



Spartan Pathways Travel

Moroccan Discovery

from the Imperial Cities to the Sahara

February 5-18, 2027

14 days for \$7,679 total price from Detroit

(\$6,995 air & land inclusive plus \$684 airline taxes and fees)



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**A Special Small Group Tour
for Alumni and Friends of MSU**



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Dear Spartans,

Take part on this special 14-day journey through Morocco. From the imperial cities of Rabat, Fez, and Marrakech to the imposing High Atlas Mountains and the vast Sahara, explore Morocco's unique history and culture.

Visit three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Volubilis, with its impressive ancient Roman ruins; and Fez, Morocco's oldest imperial city, prized for its cultural, religious and educational institutions. Follow an ancient caravan route in the High Atlas mountains, see spectacular Todra Gorge and travel to Ait ben-Haddou, a fortified city and UNESCO World Heritage Site. A highlight will be your excursion to the towering sand dunes at Merzouga on the edge of the Sahara, followed by a camel ride to watch the sun set over this dramatic landscape. Spend three nights in alluring Marrakech before concluding your adventure in storied Casablanca. For those who wish to continue to explore more of Morocco, an optional 4 day/4 night post-tour extension to Tangier and Chefchaouen is available.

We are pleased to share this departure with alumni and friends from the University of Maryland. Space is limited to 24 guests and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Reserve today!

Sincerely,

Regina Cross
Director, Spartan Pathways Travel Program
MSU Alumni Office
888-697-2863

THE MSU RESERVATION FORM: MOROCCAN DISCOVERY

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 125 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$650 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour "Tangier with Chefchaouen" Extension: Please sign me/us up

Tour membership limited to 24 guests

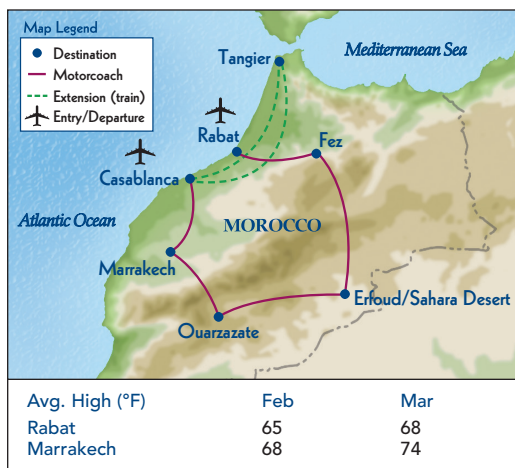
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This land of dramatic contrasts invites us to encounter its ancient ruins and sacred mosques, endless desert and storied mountains, imposing kasbahs and spirited souks. As we travel from the imperial cities of Rabat, Fez, and Marrakech to the High Atlas and vast Sahara, we open our eyes and hearts to an age-old culture steeped in warmth and hospitality.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Rabat, Morocco

Day 2: Arrive Rabat We arrive this afternoon in Rabat, where we have time to rest and refresh before enjoying a welcome dinner of traditional Moroccan fare at the acclaimed Dinarjat in Rabat's Old Town. *D*

Day 3: Rabat On today's tour, we visit the necropolis of Chellah, built on ancient Roman ruins, and the Mohammed VI contemporary art museum, and then have lunch in a private home. On tap this afternoon: the 12th-century *Kasbah* of the Oudaias, the peaceful Andalusian Gardens, and Rabat's *medina*, a UNESCO site. Tonight we have dinner together at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 4: Rabat/Wine Country/Volubilis/Fez Today, on the way to Fez, we stop first at Château Roslane, a sprawling 3,000-acre vineyard in the Moroccan countryside. We enjoy a tour, lunch, and a wine tasting early this afternoon, then head out to visit the ancient Roman ruins at the UNESCO site of Volubilis. Late this afternoon, we reach Fez and our elegant hotel overlooking the *medina*. *B,L,D*

Day 5: Fez Today we explore Morocco's oldest imperial city, considered the "Athens of Africa" for its wealth of cultural, educational, and religious institutions. We begin with a comfortable walk through the Fez *medina*, winding through the authentic handcraft streets on our way to the Al-Attarine Madrasa, whose highlight is a small courtyard showcasing intricately detailed tilework and carving decorations dating to the early 1300s. Continuing through the *medina*, we see the artisans' quarters; the 14th-century Koranic schools; and Al Karaouine, the medieval theological university. After lunch in the *medina*, we see the Dar Batha Museum of Islamic Arts, set in a 19th-century palace; the Blue Gate, the most picturesque of all the Old City's historic gates; and the authentic food market. Our full-day of Fez touring concludes with a private dinner at an intimate family-run *riad*. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Fez This morning, we tour the old *Mellah* (Jewish quarter), with its 17th-century synagogue. Then it's off to the traditional quarter to watch artisans craft

Physical Activity Level

3 **Moderate**

Walk 2-4 miles per day, often uphill, on uneven terrain, or cobblestones; occasional long walks from motorcoach drop-off to sights and hotels; mounting and dismounting camels for ride through sand dunes in the Sahara; several long days of travel via motorcoach

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Rabat		
2-3	Rabat	Tour Hassan Palace	Sup. First Class
4-6	Fez	Hotel Sahrai	Deluxe
7-8	Erfoud	Le Palais du Désert	First Class
9	Ouarzazate	Le Berbère Palace	Sup. First Class
10-12	Marrakech	Sofitel Marrakech	Deluxe
13	Casablanca	Le Casablanca Hotel	Deluxe
14	Depart Casablanca for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Cover photo: We travel the "Route of a Thousand Kasbahs" ancient caravan route during our journey.



