

Experience Morocco

14 days and 13 nights Itinerary



Executive Summary



- This tour of Morocco was designed in collaboration with Lewis & Clark College to provide you with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of Moroccan culture.
- The program is designed for a group of 18 to 22 people and will start on Sunday, May 6 and end on Saturday, May 19, 2018.
- You'll find in this presentation an overview of the itinerary, activities, as well as the terms and conditions, and the payment link to secure your spot for the trip.

Itinerary At A Glance

After landing in Casablanca (A), you'll head to the capital city of Rabat (B) for your first night. From there, you'll go to magical blue village of Chefchaouen (C) for a night, after which you'll continue onto the cultural capital of Fes (D) for three nights.

From Fes, you'll drive through the countryside of Morocco and stop over in Midelt (E), before heading to the desert town of Merzouga (F) for an overnight stay in the dunes. You'll then spend a night in Ouarzazate (G) before arriving into the Ochre City of Marrakech (H) for four nights. While in Marrakech, take a day trip to the Imlil (I) region of the Atlas Mountains.

After Marrakech, you'll return to Casablanca for your final evening in Morocco.



Itinerary Part I: Rabat, Chefchaouen, Fes, Midelt, Sahara



	MAY 6 <i>Rabat</i>	MAY 7 <i>Chefchaouen</i>	MAY 8 <i>Fes</i>	MAY 9 <i>Fes</i>	MAY 10 <i>Fes</i>	MAY 11 <i>Midelt</i>	MAY 12 <i>Sahara</i>
Morning	Arrival in Casablanca, VIP airport pick-up and drive to Rabat	Breakfast and drive to Chefchaouen	Breakfast and drive to Fes w/stop in roman ruins of Volubilis	Breakfast and guided visits of Fes (Qarawiyyin Tanneries, Medersas)	Breakfast and DIY Moroccan Crafts Workshop with local artisans	Breakfast, Drive to Midelt with stops in Ifrane and Azrou	Breakfast and departure for the drive to the Sahara w/lunch en route
Afternoon	Lunch & tour Rabat highlights, mint tea at Cafe Maure	Lunch and insider's tour of the village + photo workshop	Lunch and afternoon visit of Meknes Imperial Doors	Lunch & visits cont'd (Souk, Palaces) Visit L&C's partner in Fes - INLAC	Lunch on your own Tasting Tour of Fes (incl. local markets!)	Lunch Continued Drive to Midelt	Sunset camel ride and arrival into the camp
Evening	Welcome dinner at your Riad	Dinner at your Riad	Hotel check-in and dinner at Palais Amani	Dinner on your own / not included	Dinner on your own / not included	Dinner at your Hotel	Dinner and campfire Free time to stargaze
Lodging	Riad Zyo	Lina Ryad	Palais Amani	Palais Amani	Palais Amani	Taddart	Luxury Camp
Driving Time	1 hour	4 hours	4 hours	N/A	N/A	~ 4 hours	~ 4 hours

Itinerary Part II: Ouarzazate, Marrakech, Atlas Mts, Casablanca



	MAY 13 <i>Ouarzazate</i>	MAY 14 <i>Marrakech</i>	MAY 15 <i>Marrakech</i>	MAY 16 <i>Marrakech</i>	MAY 17 <i>Marrakech</i>	MAY 18 <i>Casablanca</i>	MAY 19 <i>Departure</i>
Morning	Breakfast and Sunrise over the dunes, drive to the todgha gorges	Breakfast and depart for Marrakech w/lunch en route at Kasbah Ait Ben Haddou	Breakfast and guided visit Marrakech monuments (Koutoubia Palais Baadi, etc)	Breakfast, drive to Imlil for a hike in Atlas Mountains	Option: Hot Air Balloon Ride over Southern Morocco (\$220) Majorelle Gardens Visit Lunch on your own	Breakfast and drive to Casablanca Visit of Hassan II mosque	Breakfast and drive to Casablanca airport for departure flight
Afternoon	Lunch & drive to Ouarzazate Option: Visit Movie Studios	Lunch and late afternoon arrival into Marrakech	Lunch & sightseeing continued	Visit Berber villages with lunch in a local house	Options: Visit to Photography Museum or Royal Hammam & Spa Treatment (\$100)	Visit to Museum of Moroccan Judaism with Dr. Oren Kosansky	
Evening	Dinner at your Riad	Tour Djema El Fna by night Dinner at La Maison Arabe	Dinner at Le Nomad restaurant tucked in the medina	Dinner on your own / not included	Special "break the fast" Dinner sponsored by L&C's partner CLC Morocco	Dinner at Zayna Moroccan Restaurant	
Lodging	Ksar Ighnda	Maison Arabe	Maison Arabe	Maison Arabe	Maison Arabe	Le Doge	N/A
Driving Time	~ 5 hours	6 hours	N/A	~ 3 hours	N/A	3 hours	30 mins



Accommodations

* We partner with luxury properties that showcase the very best of Moroccan hospitality, and we have personal relationships with the General Managers to ensure that our customers receive flawless customer service.

Rabat: Riad Zyo (or equivalent)

A peaceful oasis in the heart of Rabat, Riad Zyo charms with its open courtyard centered around their pool, with heavenly mint tea served at all hours and one of the best breakfasts to be savored in Morocco's capital



Rabat: Riad Zyo (or equivalent)

The former post office has been transformed into a light-filled, modern boutique B&B. We have a soft spot for the peaceful roof terrace where you can relax on the lavender-lined grass area and hear the call to prayer ringing out across the city.



Chefchaouen: Lina Riad (or equivalent)

Surrounded by magnificent cerulean mountains and nestled in the heart of the medina, this luxurious riad enjoys a privileged position in one of Morocco's most unique destinations



