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Magnificent Morocco – A Feast for the Senses



January 19 to 27, 2021

Join us for this 9 day “Feast for the senses” in Morocco. Experience a local Berber Hammam to sooth your body and mind. Delight in all things culinary including a traditional cooking class with an award-winning chef. Adventure through Marrakech’s famous stalls of spices, perfumes, carpets and shoes. Enjoy the sunrise while floating in a hot air balloon ride over the beautiful Moroccan countryside. Enjoy a camel ride while the sunset sets in the Agafay Desert. Theresa Fischer Boudreau will be your host on this incredible adventure

Proposed Itinerary

DAY 1 January 19: Departure from Toronto

Depart on Air Canada to Casablanca.

DAY 2 January 20: ARRIVAL IN CASABLANCA

Accommodations: Odyssee Center Hotel – 1 night

Welcome to exotic Casablanca! Following customs formalities we will be met by our local representative and transferred to the hotel. Time to freshen up before meeting in the lobby for a welcome drink followed by dinner at Rick’s Café. Return to the hotel following dinner.

DAY 3 January 21: CASABLANCA – MARRAKECH

Accommodations: Riad Slitine – 4 nights

After breakfast, begin the city tour of Casablanca with an inside visit of Hassan II mosque. It is the largest mosque in the country and the 7th largest in the world. We continue to the Ain Diab Corniche for a pleasant stroll along the coast. Next stop is Mohammed V Square in the city center. The city tour includes the Habous Quarter, one of the oldest areas in Casablanca. The district was built by the French in the 1930s as an attempted solution to the ongoing housing shortage. It marries the best of traditional Moroccan architecture with modern facilities and French ideals - even the mosque fronts onto a strip of grassy lawn just like a village church.

Time for lunch before departing for Marrakech. Upon arrival check in at the hotel and get ready for a traditional berber hammam.

Our Hammam is a place where space and time speak an ancient language. We will be immersed in total relaxation, in an atmosphere filled with water, oils, essences and perfumes. Enjoy a 45-minute scrub with black soap or spices for relaxation and eliminating toxins from the body. After your Hammam, we will enjoy a tonic massage in the Moroccan tradition that helps to eliminate tensions in order to regain energy and vitality. Back to our hotel to relax.

DAY 4 January 22: MARRAKECH - Foodie Tour & Cooking Class

This morning we head into the souks for a culinary adventure. We will visit several different food stalls allowing us to try traditional Moroccan street food including dried meats, milawi, harsha, briwats, soups, olives and more. At the honey souk, we will be able to taste an array of delicious wild honeys, discuss their flavors and health-giving properties and find out why honey is so important in Moroccan cooking culture. We will also visit a furnatchi where the water for the communal bathhouse 'hammam' is heated, and a 400 year old 'furan' or communal oven and bakery. During this tour we will also visit the world-famous Jemaa el Fna Square, which houses an array of food vendors, snake charmers, local musicians, and fortune-tellers. There's nowhere on earth like the Jemaa el Fna, the square at the heart of old Marrakesh. The morning tour ends with visits to two exotic Marrakech museums: Dar Si Said Museum and Dar Bacha. Free time following the morning excursion.

At 3:30 PM we reconvene for an exceptional gastronomic experience with an award-winning Executive Chef. Drawing from his extensive knowledge of North Africa's rich food culture, this curated tour will walk us through the mind of a Moroccan chef from picking out fresh produce in the souks of his hometown, sampling spices for the perfect flavor, and preparing artisanal filo dough from scratch. The chef will unlock the secrets of the recipes he's mastered over the years and then we will get to sit down with him and enjoy them. By the end of dinner we will leave with an inside perspective on one of the world's most highly cherished cuisines. Return to our hotel following dinner.

DAY 5 January 23: MARRAKECH - Farming Experience

Breakfast at the hotel before departing for Ourika where we will enjoy a unique farm experience in the Moroccan countryside. We begin by choosing a selection of vegetables, fruits and aromatic plants from the garden which we will transform into couscous accompanied by Tajine of lamb with plums under the guidance of our hosts. You can also choose to prepare your own yogurt with apricots or if feeling adventurous, take a turn milking goats and then learn how to make cheese.

Lunch will be the results of our morning cooking class. After lunch, we will learn a spiritual cleansing technique to rid your body of negative energy and replace it with positive energy. We finish the day with a candle-lit Berber dinner before returning to Marrakech.

DAY 6 January 24: MARRAKECH – Atlas Mountains

Leisurely breakfast at the hotel before departing for a full day excursion of Imlil Valley in the Atlas Mountains. We begin where the coach drops us off with a gentle walk to Aremd village at an elevation of 6000 ft. A Berber chef will make a presentation of the dishes (Bread making, Tagine, and couscous). We will be invited to take part in the cooking course and cook your own meal before you sit together for a tea ceremony with locals. A short walk through the village and we'll learn about the agricultural products in the valley and their culinary values before you sit and enjoy the achievement of cooking a local specialty. Late in the evening, we will walk downhill through orchards to Imlil for transfer back to our hotel in Marrakech. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 7 January 25: MARRAKECH – AGAFAY

Accommodations: White Camel Lodge and Camp – 1 night

After breakfast at the hotel you will have an opportunity to relax and enjoy the facilities or join us for another adventure through Marrakech's famous stalls of spices, perfumes, carpets, and, yes ladies, shoes!

