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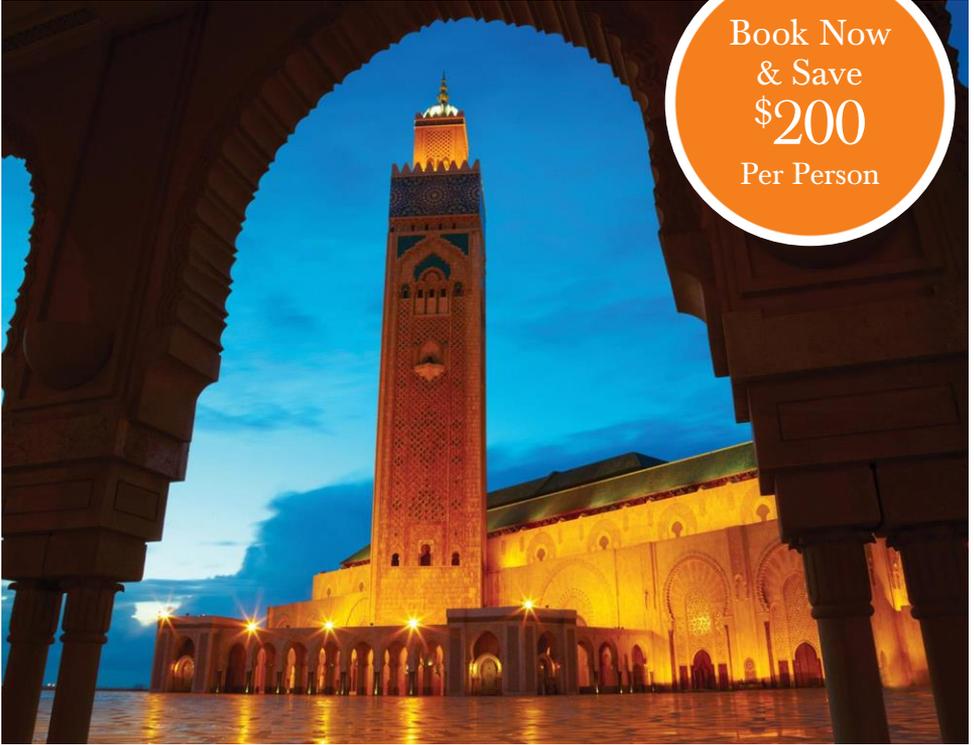
# Colors of Morocco

November 29 – December 9, 2020

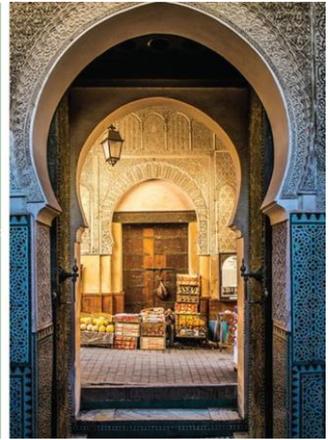
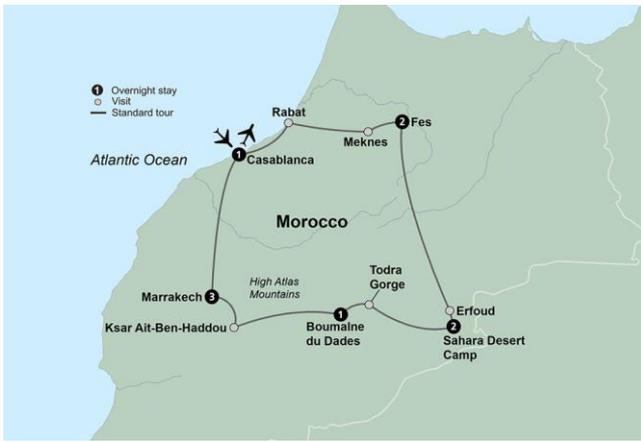
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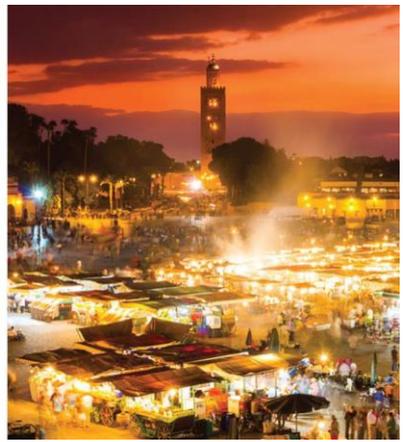
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**Explorations:** These small group tours give travelers access to the world in a truly authentic way. On these active, immersive journeys, travelers connect with the cultures of the world on a deeper, more meaningful level in ways that are hard to replicate. The group size is kept small, allowing these journeys to be the most active, engaging, and rewarding experience possible.



### Immerse Yourself

- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of ancient markets and medinas.
- Spend two nights at a tented camp in the Sahara Desert.
- Visit a desert oasis to meet a local farmer.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Explore Fes, one of the holiest Muslim cities in the world.
- Jump into a 4x4 and traverse the Sahara Desert to your tented camp.
- Board a camel and explore the desert.

### Culinary Inclusions

- Experience Moroccan hospitality during a festive dinner at your riad.
- Select your own ingredients before a culinary workshop at a local women's cooperative.