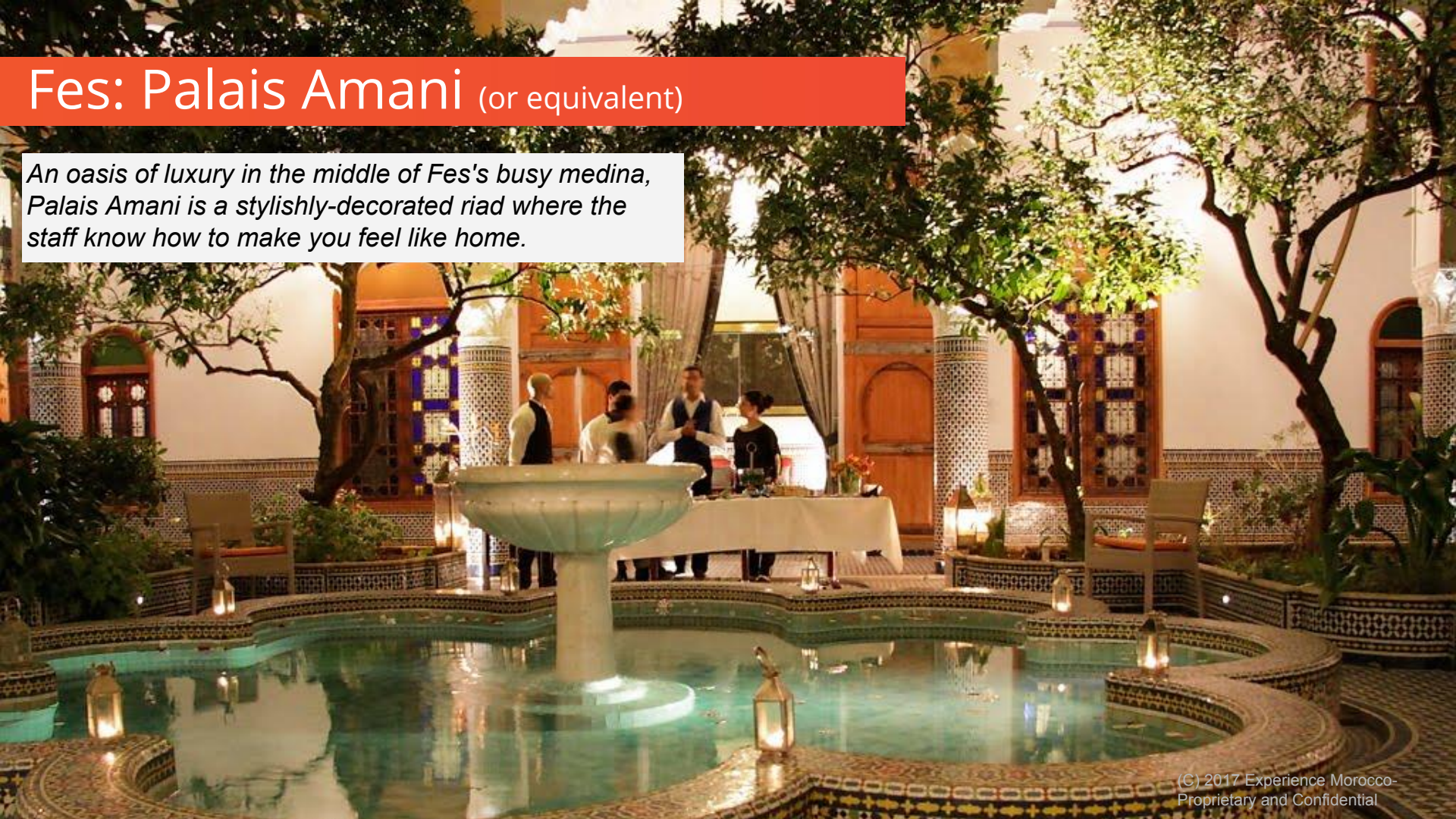
Chefchaouen: Lina Riad (or equivalent)

The Riad offers views of the surrounding peaks and the distinct powder-blue walls of the medina



Fes: Palais Amani (or equivalent)

An oasis of luxury in the middle of Fes's busy medina, Palais Amani is a stylishly-decorated riad where the staff know how to make you feel like home.



Fes: Palais Amani (or equivalent)

Enjoy the rooftop terrace for drinks and breakfast, with a panoramic view and the colorful flowers surrounding you on every side



Midelt: Hotel Taddart (or equivalent)

The Hotel Taddart is located at the foot of the mountains Ayachi, and is the perfect stop-over while making your way into the desert.



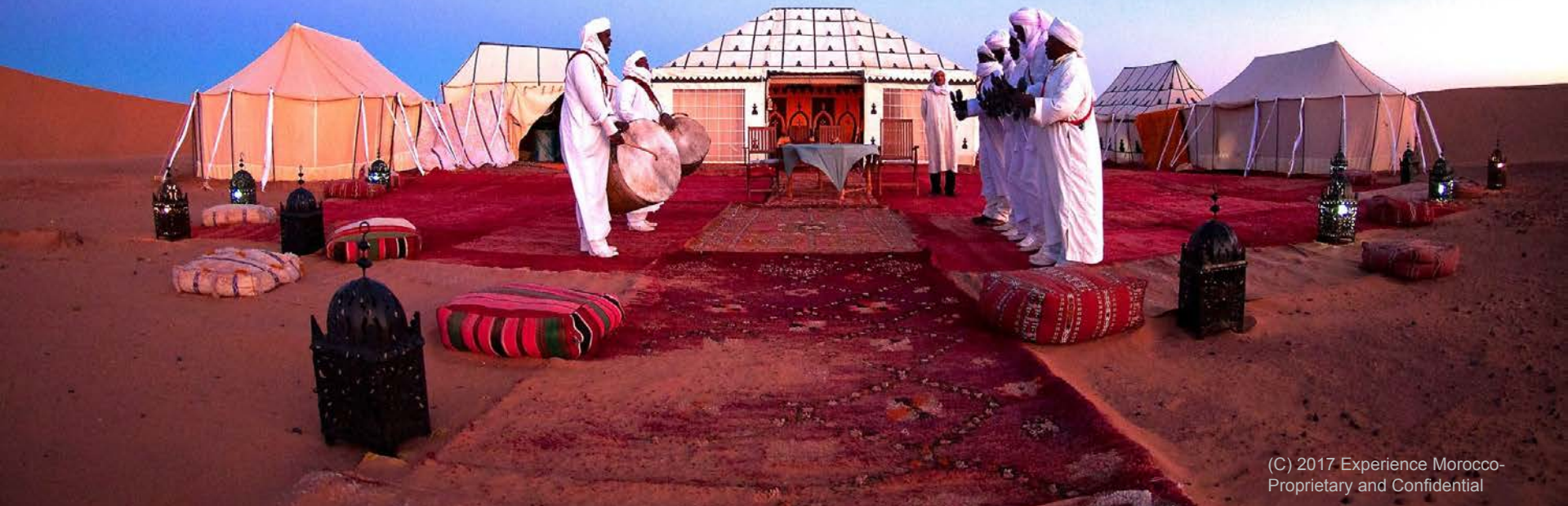
Midelt: Hotel Taddart (or equivalent)

The interior of the accommodations are decorated with traditional Moroccan mountain materials.



Merzouga: Saharan Tents

Your scenic drive to the Sahara ends as you pull into your saharan tent camp where hot mint tea awaits with a local band to welcome you for a night you won't forget.



