PASSPORT TO FOLK ART: MOROCCO
A MAGICAL JOURNEY THROUGH TANGIER, CHEFCHAOUEN, FEZ, ATLAS MOUNTAINS & MARRAKECH
May 20 - 31, 2021

Your stays in extraordinary 4 and 5 star boutique hotels across Morocco, such as the Riad Kniza in Marrakech, Riad Dar Bensouuda in Fez, and Kasbah Bab Ourika in the Atlas Mountains offer charming gardens, secret corners and terraces to relax and recharge. Daring dinners like those at NUR in Fez (recently featured in the NY Times) where Chef Najat Kaanache applies avant-garde techniques to the cuisine of her ancestors, will alter your experience with Moroccan cuisine. You’ll also:

- Take in Tangier, Europe’s gateway to Africa and guardian of the Strait of Gibraltar, where the ghosts of former visitors such as Tennessee Williams and Matisse may greet you.
- Wander the “blue pearl” of the Rif Mountains, Chefchaouen, taking in the narrow, blue-lined lanes and intoxicating fragrance of orange blossoms.
- View imposing Roman ruins: the House of Orpheus, the Forum, the Triumphal Arch of Caracalla, and more in Volubilis.
- Walk the labyrinths of the ancient Fez Medina and Mellah (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), experiencing the aromas of sacred spices and foods, and bustling alleyways that overflow with beautiful Berber wares.
- Visit International Folk Art Market artist Amina Yabis and the women’s association she founded to see first hand how hand-woven buttons have provided economic opportunities for their community. You’ll also visit IFAM artist and master weaver Khadouj Boufi who founded the Hana Women’s Association. Inspired by Moroccan history, their gorgeous boucherite rugs are made using age old techniques while using discarded, up-cycled fabrics.
- Take an enchanting drive through the striking countryside of the Atlas Mountains to the dramatically different Moroccan desert. Pass through cedar forests to the Oued Gigou Valley to stay overnight, nestled in the High Atlas Mountains.
- Experience the mosques, palaces and lavish gardens of beautiful, bustling Marrakech.
- Meet other contemporary artists like jeweler Amina Agueznay who creates architecturally infused pieces using ancient techniques, and take a behind-the-scenes, private tour at the Musée d’Art Contemporain Africain Al Maaden!

Optional Add-On to Sahara Desert TBA!

INCLUDED
Airport transfers, accommodations, all meals, local beverages, tours/entrance fees, expert English speaking guides, local transport, gratuities, $500 tax deductible donation to IFAM (required to secure space)

NOT INCLUDED:
International flights, train ride if flying into Casablanca, travel insurance (required), spirits & specialty coffees, room service, personal expenses, optional activities, camera/video fees, fast track immigration

COST:
$8,790 per person (sharing);
$2,650 single supplement.
$1,500 non-refundable deposit due at booking

MAXIMUM 12 TRAVELERS:
Based on 10 travelers or a surcharge will apply

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