Morocco - Land of Enchantment

APRIL 15TH - MAY 1ST, 2025

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to an enchanting journey through Morocco! We are thrilled to have you join us on this unforgettable adventure exploring the vibrant cities of Casablanca, the majestic Sahara Desert, the bustling streets of Marrakech, the ancient wonders of Fez, as well as the blue city Chefchaouen.

Prepare to be immersed in the rich tapestry of Moroccan culture, where ancient traditions blend seamlessly with modern influences. From the bustling markets filled with exotic spices and vibrant textiles to the awe-inspiring landscapes of the Sahara Desert, each destination promises to captivate your senses and leave you with lasting memories.

As we embark on this journey together, we invite you to open your hearts and minds to the wonders that await us. Our experienced guides are dedicated to ensuring that your experience is nothing short of extraordinary, providing you with insights into the history, culture, and beauty of Morocco at every turn.

Join us on this incredible journey to Morocco! We envision this journey as more than just a chance to discover new destinations, it's an opportunity to forge connections with fellow travelers and to ensure every moment becomes an indelible memory. Whether you're marveling at the grandeur of ancient monuments, traversing the golden sands of the Sahara Desert, or getting lost in the maze-like streets of Chefchaouen, you're sure to create memories that will last a lifetime.

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact GLP Worldwide at 1-866-760-1987 or alumni@glpworldwide.com

Sincerely,

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ITINERARY

MOROCCO - Land of Enchantment

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DAY 01 | APR 15 | DEPART FOR MOROCCO

Overnight flight to Casablanca, Morocco.

DAY 02 | APR 16 | ARRIVE CASABLANCA (D)

Upon arriving Casablanca, enjoy a panoramic tour, with the flexibility to have free time for lunch before checking in at the hotel. In the evening, you will enjoy a welcome dinner at hotel.

Hassan II Mosque, Casablanca

DAY 03 | APR 17 | CASABLANCA (*B*, *D*) Begin your Morocco adventure with a captivating journey to explore Casablanca, a coastal marvel in western Morocco overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Explore the Central Market and Ain diab Esplanade, then followed by a visit to Hassan II Mosque, the architectural gem stands partially over the water. The adventure concludes at Habbous Quartier, a home to many artisans, booksellers and other shopkeepers.

DAY 04 | APR 18 | CASABLANCA - MARRAKECH (B, L, D)

Embark on a transfer to Marrakech and enjoy a delectable lunch at a local restaurant. This evening, immerse yourself in the enchanting ambience of Djemaa el-Fna, the vibrant main square becomes a fusion of culinary, melodies, and spellbinding performances, featuring the talents of snake charmers, magicians, storytellers, and even the intriguing presence of dentists!



Djemaa el-Fna, Marrakech

DAY 05 | APR 19 | MARRAKECH (*B*, *L*, *D*) Marrakech, the royal city that unequivocally hailed as the 'Pearl of the South.' Our first stop is the 16th-century Saadian Tombs, a monument steeped in history, sealed until their rediscovery in 1917. We then proceed to the opulent Bahia Palace, a residence of royalty, followed by a glimpse of the magnificent Koutoubia Mosque, celebrated as a masterpiece of Islamic architecture.

DAY 06 | APR 20 | MARRAKECH (B, D)

Today, enjoy a day with your choice of tour. Optional Cooking class :

Explore the secrets of renowned Moroccan cuisine, characterized by its diverse array of tagines and salads. Over its long and dynamic history, Moroccan cooking has absorbed various influences, contributing to its richness and uniqueness.

Optional visit of Majorelle Gardens : Marrakech's Jardin Majorelle stands as one of Morocco's highly frequented attractions. Over a span of forty years, the French painter Jacques Majorelle (1886-1962) poured his passion and dedication into crafting this captivating garden in the heart of the "Ochre City."



Majorelle Gardens, Marrakech

DAY 07 | APR 21 | MARRAKECH - OUARZAZATE (B, L, D)

Start the day heading towards Ouarzazate through the picturesque Tizi n'Tichka Pass. Revel in the diverse splendor of breathtaking landscapes nestled within the heart of the High Atlas Mountains. Pause to explore Ait Ben Haddou, where the Atlas Mountains showcase their most exquisitely decorated Kasbahs, forming a captivating panorama.

DAY 08 | APR 22 | OUARZAZATE - BOUMALNE (B, D)

Commence your journey to Boumalne and delve into the traditional Berber villages, Taourirt and Tifoultoute. The visit to the Kasbah of Taourirt unveils the treasures of Amazigh architecture. Traverse the main gate to access the inner courtyard, a splendid arena reminiscent of past festivals that hosted Ahwach song and dance concerts. Your day concludes with the arrival in Boumalne and enjoy the dinner at hotel.

DAY 09 | APR 23 | BOUMALNE - MERZOUGA (B, D)

Our journey for the day takes us through the Dades Valley to the Berber town of Boumalne, then continues to Erfoud, where we leave our coach and embark on a 4WD journey to Merzouga, hailed as the 'Jewel of the Sahara.' The dunes of Erg Chebbi rank among the largest in Morocco, reaching heights of up to 160 meters. The upcoming two nights promise a delightful experience as we reside in a traditional Moroccan Kasbah.

DAY 10 | APR 24 | MERZOUGA (B, L, D)

Begin your day early with a spectacular sunrise over the Sahara dunes during a camel ride. Following breakfast, we set out for Khamlia, a charming desert village, where you can savor a cup of tea in a traditional home. The journey continues to Tissirdmine, where we'll enjoy lunch amidst palm trees before returning to our Kasbah. The day includes a visit to Memphis and mines, concluding with dinner at the hotel.



Camel ride, Merzouga



Fez, Morocco

DAY 11 | APR 25 | MERZOUGA - FEZ (*B*, *L*, *D*) Our journey takes us to Fez, passing through the charming village of Midelt amidst the scenic Middle Atlas Mountains. Midelt, a market town and former French administrative post, holds significance as one of Morocco's key mining cities for various minerals. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

DAY 12 | APR 26 | FEZ (B, L, D)

Fez, nestled in the serene landscapes of the mid Atlas Mountains, is widely considered the symbolic heart of Morocco. Our itinerary includes a visit to the renowned Medina, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1981. Highlights encompass the Kairaouine Mosque and the fountains of Carpenter's Square. Later, indulge in lunch at a Moroccan palace within the Medina, followed by a visit to the tannery.

DAY 13 | APR 27 | FEZ – MEKNES – FEZ (B, L, D)

Our journey leads us south to Meknes through the ancient Roman ruins of Volubilis. Known as the 'Versailles of Morocco,' Meknes unveils its old medina and the impressive Bab el Mansour Gate. Savor lunch at a local restaurant.



DAY 14 | APR 28 | FEZ - CHEFCHAOUEN (*B*, *D*) Head to Chefchaouen, a charming and tranquil city. The vibrant colors of various products in shops and bazaars create a striking contrast against the backdrop of the dazzling blue and white houses.

DAY 15 | APR 29 | CHEFCHAOUEN - TANGIER (B, D)

Depart to Tangier, a pivotal port connecting Africa and Europe since Phoenician times. The medina, perched on the hillside, showcases whitewashed buildings and features Dar el Makhzen, a former palace that has now turned into a museum displaying ancient Moroccan artifacts. Additionally, within the medina, the American Legation Museum, housed in a Moorish-style consulate from 1821, recounts the history of the initial diplomatic ties between the United States and Morocco.

DAY 16 | APR 30 | TANGIER- RABAT - CASABLANCA (B, D)

Our next destination, Rabat, the capital of Morocco, situated on the banks of the Bouregreg River and the Atlantic Ocean. Afterward, we proceed back to Casablanca and enjoy our farewell dinner at Ricks Café, a romantic eatery inspired by the cafe in the 1942 film "Casablanca".



View of the harbour, Rabat

DAY 17 | MAY 1 | DEPART CASABLANCA (*B*) This morning, proceed to the airport for your return flight, concluding your journey.

*****END OF TOUR***** B – breakfast L – lunch D - dinner

Traditional moroccan architectural, Chefchaouen

PRICING & TERMS

PACAKAGE PRICE (AIR & LAND):

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
CAD 8,310 per person	CAD 1,970 per person

INCLUSIONS:

- International roundtrip airfare in economy class from Toronto to Casablanca and return from Casablanca to Toronto (additional cost to be applied for other departure cities) including applicable air taxes and fees.
- 15 nights hotel accommodation including daily breakfast
- Welcome dinner at the hotel
- Farwell dinner at Ricks Café
- Lunch and dinner as mentioned in the itinerary
- Entrance fees to the monuments indicated in our program
- Transportation and tours as mentioned in the itinerary
- English speaking guide throughout
- Excursion by 4WD to Merzouga
- Camel ride in Merzouga
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers.
- Porterage at hotels (1 piece per person)

EXCLUSIONS:

- Meals not included in itinerary.
- Optional travel, health, accident or other insurances.
- Optional Tours on Day 6 (Apr 20, 2025): Cooking Class : CAD 160 per person Jardins Majorelle: CAD 35 per person

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS FIRST DEPOSIT:

FINAL PAYMENT:

CANCELLATION CHARGES

FROM TIME OF BOOKING TO NOVEMBER 30, 2024: FROM DECEMBER 1, 2024 TO DATE OF DEPARTURE: CAD 1,500 per each confirmed passenger at the time of booking Due on Dec 1, 2024

CAD 1,500 per person 100% of tour cost

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2. Please ensure that passports are valid up till after six (6) months at last destination.

3. Our office requires submission of copy of passport information along with payment to confirm the booking

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