Merzouga: Saharan Tents

Your tents are comfortably appointed with double beds and access to a comfortable central terrace with plush pillows and rugs enjoy the surroundings.



Merzouga: Saharan Tents

Prepare to enjoy a beautiful sunrise over the desert! Your table will await atop the dunes along with freshly-made coffee and mint tea to start your day with the view of a lifetime



Marrakech: La Maison Arabe (or equivalent)

Offering the beautiful detail of a historic Moroccan home, La Maison Arabe is the most prestigious Riad in Marrakech and it's by far our favorite place to stay in the Medina. The attentive and friendly staff seem to know what you want before you do, and you'll quickly find yourself feeling right at home.



Marrakech: La Maison Arabe (or equivalent)

La Maison Arabe is particularly known for its world-class cuisine, with a "milk pastilla" dessert that's to die for. At dinner time, local musicians alternate between soft traditional moroccan music and luth solos, providing a lovely accompaniment for the meals.



Marrakech: La Maison Arabe (or equivalent)

Rooms are carefully-appointed with high-end amenities and a stunning attention to detail.



Casablanca: Hotel Doge (or equivalent)

With its gourmet Moroccan-French fusion cuisine and its rooftop terrace offering stunning views of the city, the Doge is Casablanca's leading luxury boutique hotel.



Casablanca: Hotel Doge (or equivalent)

Each of the hotel's 18 rooms is furnished with the utmost refinement and in keeping with the ethos of the Art Deco period during which the building was constructed.





Experiences

* These are a just some of the unique experiences that we can plan for you, and we will adjust the program as needed to make sure that you Experience Morocco in the best possible way!

Chellah Necropolis

Step into Rabat's ancient history while exploring the medieval fortified necropolis of Chellah- with structures dating back past the Almohads, past the Romans, and all the way into Phoenician times.



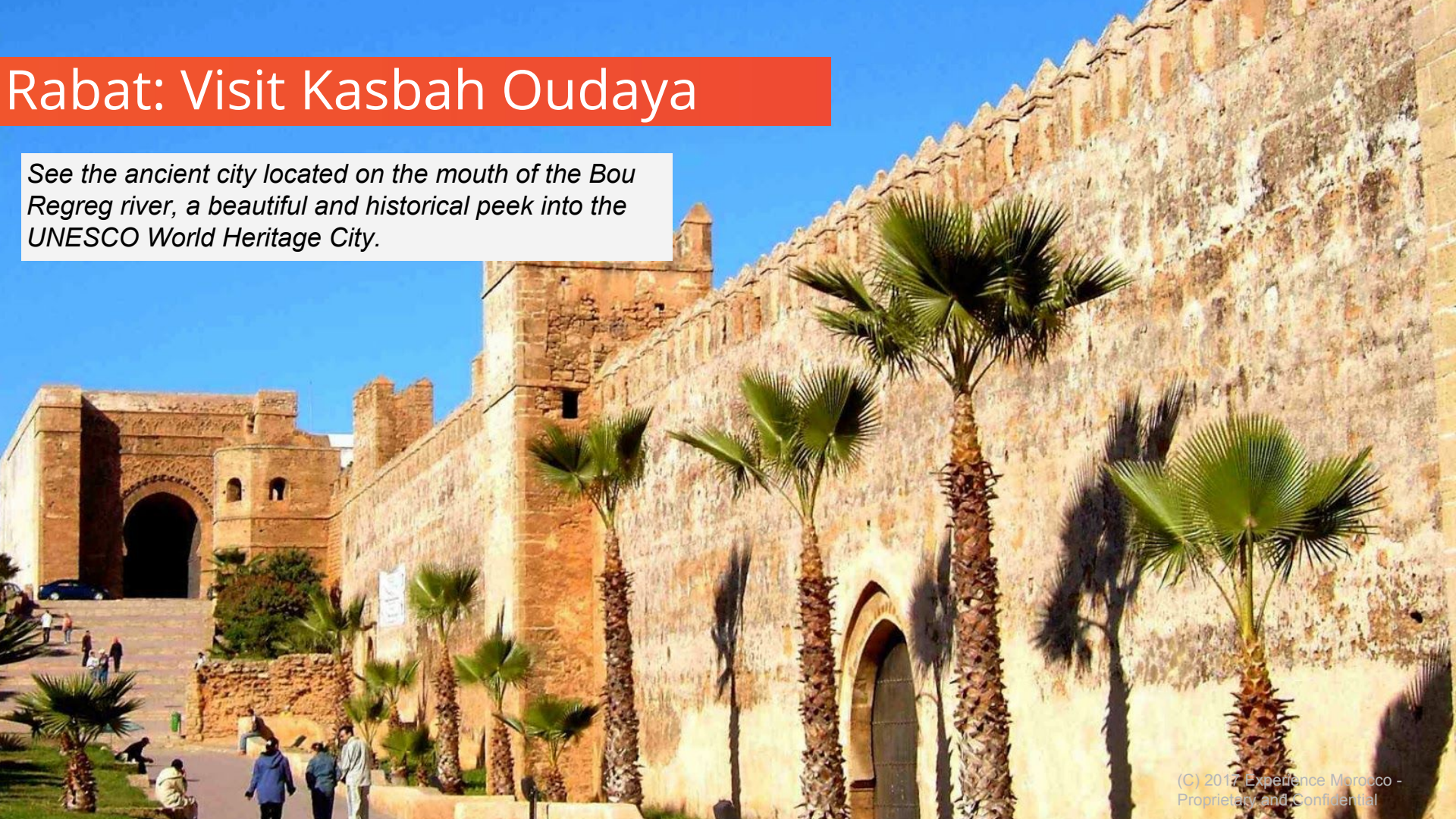
Cafe Maure

Tucked behind the blue alleyways of the Kasbah of the Udayas, Cafe Maure is our favorite spot for a mint tea break with a panoramic view of Rabat and the Bouregreg river.



Rabat: Visit Kasbah Oudaya

See the ancient city located on the mouth of the Bou Regreg river, a beautiful and historical peek into the UNESCO World Heritage City.



