

## RESERVATION

The seminar is open to all interested people. The only requirement is that participants be, or become, members of the Society.

I am a member of the Society.

I am not a member of the Society and enclose a separate check, payable to The Mediterranean Society, for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to join.

Contributing membership is \$40 or more  
Family or couple membership is \$35  
Single membership is \$25  
Student membership is \$5

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ place(s) in the Seminar on Morocco: History and Culture. Enclosed is a check, payable to the Mediterranean Society for the deposit of \$860 per person.

I shall room with \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I wish to have a single room.

Please make air arrangements with the group.

I will make my own air arrangements.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send this form and your check for the deposit payable to the Mediterranean Society of America by November 10, 2009, to:  
Nancy Saylor, Treasurer  
Mediterranean Society of America  
8701 Cherokee Rd. Richmond, VA 23235

## ITINERARY

Meals included in the price of the trip are indicated by the letters B, L, D. Accommodations will be in 4 and 5 star hotels and riads.

**Monday, May 17:** Overnight flight from Washington, D.C. (Dulles) to Casablanca, Morocco.

**Tuesday, May 18:** Arrival midday and transfer to the hotel in Rabat. Overview of the trip's itinerary with our tour director before dinner. Overnight in Rabat D.

**Wednesday, May 19:** City tour of Rabat including the Mechouar (ramparts and walls surrounding the royal palace), the Oudaya Kasbah, the Mohamed V Mausoleum, the Hassan Tower, and the Roman port, Sala Colonia. Overnight in Rabat. B, D.

**Thursday, May 20:** After breakfast, departure for the UNESCO World Heritage site Meknes, the Ismailian capital famous for its 40km long walls and the most beautiful preserved gate in Morocco. Visit the Bab Al Mansour, the royal stables of Moulay Ismail, the old medina and the Jewish quarter. After lunch, continue to the holy city of Moulay Idriss and the ruins of the Roman city of Volubilis a UNESCO World Heritage site. Overnight in Fes. B, D.

**Friday, May 21:** City tour of Fes. Visit the old medina, a UNESCO World Heritage site, El Attarine and Bou Inania Medersas (religious Islamic Universities), the Nejjarine Fountain, the Moulay Idriss II Mausoleum and the Karaouine Mosque. Lunch (not included) at a traditional restaurant in the old medina. Overnight in Fes. B, D.

**Saturday, May 22:** After breakfast, depart for the Sahara desert town of Erfoud. We will pass by Ifrane, a charming ski resort, and Azrou, an important handicraft center. Stop at Midelt for lunch and continue to Errachidia. Along the way you will see the beautiful Ziz valley and the palm trees which are the source of the yearly date festival in Erfoud. Overnight in Erfoud. B, D.

**Sunday, May 23:** Visit the ruins of Sijilmasa. This evening take an excursion by Land Rover to see the sunset over the sand dunes of Merzouga. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. Overnight in Erfoud B, D.

**Monday, May 24:** After breakfast, leave Erfoud and travel to Rissani, the holy city where Moulay Ali

Cherif, ancestor of the Alaouite dynasty is buried. Visit the 17<sup>th</sup> century Kasbah and the Ksar Abbar ruins. Continue to the Oasis of Tineghir via the Tinjdad road. See the magnificent Todghra canyons. After lunch at a restaurant situated at the foot of the canyons, head to the Dades Canyons famous for its roses. In late afternoon, reach Ouarzazate via the road of a Thousand Kasbahs. Overnight in Ouarzazate B, D.

**Tuesday, May 25:** Ouarzazate is often referred to as the "door to the desert". In the morning, explore the Kasbahs of Taourirt and Tifoultout. Visit a UNESCO World Heritage site, the fortress of Ait Benhaddou. Many famous films were made here including Lawrence of Arabia, and Jesus of Nazareth. Lunch on the terrace of a restaurant facing the Kasbah. Later in the day, depart for Marrakech via the Tichka pass which offers an impressive view of the heart of the Atlas mountain chain. Overnight in Marrakech B, D.

**Wednesday, May 26:** City tour of Marrakech. Sightseeing includes the Saadian Tombs, the Bahia Palace, the Koutoubia Mosque, and the Dar Si Said Museum. In the afternoon, visit the old medina, a UNESCO World Heritage site, its souks and handicraft quarters and the Djernaa El Fna square with its non stop entertainment. Overnight in Marrakech B, D.

**Thursday, May 27:** Today is free for you to enjoy as you wish. Some activities might include a cooking class (optional) or exploring the medina. The guide will be available to take you to the medina. Overnight in Marrakech B, D.

**Friday, May 28:** This morning visit the Menara Gardens before departing for Essaouria on the Atlantic coast via Chichaoua. Visit an idyllic fishing town known for its woodcarving handicraft. Overnight in Essaouria B, D.

**Saturday, May 29:** In the morning, take a city tour of Essaouria, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Essaouira was a Mogador and Portuguese stronghold. Visit the walled medina with its impressive ramparts which are built on the cliffs. Afternoon is at your leisure to visit the woodcarving and other handicraft shops or relax. Overnight in Essaouria B, D.

**Sunday, May 30:** After breakfast, depart for Safi, a former Portuguese fortress. After exploring Safi, continue to Oualidia via the picturesque coastal road. Lunch in Oualidia at a restaurant with views of its superb bay. After lunch, continue to a UNESCO World

Heritage site, the 16<sup>th</sup> century Portuguese citadel El Jadida. After visiting El Jadida continue to Casablanca. Overnight in Casablanca B,D.  
**Monday, May 31** Transfer to the airport at Casablanca for the flight to Washington, D.C. B.

## COST

### Land Arrangements:

\$3725, sharing a twin room

\$4510, single occupancy

The price includes:

Thirteen nights lodging

Thirteen breakfasts and dinners

Transportation in a private, air-conditioned motor coach

Bilingual tour escort and English-speaking local guides

Guided tours per itinerary

All entrance fees (except optional tours)

All transfers

All taxes

Gratuities for local guides and hotel staff, including portage

\$60 for Mediterranean Society expenses

The price does not include passport fees, personal expenses, extras in hotels, and gratuities for the driver and tour escort.

Airfare: Currently estimated at \$1200. Fuel and security surcharges which are part of the airline fare are subject to change. The surcharges in effect when the airline tickets are written will determine the final airfare cost. Journeys International will charge the airfare to those flying with the group when the tickets are written. The airfare may be charged to a credit card.

## DEADLINES

November 10, 2009. The reservation form and the deposit of \$860.00 per person are due to The Mediterranean Society.

January 25, 2010. The balance is due to Journeys International

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Generally, travel insurance purchased at the time of deposit covers any pre-existing medical condition.

JOURNEYS INTERNATIONAL Contact Pat Ballard at [pat@journeys.travel](mailto:pat@journeys.travel) or 800-255-8735 for details about airfare or other administrative matters.

## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Each participant must have a valid passport that expires later than 6 months following the end of the trip (i.e., that expires after November 31, 2010).

## CANCELLATION

All cancellations must be made in writing and received by Journeys International by the deadlines set out below. A \$300.00 fee will be charged for cancellations received up to 90 days prior to departure. For cancellations received 89 to 45 days prior to departure, the cancellation fee is 30% of the land costs. For cancellations received 44 to 31 days prior to departure, the cancellation fee is 75% of the land costs. For cancellations received less than 31 days prior to departure, the cancellation fee is 100% of the land costs. Once a trip has commenced, no refunds can be made. Once the airline tickets are written, they are non-refundable for any reason.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Journeys International (JI) and the Mediterranean Society of America, Inc. (MSA), and all co-operating agencies act only in the capacity of agents for the hotels, airlines, bus companies, or contractors providing accommodations, transportation or other services. All participants agree that neither JI nor any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, nor MSA shall be or become liable or responsible for any loss, injury or damage to person, property or otherwise in connection with an accommodation, transportation, or other services resulting directly or indirectly from any acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, or acts of government or other authorities, de jure or de facto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantine, medical or customs regulations, defaults, delays or cancellations beyond the control of JI or MSA or for any loss or damage resulting from insufficient or improperly issued passports or other documents. Neither JI nor MSA shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of any of the foregoing causes. JI and MSA reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a tour passenger should such a person's health or mental condition or physical infirmity or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare or enjoyment of other tour passengers. In this case, refund of unused land tour services is the limit of the liability of JI and MSA.

Payment of the deposit for this tour signifies full understanding and acceptance of the conditions stated above.

## OTHER INFORMATION

The seminar will involve considerable walking, in cities and over ruins. Participants in reasonably good health should have no difficulty. The Mediterranean Society of America, Inc. is a non-profit organization chartered under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Society seeks to provide enriching cultural and educational experiences in pleasant company.

The Mediterranean Society's liaison for this trip is Board member Julia Scott, 804-355-5435 or [jscott@commund.com](mailto:jscott@commund.com)

Visit the website: [www.mediterranean-society.org](http://www.mediterranean-society.org).



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