



MAGICAL MOROCCO
October 13 - October 28, 2023



The Society for Asian Art's **MAGICAL MOROCCO** will delve into fascinating Moroccan cultures and their historic sites, led by our scholar/trip leader, Courtney Stewart, senior researcher and lecturer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York who has previously led tours to Morocco. She will deliver four lectures and provide ongoing commentary throughout the Morocco trip. Our Moroccan odyssey begins with an overnight in Casablanca and ends in Marrakech.

Highlights of the trip include:

Casablanca (1 night) October 14

Rabat (2 nights) October 15-16

- Hassan II Mosque
- Museum of History and Civilization
- Chellah Necropolis; Royal Palace
- Merinid Medersa

Tangier (2 nights) October 17 – 18

- On the way, visit art-centered coastal town, Asilah
- Mosque, Kasbah, Palace, Medina
- Museum of Antiquities
- Jewish Quarter

Chefchaoun (1 night) October 19

- 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 *
- Royal Palace with Artisanal School

Fez (4 nights) October 20-23

- 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)
- Side trip to Spanish-Moorish imperial city of Meknes* and Roman city of Volubilis

Marrakech (4 nights) October 24-27)

- Marrakech — Explore the narrow medina lanes to discover its main square, Jamaa el Fna Square **
- Museums, Gardens, Souks, Architectural points of interest
- Option to visit Essaouria, seaside city, or day at leisure

*UNESCO World Heritage Site

** UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Space

Pricing:

- \$7,995 USD per guest, assuming double occupancy.
- The trip price assumes minimum of 15 guests and maximum of 20 guests
- Single supplement is \$995 USD.

Inclusions:

Accommodations — 14 nights (riads, villa & a modern hotel)

Breakfast, lunch and dinners as indicated on itinerary.

Meals in delightful venues offering delicious local cuisine

Gratuities to guides, drivers, and porters

Arrival and departure group transfers

Trip Manager

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

Trip Grade: Active

Trip participants must be able to walk through congested markets, requiring the ability to move quickly out of the way of heavily laden donkey carts on narrow, cobblestoned lanes and climb hills and stairs without handrails 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. In general, trip participants should be able to keep pace with the group. Note: In Marrakech the alleyway to the riad is pedestrian only and is an estimated 10-15 minute walk over cobblestone paths. Porters will manage luggage.