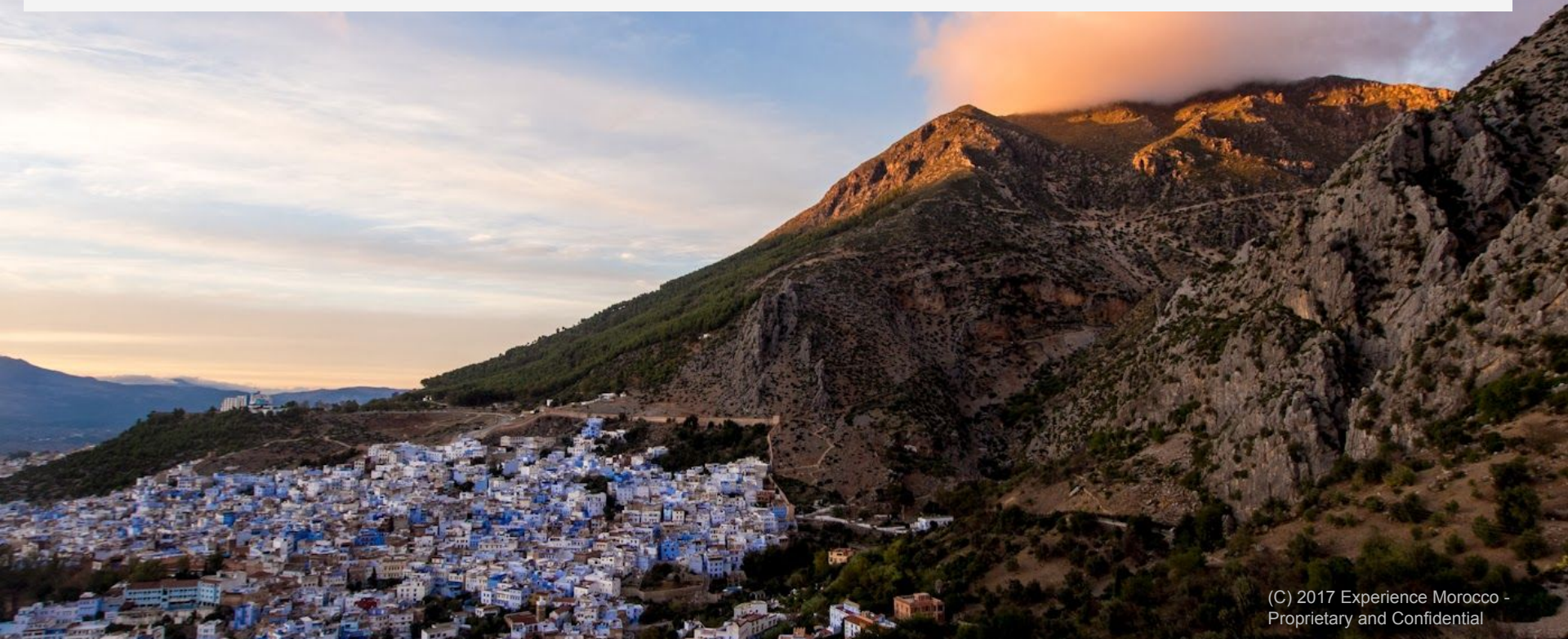
Explore the streets of Chefchaouen

Get lost in the quaint and charming alleyways of the “Blue City”.



Sunset at the Spanish Mosque

After a short hike, join the dreamers to watch the sun fall over the mountains behind the beautiful Blue City. Ask any local for the “Mosquita” and they’ll point you in the right direction. Relax and take it all in.



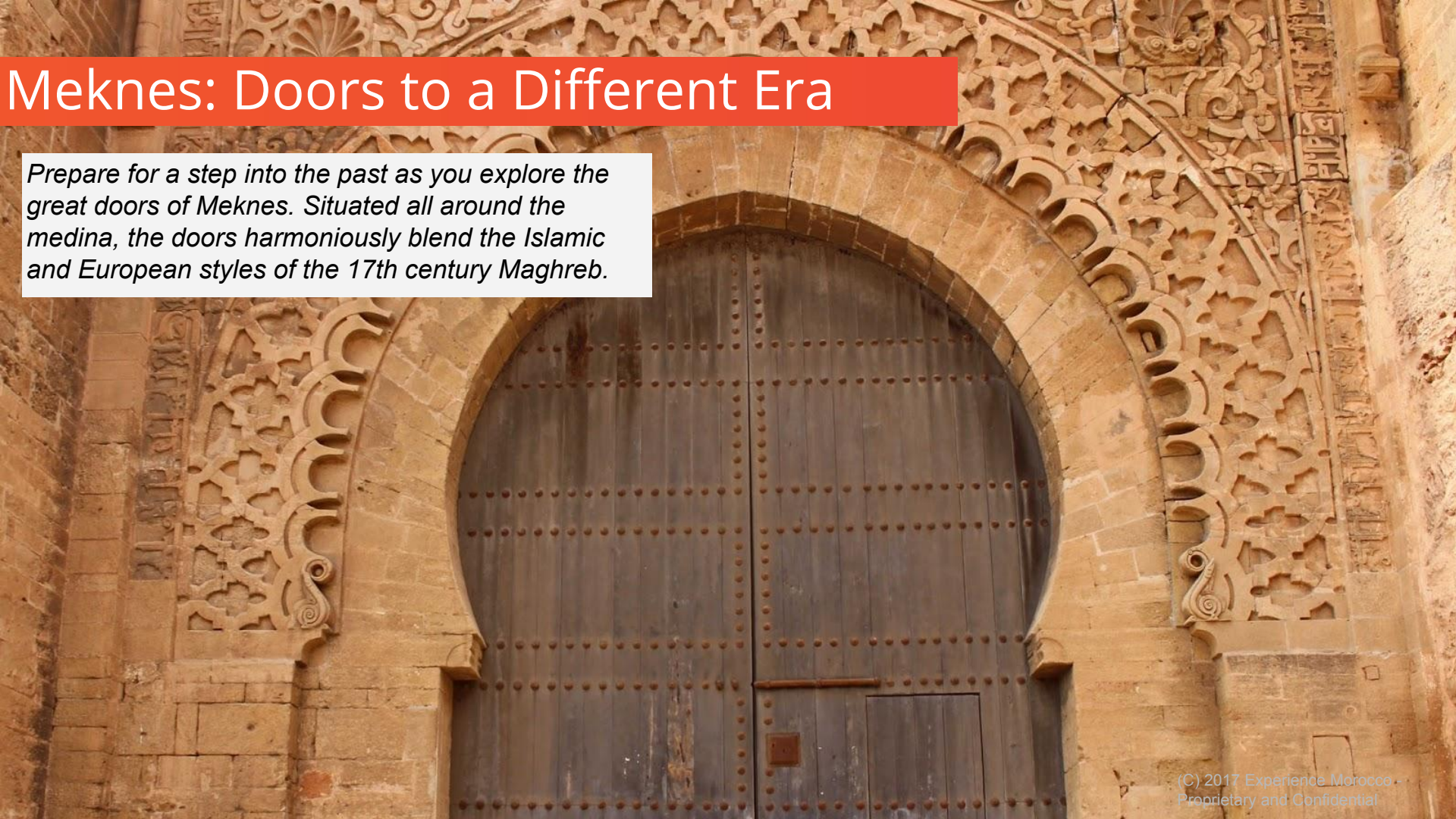
Photoshoot & Workshop in Chefchaouen

Chefchaouen is a photographer's paradise, with countless shades of blue painted on every wall, alleyway, and door in the village! You'll be led by an amazing local photographer who will show you the town's best spots and take memorable group shots of you in the blue village!



