

Bob Martinez- IBM Retiree Club presents...

Colors of Morocco

with Optional 4-Night Northern Morocco: Chefchaouen & Tangier Pre Tour Extension

September 10 – 24, 2023



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15 Days • 24 Meals: 13 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 8 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Rabat, Fes, Sahara Desert Luxury Tented Camp, Camel Ride, Khamlia Music Village, Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou, High Atlas Mountains, Marrakech, Choice on Tour, Cooking Class, Casablanca, Hassan II Mosque

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Flower Town Hotel & Spa, Rabat
Days 4 – 6	Palais Sheherazade & Spa, Fes
Day 7	Kasbah Xaluca Erfoud Hotel , Erfoud
Days 8, 9	Sahara Desert Camp , Merzouga
Day 10	Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
Days 11 – 13	Es Saadi Hotel, Marrakesh
Day 14	Barcelo Anfa Casablanca , Casablanca

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, September 10, 2023 Overnight Flight On a captivating adventure through a land of centuries-old culture and customs, discover the “Land of Sunset” and “Gateway to Africa” – the place they call Morocco.

Day 2: Monday, September 11, 2023 Casablanca, Morocco - Rabat - Tour Begins Welcome to Morocco! After you land in Casablanca you will transfer to Rabat. Depending on your arrival flights, you may join your local Tour Manager on a vicinity walk to get acquainted with the area around your hotel in Rabat, your home for the next two days.

Day 3: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 Rabat Come to know Rabat on an in-depth tour* with a local guide who will share his knowledge of this city and its architectural gems. Visit the Chellah Necropolis, a walled town containing both Roman ruins and a medieval necropolis. Explore the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, the epitome of modern Moroccan design. The mausoleum’s ornate woodwork, marble, and bronze ornamentations make this a tomb truly fit for a king. See the Kasbah de Oudaia and its whitewashed buildings. Enjoy free time to explore on your own in the afternoon. At the end of your day, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Rabat - Fes Depart Rabat for Fes this morning. En route to Fes, stop at a winery estate for a tour, tasting and lunch. Explore the winery’s lovely grounds on a guided tour through the vineyard and cellar, taking in sweeping views of vines and tasting some of the vintages. End your tour with a lunch in the estate. Then continue on to Fes where you will spend the next three nights at your *riad*. (B, L)

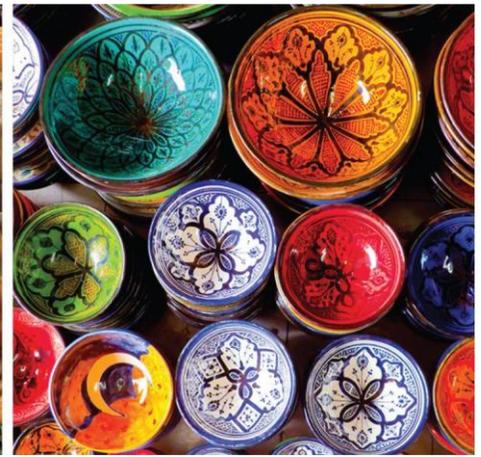
Day 5: Thursday, September 14, 2023 Fes Get ready to discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn about its history as a center of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion. Visit the Royal Palace and the Al-Qarawiyyin University, the oldest continuously-operating university in the world (UNESCO), admiring its high arches and Andalusian influences. On a walking tour of the 9th-century medina, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. (B, D)

Day 6: Friday, September 15, 2023 Fes Enjoy your day at leisure in Fes. Explore the city further, strolling through marketplaces or visiting a museum. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to Meknes and Volubilis. On this full-day tour, experience Meknes, one of four Imperial cities in Morocco where you will see the Bab Mansour gate. After an included lunch, travel to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its impressive and well-preserved Roman ruins. (B)

Day 7: Saturday, September 16, 2023 Fes - Midelt - Erfoud Cross some of Morocco’s most breathtaking desert landscapes on the way to the Sahara. En route, pause in Midelt to bask in majestic views of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Arrive in Erfoud, called “Door to the Desert,” and where many famous movies were filmed, including *The Prince of Persia* and *The Mummy*. (B, D)

Day 8: Sunday, September 17, 2023 Erfoud - Sahara Desert Enjoy your morning at leisure in Erfoud, taking in the peaceful desert landscape. Later in the day, visit a local date farm. Here, you will have the opportunity to interact with the farmer and learn about the process of farming in the desert. This evening, make your way into the Sahara Desert aboard adventurous 4x4 jeeps, before slowing your rhythm to a gentle bobbing gate as you traverse the dunes on camel back en route to your tented camp for a magical 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 9: Monday, September 18, 2023 Sahara Desert Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara in stunning hues of orange, yellow and red. Then, continue your day by traveling to the village of Khamlia. Meet with locals to have an eye-opening and meaningful discussion before experiencing traditional sub-Saharan *Gnawa* music.



