

PRESENTS

MOROCCAN DISCOVERY

From the Imperial Cities to the Sahara

March 23-April 5, 2018

14 days for \$5,179* total price from Washington, DC
(\$4,495* air & land inclusive plus \$684* airline taxes & fees)

This land of dramatic contrasts invites you to encounter its ancient ruins and sacred mosques, endless desert and storied mountains. 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.



ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Days 1-3: March 23-25, 2018
Depart U.S./Casablanca/Rabat

Days 4-6: March 26-28, 2018
Fez

Days 7-8: March 29-30, 2018
Erfoud

Day 9: March 31, 2018
Ouarzazate

Days 10-12: April 1-3, 2018
Marrakech

Days 13-14: April 4-5, 2018
Casablanca/Depart for U.S.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive in Casablanca and travel to Rabat, one of Morocco's four imperial capitals and its present-day capital. Tour Rabat's sites and cross the river to Sale for lunch in a private home, followed by a visit to Rabat's new Mohammed VI contemporary art museum and a walk through the *medina*.
- En route to Fez, tour Morocco's youngest imperial city, Meknes. Visit the ancient Roman ruins at the UNESCO site of Volubilis. Spend two full days exploring Morocco's oldest imperial city, Fez, with its fascinating *medina* – another UNESCO site – and its old Jewish quarter.
- Travel across the densely forested slopes of the Middle Atlas Mountain range to Erfoud, the gateway to the Sahara. Enjoy a tour highlight as you set out on a sunset excursion to the breathtakingly beautiful sand dunes at Merzouga on the edge of the Sahara.
- See dramatic High Atlas Mountain scenery en route to Ouarzazate, including the spectacular Todra Gorge and the fabled "Route of a Thousand *Kashahs*," ancient caravan route.
- Along the way to Marrakech, stop at the village of Ait ben-Haddou, a UNESCO site often used for film shoots. Embark on a walking tour of Marrakech's *medina* with its maze of *souks*, ending at Djemaa el Fna Square, a UNESCO site. Visit Koutoubia Mosque and enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride to Majorelle Gardens.
- Arrive in storied Casablanca and tour its magnificent Hassan II Mosque. Enjoy a farewell dinner before departing the next morning for the U.S.

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Moroccan Discovery, Continued:

***PLEASE NOTE:** At this time, elements of the tour are still being finalized. Your deposit will be fully refundable until all details, including pricing, are complete. Our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., will be in touch with you in July 2017 when the final tour details and tour brochure are available. At that time, you will have two weeks to decide whether you would like to convert your preliminary registration to a confirmed booking, or to cancel and receive a full refund. Once your booking is confirmed, the cancellation penalties as outlined in the brochure will apply. You will then receive a complete confirmation packet.

*Probable Pricing:

\$5,179* total price from Washington, DC. Please call for prices from other cities. 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. Land only price is \$4,095*; airport arrival and departure transfers are not included. Single travelers please add \$1,495*. Business Class or Premium Economy upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flights are available on a request basis – call for details.

***PLEASE NOTE:** All dates, prices, and itinerary details for 2018 tours are subject to change. Finalized pricing will be made available approximately eight months prior to departure.

Your Tour Price Includes:

- Round-trip air transportation from listed city
- 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

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Please FAX, mail, or e-mail your pre-registration form and deposit information to our Tour Operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.:
One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300 Newton, MA 02458 Secure FAX: 617-454-9199
E-mail: customerservice@odysseys-unlimited.com

For questions about the tour, please contact VMFA Member Travel:
Phone: (804) 340-1519 Email: hutch.livingston@vmfa.museum

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person/people. This secures my/our space on the following tour: **Moroccan Discovery, March 23-April 5, 2018**. Make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., or please charge my/our deposit to:

AMEX VISA MasterCard Discover

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

I/We understand that I/we will be contacted in July 2017, once the final brochure for the tour is available, and will be given the opportunity to cancel at that time, without penalty. I/We also understand that billing and a complete confirmation packet will follow once I/we convert this preliminary registration into a confirmed booking.

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