Meknes: Doors to a Different Era

Prepare for a step into the past as you explore the great doors of Meknes. Situated all around the medina, the doors harmoniously blend the Islamic and European styles of the 17th century Maghreb.



Heri es-Souani in Meknes

Take a stroll around Moulay Ismail's geniously designed granaries and stables, his self-proclaimed finest architectural achievement. Its grandeur remains, although the roof crumbled long ago.



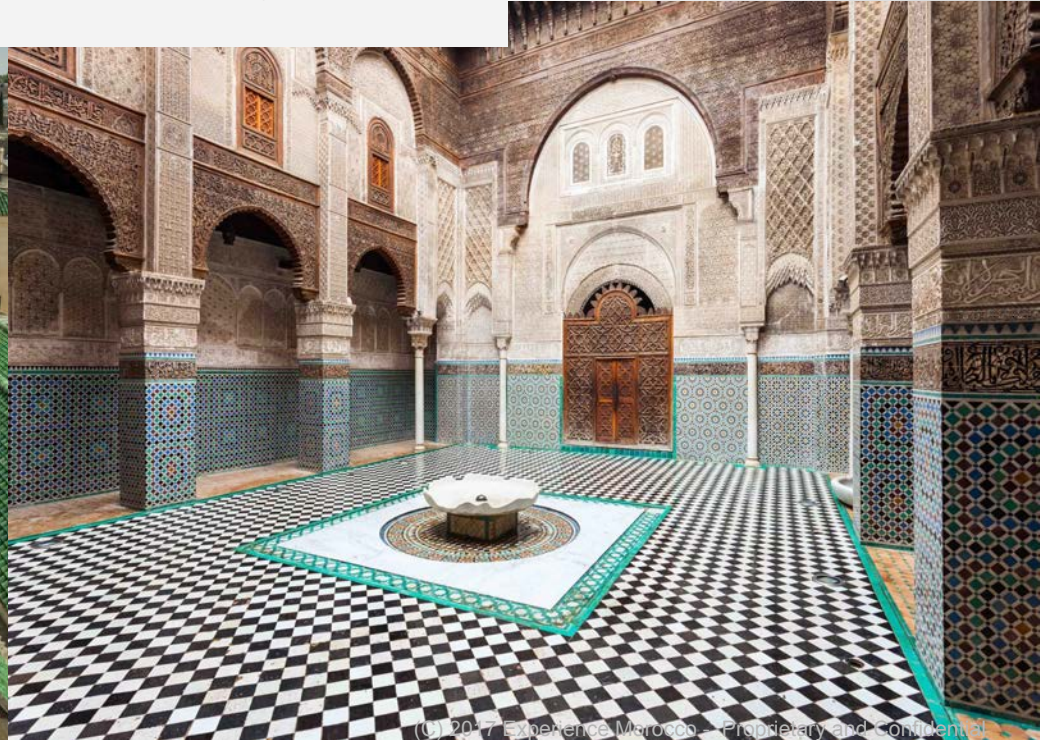
Volubilis

Extensive remains of this outpost of the Roman Empire form a stark contrast to the Arab architecture in nearby Fes and Meknes.



Al Qarawiyyin University

No stop in Fes is complete without a visit of Al Qarawiyyin, the oldest existing, continually operating and the first degree awarding educational institution in the world. The university is equally well-known for its education and for the stunning architecture of its main building, pictured here.



Fes Tasting Tour

Experience the energy of the Fes street food scene as it comes to life in the early evening. On this walking tour you can try all manners of Moroccan street food including dried meats, mlawi (pancakes), briwates (samosas), spicy sardines, potato cakes, snail soup, cured olives, an array of delicious wild honeys and more!



