

Preliminary Schedule of Activities

American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) Delegation to Morocco

November 03 - 09, 2024

PLEASE NOTE:

- *Specific meetings and facility visits will be determined based on the goals and topics of discussion defined by the delegation leader and the organizing committee. Delegation members will be asked to complete a Professional profile and offer suggested topics of discussion. The final schedule of activities will reflect the composition of the delegation.*
- **Meetings are always Subject to change.**
- **Meals as per itinerary.**
- **On arrival at the airport at exit gate, please look for Citizen Ambassador signage.**

Delegation Leader: Dr. David H. Livingston

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24-HOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT

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DETAILED ITINERARY

Sunday, November 03, 2024

Arrive in Casablanca, MOROCCO

Delegates will arrive at **Casablanca International Airport**, Morocco, where you will be met and greeted by an airport representative outside the baggage claim area in the arrival hall. The representative, holding a sign with the Citizen Ambassador logo, will assist you with your transfer to the hotel. *(Official check-in time is 2:00 p.m.)*

Casablanca is a port city and commercial hub in western Morocco, situated along the Atlantic Ocean. The city's French colonial heritage is reflected in its downtown Mauresque architecture, blending Moorish design with European Art Deco. The iconic Hassan II Mosque, completed in 1993, stands partially over the water and features a 210-meter minaret equipped with lasers pointing towards Mecca.

In the evening, please meet in the hotel lobby for an **orientation and cultural briefing** led by your national guide. This session will provide essential information about the trip.

After the briefing, proceed to a group **dinner**.

Overnight: Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche, Casablanca

Meals: Dinner at Hotel

Monday, November 04, 2024

Casablanca – Rabat (1 hr drive) – Casablanca

This morning, meeting with officials from the **Ministry of Health and Social Protection**.

Visit to the **Faculty of Medicine in Rabat** (meeting with the Dean and members of the department of Surgery).

****Lunch is by individual arrangement (own expense).*

Guest Program

Explore the Mohamed VI Contemporary **Art Museum** and the **Archeological Museum**. Visit to **Bank Al Magrib Museum (If the time permits)**

Dinner will be served this evening.

Overnight: Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche, Casablanca

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner at Hotel

Tuesday, November 05, 2024

Rabat – Fez (2.5 hrs drive)

Morning city tour and cultural orientation to Rabat, including the **Kasbah district of Oudaia**, the **Royal Palace** and the **National Museum**.

Continue drive to **Fez**.

Dinner will be served this evening.

Overnight: Palais Ommeyad, Fez

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner at Hotel

Wednesday, November 06, 2024

Fez

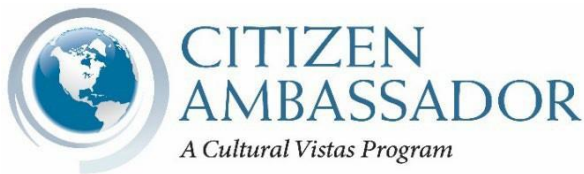
Morning, experience Fez, the most complete medieval city in the Arab world; Fez is a delight to explore. Set off on a walking tour of **Fez el Bali** (the old city) to discover its palaces, mosques and medersas. Discover the 14th-century **Bou Inania Madrasa**, characterized by its intricately carved stucco walls, arches, and cornices. See the **Nejjarine Fountain**, covered in exquisite mosaics, and the **Kairaouine Mosque**.

Afternoon, visit to the **Regional Hospital Center of Fez**.

****Lunch is by individual arrangement (own expense).*

Guest Program

Travel to the **Fez Medina**, the oldest part of the walled part of Fez. Walk along the ramparts to experience the panoramic views of Fez. Pass through the **old Jewish quarter, the Mellah**. Get lost in the sprawling **souks of Fez**, to discover bronze art craft, amazing pottery, followed by a visit to one of the many carpet bazaars (co-operatives). Local artisans weave the majority of the rugs in their homes throughout the country, then bring them to the co-operatives to be sold.



Dinner will be served this evening.

Overnight: Palais Ommeyad, Fez

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner at Hotel

Thursday, November 07, 2024

Fez – Marrakesh (5 hrs drive)

Morning drive to Marrakesh.

****Lunch is by individual arrangement (own expense).*

Dinner will be served this evening.

Overnight: Beldi Country Club, Marrakesh

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner at Hotel

Friday, November 08, 2024

Marrakesh

Morning delegates visit the Marrakech Hospital (Traumatology and Surgery Department).

Later, exploration of the **Ochre city**. Here you will find an ancient medina and a bountiful souk filled with the arts and crafts Morocco is famous for. Dive into an exploration of the city of Marrakech to see the splendid Koutoubia Mosque and the Saadian Tombs, the 14th-century **Ben Youssef Madrasa** and **Bahia Palace**.

In the afternoon, we will visit the “**artist’s studio**” in the Botanical Gardens, painted in the famous “Majorelle Blue”. End the visit in **Jmaa El Fna**; UNESCO world heritage, located at the entrance of the Medina, this triangular square, which is surrounded by restaurants, stands and public buildings, provides everyday commercial activities and various forms of entertainment. It is a meeting point for both the local population and people from elsewhere.

****Lunch is by individual arrangement (own expense).*

In the evening, enjoy the **farewell dinner** together this evening and have a chance to recap their experiences.

Overnight: Beldi Country Club, Marrakesh

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner at Outside Restaurant

Friday, November 09, 2024

Marrakesh – Departure/ Extension

Depart for the United States or Optional Cultural Extension.

HOTEL DETAILS

Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche, Casablanca (2 Nights)

Address: Rue Sidi Belyout, Casablanca 20000, Morocco

Phone: +212 5224-56200

Palais Ommeyad, Fez (2 Nights)

Address: Avenue Bab Guissa, Fez 30110, Morocco

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Beldi Country Club, Marrakesh (2 Nights)

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