



Ross Travel Presents:

Royal Touch of Morocco

January 26-February 6, 2011

JANUARY 26 -

Depart Boston with Air France nonstop flight #337 to Paris de Gaulle, leaving at 6:30PM.

JANUARY 27 - CASABLANCA (D)

Arrive Paris at 6:10AM. Connect with Air France nonstop flight #1896 to Casablanca, leaving at 7:35AM and arriving at 9:35AM. Upon arrival at Casablanca Mohamed V Airport, you will be met by a Ya'lla Tours representative and transferred to your hotel.

In the afternoon, a tour of Casablanca includes the old medina; Place Mohamed V, a busy shopping street lined by residential blocks dating from the 1930s; United Nations Square, designed by French architect Joseph Marrass; and the League of Arab States Park, which was built in 1925 and offers a large area of greenery with palm trees, arcades, pergolas and cafés with shady terraces.

Then, visit the beautiful and massive Hassan II Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world.

Return to your hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight.

GOLDEN TULIP FARAH is a 5-star hotel located in the heart of the commercial district, walking distance from the old medina, the Place Mohamed V, the modern shopping centers and the Arab league park. All 280 guest rooms are equipped with direct-dial phone, air-conditioning, satellite TV and mini-bar.

JANUARY 28 - FES (B)

In the morning, drive 1½ hours to Rabat, capital city of Morocco. See the old medina; the picturesque Kasbah of the Oudayas and the Oudaya Gate, built during the Almohad dynasty. Also see the well-preserved Hassan Tower and the Chellah, which were built

by the Merinids in the 12th and 13th centuries. Walk into the Mohamed V Mausoleum, the burial place of the present king's grandfather.

Drive to Meknes, founded in the 9th century by Zenata Berbers. A visit of this former Imperial City of Morocco includes the old ramparts; the Agoudal Basin, once used to water the royal gardens and amuse the favorite concubines; and the Moulay Ismaïl royal stables, granaries and House of Water (Dar El Ma), built in the 17th and 18th centuries to house, feed and water the sultan's twelve thousand horses. Finally, see Bab El Mansour, one of the most beautiful gates in Morocco; and the Moulay Ismaïl Mausoleum, one of the very few holy sites in Morocco, which may be visited by non-Muslims.

Continue to Fes for overnight.

LES MERINIDES is a 5-star hotel perched high in the hills of Fes. All 102 guest rooms have air-conditioning, phone, satellite TV and mini-bar. The hotel has 3 restaurants serving traditional Moroccan, international and grilled cuisine. Other facilities and services include a swimming pool, 24-hour room service, conference room for 200 people, and a bar with a panoramic view of old Fes. www.lesmerinides.com

JANUARY 29 - FES (B,D)

The whole day will be devoted to an in-depth visit of Fes, founded by King Moulay Idriss in the 9th century. Flat and comfortable shoes are a must for the visit of the Medina with its small winding and paved alleys. See the old Koranic schools and the Quaraouyine Mosque (from the outside only), the largest university in the world in the 13th century with over 3,000 students.



In the afternoon, visit modern Fes, including the famous “potters” district. Continue to the Arts Museum of Batha. This Hispano-Moorish palace, dating from the late 19th century, houses some admirable collections of the traditional art of Fes. Sculpted wood and plaster, wrought iron and other decorative materials are works of art in their own right. Embroidery, carpets, jewelry and coins compete for attention.

Return to your hotel for overnight.

In the evening, drive to the old medina for dinner at Maison Bleue, a beautifully preserved traditional Moroccan house serving as a private home to the Abbadi family since 1915.

JANUARY 30 - FES (B)

Drive to Volubilis, a flourishing Roman trade city in the 2nd and 3rd centuries selling oil, corn and wild animals. The Berbers, who had been converted to Christianity, occupied Volubilis

until the 8th century. In 1755, the city was destroyed by earthquake and in 1887 the remains were discovered and excavations began. A visit to the ruins begins with a tour of the ramparts, 5 ¼ feet wide and 1 ½ miles long, which incorporate no fewer than forty bastions and eight 2nd-century gates.