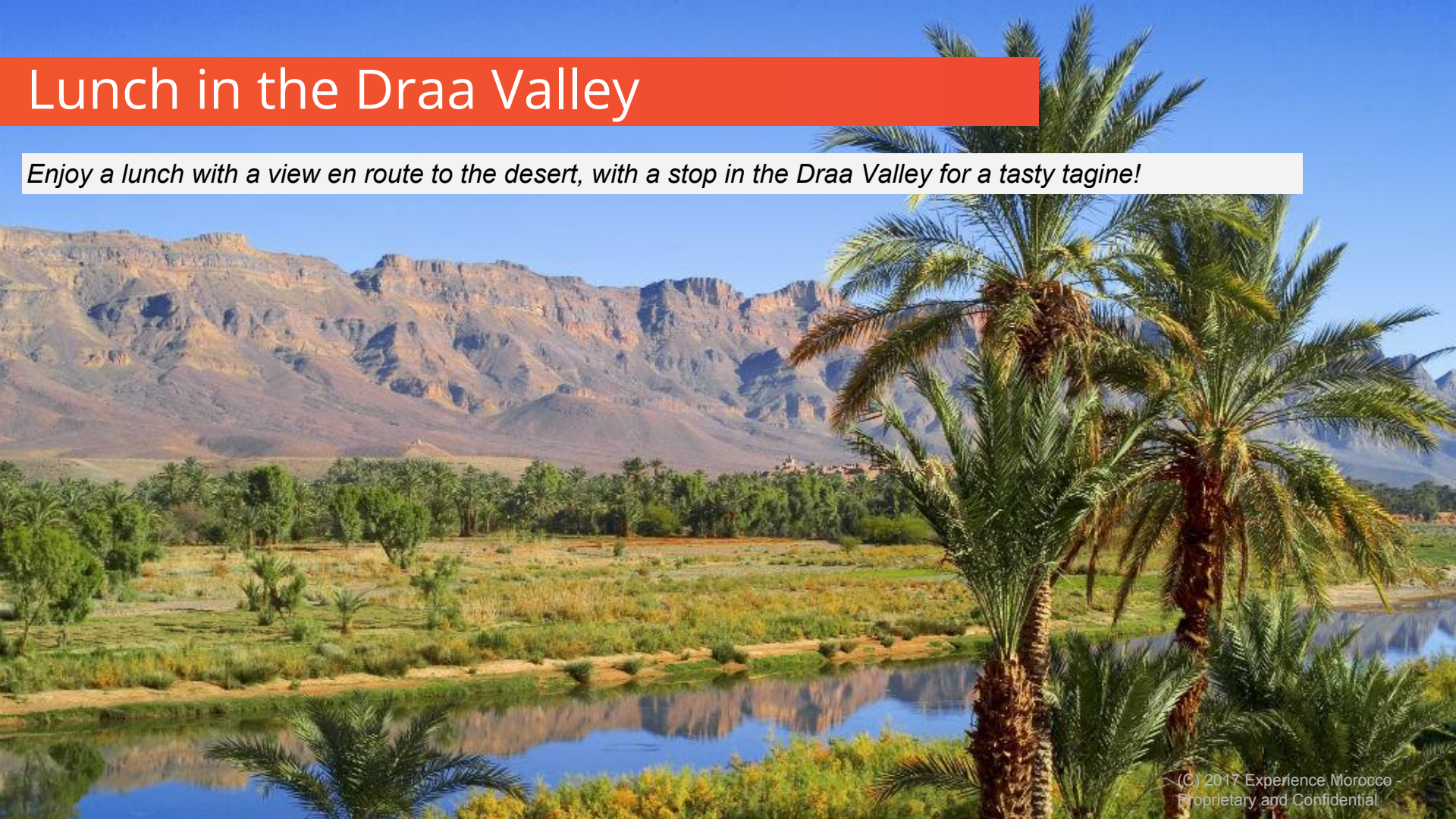
Fes leather tanneries

Prepare for a sensory sensation unlike any other when we visit the leather tanneries where where vats of dye are used in techniques unchanged for centuries!



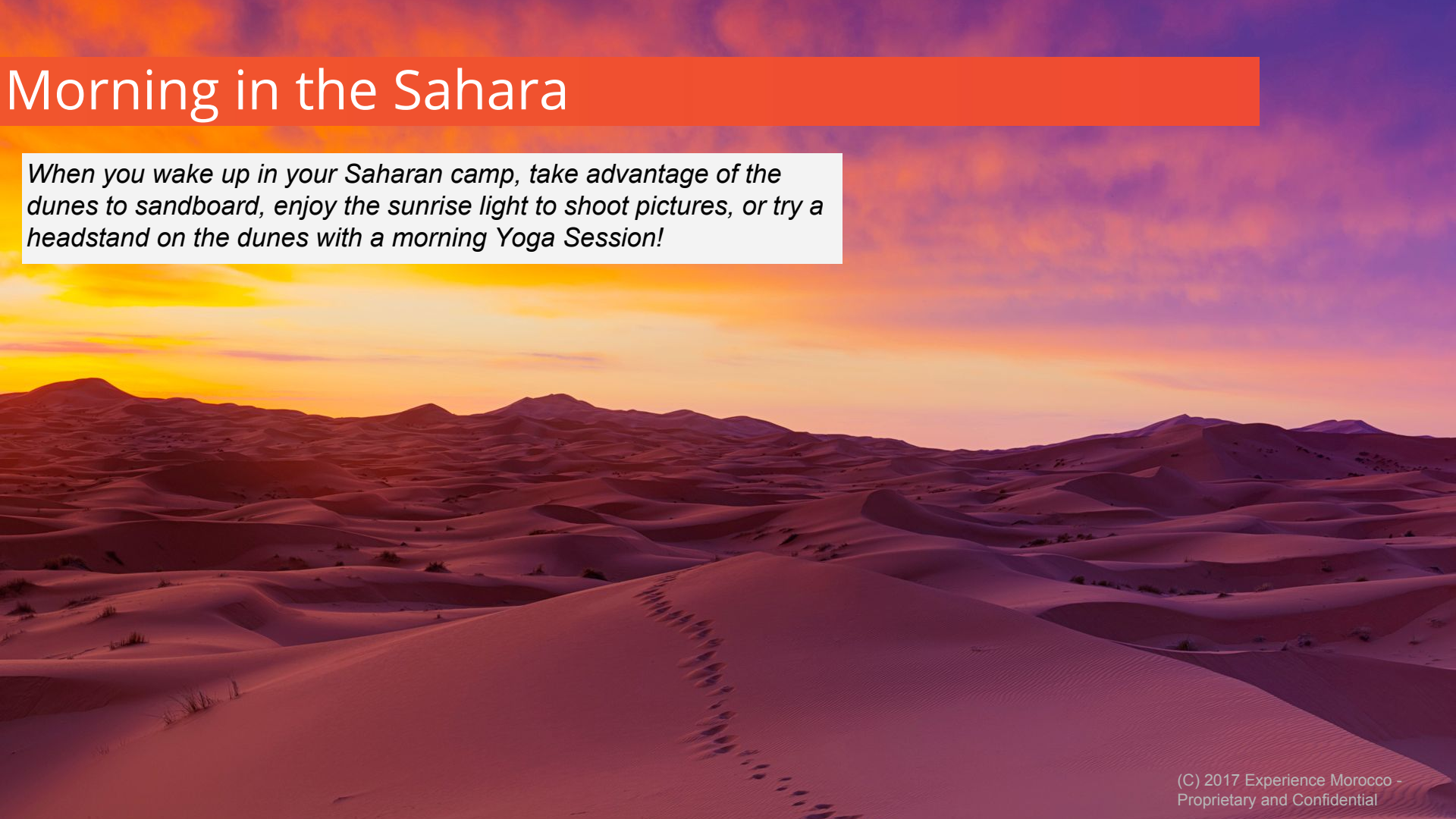
Lunch in the Draa Valley

Enjoy a lunch with a view en route to the desert, with a stop in the Draa Valley for a tasty tagine!



Morning in the Sahara

When you wake up in your Saharan camp, take advantage of the dunes to sandboard, enjoy the sunrise light to shoot pictures, or try a headstand on the dunes with a morning Yoga Session!



Night in the Sahara

Let yourself be mesmerized and reconnect to nature and yourself by letting your eyes and mind wander in the mystical universe and clear sky twinkling with shining stars.

Camel Ride in the Sahara

Your trip to Morocco wouldn't be complete without a proper camel ride in the dunes! We'll make sure you get your picture-perfect Saharan moment!



A Saharan Night to Remember

After a tasty meal of Moroccan tagines, settle in for a night to remember, starting off with the beats of tribal songs resonating around the campfire and culminating in the views of the stars surrounding the camp!



