

Eugene Chamber of Commerce presents...

Colors of Morocco

September 26 – October 7, 2019



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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-19 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

12 Days • 18 Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 6 Dinners

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~~Double \$4,549;~~ **Double \$4,349***

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For bookings made after Feb 27, 2019 call for rates.

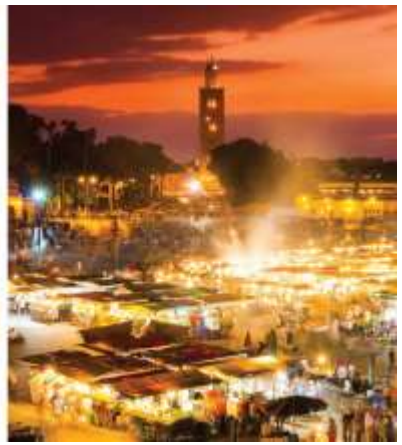
Included in Price: Group Transportation from a Central Location to and from PDX, Round Trip Air from Portland Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers for groups of 10 or more and a Post Night in Casablanca

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$385 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from PDX

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Immersive Small Group Touring: Smaller groups lead to bigger experiences. Explorations gives travelers access to the world in a new way, venturing off the beaten path for more adventure and immersive cultural connections. The small group size opens the door to magnificent sights, unique accommodations and exclusive culinary events. Your senses come alive as you capture the true essence of each destination.



Immerse Yourself

- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of ancient markets and medinas.
- Spend two nights at a tented camp in the Sahara Desert.
- Visit a desert oasis to meet a local farmer.

Must-See Inclusions

- Explore Fes, one of the holiest Muslim cities in the world.
- Jump into a 4x4 and traverse the Sahara Desert to your tented camp.
- Board a camel and explore the desert.

Culinary Inclusions

- Experience Moroccan hospitality during a festive dinner at your riad with a local family.
- Select your own ingredients before a culinary workshop at a local women's cooperative.

Highlights: Casablanca, Hassan II Mosque, Rabat, Meknes, Fes, Sahara Desert Luxury Tented Camp, Camel Ride, Oasis Visit, High Atlas Mountains, Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou, Marrakech, Cooking Class

Day 1: Thursday, September 26, 2019

Overnight Flight On a captivating adventure through a land of centuries-old culture and customs, discover the “Land of Sunset” and “Gateway to Africa” – the place they call Morocco.

Day 2: Friday, September 27, 2019

Casablanca, Morocco - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Casablanca. This evening, take in the aromas of coriander, allspice and ginger as you join your fellow travelers for a traditional Moroccan dinner. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, September 28, 2019

Casablanca - Rabat - Meknes - Fes

Gaze upon the intricate, colorful artistry of ceramic tile and hand-

carved stone during a visit to the breathtaking Hassan II Mosque. Then we're off to Rabat, Morocco's capital, to visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. The epitome of modern Moroccan design, the mausoleum's ornate woodwork, marble, and bronze ornamentations makes this a tomb truly fit for a king. Then, it's on to the imperial city of Meknes (UNESCO), home of the ancient door, the Bab El Mansour, and the historic gate, the Bab El Khamis. Arrive at your *riad* just in time for dinner, prepared by local women known as 'dadas'. Dine on traditional recipes that have been passed down through the generations. (B, D)



Day 4: Sunday, September 29, 2019

Fes Get ready to discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn about its history as a center of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion. Step back in time on an eye-opening tour featuring the centuries-old Medersa Bou Inania, the Jewish Quarter, city ramparts, and the palace gates. On a walking tour of the 9th century medina, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. At the famous leather tanneries, watch as craftsmen tan and dye leather among the honeycomb of colorful vats. (B)

Day 5: Monday, September 30, 2019

Fes - Ifrane - Erfoud - Sahara Desert Cross some of Morocco's most breathtaking desert landscapes on the way to the Sahara. En route, pause in Ifrane to bask in majestic views of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Arrive in Erfoud, "the Door to the Desert", and make your way by 4x4 jeep to your luxurious tented camp for a magical 2-night stay in the Sahara Desert. (B, D)

Day 6: Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Sahara Desert Expedition Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara

in stunning hues of orange, yellow and red. Begin your day by traveling to the Oasis of Hassi Byed. Meet a local farmer to discuss the challenges of survival in the desert before travelling to a village to experience traditional North African *Gnawa* music. Continue on your desert expedition and meet a nomadic community that travels across the desert with the changing seasons. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the dunes. This evening, reflect on the serenity and beauty of the desert under a tapestry of twinkling stars. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Sahara Desert - Todra Gorge - Boumalne du Dades Return to the edge of the desert via camel, and marvel at the sunrise as it illuminates the sands. In the new light of day, begin the journey to Todra Gorge,* one of the most spectacular canyons in the world. Arrive in Morocco's "Grand Canyon," Boumalne du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, D)



Day 8: Thursday, October 3, 2019
Boumalne du Dades - Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech Follow the rugged “Road of a Thousand Kasbahs,” where turreted fortresses rise up like sandcastles along this ancient trading route. Arrive at the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers that make the ksar a striking feat of Moroccan architecture. Make a stop at a local cooperative on the drive through the Valley of Roses. Before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech, continue along the Tizi n’Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains and several Berber villages before arriving in the ancient city of Marrakech. (B)

Day 9: Friday, October 4, 2019
Marrakech Among the mosques and palaces, souks and riads, visit the ancient El Bahia Palace, whose architecture is a distinct blend of both Islamic and Moroccan styles. Explore the vibrant Jewish Mellah, and the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia

Mosque. Pass the Royal Palace on a tour of the ancient city wall. Then it’s **your choice!** Visit the Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum, two iconic sites that showcase beauty and ingenuity of Morocco’s cultural heritage **-OR-** explore the Musée Yves Saint Laurent and discover how the colors and textures of Morocco inspired this iconic designer. (B)

Day 10: Saturday, October 5, 2019
Marrakech Today, join a local women’s cooperative in an interactive cooking class. Head to *le jardin* to source your own herbs and vegetables and learn the secret to making the country’s most celebrated dish: the tagine. Tonight, an unforgettable dining experience awaits you behind the doors of an opulent palace. Over dinner with new friends, toast the end of your Moroccan journey. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Sunday, October 6, 2019
Marrakech - Casablanca Board your transfer to Casablanca this morning where you will enjoy a day of leisure. (B)

Day 12: Monday, October 7, 2019
Casablanca, Morocco - Tour Ends

Depart for home with many wonderful memories. (B)

Itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Hotel Club Val D'Anfa, Casablanca
Days 3, 4	Riad Yacout , Fez
Days 5, 6	Xaluca Luxe Bivoaucs Belle Etoile, Merzouga
Day 7	Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
Days 8 – 10	Es Saadi Hotel, Marrakesh
Day 11	Hotel Club Val D'Anfa, Casablanca

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Experience It! Sahara Desert

Covering over 3 million square miles of northern Africa, the Sahara is said to encompass a staggering 10% of the African continent. It is often referred to as the world's largest desert, but it is actually the largest "hot" desert, losing its overall status to Antarctica. Scientists believe that the Sahara Desert has been inhabited since 6000 B.C. The Egyptians, Phoenicians, Greeks and Europeans are just some of its former residents. Today, the population is around 4 million and consists mainly of nomads who move from place to place as a result of the harsh conditions. Imagine daily life with an average temperature of 86°F. Temperatures can regularly exceed 122°F during the hottest months of the year. Over time, the wind, heat and dry weather has created a tapestry of stunning landscapes that include sand dunes, sand seas (called ergs), barren stone plateaus, gravel plains and salt flats.

Please Note:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Triple and child rates are not available.

For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

The fully equipped Berber-style tents offer beds, linens, pillows, flush toilet, running water, shower and solar lighting to make for an authentic yet enjoyable stay in the desert.

*The visit to Todra Gorge is weather dependent.

Travel with just 19 passengers on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

Due to luggage size and weight restrictions, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in the Sahara. Your main luggage will be stored during this stay.

To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Return flights from Casablanca should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. Due to flight schedules, a post-night may be required in Casablanca (at an additional cost).

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 20, 2019 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 28, 2019. Deposits are refundable up until February 27, 2019.

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