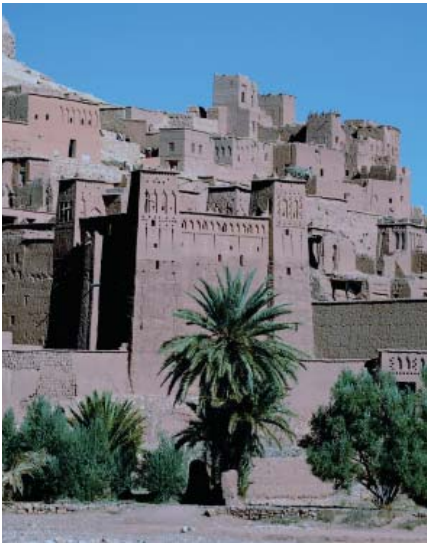
Return to the hotel for a free afternoon and overnight.

JANUARY 31 - ERFOUD (B,L,D)

Today we have a full day drive through the cedar forests and picturesque scenery of the Middle Atlas Mountains to Erfoud. Along the way, stop at the ski destination of Ifrane, the Ziz Gorge and Er Rachidia. Stop for lunch at Midelt. Continue to Erfoud, situated among the impressive sand dunes of the Sahara Desert and one of the largest oases in Morocco.

Arrive at your hotel for dinner and overnight. XALUCA MAADID is





located 3 km from the city of Erfoud, next to the marvelous Palm Oasis which gives life and color to this region and is renowned for its excellent dates. The hotel is built in the traditional Kasbah style. All 104 spacious guest rooms are equipped with satellite TV, telephone and air-conditioning. Hotel facilities include 2 restaurants, 1 lounge/bar, 1 traditional Moroccan lounge, a large pool with snack bar surrounded by over 1,000 palm trees, Turkish bath and Jacuzzi. www.xalucamaadid.com

Cherif from the outside, and then enter the Kasbah Ouled El Hadim for a visit. Return to Erfoud and tour the Date Market and fossil factory.

Continue to Tineghir, a former military outpost built on terraces above a magnificent palm grove, and the gateway to the awesome Todra Gorge.

A little further on, pass a holy spring believed to cure sterility in women, and continue into the gorge.

Arrive in Boumalne for dinner and overnight. XALUCA DADES is in the village of Boumalne between Erfoud and Ouarzazate. The property consists of 110 hotel rooms and suites with bathroom with shower, air-conditioning and TV. Hotel facilities include a swimming pool, hammam, spa and fitness center, restaurant and bar.

FEBRUARY 01 - BOUMALNE (B,D)

In the early morning, set out by 4X4 to Merzouga, deep in the dunes of the Sahara and the Ziz Valley. Take a camel trek among the dunes.

Return to the hotel for a late breakfast.

Depart for Rissani, cradle of the Alaouite dynasty now reigning in Morocco. View the Mausoleum of Moulay Ali





ROYAL TOUCH OF MOROCCO

January 26-February 6, 2011

FEBRUARY 02 - OUARZAZATE (B,D)

Depart for El Kelaa des Mgouna and Skoura. Roses for making perfume are the specialty of El Kelaa des Mgouna. You will find some nice shopping here for rose products.

Continue to the film industry center at Ouarzazate, and visit the 17th-century Kasbah Taourirt, and the film studios.

Arrive at the hotel for dinner and overnight. **BERBERE PALACE** is a 5-star property located on 27 acres in the center of town. It has 220 rooms decorated in traditional Berber style, 3 restaurants, a night club, shops, swimming-pool, tennis courts and fitness club.

FEBRUARY 03 - MARRAKECH (B,D)

Drive to the ancient Kasbah complex of Ait Ben Haddou, an impressive 11th-century structure that has been declared an historical treasure by UNESCO. A photographer's wonderland, Ait Ben Haddou remains home to five families. Next, set out through a mountainous and semi-desert landscape and continue over the High Atlas Mountains at Tizi N'Tichka Pass (7,400 feet). Proceed across the fertile countryside of the Haouz Plain to the pink city of Marrakech for overnight.

After checking into your hotel, enjoy dinner at a fine local restaurant.

PALMERAIE GOLF PALACE is one of Marrakech's nicest 5-star properties. The atmosphere is that of a luxurious Moroccan palace with complete resort facilities. Each room has air-conditioning, hair dryer, TV, radio, phone and mini-bar. Within the 400 acres of landscaped gardens, you will find an 18-hole Robert Trent Jones golf course, 5 swimming pools, a fitness center, tennis courts, 8 restaurants, and a night club. www.pgpmarrakech.com

FEBRUARY 04 - MARRAKECH (B,L,D)

Depart to the Ourika Valley, in the heart of the Atlas Mountains, just 20 minutes from Marrakech. This is an enchanting landscape with the green valley, the lazy meandering river and the red adobe villages hanging on the slopes.

