



MOROCCAN CROSSROADS: MOSQUES, MEDINAS, AND MOUNTAINS

October 16 – November 1, 2020



The Society for Asian Art MOROCCAN CROSSROADS trip will delve into fascinating Moroccan and Berber cultures and their historic sites, led by our scholar/trip leader, Dr. Trevor Marchand. Dr. Marchand is Emeritus Professor of Social Anthropology at SOAS (the University of Oriental and African Studies, University of London) and has been traveling to Morocco since 1989. He will deliver five lectures and provide ongoing commentary throughout the Morocco trip. Our Moroccan odyssey begins with an overnight in Casablanca.

Casablanca (1 night) October 17

- Hassan Mosque and Jewish Museum

Tangier (2 nights) October 18-19

- Meld of French colonial and Moroccan design
- Mosques, Kasbah, Palace, Medina and Museum
- Visit art-centered coastal town, Asilah

Chefchaoun (2 nights) October 20-21

- On the way to the charming, blue-rinsed town of Chefchaoun, we stop at the Hispano-Moorish city of Tetouan, at the foot of the Rif Mountains, to visit its Medina *

Fez (4 nights) October 22-25

- On way to Fez, we stop at the Berber village of Tanakoub.
- Full day visiting Fez el Bali* (Old Fez)
- Full day visiting Fez el-Jedid (New Fez)
- Day trip to Spanish-Moorish imperial city of Meknes walking through its medina *

Rabat (2 nights) October 26-27

- Visit to imperial Roman city, Volubilis *
- Visit to Muslim town of Moulay Idriss Zerhoun, one of Morocco's holiest cities
- Explore imperial city of Rabat, capital of Morocco

Marrakech (4 nights) October 28-31

- Marrakech – Explore the narrow medina lanes to discover its main square, Jemass el-Fna Square **
- Museums, Gardens, Jewish Quarter, Souks
- Spend time in the Atlas Mountains, visit to school and women's cooperative

Pricing:

- \$5,995 USD per guest, assuming double occupancy.
- The trip price assumes minimum of 20 (twenty) guests
- Single supplement is \$650 USD.

Inclusions:

Accommodations – 15 nights (riads, villa & a modern hotel)
 Breakfast, lunch and dinners as indicated on itinerary.
 Most meals in delightful venues offering delicious local cuisine
 Gratuities to guides, drivers and porters
 Arrival and departure group transfers
 English speaking guide

Transportation:

- Mid-size private air-conditioned coach

Exclusions:

- Personal incidentals.
- Round-trip air travel to and from Morocco.
- Drinks during meals (soft or with alcohol)
- Travel Protection Insurance

Difficulty Level: DIFFICULT

Trip participants must be able to climb and descend steep stairs at riad accommodations; walk through congested markets, requiring the ability to move quickly out of the way of heavily-laden donkey carts on narrow, congested cobblestoned lanes; and be able to climb hills and stairs without handrails, when encountered. Trip participants must be able to walk approximately three miles over the course of a day, sometimes on rocky, uneven dirt and cobblestoned paths and stand for extended periods of time in museums and at historic sites - sometimes in the heat of the day. In general, trip participants should be able to keep pace with the group. **PHYSICALLY DEMANDING.**

*UNESCO World Heritage Site

** UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Space



Tour Reservation & booking Form for Society for Asian Art Moroccan Crossroads: Mosques, Medinas and Mountains October 16 to November 1, 2020.

Please complete, sign, date & return along with a clean colored copy of your passport's 1st page (the one that you intend to use for this specific trip)

Please note that you must be a member of the Society for Asian Art to go on this trip. If you are not a member, you may join or renew at the SAA website, www.societyforasianart.org/membership. Applications will be accepted by mail only and inclusion in the trip will be based on the postmark date.

Traveler #1 Last Name: First Name Mailing address Phone: Home Work Cell Email Fax Passport # Date & Place of Issue Citizenship Marital Status Occupation Date of Birth Place of birth:

Traveler #2 Last Name: First Name Mailing address Phone: Home Work Cell Email Fax Passport # Date & Place of Issue Citizenship Marital Status Occupation Date of Birth Place of birth:



Person to be notified in case of emergency:

Name (& relationship): Telephone Describe any health problems food/dietary restrictions (By signing for this trip, I confirm my full understanding of the nature of the tour and the physical requirements to be able to keep up with the pace of the visits and the sightseeing and that I am not in any way going to cause delays to the tour group or its members and if I do so, I could be denied further participation in the tour).



Accommodation Would like to share room (Y / N) Please try to assign me a roommate (Y / N) I'll share accommodations with (name) I need a single occupancy room (Y / N)

Single supplement cost is \$650.00 (Single travelers for whom roommates are not available are subject to single supplement charges)



Air Booking (Depending on airline policy, air ticket may be unchangeable/nonrefundable after issue)

I will do my own international air I will use Spiekermann Travel for international air. Please arrange my air from Seat preference: Aisle Window Frequent Flier # Airline (Seat assignment based on availability) ... Airlines have many convoluted rules regarding fares that allow (or not allow) mileage accrual and STS is NOT responsible in any way for such matters.



Tour Cost (land only): \$5,995.00 per person sharing in double room occupancy Payment: \$500.00 deposit per person is required to process your reservation, unless specified differently on the particular trip brochure you are signing up for. Balance is due 60 days prior to departure.