Hot Air Balloon Ride over Southern Morocco

Leaving from Marrakech shortly before sunrise, you'll enjoy a one hour course that will take you over Morocco where you will see oases, Berber villages, and irrigated fields. Prepare for an amazing experience that will leave you breathless as you soar high above the Moroccan countryside. This experience costs \$220 per person.



Marrakech Horse Carriage Ride

Your evening begins with a horseback carriage ride across town, seeing Marrakech's monuments lit up at dusk.



Sidi Ghanem: Marrakech Design District

The Souk is where tourists go to shop, but Sidi Ghanem is where Moroccan designers actually do their work. We'll take you for an insider's look through the Marrakech design district where you can visit showrooms for leading makers of furniture as well as traditional crafts including lamps, glass, candles, and textiles.



Marrakech: Historical Palaces

An early morning entry offers the most tranquil conditions to explore Palais Bahia and Palais Badii, both imposing palaces and relics of a different architectural and historical eras from Morocco's imperial past.



Exploring the Souk in Marrakech

After an introductory tour to get your bearings, explore the souk and shop for everything from leather goods to Moroccan lamps and traditional crafts from metal and wood.



Djema El Fna By Night



Arguably the single most mythical location in Morocco, Djema El Fna comes to life at night. Enjoy a walking tour of the place for the ultimate souk experience, going from fortune-tellers, snake charmers, and acrobats to the famous stands selling Orange Juice and vast arrays of street food.

Majorelle Gardens

Take a stroll through the gardens that inspired Yves Saint Laurent for over three decades! Covering two and a half acres and featuring cacti, exotic plants and trees from all over the world, the gardens are a sure highlight of your time in Marrakech.



Marrakech: Photography Museum

The Maison de la Photographie of Marrakech is a private foundation created to exhibit the exceptional diversity of Morocco as it was seen by those who visited it: Anonymous travelers or famous photographers, since 1870 to 1960.



Royal Hammam & Spa Treatment

Unwind from your adventures with a Royal Moroccan Hammam Treatment! Step into a heated steam room where the skilled application of unique black olive oil soap is followed by deep cleansing with a scrub glove that will leave your skin glowing. A mask of traditional natural rock clay sourced in the Atlas Mountains is then applied to nourish and hydrate your skin. Cap it all off with a holistic massage using blended seasonal oils. This experience costs \$100 per person.



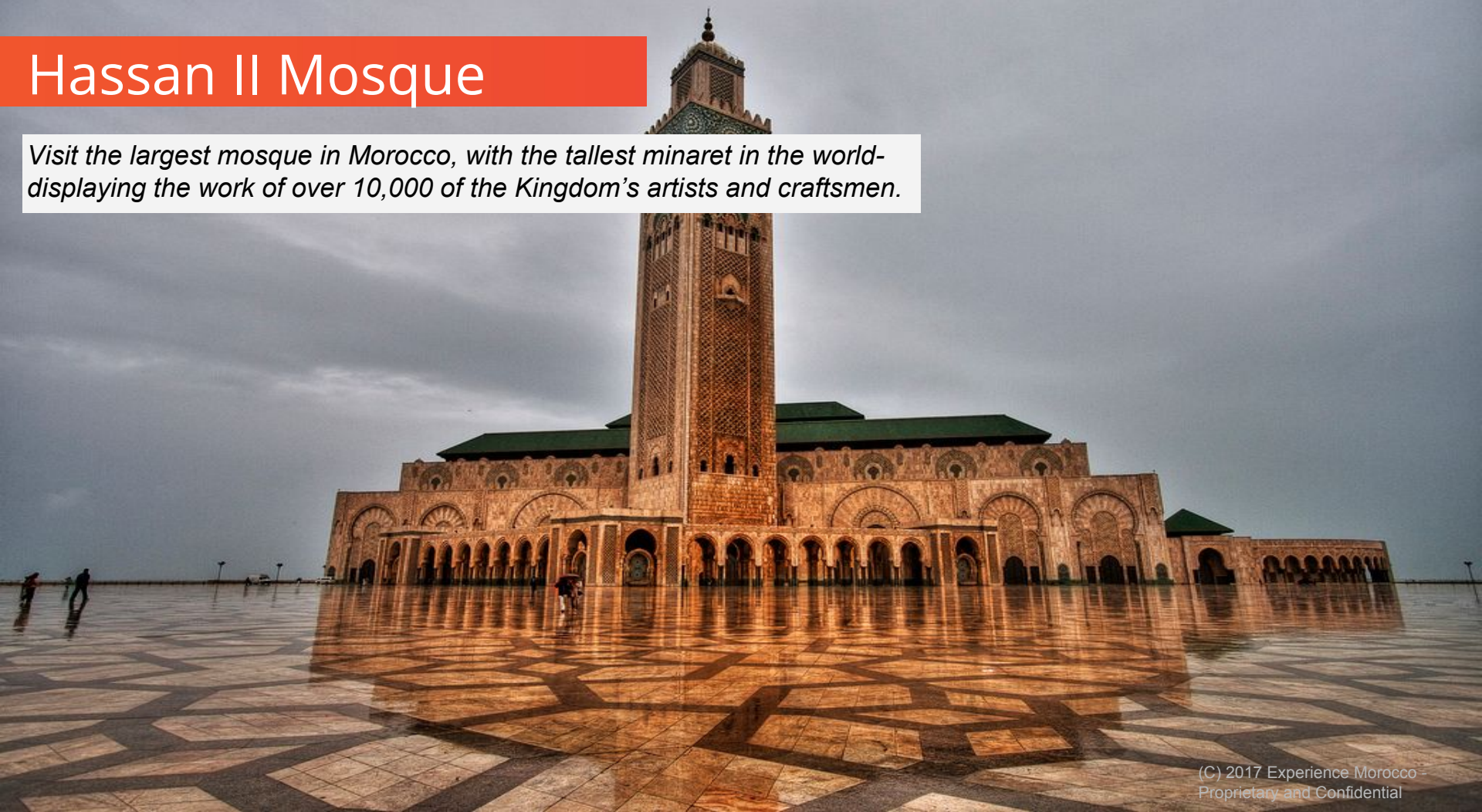
Hiking in the Atlas

Just an hour outside of Marrakech lie a myriad of hiking paths and trails taking you up into the Atlas and into small berber villages where the way of life has remained intact for hundreds of years.



Hassan II Mosque

Visit the largest mosque in Morocco, with the tallest minaret in the world—displaying the work of over 10,000 of the Kingdom's artists and craftsmen.





