

# Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

## **KINGDOM OF MOROCCO**

**March 19 to April 1, 2022**

**One world.** Discover the cultural, religious and geographical diversity of Morocco as we journey from Marrakech, where snake charmers and magicians still ply their ancient arts, to the seaside town of Essaouira, known for its fishermen's blue boats, and then on to the colorful capital city of Rabat with its historic edifices. **Capital ideas.** Wander the whitewashed kasbah in Morocco's capital city of Rabat and enjoy lunch and a lecture on the aftermath of the Arab Spring at the city's cross-cultural learning center. **Local lore.** Observe the ways of Berber tribesmen, take tea in a private home and navigate the bustling bazaar of medieval Fes amid its shoppers and merchants. **A night in the desert.** Travel by four-wheel-drive vehicle to the spectacular Sahara, where we watch the sun set over the towering dunes, then spend a night in a capacious, carpeted tent.

## **FACULTY LEADER**

### **Martha Crenshaw**

Martha Crenshaw is a senior fellow emerita at the Center for International Security and Cooperation and the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. Her primary areas of interest are international conflict, political violence and terrorism. From 2005 to 2017, Dr. Crenshaw was a lead investigator with the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and the Responses to Terrorism under the aegis of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In 2019 she affiliated with another DHS Center of Excellence, National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education (NCITE).

She continues to conduct research on the rise and expansion of violent Islamism in the Maghreb as well as in the Sahel region. On this trip, Dr. Crenshaw will lecture on how Morocco and other monarchies largely escaped the turmoil of the Arab Spring and on Morocco's relations with other countries in North Africa. She will also discuss the often-overlooked history of Moroccan nationalism and resistance to French colonialism. Finally, she will expand upon the country's role as an international ally and as a moderate force in the region today.

— Coauthor of *Countering Terrorism*; author of *Revolutionary Terrorism: The FLN in Algeria, 1954-1962* and *Explaining Terrorism: Causes, Processes and Consequences*

— Director, Mapping Militants Project

— Professor of political science by courtesy, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University, 2007-2019

— At Wesleyan University: professor of government, 1987-2007; chair, department of government, 1985-86, 1994-95, 1996-97; director of international studies, 1993-94

— Wesleyan University Award for Teaching Excellence, 1995

— International Studies Association Distinguished Scholar Award, 2016

— Corresponding fellow, British Academy

— BA, political science, Newcomb College of Tulane University; PhD, University of Virginia

## ITINERARY

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

MARRAKECH, MOROCCO

Arrive in Marrakech and gather this evening for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner in the heart of the Old City. LA MAISON ARABE (D)

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

MARRAKECH

Start the day with a trip to the 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque—an exemplar of Islamic architecture—and the late-19th-century Bahia Palace of grand vizier Ba Ahmed, an example of Moorish-Andalusian art. Also visit the nearby private Tiskiwin Museum of fine rural Moroccan and sub-Saharan crafts. After lunch in the New City, stroll through the garden of French Orientalist painter Jacques Majorelle and visit its museum of Berber culture. LA MAISON ARABE (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MARCH 21

MARRAKECH

Explore Marrakech's vast reed-covered souks and its quarters, where all types of crafts are still fashioned by hand (and foot!). Stop at the sumptuous Dar el Bacha, the palace of early 20th-century city overlord El Glaoui, with its museum on interreligious confluences as expressed in crafts and traditions. After an afternoon at leisure, gather for a cocktail reception at the famed hotel La Mamounia. LA MAISON ARABE (B,L)

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

MARRAKECH / ESSAOUIRA

Drive to the coastal city of Essaouira, noted for its lovely blue-and-white buildings, displaying both Moroccan and Portuguese influences, 18th-century ramparts and colorfully painted fishing boats, and for being the setting for much of Orson Welles's *Othello*. On the way, look for the area's infamous goats climbing up argan trees. Dine independently this evening back in Marrakech. LA MAISON ARABE (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

MARRAKECH / TOUBKAL NATIONAL PARK

Ride a mule through walnut tree–shaded, terraced fields at the base of 14,000-foot-high Mount Toubkal, North Africa's highest peak, to observe the ways of Berber tribesmen. Savor a tea break in a local home and a Berber lunch at the award-winning Kasbah du Toubkal eco-lodge. Return to Marrakech to attend a private dinner at the home of the president of the Marrakech Biennale, set amid the palm groves outside the city. LA MAISON ARABE (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

MARRAKECH / AGHMAT / OUARZAZATE

Head south to the archaeological site of Aghmat, the first capital of the 11th-century Berber Almoravid dynasty that founded Marrakech. After a light lunch, cross the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka pass to the UNESCO World Heritage site Ait Ben Haddou, an assembly of multi-story granaries often used as a background for films (*Gladiator*, *Game of Thrones*). Next we reach our destination for the evening, Ouarzazate, noted movie-making locale whose surroundings have been used in dozens of films, starting with *Lawrence of Arabia*. LE BERBÈRE PALACE (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

