In contrast, Chefchaouen, nestled in the Rif Mountains, offers a peaceful escape with its uniquely painted blue streets and laid-back charm, providing a calming retreat amidst stunning natural surroundings. This contrast between the dynamic, sun-baked Marrakech and the tranquil, cool-toned Chefchaouen highlights the diverse beauty and spirit of Morocco.

A JOURNEY FOR THE TASTE BUDS

Moroccan cuisine is a rich fusion of flavors and spices, influenced by Berber, Arab and Mediterranean traditions. iAromatic tagines, hearty couscous, and sweet pastries are in store. This will be part culinary journey immersing you in the vibrant world of Moroccan food with a hands-on cooking class alongside a local chef. Follow this with an exciting food tour through the bustling souks of Marrakech, sampling local street food and delicacies while discovering the unique ingredients and spices that make Moroccan cuisine so famous. This itinerary offers not just a taste of Morocco, but a deep dive into its culinary heritage and the passion behind every dish.

STAYING IN A RIAD

While in Marrakech and Chefchaouen, we'll be staying in traditional Moroccan *riads*. Generally rectangular in shape, a riad is a large, luxurious estate with multiple stories and plenty of guest rooms, all centered around an open-aired courtyard with a fountain. Most Moroccan riads are located in the medinas, or the historic parts of the city and were once the homes of Morocco's wealthiest citizens. Over time, many riads have been converted into hotels and remain a quintessential part of the Moroccan travel experience.

EXPERIENCING TRADITIONAL LIFE IN THE HIGH ATLAS MOUNTAINS

Set off on a breathtaking visit to Imlil, a storybook mountain village cradled by the majestic peaks of the High Atlas. Just over an hour's drive from Marrakech, this will feel like a completely different world. Experience traditional life in an Amazigh community, a rare opportunity to connect with Morocco's indigenous culture, where time-honored customs and rituals are still deeply cherished. You'll gain insight into the daily rhythms of the community while seeing a side of Morocco that few experience.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Casablanca!

Welcome to Morocco! Arrive in historic Casablanca and take a short drive to your hotel where you can settle-in before dinner and orientation at the historic fortress Sqala. *(D)*

DAY 2: Explore Casablanca & Head to Chefchaouen

Begin your day with breakfast at a 5-star boutique hotel in the heart of Casablanca's art deco district. Embark on a morning visit to the stunning Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, boasting Morocco's tallest minaret and breathtaking ocean views. We'll then hit the road for the scenic drive to Chefchaouen, winding through the Rif Mountains toward the charming "Blue City". This peaceful town, with its vibrant blue streets and surrounding mountain landscapes, will be the perfect introduction to Morocco's natural beauty and cultural wonders.

After settling-in to our quaint *riad*, or traditional Moroccan house converted into a high-end boutique hotel, we'll have a charming dinner together. *(B,L,D)*

DAY 3: Uncover Chefchaouen, Morocco's Stunning "Blue City"

Start your day in Chefchaouen with a delicious northern Moroccan breakfast. We'll split into small groups today to explore the town's vibrant medina on a guided walking tour, where shades of blue line the walls and bright scarves, carpets, and tapestries fill the market stalls. Enjoy an independent lunch in the peaceful, car-free alleys, taking in the unique atmosphere of this mountain gem.

As evening approaches, find the perfect spot to catch a mesmerizing sunset over the blue-washed cityscape before gathering together for a warm and flavorful dinner to cap off the day. *(B,D)*

DAY 4: Experience the Ancient Roman City of Volubilis En Route to Fès

No need to feel blue as we head for the city of Fès, a city with an expansive medina that has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site-- and the largest car-free urban area in the world! Along the way, visit the ancient Roman ruins of Volubilis to witness Morocco's rich, layered history as a Roman province. The journey through time offers a unique perspective on Morocco's diverse cultural heritage before you delve into the bustling heart of Fès. *(B,L,D)*

DAY 5: Explore Fès' & Join an Islamic Art Workshop

Fès' vast medina is a treasure trove of historical sites, offering so much it could take weeks to explore. Together, we'll pace ourselves with a guided tour through the key highlights, including Bou Inania Madrasa, the ancient University of al-Karaouine, the bustling honey souqs, tanneries, and spice shops.

Take a break for lunch on your own, taking in the Fès Medina's vibrant atmosphere. Later this afternoon, dive into Moroccan art at a Zellij tile-making workshop, learning the intricate techniques and geometric patterns essential to Islamic art and architecture. End the day with a refreshing dinner together in Fès. *(B,D)*

DAY 6: Taste the Many Flavors of Marrakech

After an early breakfast, we'll travel to Marrakech*, the vibrant soul of Morocco. A city that seamlessly blends ancient traditions with modern charm, Marrakech will be our home for the next four nights.

Check in to your high-end boutique hotel located in the center of the ancient medina, where we'll take some time to relax before meeting a group of young Moroccans for an open Q&A about local culture.