FAQs

Meals

Enjoy gastronomic dining at Morocco's best restaurants including leading spots of international renown as well as smaller spots that only locals know of, with savory authentic Moroccan cuisine as well as international fare. We will accommodate any dietary restrictions.



Transportation

M Your transportation will be in a large bus for most of the trip, but you will switch into luxury Toyota SUVs for the drive to the desert and the Dades Gorges to ensure a comfortable and safe ride across the Southern provinces. Your bus comes equipped with a wifi hotspot connected to Morocco's largest 4G network, offering you connectivity on the go throughout your trip.



Faculty Leader : Dr. Oren Kosansky



This adventure will be led by faculty member **Oren Kosansky, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Lewis & Clark College**. He is the program director for the new program in Middle East and North African Studies. He has published widely on topics of religion, language, colonialism, and nationalism in North Africa, with special focus on Morocco. He is the director of The Rabat Genizah Project, which brings together an international team of community representatives, scholars, archivists, and information technologists to develop a digital archive of Moroccan Jewish documents. Dr. Kosansky was the co-founder and inaugural leader of the Lewis & Clark Morocco program, which he will lead again in 2019.

Group travel is being coordinated by **Andrew McPheeters, Associate Dean of Alumni, Parent, and Student Engagement**. Andrew curates the Pioneer Travel program. This is his eleventh year at Lewis & Clark. He has lived and traveled abroad extensively.

Trip Planning Timeline



Step 1: Deposit Payment

- We collect a \$800 nonrefundable deposit payment to confirm your booking (by Jan 15th)

2 months before arrival

- Your balance payment is due (by March 6th)

1 week before your arrival

- We'll send you your guide's bio and contact info as well as the final logistics for your arrival and airport welcome

Welcome to Morocco!

1 month before arrival

- Conference Call with Faculty Leader and Experience Morocco Staff

Payment Link



In addition to the \$800 deposit paid directly to Lewis & Clark required to secure a spot in the trip, there is a balance payment of \$3,800 per person in double occupancy, and \$5,210 per person for single occupancy, due by March 6th, 2018.

Payment can be made through the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LC-Morocco-May2018>

Thanks and we are looking forward to welcoming you to Morocco soon!

Shoukran!*

*Thank you in Arabic :)

Terms & Conditions



Reservations & Payments: Reservation Form must be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of \$800.00 USD per person (payments must be made to Lewis & Clark College. Deposit payment is due by January 15th, 2018. Final Payment to Experience Morocco is due by March 6th, 2018 and any balance received thereafter will be charged a 5% late fee. It is our policy to hold travel documents until full payment is received.

Escrow Protection: Experience Morocco (hereafter called EM) and Lewis & Clark College (hereby called L&C) deposits all of your payments directly into our separate client account. It means that such funds will be maintained separate and apart from our operating funds until approximately 75 days prior to departure (or at any time a payment is needed for your trip) when we are required to pay for all the costs of your trip.

Cancellations/Refunds: Written cancellation received by L&C and EM no later than Feb 20th, 2018, will result in a full refund less an administrative fee of \$800 per person. In the event of later cancellation by the participant, NO REFUND will be made. NO REFUND will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate. L&C and EM reserve the right to cancel this program at any time prior to departure if it is deemed necessary, or if registration numbers prove insufficient by March 6th, 2018, and if cancelled a full refund will be made to those persons registered at that time.

Terms & Conditions (cont'd)



Included: All services as detailed in this proposal/quote. Not Included: Airfare, passport fees; baggage fees; items of a personal nature, such as valet/laundry, phone/fax communications; items not on the regular menus; expenses of hotels, meals, guides, buses, cars, railroad, boats, etc., for sightseeing not included in the itinerary; trip insurance; any other items not specifically included; after tour gratuities to guide and motorcoach driver.

Accommodation Prices: All prices provided are per person based on various room and bathroom sharing options. All prices are based on rates as known at the time a reservation is accepted by EM and expected to be in effect at the time of the commencement of services. These rates are subject to increase without notice if such rates change prior to the commencement of services. Although we cannot categorically insure that every accommodation will be available during our trip, we will work diligently to keep the service selections intact and/or insure that any substitutes will be in the same category. Room Occupancy: Room occupancy is based on availability but EM and L&C will make every effort to accommodate your single or double room request.

Optional Activities: Optional activities furnished by independent suppliers not affiliated with EM and L&C carry with them various inherent risks which can cause serious personal injury. Although precautions are taken by suppliers to guard against such dangers, your safety cannot be guaranteed. Should you elect to participate in such activities while on this program, you must understand that participation will be at your own risk and EM and L&C can assume no responsibility for your safety.

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Responsibility: EM and L&C serve only to assist in making necessary travel arrangements, cultural and educational programming, and event production for its participating members, and in no way represents, or acts as agent for, transportation carriers, hotels, and other suppliers of services connected with this program. Therefore, EM and L&C are not liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, natural disasters or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. EM and L&C do not accept liability for any airline cancellation or delay incurred by the purchase of an airline ticket. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. EM and L&C reserve the right to make changes in the published itineraries whenever, in its sole judgment, conditions so warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. EM and L&C also reserve the right to decline to accept any person as a participant in the program, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such an action is determined by the appropriate EM and L&C staff representative to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group, or of the individual participant.

Traveler's Representations: Acceptance of the Confirmation/Invoice covering this trip and payment thereof certifies that you have not recently been treated for, nor are you aware of any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard to yourself or other members of this tour, and is also an acceptance of the trip conditions applicable to the trip and that you have read and understand those conditions.

Travel Insurance Information: We recommend that you take out personal travel insurance for your trip. For your reference you can get an insurance plan for \$60 - \$80 that will cover \$10,000 to \$25,000 of emergency medical expenses and up to \$200,000 to \$500,000 of emergency medical transportation. See insuremytrip.com or allianstravelinsurance.com for sample policies.

About Experience Morocco



- Experience Morocco is a leading provider of highly-curated, authentic trips across Morocco. Co-founded by two Moroccans who met while pursuing their MBAs in the US, we aim to offer genuine understanding of Morocco's complex culture and history through catered journeys that go beyond typical touristic circuits.
- In 2016, we hosted over 960 travelers on highly-customized trips tailored based on each group's interests.
- We have a team of 13 full-time travel professionals and we partner with Morocco's leading hotels, restaurants, NGOs, and other service providers for trips that are truly one-of-a-kind.

A photograph of a person standing in a large, red brick archway, taking a picture with a camera. The archway is part of a larger structure made of red bricks, with a series of smaller arches visible in the background. The person is wearing a white shirt and grey pants. The background wall is light-colored and has several small, dark, rectangular openings.

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