

Please note that all of the itineraries listed in our web site are actual private tour itineraries we have prepared for clients over the past 12-18 months. By the very nature of what we do, each private tour itinerary is custom, exclusive and unique unto itself. Our over-riding goal is to create lifelong memories that you and your family will forever carry deep within your hearts.

### **Morocco Overview**

The kingdom of Morocco has quickly developed into the new “in” chic destination of North Africa. With a rich native culture and civilization, Morocco boasts eight UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the ancient Roman city of Volubilis and the Medina of Fez, the most amazing walled city dating back to the 13th Century.

#### **Temperature**

Highs: Low 80's

Lows: Mid 50's

#### **Area**

710,850 SQ KM

274,461 SQ MILES

#### **Population**

32.6 Million

#### **Language**

Arabic/Berber

French/Spanish

#### **Capital**

Rabat

#### **Currency**

Dirham

### **Day 1**

#### **Fly U.S./Casablanca**

Through our sister company, premium air provider TRAVNET, we may assisted with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

### **Day 2**

#### **Arrive Casablanca + Transfer to Fes**

Upon arrival at Mohammed V International Airport and clearing customs/immigration/baggage, you will be subsequently transferred to Fes for check-in at the Palais Faraj.

#### **Fez Palais Faraj Suites & Spa**

Designed by noteworthy Jean Baptiste Barian, specialist in Arab Andalusian architecture, this restored palace is located on the South Hill with breathtaking views of the bustling, historical Medina. All 25 suites include meticulously designed Moroccan textiles and art work. Nice, small spa and outdoor pool. We very much enjoyed the tasty breakfasts on the hotel's terrace during our stay here. A recent client remarked on the stunning views over the historical Medina (as well as the artichoke and lamb tagine!)

#### **Meals:--**

## **Accommodations: Fez Palais Faraj Suites & Spa**

### **Day 3**

#### **Full Day Fes Private Tour**

After breakfast at Fez Palais Faraj Suites & Spa you will be picked up by your local guide and drive for a full day tour of Fes, our favorite city in Morocco! Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you will wind through the 9000 narrow lanes discovering the cultural fabric and structures of ancient past. Additional stopovers include the 600 year old Chouoara Tanneries. If interested in Morocco's 3000 year old Jewish heritage, we can arrange a private tour through the walled Jewish neighborhoods, also known as "mellah."

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

**Accommodations: Fez Palais Faraj Suites & Spa**

### **Day 4**

#### **Fly Fes/Merzouga**

Following breakfast, you have the option of taking a private Jetstream 32 to Merzouga (a 45-minute flight versus 8-hour drive). Upon arrival at the Erg Chebbi tented, you will enjoy a tea and pastry reception before your camel trek over the sand dunes. Returning to camp, you will have the opportunity to see the shifting dunes amidst a burning sunset and finish with star-gazing.

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Accommodations: Desert Camp**

### **Day 5**

#### **Private Drive Merzouga/Skoura**

After breakfast at Erg Chebbi, you will be privately driven to Skoura. Your route will include a visit to the Todra Gorges and the impressive and picturesque oases that they hide. You will travel through the southern slopes of the High Atlas Range, following the Dades Valley as you pass by the flourishing crops, irrigation canals, and palm trees. Along the way, you will stop at a small yet fascinating private museum in a Ksar near Tingherir, which houses exhibits that showcase local art, culture, and history.

#### **Dar Ahlam Skoura (RL)**

Though we have stayed at the Le Berber Palace in the past, we feel the 16-room (9 suite +3 villas) luxury Dar Ahlam Skoura to be a truly heavenly place and the premier property in the entire Skoura/Ouarzazate region. An approx. 25-mile drive to the historic sites of Ouarzazate/Ait-Ben-Haddou, Dar Ahlam is set in remote desert surroundings, located in a lush Skoura palm grove. The design and outward look of the hotel are of a traditional 19th century Kasbah, though the rooms are updated with the modern 5-Star amenities. Somewhat similar to AMAN, Dar Ahlam's philosophy is relaxation from western stress with very little modern-day influences; no tv's or phones! Based on an understated, non-traditional luxury concept, the hotel has no reception desk, while daily meals are set in different locations, dependent on the day's cultural theme (fun + delicious Moroccan dishes!). Although the heated outside pool is very nice, lively camel and river excursions are enjoyable options. Among our favorite morning routines here is a walk among the lush palm groves/gardens and, of course, the spa!