Check enclosed Deposit in the amount of \$ Charge my credit card: # Exp. Security code (the 3 digit code next to signature on back of card or 4 digit code on the front right side <Amex>)

Signature for credit card charge (signature)

Release of Liability: STS acts only as an agent for the passenger with respect to transportation, hotels, cruise and all matters of reservations and operation of the tour. STS and its agents and representatives do not accept responsibility for loss, damage, injury, accident, delay, irregularity, expense or liability caused by negligence or default of any of their subcontracting organizations, their employees, their agents or representatives, including consulates, passport agencies, mail couriers or border & airport security conditions. Any such losses or expenses shall be borne by the participant. We reserve the right to cancel the tour prior to departure in which case the full payment of the "land portion" will be refunded to the participant without any further obligations on our part. It is understood that air tickets when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the carrier concerned. STS or any of their subcontractors in various countries are not held responsible for any act, omission, unforeseen change or event that will affect the passenger while heading to their destination or returning from it. Any sickness, injury, accidents, dismemberment, terrorist attacks, complications to the tour due to civil unrest or disturbance in the political climate at the destination or in relations between the USA and the visited country or in case of death of a passenger is not the responsibility of STS, its agents and representatives, or the airlines involved. **Clients have been advised of the option of purchasing individual travel protection insurance.** By signing up for this trip, I acknowledge my full awareness that the visited country (ies) may have a travel warning issued by the US State Department and it is with our complete free will that we are joining that specific tour. I could consult their web site at: www.travel.state.gov. I voluntarily apply to participate in this tour with knowledge of the inherent hazards and risks involved in travel. I also am aware that unforeseen events can happen (completely beyond STS's control) and may also cause the cancellation of the tour or alteration of the proposed itinerary and I accept such risks and the costs involved with it and will not hold STS liable for any damages or losses. As we plan your tour arrangements many months, in advance we may occasionally have to make changes or cancel the whole tour (for lack of participation or for Force Majeur) and we reserve the right to do so at any time. We seldom need to change trip leaders or choice of used airlines and we have the right to do so if necessary. We will accept your tour booking on the understanding that you realize the safety facilities in the developing world - in the vehicles, on the roads and at the tourist sites - often do not match ours in the USA. If you have any valid and legitimate complaint about any of your tour arrangements, you must tell our relevant local supplier at the time. In the event that your complaint cannot be resolved by our local representative at the time, please contact our US office directly. If you fail to follow this simple procedure we will have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify your complaint whilst you were in the destination and this may affect your rights under this contract for any compensation.

Passports & Visas: Your passport must be valid for 6 months from the date of return to the USA and must contain empty "Visa" pages. You are also responsible for checking with the appropriate consular sections of the country/ies visited if a visa is required. STS is not responsible for any passport or visa problems, delays or any unforeseen conditions that can affect the trip. **Traveler is responsible to provide STS with the valid passport that will be used for the specific trip she/he signed up for and any amendments and changes to the used passport could cause a problem obtaining visas and/or will add additional expenses in resubmittal of information.** Upon acceptance of my application this agreement shall be deemed to have been entered into and performed in Eastpointe, Michigan and shall be construed according to the laws of Michigan only. In the unlikely event a legal dispute should arise involving any subject matter whatever, I agree that the dispute shall be settled by binding arbitration through the American Arbitration Association in Michigan. Should the arbitration provision prove to be unenforceable, I agree that any legal action shall be brought before the appropriate court in Macomb County, Michigan, or Federal Court in Michigan. I further agree that should the plaintiff fail to prevail in any legal dispute before a court said plaintiff hereby agrees to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees for the defendant in the dispute.

With regard to credit card sales for services related to this tour, the client will hold STS and its agents and representatives harmless for all charge-backs exercised by them or their credit card companies, originating from any complaints for any unsatisfactory services or for any reason for which the client did not use part of the prepaid tour or for any reasons whatsoever.

Cancellations & Refunds: Cancellations must be received **in writing**, and will be processed according to the date the written notice is received. Although a verbal cancellation is appreciated, it will not be accepted as final notice. Departure is defined as the date of the first flight from USA, or the trip departure date as indicated on our Trip Schedule, whichever comes first.

1. Money will be refunded minus the following cancellation fees/penalties per person (unless different for a particular trip, then the special cancellation schedule of that trip will apply):

From time of booking up to 90 days prior to departure	\$250 per person	89-60 days prior to departure	\$1,000.00 per person
59-31 days prior to departure	50% of total land cost	30-0 days prior to departure	No refund

2. Aside from the above penalties, any additional penalties on airline tickets imposed by the airlines- in cases of cancellation or date changes after issuance of tickets - will be totally charged to the traveler. Also any costs involved in obtaining visas will also be collected from the traveler and cannot be reimbursed by STS or its suppliers.
3. Hotel rooms booked on our tours are run of The House (ROH), any special rooms with views or upper floors will entail a supplement that clients will be responsible to cover.

I have read and accept this entire Release of Responsibility and I have read and accept the complete Terms and Conditions of the trip I am booking, including notification of cancellation penalties. I fully understand all contents of this document and agree to the same. By making this booking with STS you guarantee that you have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party the terms of these booking conditions.

SIGNATURE (1) _____ **Date** _____

SIGNATURE (2) _____ **Date** _____

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