**Highlights:** Casablanca, Hassan II Mosque, Rabat, Meknes, Fes, Sahara Desert Luxury Tented Camp, Oasis Visit, Camel Ride, Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou, High Atlas Mountains, Marrakech, Choice on Tour, Cooking Class

**Day 1: Sunday, November 29, 2020**

**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, November 30, 2020**

**Casablanca, Morocco - Tour Begins**

Your journey begins in Casablanca. This evening, take in the aromas of coriander, allspice and ginger as you join your fellow travelers for a traditional Moroccan dinner. (D)

**Day 3: Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

**Casablanca - Rabat - Meknes - Fes**

Gaze upon the intricate, colorful

artistry of ceramic tile and hand-carved stone during a visit to the breathtaking Hassan II Mosque. Then we're off to Rabat, Morocco's capital, to visit 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. Then, it's on to the imperial city of Meknes (UNESCO World Heritage site), home of the ancient door, the Bab El Mansour, and the historic gate, the Bab El Khamis. Arrive at your *riad*, a traditional Moroccan building (and Arabic for



“garden”) just in time for dinner. (B, D)

**Day 4: Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

**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. Step back in time on an eye-opening tour featuring the centuries-old Medersa Bou Inania, the Jewish Quarter, city ramparts, and the palace gates. On a walking tour of the 9th-century medina, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. At the famous leather tanneries, watch as craftsmen tan and dye leather among the honeycomb of colorful vats. (B)

**Day 5: Thursday, December 3, 2020**

**Fes - Midelt - Erfoud - Sahara Desert** 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, the “Door to the Desert,” and make your way by 4x4 jeep to your luxurious tented camp for a magical 2-night stay in the Sahara Desert. (B, D)

**Day 6: Friday, December 4, 2020**

**Sahara Desert Expedition** Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara in stunning hues of orange, yellow and red. Begin your day by traveling to a desert oasis. Meet a local farmer to discuss the challenges of survival in the desert before traveling to a village to experience traditional North African *Gnawa* music. Continue on your desert expedition and meet a nomadic community that travels across the desert with the changing seasons. 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 7: Saturday, December 5, 2020**

**Sahara Desert - Todra Gorge - Boumalne du Dades** Return to the edge of the desert via camel and marvel at the sunrise as it illuminates the sands. In the new light of day, begin the journey to Todra Gorge,\* one of the most spectacular canyons in the world. Arrive in Morocco’s “Grand Canyon,” Boumalne du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge’s river valleys, palmeries



and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, D)

**Day 8: Sunday, December 6, 2020**  
**Boumalne du Dades - Ksar of 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. Make a stop at a local argan oil cooperative on the drive through the Valley of Roses. 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, before arriving in the ancient city of Marrakech. (B)

**Day 9: Monday, December 7, 2020**

**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. See the

vibrant Jewish Mellah and the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Pass the Royal Palace on a tour of the ancient city wall. 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)

**Day 10: Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

**Marrakech** Today, join a local women’s cooperative 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. Tonight, an unforgettable dining experience awaits you behind the doors of an opulent palace. Over dinner with new friends, toast the end of your Moroccan journey. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Wednesday, December 9, 2020**  
**Marrakech - Casablanca - Tour Ends**

Board your transfer to Casablanca this morning to connect with your flight home. (B)

## Itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Barcelo Anfa Casablanca , Casablanca
Days 3, 4	Riad Yacout , Fez
Days 5, 6	Xaluca Luxe Bivoaucs Belle Etoile, Merzouga
Day 7	Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
Days 8 – 10	Es Saadi Hotel, Marrakesh

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

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## Experience It! Sahara Desert

Covering over 3 million square miles of northern Africa, the Sahara is said to encompass a staggering 10% of the African continent. It is often referred to as the world's largest desert, but it is actually the largest “hot” desert, losing its overall status to Antarctica. Scientists believe that the Sahara Desert has been inhabited since 6000 B.C. The Egyptians, Phoenicians, Greeks and Europeans are just some of its former residents. Today, the population is around 4 million and consists mainly of nomads who move from place to place as a result of the harsh conditions. Imagine daily life with an average temperature of 86°F. Temperatures can regularly exceed 122°F during the hottest months of the year. Over time, the wind, heat and dry weather has created a tapestry of stunning landscapes that include sand dunes, sand seas (called ergs), barren stone plateaus, gravel plains and salt flats.

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### Please Note:

#### 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](http://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.

Triple and child rates are not available.

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

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.

\*The visit to Todra Gorge is weather dependent.

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.

***Travel with no more than 19 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.***

To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

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.

Return flights from Casablanca should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. Due to flight schedules, a post-night may be required in Casablanca (at an additional cost).

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

**A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of April 16, 2020 are based upon availability. Final payment due by September 23, 2020. Deposits are refundable up until April 23, 2020.**

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† Full credit is valid for your next tour when travel is completed within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months. Credit expires 24 months after the original trip.

For more information visit

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TOUR: Colors of Morocco  
GROUP NAME: Plaza Travel Center

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### 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.

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

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### Marrakech

#### **Marrakech by Night – Day 8, Sunday, December 6, 2020**

**\$95 USD**

Jemaa el Fna, the main square and market of Marrakech, comes alive at night. Your senses will tingle as you walk through the square on a guided tour – smell the intoxicating culinary creations from the food stalls and listen to the rhythms of local musicians and entertainers. Storytellers often have crowds around them listening to ancient tales passed down from generations. Enjoy time on your own to explore the square. Perhaps you will visit one of the local fortune tellers to have your future told to you or listen to the hypnotic tunes of the snake charmers. Later, enjoy a traditional dinner at a local restaurant off of the square and toast to your evening in Marrakech. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 5 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

**For Reservations Contact:** Jean Gagnon (518)785-3338 email: jean@plazatravel.net  
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**YOUR INFORMATION:**

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

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First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** ( ) Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$399 ( ) 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.)

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

Please Choose One:

( ) Jardin Majorelle (Majorelle Gardens)

( ) Yves Saint Laurent Museum

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Plaza Travel Center ( ) Check ( ) Credit Card

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✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Marrakech by Night - Day 9, Monday, December 7, 2020	95.00

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