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Optional Marrakech PRE-TRIP: Highly recommended for first time visitors to Morocco

Discover the Magic of Marrakech

July 22 - 25, 2027



OVERVIEW

We invite you to join the Pre-Trip which is scheduled immediately before your Mystique of Morocco Total Solar Eclipse Expedition, July 25 - August 3, 2027.

Called the Pearl of the South or the "Pink City" for the ochre color of its walls. Marrakech is full of wonders which delight travelers.

Explore magnificent palaces, lush gardens, bustling souks, and the lively Jemaa el-Fnaa Square while experiencing the city's rich history and culture. Founded in 1070–72 by the Almoravids, Marrakesh remained a political, economic and cultural center for a long period. Its influence was felt throughout the western Muslim world, from North Africa to Andalusia. Enjoy the perfect blend of heritage, cuisine, and unforgettable local experiences in one of North Africa's most iconic destinations.

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PRE DAY 1 (Thu Jul 22) HOME TO MARRAKECH

Depart home on overnight flights to Marrakech, Morocco.

PRE DAY 2 (Fri Jul 23) ARRIVE MARRAKECH

Arrive Marrakech and join a group transfer or taxi on your own to our hotel. Check in and relax this morning. This afternoon, visit the beautiful Majorelle Garden, one of Marrakech's most iconic botanical attractions. Located just a short distance from your hotel, stroll through its tranquil pathways surrounded by exotic plants, vibrant cobalt-blue architecture, and peaceful water features while discovering its fascinating artistic heritage. The garden offers a perfect introduction to the charm and beauty of Marrakech in a serene setting. Welcome dinner. *Opera Plaza Marrakech Hotel or similar (2 nights).* D

PRE DAY 3 (Sat Jul 24) MARRAKECH

After breakfast, begin a guided tour of Marrakech, the first of Morocco's four imperial cities. Visit to the magnificent Bahia Palace, a masterpiece of Moroccan architecture featuring beautifully decorated courtyards and lush gardens. Continue on foot through the historic Mellah (Jewish Quarter) and the fragrant spice market, where colorful stalls showcase Morocco's rich culinary traditions and local crafts. Admire the iconic Koutoubia Mosque from the outside before concluding your morning in the lively Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, the vibrant heart of the medina. This afternoon is free to relax or explore more of Marrakech on your own. Traditional Moroccan dinner. B,D

PRE DAY 4 (Sun Jul 25) MARRAKECH - CASABLANCA

Today depart through the fertile agricultural flatlands of the Haouz Plain, a large sedimentary basin in central Morocco that surrounds the city of Marrakech and serves as an important agricultural and economic hub for the region. Enjoy a scenic drive past rolling green fields, historic kasbahs, and rural Moroccan villages to the iconic city of Casablanca. B



For reservations, phone Terri or Lori (800) 252-4910 or email: betchartTerri@gmail.com.

For costs and other details please see below. We hope you will be able to join us!

COSTS & CONDITIONS

Marrakech Pre-Trip Fee: \$1,995 per person (twin share), Single Occupancy \$2,590

Pre-Trip Fee Includes: Group airport arrival transfer; hotel accommodations 2 nights; meals as indicated; group entrance fees; sightseeing, leadership, administration.

Pre-Trip Fee Does Not Include: Air fare; independent arrival transfers; some meals; beverages at meals; personal items such as alcoholic beverages, laundry, phone calls, bottled water or soda, snacks; passport, personal insurance, tips to local guides and drivers.

Independent Transfers and Pre-Nights: We can arrange an additional hotel night(s) and individual transfers for you if you are not on the suggested group flight (cost \$tba). Request basis.

Cancellation: Deposit is refundable less \$250 per person until 270 days before departure (October 25, 2026) . Within 270 days of departure, payments are nonrefundable. Airfare is nonrefundable. Trip cancellation insurance will be offered.



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RESERVATIONS

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YES! I/We want to join the **Marrakech Pre-trip, July 22 - 25, 2027** offered by Betchart Expeditions Inc. Please reserve _____ space(s). As a deposit, I/we have enclosed a check for \$_____ (\$500 per person), payable to Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account.

Name _____ Age _____

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Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please reserve _____ double or _____ single accommodations.

Please mail to: **Marrakech Pre-Trip 2027**
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