OUARZAZATE / DADÈS VALLEY / TODGHA GORGE / ARFOUD

Today follow the Kasbah Trail with its fortified residences made of adobe. Drive up the Dadès Valley, regarded as southern Morocco's most picturesque, with its variety of orchards and odd rock formations. Take an excursion to the dramatic Todgha Gorge, Morocco's "Grand Canyon," before settling in for the night in Arfoud. KASBAH HOTEL XALUCA (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

ARFOUD / TAFILALET OASIS / ERG CHEBBI

Travel south to the Tafilalet oasis—Morocco's largest—and admire the ruins of former caravan hub Sijilmasa. After lunch in Arfoud, board four-wheel-drive vehicles and head into the Sahara's Erg Chebbi, one of Morocco's great sand dune areas, rising more than 500 feet above the desert floor. Spend the night in a desert camp, ride a camel or clamber up the dunes to witness the sun set over the Sahara, followed by dinner and a bonfire at our overnight camp. GOLD SAND CAMP (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

ERG CHEBBI / MIDELT / IFRANE NATIONAL PARK / FES

Follow the palm-filled Ziz Valley and the stark, multihued expanses of the Eastern High Atlas range to the Berber enclave of Midelt for lunch. Take a detour into Ifrane National Park, known for its giant Atlas cedars, and try to spot a band of indigenous Barbary macaques before arriving this evening in Fes, the country's spiritual capital. HOTEL LES MERINIDES (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MARCH 28

FES

Walk the narrow alleys of Fes, considered the last true example of a typical medieval Arab town with its bustling bazaars, colorful tanners' quarters and fragrant spice market. Stop at the restored al-Attarine Medersa, a Muslim school; the mausoleum of city founder Idriss II; the 17th-century Nejjarine caravanserai, which now houses an exquisite museum of wood arts; the nearly 700-year-old Bou Inania Medersa; the famed Blue Gate; and pottery and zellige mosaic tile workshops. HOTEL LES MERINIDES (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

FES / VOLUBILIS / MEKNÈS

Venture west to Volubilis, Rome's commercial hub for the region dating from the 3rd century BCE, renowned for its numerous mosaics still in situ. Then travel south to the former imperial city of Meknès and its astounding granary, a UNESCO World Heritage site, built in the late 17th century by Sultan Moulay Ismail to feed the city's population and his 12,000(!) horses. Explore the cave at Domaine de la Zouina, one of the kingdom's prime wine producers, and enjoy a tasting of its finest crûs before returning to Fes. HOTEL LES MERINIDES (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

FES / RABAT

Drive to Rabat, the capital city of Morocco, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2012. Indulge in a seafood lunch by the crashing waves of the Atlantic, a leisurely walk through the whitewashed Kasbah des Oudaias and the Chellah fortress, and an afternoon stop at the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, considered to be the father of modern Morocco. VILLA MANDARINE (B,L)

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

RABAT / SALÉ

Cross the Bou Regreg river for a morning tour of Salé, a traditional residential town with a restored 14th-century medersa, a gem that many tourists overlook. Enjoy lunch and a lecture on post-Arab Spring developments at the Center for Cross Cultural Learning, situated inside Rabat's medina. Visit the archaeological museum and the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, the latter in a magnificent structure with neo-Moorish architecture, followed by a farewell Moroccan dinner. VILLA MANDARINE (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

RABAT / HOME

Transfer to the Rabat or Casablanca airports for flights home. (B)

## INFORMATION

### Covid-19 and Travel

With travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions changing weekly, travel protocols for specific destinations will be shared with confirmed travelers closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit our [Covid-19 Travel page](#).

### Size

This trip requires a minimum of 24 participants and is limited to 34. Travel/Study is committed to providing a low-density experience on all programs and will implement protocols to do so, including social distancing on transportation as well as during lectures, meals and excursions. Single accommodations are limited.

### Cost\*

\$8,995 per person, double occupancy

\$10,995 per person, single occupancy

\*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person

### Included

- 12 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations; 1 night of desert camping
- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches and 9 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

### Not Included

- Your personal flights to and from the program

- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

### **Air Arrangements**

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

### **What to Expect**

We consider this program to be moderately strenuous and at times physically demanding. Much of the walking takes place at ancient sites, where paths can be rocky and uneven. In some instances, steps are a necessary part of the tour and may not have handrails. Not all hotels on this program have elevators, and some rooms may only be reached by ascending a flight of stairs. Some days require early-morning starts, as we often have a full schedule. Our journey will require several hours of travel by motor coach, with some drives as long as eight hours including stops. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Eligibility**

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association, as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. A person traveling as a paid guest of a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit [alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership](http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership).

### **Deposits, Payments and Cancellations**

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due 120 days prior to program start. Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a \$500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to program start. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place is resold, in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

### **Insurance**

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage, under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be mailed with your

confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you postmark your insurance payment within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

**Responsibility**

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association nor Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

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