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Continue on your desert expedition and meet a nomadic community where you'll learn more about this ancient way of living and how their traditions have changed. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the dunes. This evening, reflect on the serenity and beauty of the desert under a tapestry of twinkling stars. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 Sahara Desert - El Khorbate - Boumalne du Dades Return to the edge of the desert this morning and marvel as the sun illuminates the vast sands. Visit the fortified village of El Khorbat. Dating back to the 17th century, this village showcases Jewish and Muslim architecture and artifacts. Learn more about Berber culture while visiting the museum within the village. Later, arrive in Boumalne du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, D)

Day 11: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs," where turreted fortresses rise up like sandcastles along this ancient trading route. Arrive at the UNESCO site of the Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers that make the ksar a striking feat of Moroccan architecture. Before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech, continue along the Tizi n'Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains and several Berber villages. (B)

Day 12: Thursday, September 21, 2023 Marrakech Among the mosques and palaces, souks and riads, visit the ancient El Bahia

Palace, whose architecture is a distinct blend of both Islamic and Moroccan styles. Embark on a walking tour with a local guide, stopping at shops along the way, or perhaps walk into the Jemaa El Fna Square, Marrakech's main square. Then **it's your choice!** Visit the Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum, two iconic sites that showcase the beauty and ingenuity of Morocco's cultural heritage - **OR** - explore the Musée Yves Saint Laurent and discover how the colors and textures of Morocco inspired this iconic designer. (B, D)

Day 13: Friday, September 22, 2023 Marrakech Today experience an **Impact Moment** and join a local women's training center in an interactive cooking class. Head to *le jardin* to source your own herbs and vegetables and learn the secret to making the country's most celebrated dish: the tagine. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, perhaps you will join an optional horse-drawn carriage through Marrakech, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 14: Saturday, September 23, 2023 Marrakech - Casablanca Depart Marrakech for Casablanca this morning. Upon arrival in Casablanca, visit the largest functioning mosque in Africa, the Hassan II Mosque. Learn about the history and the significance of this mosque on a privately-led tour. Gaze upon the intricate, colorful artistry of ceramic tile and hand-carved stone of this architectural wonder. Then bid farewell to your Tour Manager and fellow travelers during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 15: Sunday, September 24, 2023 Casablanca - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close this morning. (B)

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1133734>

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Feb 11, 2023, valid on air inclusive packages only.
IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

The fully equipped Berber-style tents offer beds, linens, pillows, flush toilet, running water, shower and solar lighting to make for an authentic yet enjoyable stay in the desert.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Due to luggage size and weight restrictions, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in the Sahara. Your main luggage will be stored during this stay.

*The Rabat city tour may change due to Royal or Government official events.

Travel with just 16-24 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays. If traveling during the month of Ramadan, please note that the order of



some features may vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. Ramadan observances are from March 10-April 10, 2024.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 04, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 12, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until February 11, 2023.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1133734
 DEPARTURE DATE: September 10, 2023

TOUR: Colors of Morocco
 GROUP NAME: Bob Martinez- IBM Retiree Club

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Marrakech

Marrakech by Night

\$90 USD

Jemaa el Fna, the main square of Marrakech, comes alive at night. You will travel by carriage and experience it in a whole new light; smell the intoxicating culinary creations from the food stalls and listen to the rhythms of local musicians and entertainers. Later, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and toast to your evening in Marrakech.

Duration: Approximately 3 hours. Please note a minimum of 5 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Fes

Volubilis & Meknes with Local Moroccan Lunch

\$65 USD

Discover Morocco’s fascinating history on a full-day tour from Fes to Volubilis and Meknes. Travel to Meknes, one of four Imperial cities in Morocco where you will see the Bab Mansour gate, one of the best examples of Almohad architecture. Then head to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its impressive and well preserved Roman ruins, one of the most important Roman sites in North Africa. Enjoy a lunch with your fellow travelers at a local restaurant. *Duration: Approximately 7.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 6 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print EXACTLY as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Marrakech by Night	90.00
	Volubilis & Meknes with Local Moroccan Lunch	65.00

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.**

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times. Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: Business Class \$4,190

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. If Business class service has been purchased, it is for the international portion of the journey only.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$599 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "4-Night Northern Morocco: Chefchaouen & Tangier" () Yes () No

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour activities

() Jardin Majorelle (Majorelle Gardens)

() Yves Saint Laurent Museum

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette () Check () Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ _____ Deposit Amount: \$ _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card): _____

Cardholder Billing Address: Check if address is the same as above _____

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I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation policy, terms and conditions. See <http://www.gocollette.com/about-collette/terms-and-conditions> for full terms and conditions of your purchase.

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Optional 6 Days 4-Night Northern Morocco: Chefchaouen & Tangier Pre Tour Extension

Rate: \$1,299.00 USD per person, double, land only
6 Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel on your overnight flight to Casablanca, Morocco.

Day 2: Casablanca, Morocco

Arrive in Casablanca today! The best representation of modern Morocco, Casablanca's Moorish buildings meld French-colonial design with traditional Moroccan style. Get acquainted with this old pirate's lair at your centrally located hotel.

Day 3: Casablanca - Chefchaouen

Transfer to Chefchaouen today – the blue city situated in the Rif Mountains. A photographer's paradise, Chefchaouen's narrow steep cobbled streets and red walled Kasbah are a remarkable sight. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Chefchaouen - Akchour - Chefchaouen

Explore Chefchaouen with your Tour Manager today. See the 15th-century Kasbah and the town's Grand Mosque. Explore the narrow lanes and walk by the many handicraft shops where you can find the wool garments and woven blankets that are unique to this region. After your city tour, transfer to Akchour for lunch. Return to Chefchaouen for a free afternoon and night. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 5: Chefchaouen - Tetouan - Tangier

Say farewell to the blue city and head to Tangier today. Stop in Tetouan and learn about Spanish influence in Northern Morocco during a city tour that includes a visit to the old medina, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Arrive in Tangier in the early afternoon and get a glimpse of this port town before arriving at your hotel. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Tangier - Rabat

Start your day with a guided tour of Tangier, the main port city of Northern Morocco and the gateway between Europe and Africa. Visit the old town and the American Legation Museum for a better understanding of the diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Morocco. Then, travel like a local aboard a train to Rabat to join the main tour and continue your Moroccan adventure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means you feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestones streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs.