An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni, Family, and Friends of Tufts University

Moroccan Discovery
from the Imperial Cities to the Sahara
February 11-24, 2022

14 days from $5,479 total price from Boston, New York, or Wash, DC
($4,795 air & land inclusive plus $684 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 14-day journey through Morocco. From the imperial cities of Rabat, Fez, and Marrakech to the imposing High Atlas Mountains and the vast Sahara, explore Morocco’s unique history and culture.

Visit five UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Meknes, Morocco’s youngest imperial city; Volubilis, with its impressive ancient Roman ruins; and Fez, Morocco’s oldest imperial city, prized for its cultural, religious, and educational institutions. Follow an ancient caravan route in the High Atlas mountains, see spectacular Todra Gorge, and travel to Ait ben-Haddou, a fortified city and UNESCO World Heritage site. A highlight will be your excursion to the towering sand dunes at Merzouga on the edge of the Sahara, followed by a camel ride to watch the sun set over this dramatic landscape. Spend three nights in alluring Marrakech before concluding your adventure in storied Casablanca.

There’s limited availability for this small-group Tufts journey, so seize the moment and make your reservations now. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days before departure. Call our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., at 888-370-6765 to book risk-free!

Warmly,

Mary Ann R. Hunt
Associate Director, Tufts Travel-Learn Program

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TUFTS TRAVEL-LEARN PROGRAM RESERVATION FORM: MOROCCAN DISCOVERY

To reserve your place on tour, please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited’s office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

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I/We would like to request __________ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

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Please book my/our air from _____________________ I/We request an air upgrade to _____________________

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This land of dramatic contrasts invites us to encounter its ancient ruins and sacred mosques, endless desert and storied mountains, imposing kasbahs and spirited souks. As we travel from the imperial cities of Rabat, Fez, and Marrakech to the High Atlas and vast Sahara, we open our eyes, and hearts, to a truly foreign land, an age-old culture, and genuinely hospitable people.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Casablanca, Morocco

Day 2: Arrive Casablanca/Rabat  Upon arrival this afternoon in Casablanca, the commercial center of Morocco, we transfer by coach to Rabat and our hotel located near famed Hassan Tower. We have time to relax and refresh before dinner tonight at the hotel. D

Day 3: Rabat  One of Morocco’s four ancient capitals, or imperial cities, Rabat is again the country’s capital, at once historic and contemporary, as we discover on today’s tour. We visit the necropolis of Chellah, built on ancient Roman ruins, and the Mohammed VI contemporary art museum, then have lunch in a private home. On tap this afternoon: the 12th-century Kasbah of the Oudaias, the peaceful Andalusian Gardens, and Rabat’s medina, a UNESCO site. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner of traditional Moroccan fare at acclaimed Dinarjat in Rabat’s Old Town. B,L,D

Day 4: Rabat/Meknes/Volubilis/Fez  This morning we depart Rabat for Fez, stopping along the way in Meknes, Morocco’s youngest imperial city (and UNESCO World Heritage site). We visit the Bab el Mansour gateway and the ruins of the imperial stables before lunch in a local restaurant. Then we continue on to the ancient Roman ruins at the UNESCO site of Volubilis, known for its intricate and colorful mosaics. Late afternoon we reach Fez and our elegant hotel overlooking the medina. B,L,D

Day 5: Fez  Today we explore Morocco’s oldest imperial city, considered the “Athens of Africa” for its wealth of cultural, educational, and religious institutions. We begin with a comfortable walk through the Fez medina, where we see some hidden treasures, including the Blue Gate, the most picturesque of the Old City’s historic gates; the medieval school of Bouanania; the 12th-century home of Jewish scholar Maimonides; and the authentic food market. After lunch together in the medina, we tour the old Mellah (Jewish quarter) and its 17th-century synagogue and the royal gates. B,L,D

Small Group Tour Highlights

Private Sahara sunset excursion and camel ride on the dunes • Visits to five UNESCO World Heritage sites • Ancient ruins of Volubilis • Scenic “Route of a Thousand Kasbahs” • Dramatic Todra Gorge and Atlas Mountain scenery • Kasbah of Aït ben-Haddou • Fez touring • Marrakech’s medina and Djema el Fna Square • Storied Casablanca and Hassan II Mosque • Outstanding accommodations

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1 Depart U.S. for Casablanca
2-3 Rabat La Tour Hassan Sup. First Class
4-6 Fez Hotel Sahrai Deluxe
7-8 Erfoud Le Palais du Désert First Class
9 Ouarzazate Le Berbere Palace Sup. First Class
10-12 Marrakech Sofitel Marrakech Deluxe
13 Casablanca Hyatt Regency Casablanca Deluxe
14 Depart Casablanca for U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

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Cover photo: We encounter many of Morocco’s age-old kasbahs on our journey.
Day 6: Fez

We begin today with a walk through the medina and a visit to the Al-Attarine Madrasa, whose highlight is a small courtyard showcasing intricately detailed tilework and carving decorations. Then we embark on a walking tour of the medina focusing on the artisans’ quarters, the 14th-century Koranic schools, and Al Karaouine, the medieval theological university. After lunch on our own, we visit the Borj Nord Arms Museum, an authentic Saadi fort that dates from 1582 and one of Morocco’s only European-influenced forts. After exploring the Moroccan armaments here, we are free this afternoon for independent exploration or relaxation. Tonight, we enjoy a private dinner at an intimate family-run riad in Fez.

Day 7: Fez/Midelt/Erfoud

Traveling inland today, we cross the fertile plains beyond Fez and continue through the Middle Atlas mountain range. We stop in the small town of Midelt for lunch. Continuing on, we cross the Ziz River, passing rows of sky-scraping palm trees and fortified villages before reaching our kasbah-style hotel in Erfoud late in the day. Dinner tonight is at our hotel.

Day 8: Erfoud/Rissani/Merzouga

This morning we visit the city of Rissani, with its 18th-century ksar, a virtually impenetrable warren of alleys. We enjoy a tour highlight this afternoon as we set out on a sunset excursion to the breathtakingly beautiful sand dunes at Merzouga on the edge of the Sahara. In the enormous silence we watch the sun set over the desert as we take a camel ride along the erg. Following this experience, we’ll have dinner together in this desert setting before returning to our hotel tonight.

Day 9: Erfoud/Tinehir/Todra Gorge/Ouarzazate

Our destination today is in the snow-topped High Atlas. The day features one beautiful scene after another, including the village of Tinehir, a stunning mountain oasis rising on a series of riverside terraces lush with palm trees; and the spectacular 984-foot Todra Gorge, home to a variety of rare bird and plant species. Following lunch here we visit El Kelaa des Mgnoua, known for its roses, then set out on the fabled “Route of a Thousand Kasbahs” ancient caravan route, a region of fortresses with elaborately decorated façades. Late afternoon we reach the town of Ouarzazate where we spend the night.

Day 10: Ouarzazate/Ait ben-Haddou/Marrakech

En route to Marrakech today, we stop first at uninhabited Ait ben-Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
site and one of southern Morocco's most scenic villages that is often used as a location for fashion and film shoots. Its old section consists of deep red kasbahs packed together so tightly they appear to be a single unit. Then, as we begin our descent from the High Atlas, we pass through typical villages with fortified walls and stone houses with earthen roofs. In Tizi N’Tichka, we traverse the Pass of the Pastures (alt. 7,415 feet), where life is much as it was centuries ago: shepherds bring their flocks to the high pastures every summer, then return with them to their villages in autumn. We arrive in Marrakech late this afternoon and dine tonight at our hotel.

Day 11: Marrakech
Once the capital of southern Morocco, the imperial city of Marrakech is an alluring oasis with a temperate climate, distinct charm, and fascinating sights. Our day-long tour includes the beautifully proportioned Koutoubia Mosque, the lovely Andalusian-style El Bahia Palace, and the ruins of 16th-century Palais El Badî. After lunch at our hotel, mid-afternoon we visit Dar El Bacha, a formerly private palace full of fountains, riads, and orange trees. Then embark on a walking tour of the medina, ending at Djemaa el Fna Square, a UNESCO site and the heart of Marrakech. Dinner tonight is on our own in this exotic city.

Day 12: Marrakech
This morning we travel by horse-drawn carriage from Menara Park to Majorelle Gardens, a private botanical garden with some 15 species of birds native to North Africa and known for its cobalt blue accents. Following a tour of the gardens we visit the nearby Yves St. Laurent Museum, housing a vast collection of the designer’s haute couture and design works. The afternoon is at leisure before dinner tonight at a local restaurant in the city’s Old Town.

Day 13: Marrakech/Casablanca
We leave Marrakech this morning by coach for storied Casablanca, Morocco’s largest and most cosmopolitan city. After a brief orientation tour of the city, we visit the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, Morocco’s only functioning mosque open to non-Muslims. Tonight we celebrate our Moroccan adventure at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 14: Depart for U.S.
After breakfast this morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S.

Your Tour Price Includes
- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 31 meals: 12 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 11 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- $100 frequent traveler credit towards your next Tufts/Odysseys tour ($200 after 3 completed tours)

One belongs to the whole world, not just one part of it.”
— Paul Bowles

Tufts Faculty Host
On this program, we expect a Tufts faculty host to join you to present lectures and lead discussions. However, if due to low enrollment it is not possible to send a Tufts lecturer along, please be assured that our partners at Odysseys Unlimited share our belief that travel should provide an opportunity to learn about the world around us in a deep and meaningful way. We are confident that they will provide you the learning opportunities we know our travelers cherish.

Tour Departs: February 11, 2022
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Land Only (transfers not included) $4,695

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $684, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,295. Your $500 deposit is fully refundable up to 90 days before departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight:
- Business Class – $3,795 per person; Premium Economy – $1,195 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

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Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time
Visit Tufts’ website: go.tufts.edu/travel_learn
If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following terms and conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price:
- Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-15 per person per day); $10-15 per person per day for optional sightseeing and travel; trip insurance; additional baggage fees; and all other personal expenses.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:
- If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
  - 95 days or more before departure: full refund; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. You must cancel your trip in writing. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties.

Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for any necessary adjustments.

Responsibility:
- The liability of the Tufts University Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Tufts University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, or delay caused by events beyond our control, including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. The Tufts University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information:
- Airfares are non-refundable and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure. Airfares purchased through Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are non-refundable up to 95 days before departure. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking involved. You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. If you have a mobility or health issue, please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to accommodate you. We reserve the right to make changes as necessary.

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