



THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

Exotic Morocco

Sunday, November 1 – Sunday, November 8, 2009

When Bob Hope and Bing Crosby took *The Road to Morocco* in the 1940s they wound up slaves to a beautiful Arabian princess. While Show of the Month Club can't promise a similar fate, you'll have an amazing vacation experience as you explore this ancient and exotic nation. You'll arrive in the capital city of **Rabat** to tour the heart of Moroccan monarchy, including the Royal Palace. From there, you'll visit the **Bab Mansour Gate** and the ancient tombs in **Meknes** before proceeding on to **Fez**, Morocco's spiritual and cultural capital. From Fez, you'll view the gorgeous countryside en route to that mystical hideaway for '60s rockers looking to expand their minds, **Marrakesh**. There you may shop in the open markets and watch as snake-charmers tame their deadly serpents. The next day, you'll travel to the Moroccan city known to every movie buff: **Casablanca**. It may be the beginning of a beautiful friendship as you explore this charming city before getting on that plane home—à la Ingrid Bergman. With exotic cuisine and wonderful entertainment to savor as well as a knowledgeable, English-speaking tour guide by your side, there'll never be a better way to discover Morocco!

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled Air France flights from Boston to Casablanca, via Paris
- Six nights' four-star accommodations
- Sixteen meals: six continental breakfast, four lunches, five dinners, one dinner with a folklore show
- Round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers by motorboat with assistance
- Services of a professional local tour manager

Rates

\$1,279 per person double occupancy
\$1,529 for single reservations
Add \$410 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Passport required

Features

Rabat, including Royal Palace; Meknes, including Bab Mansour Gate; holy town of Mouley Idriss; Fez, including souks and bazaars; Marrakesh, including Bahia Palace and the Menara; Casablanca

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Evening departure from Boston to Paris, via Air France. Dinner will be served on board. Relax and enjoy the in-flight entertainment.

Day 2: Arrive Paris– flight to Casablanca

Continental breakfast will be served before landing in Paris. Clear immigration and proceed to your connecting flight to Casablanca. Retrieve your luggage, clear customs and meet your local representative who will assist you with the transfer to the Hotel Belere in Rabat. Check in and receive room assignments. Lunch will be served before departing on an orientation tour of the city. Dinner at the hotel this evening. **(L, D)**

Day 3: Rabat– Meknes – Fez

After breakfast, depart for Meknes to visit the Ismailian capital famous for its 40 KM long walls which house the Bab Mansour gate; considered to be the most beautiful gate in Morocco. Visit the Jewish quarter and the tombs of Mouley Ismael. Included lunch will be at Restaurant Collier de la Colombe before heading to the holy town of Mouley Idriss; established in 788 A.D. The city is built upon the rocky spurs of the Khiber and Tazga with houses clustered around the hillsides. The town and mausoleum are named after the founder of the first Moroccan State and the country's most venerated saint. Proceeding onto Fez, a visit will be made at the ruins of the ancient Roman City of Volubilis. Upon arrival into Fez you will check in to the hotel Menzeh Zalagh. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 4: Fez

After breakfast leave for a full day excursion to discover the fascinating old city of Fez, the spiritual and cultural capital of the Kingdom of Morocco. Your tour will include entrance to Bounania Mederssa, a visit to Tanneries, Islamic University, Souks, bazaars, Nejjarine Fountain, Fez Jdid and Bab Boujeloud. There will be an included lunch and in the afternoon time to continue your exploration or for shopping. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 5: Fez – Ifrane – Beni Mellal –Marrakech

Depart from the hotel after breakfast for your transfer to Marrakech. En route you will pass by the Ifrane ski resort and the village of Azrou, which is famous for its handicraft of cedar woods. Lunch is provided before a late afternoon arrival in Marrakech. Marrakech- "Morocco City", as early travellers called it - has always been something of a pleasure city, a marketplace where the southern tribesmen and Berber villagers bring in their goods, spend their money and find entertainment. For visitors it's an enduring fantasy - a city of immense beauty, low, red and tentlike before a great shaft of mountains - and immediately exciting. Check in to the hotel Ryad Mogador Opera. Dinner and overnight. **(B, L, D)**

Day 6: Marrakech

A full day excursion in Marrakech is waiting for you after breakfast at the hotel. Marrakech is not only a fantastic city, it is also a symbol of the Morocco that once was, and which still survives here. The streets of the old and pink city have been too narrow to allow the introduction of cars, and tourists searching for the "real" Morocco have turned the medieval structures of Marrakech into good business. You will see the famous town square of Marrakech, which owes little of its fame to its own beauty, but to the continuous day and night life. During most of the days, performers of every kind put up their shows, continuing until the food stalls start to move in. Dinner this evening along with a fantasia show is at the Chez Ali restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 7: Marrakech – Settat – Casablanca

After breakfast journey to Casablanca by way of Benguerir and Settat. Enjoy a half-day panoramic sightseeing tour of Casablanca the economic capital of Morocco. View by motorcoach Casablanca's strong religious symbol, the Hassan II mosque, which is the largest and most important mosque in North Africa built in Islamic and Arabic architecture. You will also view the Mohammed V Square, the traditional quarter of Habbous and the residential area of Anfa and the corniche. Check in to the Hotel Rivoli and enjoy dinner and overnight **(B, D)**

Day 8: Return to Boston

Early morning departure from the hotel to Casablanca airport for your flight on Air France to Boston, via Paris. **(B)**

Proof of Citizenship: *US citizens require a passport with at least six months' validity for entry into Ireland. Passports are the responsibility of the traveler.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*