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

## **Accommodations: Dar Ahlam Skoura**

### **Day 6**

#### **Skoura Discretionary Free Day**

Today you will have discretionary use of the various activities/excursions offered by the Dar Ahlam Skoura.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodations:** Dar Ahlam Skoura

### **Day 7**

#### **Private Drive Skoura/ Ouarzazate/ Marrakech**

After breakfast at Dar Ahlam Skoura, you will visit the French Garrison city of Ouarzazate (war-zazat) en route to Marrakech. Your route to Ouarzazate includes the Zat Valley – think of a Moroccan Amalfi Coast without the water! Located in the foothills of High Atlas, you will continue on to Ait-Ben-Haddou – a UNESCO World Heritage Site quite worthy of its title. Ait-Ben-Haddou is also noteworthy as a venue of many past and current movie scenes, including those from “Lawrence of Arabia,” “Gladiator,” “The Mummy,” and our current Lynch family HBO favorite, “Game of Thrones”! After your visit to Ait-Ben-Haddou, you will arrive in Marrakech. Here in Marrakech, you will have a chance to visit Djemma El Fna – perhaps one of the most exuberant marketplaces in the world!

#### **La Mamounia**

Originally opened in 1923, this 210-room Moorish-style iconic luxury hotel recently completed a comprehensive 3-year restoration. Under the guidance of Parisian designer Jacques Garcia, the detailed, meticulously laid-out renovation was carried out by over 1,000 craftsmen in the property on any given work day. We were happy to see La Mamounia’s stunning outdoor pool is still intact (through redesigned) as well as a new indoor pool. If bodywork enthusiasts, I am sure you will very much enjoy the opulent, up-dated 27,000 sq. ft. spa (must be 16 or older.) Set amid 17 acres of lush gardens with olive and orange groves, La Mamounia is considered Marrakech’s premier luxury hotel among Morocco’s elite. What the Hassler is to Rome, we feel the La Mamounia is to Marrakech. The only downside here is La Mamounia’s somewhat snooty dress code. Casual wear is only permitted in the pool side Le Pavillion de la Piscine restaurant, while “smart/glamour” is required in all other areas. Great location, about 5 min by car to Djemâa el Fna. Of Special note, Winston Churchill came here to paint, staying at the then grand old La Mamounia and called it, “Simply the nicest place on Earth to spend an afternoon.”

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodations:** La Mamounia

### **Day 8**

#### **Marrakech**

Following breakfast at La Mamounia, a full day of private touring in Marrakech will begin. Your guide will take you the 1570 Koranic school and the Koutoubia Minaret considered the model religious structure in all of North Africa. After a nice lunch, you will journey to a Jardin Majorelle via horse-drawn carriage for a glimpse at this eclectic blue Moroccan villa. In the evening, you will enjoy a unique dinner where Gnaoua musicians or dancers may entertain you while you enjoy traditional Moroccan or Mediterranean food.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodations:** La Mamounia

### **Day 9**

#### **All Day Atlas Excursion or Kasbah Tamadot Visit**

Following breakfast at La Mamounia, you have the option of taking a cooking class in the village of Tameslought where you will learn to cook traditional Moroccan cuisine. After enjoying your freshly cooked lunch, you will trek up the Atlas Mountains, where natural unspoiled beauty spreads before you. If wishing for a different way to spend your day, you may opt to travel to Kasbah Tamadot, a high-altitude resort in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains and first renovated over 25 years ago by the Venetian interior designer Luciano Tempo. Here you can enjoy a very nice spa, an indoor and outdoor pool, and some very delicious meal options.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodations:** La Mamounia

### **Day 10**

#### **Fly Marrakech/Home**

Following breakfast at La Mamounia, you will be privately driven to the airport for your flight back home.

**Meals: Breakfast**

**Accommodations: --**