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**CLASSIC ESCAPES**

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DAYS 1–2/USA/CASABLANCA/RABAT
HOTEL LE DIWAN MGallery. (Meals Aloft; D)
Board your flight to Casablanca. Upon arrival, you’ll be met by your expert guide and driven to the Imperial city of Rabat, the capital of Morocco. Following a seafood lunch, you’ll visit a Kasbah constructed by the Almohads in the 12th century.

DAY 1/RABAT
HOTEL LE DIWAN MGallery. (BLD)
Send the day touring the charming city of Rabat. Visit the fortified Kasbah des Oudaias that surrounds the 17th-century Royal Palace and the beautiful Hassan II Mosque, one of the few mosques open to non-Muslim visitors. After lunch, head to the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, owned by the late French couturier Yves Saint Laurent, these lush gardens provide a wonderful haven from the bustle of Marrakech.

DAY 2/RABAT
RIAD MYRA. (BLD)
This morning, take a short drive to the Royal City of Meknes, a city whose splendor has remained largely unchanged for centuries. The city once had over fifty palaces, with almost eighteen miles of walls. The most impressive of these gates is Bab Mansour, renowned for its vivid green tiles. Within the ruins of the sultan’s palace, you can visit the extensive granaries, the Moulay Ismail Mausoleum, and a few horrifying examples of the Sultan’s dungeons. Continue to the Roman ruins of Volubilis, where you can see not only the major public monuments but also examples of residential quarters and how the city actually functioned. Arrive in Fez this evening.

DAY 3/FEZ
RIAD MYRA. (BLD)
Visit the great Kairouine Mosque and University, the oldest university in the world, and the 14th-century Medersa Bou Inania noted for its stucco Koranic scripture, intricately carved wood, and colorful tiles. Fez-el-Jedid is a thousand-year-old labyrinth of 300 mosques and 9,400 winding streets and alleyways. At Dar Batha museum you’ll see the finest examples of local art and crafts. Leave the old city to visit Merinides tombs which offer an excellent overview of the old city, Fes-el-Jeddif, and the Mellah.

DAY 4/FEZ/CASABLANCA
NOVOTEL CASABLANCA
Drive to Casablanca where you visit the amazing Hassan II Mosque, one of the few mosques open to non-Muslim visitors. After Angkor Wat and Mecca, it is the largest religious monument in the world and certainly one of the most impressive. Although the architecture is traditionally styled, the structure is actually home to today’s best technology.

DAY 5/CASABLANCA/MARRAKECH
RIAD PALAIS SEBBAN. (BLD)
Today’s drive is to the renowned city of Marrakech. Arrive into the “Red City” just in time to enjoy the main square, called Djemaa El Fna “Square of the Dead.” Enjoy Moroccan mint tea and explore the labyrinthine streets off the square. A menagerie of entertainers, including storytellers, fire eaters, snake charmers, acrobats, and jugglers can be enjoyed at the square, while at the souk, you can find whatever your heart desires, from spices and food, to carpets, ceramics, and many Moroccan artifacts.

DAY 6/MARRAKECH
RIAD PALAIS SEBBAN. (BL)
Following a morning at leisure, visit the 13th century Koutoubia Mosque, one of the largest in Africa. After lunch, head to the Maouripelle Gardens. Recently owned by the late French couturier Yves Saint Laurent, these lush gardens provide a wonderful haven from the bustle of Marrakech.

DAY 7/CASABLANCA/MARRAKECH
NOVOTEL CASABLANCA . (B,D)
Transfer by 4x4 vehicles to the High Atlas Mountains. The authentic guesthouse is situated on the hillside of the Toubkal Mountain, the highest peak in North Africa. Enjoy a walk, with several levels of difficulty suited for beginners and more advanced trekkers, and elect to either reach the Kasbah by a mule ride or on foot for those who like a challenge. Return to Marrakech in the late afternoon and join your group for a farewell dinner.

DAY 8/MARRAKECH/CASABLANCA/USA
NOVOTEL CASABLANCA.
Your flight to Casablanca and arriving home. After lunch, head to the Majorelle Gardens. Recently owned by the late French couturier Yves Saint Laurent, these lush gardens provide a wonderful haven from the bustle of Marrakech.

Your Journey Costs
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PRICES PER PERSON
$1,195 land only, double occupancy.
$1,999 single supplement, additional.
$1,595 international air from New York, including departure taxes & fuel surcharges. (Subject to change)

Your Journey Includes
• Superior accommodations as indicated.
• All meals as specified in the itinerary.
• Complimentary bottled water throughout.
• Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach throughout.
• Services of a highly-trained English-speaking guide.
• All applicable hotel tips and taxes, plus gratuities for baggage handling.
• All entry fees to visited monuments.
• Complimentary passport wallet and baggage tags.
• Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

Did you know ...
Traditionally the liver, not the heart, is considered to be the symbol of love in Morocco.

“…I stand in a portico hung with geranium-blue ipomeas … and look out on a land of mists and mysteries; a land of trailing silver veils through which domes and minarets, mighty towers and ramparts of flamed stone, hot palm groves and Atlas skies, peer and disappear at the will of the Atlantic cloud drifts.”

- Edith Wharton, Author, In Morocco

Tour summary
- Vibrant colors at Majorelle Gardens in Marrakech
- A formidable view of the Volubilis Ruins
- A plate of traditional chicken tagine

YOUR ITINERARY

AZIZIA CLASSIC: Casablanca, Rabat, Meknes, Fez, Marrakech

MARRAKECH LE DIWAN MGallery
RIAD PALAIS SEBBAN
MARRAKECH TOUBKAL/MARRAKECH
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