This afternoon, we depart Marrakech in several 4x4 vehicles to Lilla Takeroust Lake, a serene setting with stunning views of the High Atlas Mountains. We pause for refreshments at a lakeside terrace before driving along roads dotted with Berber villages before reaching the rocky Agfa Desert. We continue to our retreat in a secluded desert hideaway overlooking the vast Moroccan wilderness, framed by olive trees and organic gardens. This magical place offers us the opportunity to commune with nature. After time to settle in we enjoy an evening camel ride and toast the sunset before having dinner under the starry skies in a Berber tent.

DAY 8 January 26: AGAFAY – CASABLANCA

Accommodations: Odyssee Center – 1 night

We start our experience by being picked up in 4x4 vehicles from our camp. After only a few minutes' drive from our camp, we arrive at the airfield where we are served Moroccan tea. We will watch as the colourful green and red balloons (the colours of Morocco) are prepared for flight. Float above Morocco's countryside and enjoy aerial views of the Atlas Mountains on this sunrise hot air balloon flight near Marrakech.

Once you're on board, receive a short security briefing, and take off. The first part of the flight is at high altitude to have an overview of all the areas: Jbilet Mountains, Marrakech, and the Atlas Mountains behind. The second part of the flight is at low altitude over typical villages, farms, kids going to school, valleys, etc. After 1 hour of flight, we land and are driven through the "Moroccan bush" to the caidal tent where we will be served a typical Berber breakfast.

Mid-morning departure from Agafay through Marrakech to the limestone area of the Middle Atlas then meet up with our coach in Marrakech and head North towards Casablanca. Check in at the hotel and overnight.

DAY 9 January 27: CASABLANCA AIRPORT

Today, we will transfer you to the Casablanca airport for your return flight to Toronto.

Tour Cost: \$5474.00 per person from Toronto based on two people sharing a room.

Single supplement: \$955.00 Land only: \$4,596.00

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Air from Toronto on Air Canada including all taxes and fees.
- First class (4 star) accommodations as per itinerary based on twin share.
- All transportation in Morocco.
- Meals: 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners included.
- English speaking national guide throughout the tour.
- All entrance fees for excursions.
- Services of a Tour Escort.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Items of a personal nature (e.g. laundry, telephone calls)
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- Travel insurance. Rates available upon request

Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 61 days before departure: 75% of tour cost

Within 60 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour.

We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable.

By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I further understand that travel involves certain risks to personal health, safety and property. Many foreign countries do not have the safety and health standards that are present in Canada. I

am willing to accept the associated risks and understand that and Pauwels Travel Bureau cannot guarantee the health and safety of travellers in a foreign trip or eliminate the risk from a foreign environment.

3. I know that tour programs include walking, and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
4. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.
5. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.
6. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.
7. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions is to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behaviour be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.
8. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to. I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally,

I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.

9. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.
10. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

A WORD ABOUT GROUP AIR:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, in some cases you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference and, in **almost ALL cases we are not able to offer advanced seat selection.**

It is the airline that makes the live reservation and has control over the booking so it is their policy not ours that prevents us from assigning you specific seats. I assure you if a request is made it is followed up on by our staff when they submit the names 30 to 60 days prior to departure. Calling us several days before you go will not change this fact nor will getting upset with our staff.

If the ideal seat is an absolute must for you we suggest you book our tour land only and make your own air arrangements so you can better control the individual booking. Pauwels would be happy to assist you with that reservation at absolutely no additional charge. We will offer you the best fare we can find but note this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure and the rules and booking conditions of the applicable airfare will apply.

We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above.

Please book _____ seat(s) on the "Magnificent Morocco – A Feast for the Senses"
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Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Please indicate with an X if you intend to travel on Group flights _____ or Land only _____.

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced an interim payment of \$1000.00 and the balance due 90 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

Name as on Passport. Indicate the appropriate title before each name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

NAME(S): _____

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postal Code: _____

PHONE: (Residence) _____ (Business) _____ (Fax/Email) _____

If traveling alone, is a single room required: YES _____ NO _____.

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: (Dietary, special physical needs, frequent flyer number, etc.) Please list here so we can do our best to assist you. Please be advised that due to airline policies, individual seat selection cannot be guaranteed.

Insurance - Please call the office for premiums then record on application form and add amount to deposit.

I/we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

All-inclusive Package _____ Non-medical Package _____ Other _____

Decline Insurance _____ (Please sign here if you decline the insurance).

PAYMENT:

Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

***I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment.**

Signature(s) _____ Date: _____

Please forward this completed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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