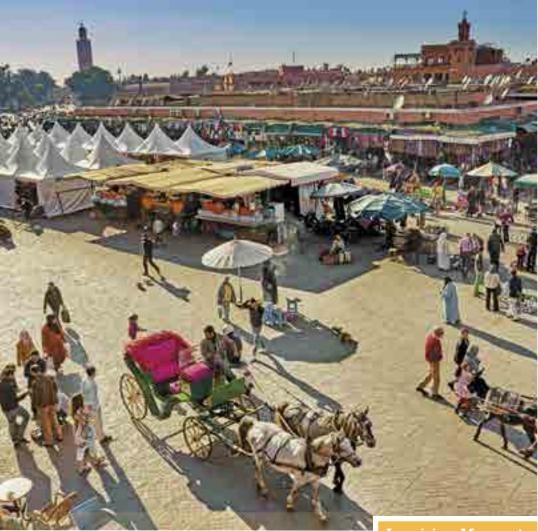


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From shaded souks to centuries-old squares to the stunning stretch of the Atlas Mountains, become intimately engaged in the unique rhythms and scenes of Morocco, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Above: Marrakech medina | Cover photo: Medina street

# **Inspiring Moments**

- ➤ Thrill to **Morocco's** captivating blend of African, Arab and European cultures.
- ► Encounter the beating heart of Marrakech in Jemaa el-Fna square.
- ➤ Marvel at Casablanca's Hassan II Mosque, an architectural wonder.
- ► Lose yourself in the lush beauty of Marrakech's tranquil gardens.
- ► Explore Rabat's Islamic ruins and splendid Hassan Tower.
- ➤ Visit with a **Berber family** during an outing to the Atlas Mountains.
- ➤ Savor delicious cuisine and music at a **traditional Moroccan feast.**



# Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us on an eight-night adventure through Morocco, an exotic kingdom that has lured traders and explorers for centuries. We'll explore bustling bazaars and legendary landmarks, immersing you in the sights, sounds and tantalizing cuisine of this spectacular land.

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# Art | Architecture | Culture | Cuisine | History



### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Marrakech, Morocco.

### Day 2 | Marrakech, Morocco

Transfer to the Sofitel Marrakech Palais Imperial.

Kick off your Moroccan adventure during a Welcome Reception tonight.

### Day 3 | Marrakech

**Enrichment:** *Moroccan History.* From the Berber dynasty to modern day Morocco, gain insight into the fascinating history of this remarkable country.

**Discovery:** Exploring the Monuments of Marrakech. Exotic Marrakech is a melting pot of African, Arabian and European cultures. Begin today's walking tour at Ben Youssef Medersa, a Quranic learning center with elaborate wooden latticework. Then step into the city's honeycomb souks to experience the pulse of local life. These shaded, maze-like markets are a cacophony of sounds and colors, where stalls display olives, nuts, rainbow-hued spices and vials of potions. Emerge from the souks and thrill to the ambience of Jemaa el-Fna, the immense main square that is home to artists, food stalls, dancers, snake charmers, storytellers and musicians. Finally, visit Dar el Bacha Palace to admire its carved cedarwood and tilework.

Delight your palate during a delicious lunch.

**Free Time:** The afternoon is yours to enjoy Marrakech. Perhaps return to the souks to purchase spices or leather goods, or simply settle near the square with a sweet mint tea.

Celebrate the day over a dinner of traditional Moroccan cuisine.

### Day 4 | Marrakech

### Discovery: Gardens and Bahia Palace.

Relish the tranquil Jardin Majorelle, a peaceful oasis bursting with flora, reflecting pools and vivid cobalt architecture. Visit the nearby Yves Saint Laurent Museum, named after the genius designer who lived in Marrakech for more than 40 years. The museum features an extensive collection of his haute couture and accessories. Continue to the 19th-century Palais Bahia. Built by architect El Mekki for Si Moussa, the elaborate palace boasts luxurious apartments, mosaic floors and serene gardens, perfect for a relaxing stroll. Next, witness the beautiful 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque, a blend of Moorish and Islamic architecture. One of Marrakech's most familiar symbols, the mosque is easily recognized by its minaret that towers 253 feet!

**Enrichment:** *Moroccan Culture.* Learn how a rich tapestry of Arab, European and African influences, religions and traditions created Morocco's captivating culture.

