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## Magnificent Morocco – A Feast for the Senses



April 6 to 21, 2018

Join us for this 16 day discovery tour to Morocco. Highlights include visits to all four of the imperial cities – Fes, Marrakech, Rabat and Casablanca as well as the International city of Tangier. The tour will be limited in numbers allowing us to use charming yet well-appointed hotels and dine at our favorite restaurants. The leisurely pace of the program means you will have plenty of time to get an in-depth look the destination and immerse yourself in the local culture and pursue individual interests. Our Moroccan specialist Lindan Toole will be on hand to lead the way.

### Proposed itinerary

Day 1 – Friday, April 6:

Flight

Evening departure on scheduled flight to Casablanca via Montreal. Full inflight services including dinner, breakfast and entertainment provided.

Day 2 - Saturday, April 7: (MARRAKECH) – D --We'll meet at the airport in Casablanca and transfer by private coach to Marrakech. After checking into Dar Cigognes we'll have a short rest and then a leisurely walk to the Jemaa el Fna for our first glimpse of the acrobats, snake charmers, storytellers, fortune tellers and vendors who inhabit the famous square. We'll return to Dar Cigognes for a glass of wine before our welcome dinner at Restaurant Salt and orientation.

Day 3– Sunday, April 8: (MARRAKECH) - B/L/D -- After breakfast on the terrace we'll be met by our guide for a cultural and historical walking tour in the medina. Among the areas we'll visit are Place Jemaa el-Fna, the Koutoubia Mosque, the Saadian Tombs, the Bahia Palace, the Mellah (the Jewish Quarter) and the souks, stopping to watch local craftsmen ply their traditional trades. We'll stop midway through to enjoy lunch in a café overlooking the medina. We'll return to the riad for a short rest before leaving for dinner at Dar Cherifa.

Day 4 – Monday, April 9: (MARRAKECH) - B/D -- Today at leisure, with an optional trip to the Jardin Marjorelle, a beautiful botanical garden not far from the hustle and bustle of the medina. The garden was designed by French artist Jacques Marjorelle and later owned by Yves St. Laurent who is buried there. The garden houses a Berber museum that we could visit. Lunch today will be on your own. Today is a chance to take in the sites we've missed, visit artisans, return to the souk to shop for souvenirs, take photographs, visit the hamman or take a cooking class at the hotel.

We'll meet for dinner at the Marrakechi Cafe overlooking the Jemaa el Fna and after dinner have a last chance to join the snake charmers and storytellers! You'll notice that all the storytellers – and all of those listening to their stories – are men. And, perhaps you'll think that the potions they sell might be connected to those stories!

Day 5 – Tuesday, April 10: (MARRAKECH) - B/L/D -- This morning after breakfast we'll meet our guide and driver and transfer by private coach to the high Atlas Mountains. We'll do a little easy hiking, stopping to enjoy the splendid panoramas. Mid way through the day, we'll have lunch with a Berber family beginning with a traditional tea ceremony. We'll learn a little about Berber cuisine and it's influence on foods throughout Morocco. Another short hike and we'll be on our way back to Marrakech.

Tonight before dinner at the hotel, we'll enjoy a wine tasting – including 6 of Morocco's best wines. Overnight at Dar Cigognes.

Day 6 – Wednesday, April 11: (MARRAKECH TO FES) - B/L/D -- After breakfast we'll transfer by private coach to Dar Seffarine in Fes. After check in, we'll have time for a rest, a walk in the souks and a glass of wine on the magnificent terrace overlooking the entire medina before dinner with hosts Kate and Alaa.

Day 7 – Thursday, April 12: (FES) - B/L/D -- Our guide Idriss will meet us after breakfast and lead us through the labyrinth of Fes el Bali (Old Fes) where we'll learn a little of the history of the city, tour the souks, see the mosques, medersas and museums that are central to life in the medina, and visit the famous leather tanneries. Talaa Kebira, the main street of Fes el Bali is little more than a narrow crowded alleyway consisting of both commercial and residential areas and is the heart of the city. We'll have to be vigilant and ready to hop to one side to avoid the heavily-laden mules (and sometimes horses) carrying goods across the city. We'll return home for a short rest before leaving for dinner at La Maison Bleue.

