



Kingdom of Morocco – 2009

Educational & Humanitarian Initiative

Marrakech - Casablanca - Rabat - Tangier

11 Days | Departs Thursday October 8, returns Sunday October 18 | Limited Availability

Day One: Thursday, October 8

New York / Marrakech

Delegates departing from the United States will assemble this afternoon at JFK International Airport in New York for their trans-Atlantic flight to Marrakech, fondly known as the “Pearl of the South.” This unique city is a palm lined oasis set at the foot of the High Atlas Mountains that proudly maintains its history with the medina—an old section of the city—surrounded by rose-colored walls.



Day Two: Friday, October 9

Marrakech

Upon arrival at Marrakech Menara Airport, you will be greeted by People to People International (PTPI) representative(s), receive an airport transfer to your hotel and assistance with check-in. The delegation will enjoy a welcome cocktail at the luxurious Sofitel Marrakech Imperial Spa. Delegates will gather at the hotel lobby for lunch and then enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure and dinner on your own. Overnight at Sofitel Marrakech Imperial Spa. **L**

Day Three: Saturday, October 10

Marrakech

A buffet style breakfast will be provided each morning at your hotel. Following breakfast, the delegation will gather for a brief program orientation and then attend a half day sightseeing tour of some famous areas including the Dar Si Said Museum, the Koutoubia Minaret, Menara Pavillion, the Bahia Palace and the Royal Garden. Today’s lunch will be served in a local open-air restaurant and then enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at your leisure. We invite you to enjoy the pool and other outdoor activities at the hotel. Tonight’s spectacular welcome dinner will be served at Chez Ali, one of the most popular entertainment venues in Morocco. PTPI’s President/CEO, Mary Jean Eisenhower will welcome the delegation to Morocco, and throughout the rest of the evening, you will experience authentic Berber tribal music and dancing with an extraordinary line of entertainment from dancers, musicians, acrobats, horsemen and magicians. This evening’s program will remind you of “Arabian Nights.” Overnight at Sofitel Marrakech Imperial Spa. **BLD**

Day Four: Sunday, October 11



Marrakech

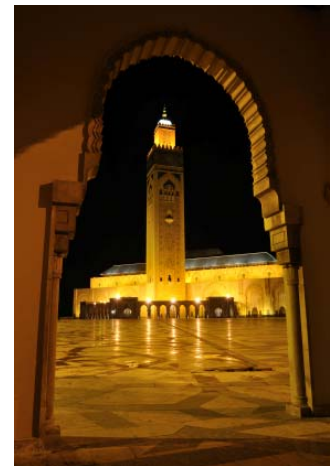
Today you will meet the children at the Dar Albir Oua Lihsane Marrakech—a new multi-functional centre for young disadvantaged children aged between 12 and 18 who have not succeeded in finishing their studies in school either in the city of Marrakech or in the countryside. These children are offered accommodations, food and training to qualify for a chosen profession that will provide them with skills such as carpentry, hair-dressing, ironworks, electricity and plumbing. The centre

can accommodate 240 young people and they work to ensure that each student will obtain a good job to live a decent life. Today's lunch will be served at the Bir Wal Ihssane Restaurant. This afternoon you will have the opportunity to practice the art of bargaining at the biggest open-air market in Marrakech—the perfect place to buy your souvenirs and other unique items at a great price. We will rendezvous at the world renowned square, the Djemaa el Fna, located in the medina—the old town section of Marrakech. This evening you will enjoy the setting of the sun and people-watching from one of roof top cafés. There you will learn why the Djemaa el Fna is the heartbeat of the Marrakech—complete with food kiosks, henna artists, medicine men, snake charmers, storytellers, jugglers, musicians and acrobats. Tonight's dinner will be served at your hotel, the Sofitel Marrakech Imperial Spa. **BLD**

Day Five: Monday, October 12

Marrakech / Essaouira / Casablanca

Today you will journey by motor coach to Essaouira, a picturesque port of an ancient city that shows traces of Iberian influence in its forts and towers. You will enjoy today's lunch at the Chalet de la Place where seafood dishes come highly recommended. This afternoon you will arrive in Casablanca. Following check-in at the hotel, we will experience a driving tour that will view the residential section, the old town medina, the Habous quarter and the shopping area of Casablanca. Tonight's dinner will be held at a world famous hotel where we will stay for the duration of our visit in Casablanca—the Le Royal Mansour Meridien. **BLD**



Day Six: Tuesday, October 13

Casablanca

A morning sightseeing excursion will include the United Nations Square and the Royal Palace and a visit to the Hassan II Mosque—the second largest mosque in the Islamic world after Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Lunch will be served at a local restaurant in Casablanca with some free time this afternoon. We will join the Casablanca PTPI Chapter for dinner this evening, and learn about their local programs and activities. Overnight at the Le Royal Mansour Meridien. **BLD**

Day Seven: Wednesday, October 14**Casablanca / Rabat**

This morning the delegation will attend two briefings; one about US–Moroccan relations with representatives of the US Embassy, and the other from Moroccan government officials on their country’s economy, politics, and education system. You will then travel to Rabat and have lunch at an ocean-view restaurant. The remainder of the day will offer you free time to relax, enjoy the amenities at your hotel and dinner is on your own. Overnight at the La Tour Hassan Hotel in Rabat. **BL**

**Day Eight: Thursday, October 15 Rabat**

Today you will explore the great mosque, the bustling old town medina, the Hassan Tower and Mohammed V Mausoleum; and a drive through the ramparts and walls of mechouar—an area that encompasses the royal palace. Today’s lunch will be served at the Museum Belghazi. This afternoon you will visit the Chellah Necropolis, the Oudaya quarter and a local museum of ancient rugs, jewelry and musical instruments. Dinner will be served at the La Tour Hassan Hotel. **BLD**

Day Nine: Friday, October 16 Rabat / Tangier

This morning, delegates will travel from Rabat to Tangier. Upon arrival, lunch will be served at a local restaurants. After check-in at the hotel, you will visit the modern new town and enjoy a beautiful drive through Tangier's California section lined with estates, villas, celebrity homes and the king's summer palace. Next is a stop at the lighthouse at Cap Spartel, which marks the official convergence of the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. You will travel to Hercules Cave where the entrance mirrors the shape of Africa. Tonight we will join the PTPI Tangier Chapter for dinner. Overnight at the El Minzah Hotel in Tangier. **BLD**

**Day Ten: Saturday, October 17****Tangier**

Today’s tour will begin in old town medina with a visit to the casbah and Hughes Point where from a terrace you will view snake charmers and overlook the Strait of Gibraltar. A labyrinthine of roads and alleyways will take you through the medina—an area that includes the Le Petit Succo, Berber markets, craftsmen and the souk. Bordering the medina, is the Grand Succo, St. Andrew's Church, the Old American Legation & Museum and the Mendoubia Gardens. Today’s lunch will offer traditional Moroccan cuisine and the entertainment of Andalusian and Berber musicians. You will enjoy a free afternoon and tonight’s farewell dinner is at El Minzah Hotel. **BLD**

Day Eleven: Sunday, October 18**Tangier / New York**

Transfer to Tangier International Airport for your flight back to New York via Casablanca. **B**

B—breakfast **L**—lunch **D**—dinner

The program itinerary is subject to possible changes without the opportunity to provide notice.