### Day 5 | Marrakech | Atlas Mountains

**Discovery:** *Atlas Mountains.* Journey outside of Marrakech through a dramatic



landscape to the gorgeous Atlas Mountains. Visit an authentic Berber settlement. Rich with history, the Berber civilization reaches back more than eight millennia. Today, most Berbers continue to herd livestock and use age-old farming methods, living lives closely intertwined with the land. Meet a Berber family in their traditional home. Learn about their beguiling traditions and culture over authentic homemade Berber bread — called *khobz* — and sweet Moroccan mint tea. During your outing, enjoy lunch surrounded by a stunning landscape of terraced fields, mountains, red earth and olive trees.

### Day 6 | Marrakech

and Moroccan Cuisine. Indulge your inner artist during a calligraphy lesson with a local expert and try reproducing the beautiful patterns, lines and curves! Then treat your senses to the aromas and flavors of Moroccan cuisine. Walk through the souks and medina with a guide, sampling almonds, dried fruits and other delectable goodies. Afterward, enjoy a cooking lesson.

**Free Time:** The afternoon is yours for exploring the wonders of Marrakech. You may wish to visit the Saadian Tombs, home to 60 tombs and over 100 gardens, or wander around Jemma el-Fna with a refreshing orange juice made from local blood oranges.

Join your fellow travelers for dinner.

### Day 7 | Marrakech

Free Time: Enjoy a full day at leisure.

Discovery: Moroccan Banquet. Gather

for a delicious, authentic dinner accompanied by music. Traditional Moroccan melodies often feature appealing rhythms and lyrics created by a mix of wind and string instruments.

### Day 8 | Marrakech | Casablanca

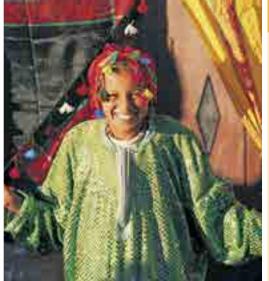
Transfer to Casablanca this morning.

**Discovery:** Casablanca Tour. Explore cosmopolitan Casablanca. Visit the Hassan II Mosque, one of Morocco's most spectacular religious buildings, and admire its richly decorated interior and imposing minaret that stands at nearly 700 feet tall. Experience Casablanca's vibe and distinctive Mauresque architecture at its central piazza, Place Mohammad V. Then see the façade and stained-glass windows of the Church of Notre-Dame de Lourdes.

After lunch, check in to the Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche.

Free Time: Enjoy leisure time in Casablanca.

Raise a toast to Morocco and celebrate your adventure at a Farewell Reception.



# **UNESCO** World Heritage

- 1. Medina of Marrakech
- 2. Rabat, Modern Capital and Historic City: a Shared Heritage

# Day 9 | Rabat | Casablanca

Discovery: Rabat Walking Tour. View the impressive façade and landscaped gardens of the Royal Palace, the residence of Morocco's royalty. Next, witness two notable treasures: the Mausoleum of Mohammad V and the inspiring Hassan Tower. Continue to Kasbah des Ouidaïas, a peaceful neighborhood with whitewashed houses; then visit the Citadel of Chellah, an enclave that once thrived as a port. Today, the grounds are filled with Roman ruins, Islamic artifacts, gardens and a doorway decorated with Arabic calligraphy.

### Day 10 | In Transit

Transfer • to the airport for the return flight • to your gateway city.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

♦ Flights and ♦ transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

# A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

### **Excursions on this program require:**

- ➤ walking on unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches

### **INCLUDED FEATURES**

### Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- 6 nights in Marrakech, Morocco, at the deluxe Sofitel Marrakech Palais Imperial Hotel.
- 2 **nights** in Casablanca at the deluxe Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche.

### **Transfers**

• Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program, plus baggage handling.

### **Extensive Meal Program**

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
- Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - Encounter storied sites in Marrakech.
- Witness serene gardens, the Yves Saint Laurent Museum and Bahia Palace.
- Journey to the Atlas Mountains and engage with a Berber family in a village.
- Learn calligraphy and taste local cuisine.
- Delight in a traditional Moroccan feast.
- Join a tour of Casablanca.
- Discover Rabat's inspiring treasures.
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- Free time to pursue your own interests.
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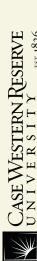
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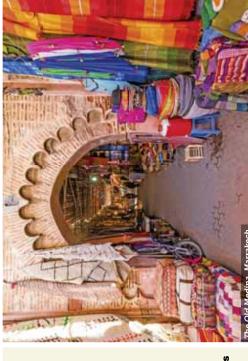
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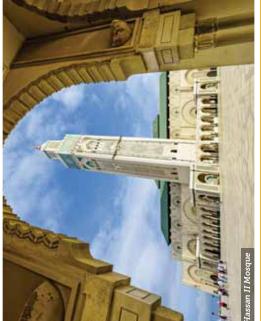


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