Day 8 – Friday, April 13: (FES) - B/L/D -- After breakfast this morning we'll travel by private coach for a full day tour of Volubilis and Meknes. These two places embody much of Morocco's early history. Volubilis was the Roman Empire's most remote base and here we'll find the most impressive Roman site in Morocco. In Meknes, one of the four imperial cities of Morocco we'll see some of the extraordinary monuments created during the time of Moulay Ismail who reigned from 1672-1727. In the 55 years of his reign, Meknes grew from a provincial centre to a spectacular capital with twenty gates, over fifty palaces and 45km of exterior walls. We'll visit many historic landmarks as well as the medina and enjoy lunch in Meknes. We'll return to Dar S for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 – Saturday, April 14: (FES) - B/L/D -- After breakfast this morning we'll have the morning at leisure. We'll meet for lunch and then be met by Idriss for a walking tour of Fes el Jedid (New Fes). Here we'll visit the Royal Palace where the king resides when visiting Fes. From there we'll cross into the 'mellah' (the Jewish Quarter) to visit the Ben Danan synagogue (now a museum) and the Jewish Cemetery. We'll return back to the riad and relax on the terrace before dinner with Kate and Alaa and other visitors to the Dar.

Day 10– Sunday, April 15: (FES) – B/D -- This morning after breakfast you can enjoy your last day in Fes at leisure. There are a myriad of activities available to you - head out to the souks to shop, take a cooking class, take photographs, visit local craftsmen, get scrubbed at a hammam, head up to the terrace with a book or do some combination of activities. It might also be a time to visit the third distinct area of the city. Ville Nouvelle is a modern, European style city founded by the French during their protectorate. Fes is one of the most fascinating cities in the world, filled with wonder people and places. Dinner and overnight at Dar Seffarine. Lunch today on your own.

Day 11 – Monday, April 16: (FES TO TANGIER) – B/L/D -- After breakfast this morning we'll travel by private coach to Tangier, with lunch enroute. We'll arrive in time for dinner and overnight at Dar Souran.

Day 12 – Tuesday, April 17: (TANGIER) – B/L/D -- After breakfast this morning we'll meet our guide for a tour of the city. For the first half of the 20th century, Tangier was an international city – home to writers and artists – from Henri Matisse to Paul Bowles. It was during her years in Tangier that cookbook author Paula Wolfert developed her love of and expertise in Moroccan food.

We'll travel by coach to the 'suburbs' of Tangier to see the vacation homes of kings and princes, then stop by the sea to visit Hercules Cave and take in spectacular sights including Gibraltar. On our return to the medina we'll visit the Jewish synagogue and the Museum of Moroccan Arts.

We'll return to the riad for a rest before dinner and overnight at Dar Souran.

Day 13 – Wednesday, April 18: (TANGIER/RABAT) – B/L/D -- After breakfast we'll travel to Rabat - the capital of Morocco and one of four Imperial Cities. We'll explore the Mechouar (the ramparts and walls surrounding the Royal Palace), the majestic Mohammed V Mausoleum, the Hassan Tower and the Oudaya Kasbar, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean – and home to Moroccan artisan galleries. Dinner and overnight at the Dar El Kebira.

Day 14 –Thursday, April 19: (RABAT) – B/L/D – We'll have a late breakfast before being picked up and travelling to the Ouleb Thaleb Winery in Ben Slimane (about an hour's drive) for a wine tasting and a leisurely lunch among the vines!  
We'll return to Rabat and have time to spend in the souks before dinner. The souk in Rabat is very laid back and fun to wander. Dinner TBA.

Day 15 –Friday, April 20: – (B/L/D) -- After breakfast we'll travel to Casablanca for our last day in Morocco. We'll visit the Hassan II mosque and then go on to the Jewish Museum. The Museum of Moroccan Judaism is the only Jewish Museum in the Arab world and presents religious ethnographic and artistic objects that demonstrate the daily life of Jews in Morocco. Two complete Moroccan synagogues are displayed. Dinner and overnight in Casablanca.

Day 16 – Saturday, April 21: (RABAT/CASABLANCA – B/L/D -- (TBA) After breakfast we'll depart for the airport for our return trip home.

**Tour Cost: \$6,495.00 per person from Toronto based on two people sharing a room.**

**Single supplement: \$950.00 Land only: \$5,735.00**

**PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- Air from Toronto on Air Canada
- All airport taxes and departure fees
- Maximum group of 12 people
- 13 nights' accommodation based on twin occupancy with private facilities
- All transportation in Morocco
- All meals as outlined. Local wines served with dinner.
- All scheduled excursions with local English speaking guides
- All entrance fees on 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 46 days before departure: 25% of tour cost

45 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost

Within 30 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 behavior 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.

#### APPLICATION FORM

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the "Magnificent Morocco" departing April 6 – 21, 2018.

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 45 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.

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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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