

Arts in Action in the Middle East (Morocco Field Study)
Preliminary Itinerary
July 16-27

(all times are approximate and tour stops subject to change)

July 16

8:00pm Depart NYC-JFK Airport for Casablanca via Royal Air Maroc/Delta Airlines

July 17

By 12:00 noon Arrive Casablanca airport. Guide meets the group, escorts them to the bus.

2:00 p.m. Depart Casablanca for Rabat. (2 hour drive) Orientation to trip agenda and objectives on the bus.

6:00 p.m. Arrive at hotel in Rabat / Settle in

9:00 p.m. Dinner for those interested

July 18

9:00 a.m. AMIDEAST welcome and intro

9:30 Suggested Lecture: Moroccan Art and Architecture

11:30 a.m. Guided tour of important sites of Rabat (late lunch along the way)

6:00 p.m. Return to hotel

8:00 p.m. Dinner and wandering the Medina for those interested

July 19

9:00 am Suggested Lecture: Islam and Morocco: Heritage, History and Monuments (possible meeting/lecture with UNESCO)

11:00 am Board bus for Fes (lunch along the way)

1:00 pm Volubulus

4:00 pm Moulay Idriss

7:00 pm Arrive Fes, settle into the hotel

9:00 p.m. Dinner for those interested

July 20

9:30 Suggested Lecture: Art and Architecture of Fes

1:30 p.m. Return to hotel. Lunch out.

3:30 p.m. Guided architectural tour of Fes

6:30 pm. Return to hotel

9:00 p.m. Dinner in Ryad in Fes with traditional sacred music

July 21

9:00 Suggested lecture: Pottery and handicrafts of Morocco

11:00 Free time to wander the Medina of Fes

1:00 p.m. Lunch

3:00 p.m. Guided tour of pottery works and tanneries of Fes

7:00 p.m. Return to hotel

8:00 p.m. Dinner for those interested

July 22

9:00 a.m. Depart Fez, stopping in Meknes to see carpet weaving and other handicrafts, lunch in Meknes, as well as tour of the old city

4:00 p.m. check into Rabat hotel

5:00 p.m. Free-time for shopping in Rabat (Rue de consuls)

9:00 p.m. Traditional Moroccan dinner in the Rabat medina

July 23

8:00 a.m. Depart for Marrakech
1:00 p.m. Arrive at hotel
1:30 p.m. Lunch/settling in
3:30 p.m. Suggested lecture: Berber History and Art
6:00 p.m. Brief walking tour of Marrakech souks
8:00 p.m. Dinner for those interested

July 24

9:00 a.m. Suggested lecture: Art and Architecture of Marrakech
11:00 am Guided walking tour of Marrakech (includes Saidin tombs) and visits to various
handicraft producers at work. Lunch along the way
6:00 p.m. Return to hotel
8:00 pm Dinner for those interested

July 25

9:00 a.m. Suggested lecture: Popular Culture and Music of Morocco
1:00 p.m. Lunch
3:00 p.m. Outing to Jmaa al-F'na and then free time to explore Marrakech
7:00 p.m. Gnaoua music and dinner

July 26

6:00 a.m. Depart Marrakech for Casablanca
11:00 a.m. Arrive at Hassan II Mosque for tour
1:00 p.m. Lunch
Afternoon Free to shop
8:00 p.m. Dinner for those interested

July 27

8:00 a.m. Depart hotel for airport.
10:50 a.m. Flight departs for Madrid/JFK