Tonight, embark on a journey for your taste buds! Our cultural food tour introduces you to a variety of Marrakeshi traditions including marinated olives shops, orange juice stands, Harira stands, Msemen and mint tea, and Tanjia and tajines in the souqs. Get ready for an adventure! *(B,L,D)*

DAY 7: Explore Marrakech & Join a Local Chef for a Cooking Class

We'll have a full day to explore Marrakech, nicknamed "red city" for its buildings constructed of beaten clay. Our day begins with a visit to the Bahia Palace, followed by the Secret Garden and the Jewish neighborhood (Mellah). After a midday break, visit the The Yves Saint Laurent Museum before taking some time time to explore on your own.

Next, meet with a local chef for a trip to the market to gather ingredients for our cooking class. Learn to concoct some popular regional dishes while sampling the complex ingredients of Moroccan cuisine. *(B,D)*

**Note that we will either take a 1hr domestic flight or a first class train from Fès to Marrakech, pending schedules at the time. Discover Corps will confirm this in the final itinerary.*

DAY 8: Venture to the High Atlas Mountains & Meet a Village Community

After breakfast, we'll set off on a breathtaking drive to Imlil, a storybook mountain village cradled by the majestic peaks of the High Atlas. While it's just over an hour's drive from Marrakech, this will feel like a different world.

Upon arrival, lace up your boots for a guided scenic hike through mountain trails that lead to the home of a local Amazigh family. The Amazigh are a fascinating indigenous culture and the original inhabitants of North Africa. We'll immerse ourselves in their way of life, hear stories passed down through generations and gain a deep appreciation for their vibrant culture and heritage. *(B,L)*

DAY 9: Visit Project Soar and Enjoy a Farewell Celebration

This morning we'll visit a nearby village to learn more about Project Soar – an association with a mission to empower marginalized teen girls to become the leaders of today and tomorrow. Learn firsthand about the challenges that young girls face in Morocco and the work this organization is doing to empower them to become their own agents of change. The afternoon is yours to explore the city before our goodbye dinner. After dinner, we will have a private concert complete with the opportunity to get a henna tattoo as an authentic way to say goodbye to guests. *(B,D)*

DAY 10: Depart for Home

After breakfast, we'll bid Morocco farewell and head to the airport for our flights home. *(B)*

PREMIER LODGING

We've handpicked a set of 4 & 5-star boutique hotels and riads for your Moroccan experience. Each property is not only gorgeous, but reflects the character of Morocco. Start at the Hotel le Doge in Casablanca, a former private mansion nestled in the heart of the city. Continue on to Riad Cherifa in Chefchaouen, a traditional riad situated amongst the surrounding mountain peaks and bustling medina. In Fès, we'll base ourselves at the Palais Faraj, a former Arab Palace overlooking the city. End the journey in Marrakech at La Maison Arabe, a refined riad-hotel in the heart of Marrakech's ancient medina.

Please note that the exact properties are subject to change.

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10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

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PRICING

ADULT: $5,195 **CHILD: $4,995**

The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements (SRS) are $1,095 per person. This will guarantee you your own, single occupancy room for the entirety of the trip. If you are a solo traveler and would like us to match you with a roommate of the same gender, please book as double occupancy. Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult.

SEE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT LIST OF DEPARTURE DATES

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 8 dinners
- 9 nights in 4- & 5-star boutique hotels & riads
- Transportation in private vehicles & first class train tickets from Fès to Marrakech
- Discover Corps guide that is there to support, guide, and inform you throughout the trip
- All scheduled activities and excursions
- $50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Trip literature and pre-departure support from Discover Corps
- 24-hour Discover Corps emergency hotline while traveling

RECOMMENDED FOR

- Adults & children ages 8+
- Travelers who are comfortable with MODERATE physical activity

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Tips for the Discover Corps guide and driver
- 4 lunches & 1 dinner
- International airfare
- Alcoholic beverages

RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY

Trips are limited to 16 travelers and do fill. Reserving a trip with Discover Corps is easy. Simply visit our website and fill out the online registration form and pay a $365 deposit and $30 non-refundable booking fee per person. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Travel Specialist, call/text us at (619) 758-3030 or e-mail us at info@discovercorps.com

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Have a group of 6 or more? We can operate a trip for your group. Whether it's a family reunion, corporate group, alumni association or a professional or student organization, we'll make it easy and turnkey for your group to have an incredible experience.

RETURNING ALUMNI?

We like to reward those who travel with us again and again. Enjoy a $250 discount off our trip if you are a returning Discover Corps traveler.

PAYMENT PLANS

Discover Corps offers monthly payment plan options for all of our trips. Contact us anytime, before or after booking, to sign up for a monthly payment plan or with any questions:

Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.

Our Mission

Discover Corps' mission is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.

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- COSTA RICA
- CUBA
- EGYPT
- GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS
- GREECE
- GUATEMALA
- JAMAICA
- JAPAN
- KENYA
- MOROCCO
- OAXACA
- PERU
- SOUTH AFRICA
- TANZANIA
- THAILAND
- UGANDA
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