Visit the local country market where food vendors, blacksmiths and medicine-men gather under canvas and reed shelters. Nearby, the potters village offers a variety of wares in traditional or modern styles.

Enjoy a savory lunch at the Berber Ramuncho Restaurant.

Return to Marrakech and your hotel around 4:00PM.

Our farewell dinner tonight will be at Borj Bladi.

FEBRUARY 05 - CASABLANCA (B)

Enjoy a full day sightseeing of Marrakech. First, tour the Menara Gardens with the lovely Saadian Pavilion and olive groves. Next, step into the wondrous old world of the medina. Wander through the labyrinth and stop at the foot of the Koutoubia Minaret, a famous landmark of Marrakech. Continue to the Bahia Palace with its lush Moorish-style gardens. After lunch at a nice local restaurant, visit the Majorelle Botanical Gardens. Next, discover some of the most colorful souks of the medina. Finally, stroll through the exotic Jemaa El Fna Square, ancient meeting place of tradesmen, musicians, snake charmers, and storytellers.

Then drive to Casablanca for overnight.

FEBRUARY 06 - (B)

You will be transferred to Casablanca Airport for your departure Air France flight #1697 to Paris, leaving at 7:00AM and arriving at 12:00PM. Connect with Air France flight #332 to Boston, leaving at 1:40PM and arriving at 3:05PM.

Contact

Reenie Ross of **Ross Travel Consultants**

Ph: 617-522-6065 // rosstravel@aol.com

Price per person in a double room: \$4,315

Price per person in a single room: \$5,310

Prices are guaranteed for January-February 2011.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- roundtrip airfare between Boston and Casablanca on Air France
- transfers between airport and hotels in Casablanca
- 9 nights of accommodations with breakfast daily
- 7 dinners, including a farewell Moroccan dinner show
- 2 lunches as per the itinerary
- 9 days of touring in a deluxe motor coach with a licensed, English-speaking guide
- site entrance fees as per the itinerary
- short camel trek in the Sahara Desert
- Tips to guide and driver
- portorage and local taxes
- Ya'lla Tours USA information kit and travel bag

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Departure taxes (\$430, subject to change)
- Meals (unless specified), beverages and personal expenses
- Travel insurance (\$349 per person in a double room or \$440 in a single room), highly recommended

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- A \$750/person deposit is required upon booking. The deposit is refundable until 11/26/2010. **Final payment is due November 26, 2010.**
- Price is subject to change until deposit is paid.
- Credit cards are accepted at no extra charge.
- Funds paid to Ya'lla Tours are held in trust until paid to suppliers.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PRICE:

- The price of the tour is: \$4,315 per person in a double room based on a minimum of 15 participants. The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. our suppliers increase the price, Ya'lla USA Inc. will adjust the price accordingly.
- Price of the airfare portion of the tour is subject to change until the air ticket is issued.
- Should a single traveler wish to share a room and Ya'lla Tours USA is unable to match him/her with a roommate, the single room supplement will apply.
- Should the number of participants, 60 days prior to departure, be lower than the published minimum number of participants to operate the tour, the price will be adjusted accordingly, or the tour will be canceled.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY:

- A deposit of \$750 is due upon registration.
- Final payment is due November 26, 2010.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

- For cancellation 59-45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the cost of the tour will apply.
- For cancellation 44-15 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 75% of the cost of the tour will apply.
- For cancellation 14 or fewer days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 100% of the cost of the tour will apply.
- No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sight-seeing, meals, hotel entrance fees, etc.
- Travel Insurance is nonrefundable.

PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY:

Passenger has read the above terms and conditions and agrees to each of them. Passenger hereby warrants that he/she fully understand each of them. Specifically, passenger understands that should he/she cancel their trip for any reason, passenger will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the 'Cancellations & Refunds' section.

PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION:

Your passport must be valid for at least six months from the day you enter Morocco.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

Whereas Ya'lla Tours USA, Ross Travel, Brandeis University/BOLLI and the participating airlines and tour operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the aircraft, railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sight-seeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these tours. The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger.

Ya'lla Tours USA Inc., Ross Travel and Brandeis University/BOLLI reserve the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that purchaser fails to pay any fees due and owing for services, including cancellation fees as set out in the section entitled 'Cancellations & Refunds'. The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to his/her or its reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. will strive to maintain the content of the tour. The Tour operator reserves the right to change the hotels listed on the tour for others of similar quality.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY:

This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Ya'lla Tours USA recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance. A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined.