We see the distinctive Koutoubia Mosque – Marrakech’s largest – on Day 11.

the acclaimed Fez pottery and ceramics. The afternoon is free for independent exploration. *B,D*

Day 7: Fez/Midelt/Erfoud We set out today for the mighty Sahara Desert. Along the way, we traverse the Middle Atlas mountains, cross the Ziz River, and pass fortified villages before reaching our *kasbah*-style hotel in Erfoud late in the day. *B,L,D*

Day 8: Erfoud/Rissani/Merzouga This morning we visit the city of Rissani, with its 18th-century *ksar*, a virtually impenetrable warren of alleys. We enjoy a tour highlight this afternoon as we set out on a sunset excursion to the breathtakingly beautiful sand dunes at Merzouga on the edge of the Sahara. We watch the sun set over the desert as we take a camel ride along the *erg*. Following this experience, we dine together in this desert setting before returning to our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Erfoud/Tinehir/Todra Gorge/Ouarzazate We drive today through the snow-topped High Atlas, enjoying one beautiful scene after another, including the village of Tinehir, a stunning mountain oasis rising on a series of palm-lined riverside terraces; and the 984-foot Todra Gorge, home to a variety of rare bird and plant species. Following lunch here, we visit El Kelaa des Mgouna, known for its roses, and then set out on the fabled “Route of a Thousand Kasbahs,” a region of fortresses with elaborately decorated façades. Late this afternoon, we reach the town of Ouarzazate and our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 10: Ouarzazate/Ait ben-Haddou/Marrakech En route to Marrakech today, we stop first at uninhabited Ait ben-Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of southern Morocco’s most scenic villages that is often used as a location for fashion and film shoots. Its old section consists of deep red *kasbahs*

packed together so tightly they appear to be a single unit. Then it’s on to Tizi N’Tichka and the Pass of the Pastures (alt. 7,415 feet), where life is much as it was centuries ago: shepherds bring their flocks to the high pastures every summer, then return to their villages in autumn. We arrive in Marrakech late this afternoon. *B,L,D*

Post-Tour Extension

February 18-22, 2027

Tangier with Chefchaouen

4 days/4 nights for \$2,195 total price

Single Supplement: \$895

Discover two of Morocco’s most alluring destinations: Tangier, the “Gateway to Africa”; and the blue city of Chefchaouen.

Post-Tour Extension Price Includes

- Round-trip high-speed rail transportation Casablanca/Tangier
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 3 nights in Tangier at the Fairmont Tazi Palace (Deluxe); 1 night in Casablanca at Le Casablanca Hotel (Deluxe)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including Tangier’s lively *medina* and Kasbah, Villa Harris art museum, the American Legation, and Cape Spartel lighthouse, plus a full day amid the blue-hued *medinas* and *souks* of Chefchaouen
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



IN THE DESERT,
I AM REMINDED
OF THE VASTNESS AND
POWER OF THE UNIVERSE.”

– ISABELLE EBERHARDT

Day 11: Marrakech We begin our Marrakech touring with a horse-drawn carriage ride along the city’s earthen walls, stopping to visit the Koutoubia Mosque with its distinctive 282-foot minaret. This afternoon, we explore Majorelle Gardens, a private botanical garden known for its native birds and cobalt blue accents. Directly adjacent to the gardens is the Yves St. Laurent Museum, where we see a collection of the designer’s haute couture and design works. Our final stop is Djemaa el Fna Square, a UNESCO site and the heart of Marrakech, crowded with snake charmers, entertainers, and storytellers. *B,L*

Day 12: Marrakech Today’s first stop: Bab Agnaou, the city’s oldest gate, which dates to the 12th century. Then we set off to interact with local artisans at a variety of *souks* in the *medina*. We visit with yarn dyers and iron workers, herbalists and wood carvers, painters and lantern makers – all using tools and methods passed down through the generations. We are at leisure this afternoon and enjoy dinner together tonight at a restaurant in Marrakech’s Old Town. *B,D*

Day 13: Marrakech/Casablanca We leave Marrakech this morning by coach for Casablanca, Morocco’s largest and most cosmopolitan city. After a brief orientation tour of the city, we visit the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, Morocco’s only functioning mosque open to non-Muslims. Tonight, we gather for a farewell dinner to celebrate our Moroccan adventure. *B,D*



Chefchaouen medina

Day 14: Depart for U.S. After breakfast this morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S. *B*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 31 meals: 12 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 11 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



We ride camels in the Sahara on Day 8.

Tour Departs: February 5, 2027

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	\$7,279
Chicago, Washington, DC	\$7,579
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia	\$7,679
Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	\$7,779
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$6,295

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$684, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,795. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$4,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,995 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

Please contact Odysseys Unlimited for information on our new Flexible Travel program, which allows you to arrive on tour up to three days before your tour begins and/or extend your stay after touring ends.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure on-line portal, My Odyssey.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 125 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 124-95 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 124 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Insurance: We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be included with your email confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Office.

Responsibility: The liability of the MSU Alumni Office, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The MSU Alumni Office and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the MSU Alumni Office and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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