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Morocco

From the Desert to the Sea

October 6-20, 2022 (15 days | 16 guests)
with Professor Emerita Dana Strand



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Dana Strand is Andrew W. Mellon Professor of French and the Humanities Emerita at Carleton College, where she taught

courses on 20th- and 21st-century French and Francophone literature, with a special emphasis on North Africa. A member of the editorial board of the journal *Contemporary French Civilization*, she has published extensively on French and North African literature, culture, and film. The founding director of the European Studies concentration at Carleton, she also served on the Middle Eastern Studies Initiative. Dana has led student programs to Paris, southwestern France, Turkey, Egypt, and Morocco. In 2015, Dana and her husband, Steve, lectured on a Carleton-sponsored, small-ship cruise in the western Mediterranean; and they led Carleton tours of France and Spain in 2017 and 2019.

"I thought the lectures that were offered by the faculty and experts were very informative and thought provoking. They made me want to learn more about the various subjects they covered."

- Margaret, DC

Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

I hope you will join us for a unique exploration of the history and culture of Morocco through its architecture, art, and natural surroundings in the company of Carleton Professor Emerita Dana Strand, a professional national guide/tour manager, and a small group of fellow Carls.

We will travel through the magnificent landscapes that helped form the country's ancient and modern cultures, from the wild Atlantic coast to the High Atlas Mountains, dense cedar forests, and vast Sahara Desert. It is a land of extraordinary contrasts, and on this custom-designed itinerary we will visit all of the country's best-known historic sites, including six that are inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Notably, Marrakech, one of Morocco's most iconic cities (and where we will spend four nights), was designated the first ever "African Capital of Culture" for 2020, thanks to its architectural, artistic, and cultural legacy. During the tour, Professor Strand will offer several talks on topics such as cultural diversity in Morocco, North African literature, and French-Moroccan relations.

Highlights include:

- Visits to **all four of Morocco's Imperial Cities**: the vibrant medinas of 9th-century **Fes** and 11th-century **Marrakech**, the historic city of **Meknes**, and the stately modern capital and historic city of **Rabat**
- Strolls through **bustling casbahs, medinas, and souks**, as well as the **Jewish quarters** ("mellahs") of both Fes and Marrakech
- Several fascinating museums, including Marrakech's **Dar Tiskwin Museum**, exhibiting fine crafts from rural Morocco and sub-Saharan Africa, and the exquisite **Museum of Berber Culture** in Marrakech's exotic **Jardin Majorelle**
- Scenic excursions into the mountains and the desert, including a **drive across the Atlas ranges** from Fes to the edge of the Sahara, taking four-wheel-drive vehicles to the great **Erg Chebbi Dunes**, and a drive over the spectacular **Tizi-n-Tichka Pass**
- A choice of optional excursions (additional cost) either to visit **Essaouira**, a former maritime fortress on the Atlantic that is now a contemporary art center, or to **tour local food markets** in old Marrakech to learn about spices and traditional foods
- Delicious Moroccan and Continental cuisine, including a special **dinner at a traditional villa in Salé**, with opportunities to dine independently in Rabat, Fes, and Marrakech; plus **carefully-chosen hotels** in each location
- An **excellent touring pace**, with four nights in Marrakech; three nights in Fes; two nights each in Rabat and Arfoud; and only two single-night hotel stays

This exclusive Carleton adventure is **limited to only 16 participants**, so I encourage you to reserve your space soon!

Sincerely,

Amy Bevilacqua '89
President, Carleton Alumni Council

Essaouira





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ITINERARY

Breakfast=(B), Lunch=(L), Dinner=(D)

Thursday, October 6, 2022: Depart Home

Depart the U.S. for Casablanca, Morocco.

Friday, October 7: Arrive Casablanca, Morocco | Transfer to hotel

Arrive today at Casablanca's Mohammed V International Airport (CMN), where you will be met for an individual or group transfer to our hotel. Those who are arriving in the morning may choose either to join a short afternoon tour by bus of the Ville Nouvelle to see the area's colonial planning and architecture, or to rest and spend the balance of the day at leisure. *Overnight at the 5-star [Hyatt Regency Casablanca](#).*

Saturday, October 8: Casablanca: Hassan II Mosque | Rabat walking tour | Welcome dinner

This morning we visit the Hassan II Mosque, the largest mosque in Africa, which showcases Moroccan artistry through its decoration with *zellige* (geometric mosaic tiles), marble, and hand-carved stone and wood. We then drive from Casablanca to the stately capital city of Rabat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch, take a leisurely walk through Rabat's whitewashed Oudaïa *casbah* (North African citadel), Andalusian Garden, and Oudaïa Gate, an example of Almohad Dynasty architecture. End the day with a stop at the 12th-century Hassan Tower and the mausoleum of modern Morocco's "father," Mohamed V. This evening we gather for a welcome dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Tour Hassan Palace](#) hotel for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 9: Rabat: Archaeological Museum & Chellah Fortress | Salé walking tour | Rabat

This morning we visit the country's sole archaeological museum, renowned for its prehistoric and Roman collections. Also stroll through the Chellah fortress,



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its lush gardens, Roman remains, and the 14th-century necropolis of the Merinid Dynasty. Across the Bou Regreg River from Rabat is Salé, an old walled city, where we have lunch before embarking on a walking tour that will include its restored, 14th-century *medersa* (religious college), a gem overlooked by mass tourism. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure in Rabat until we gather for a special Moroccan dinner at a beautiful villa in Salé. Return to our hotel in Rabat. (B,L,D)

Monday, October 10: Volubilis | Meknes | Fes

Depart Rabat this morning for the ruins of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with well-preserved mosaics that was Rome's commercial hub for northwestern Africa until the 3rd century A.D. Continue on to the Imperial City of Meknes, which 17th-century Sultan Moulay Ismail built as his capital, with lunch in a former palace upon arrival. Today Meknes is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and we will see the immense granary Ismail built to feed the city's population and his 12,000 horses in the event of up to a year-long siege; as well as the classically-decorated, 14th-century Bou Inania Medersa. Time-permitting, we will also view the exterior of the Mausoleum of Sidi ben Aïssa (closed to non-Muslims). Then we drive onward to the intellectual and spiritual capital (and UNESCO World Heritage Site) of Fes. Check-in to our 18-room, boutique hotel in the heart of the medina. Freshen up and then gather for dinner at the hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Palais Amani](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 11: Fes walking tour, part one

Take a morning walking tour through 9th-century Fes el-Bali ("Old Fes"), considered by scholars to be the last true example of a typical medieval Arab town. See the Cherratine Medersa, the finest artistic achievement of the 17th-century Alaouite Dynasty; the mausoleum to city founder Idriss II; the 17th-century Nejjarine caravansary, now an exquisite Museum of Wooden Arts and Crafts; and the area of the world's oldest functioning university, the Qaraouine. After a typical Fesi lunch at a converted home in the city, take a driving tour of the ramparts and enjoy some time at leisure. This evening, dinner is at the city's finest French restaurant. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 12: Fes walking tour, part two | PM at leisure

This morning we drive to the lush Jnan Sbil (Bou Jeloud Gardens) and see its medieval irrigation system. We then visit Fes el Jedid ("New Fes") for a stroll in the walled Jewish quarter ("Mellah"), where we will visit the restored, 17th-century Danan Synagogue. Also visit the ruins of the Merinid tombs for a panoramic view over the city. Lunch and the balance of the day are at leisure. If you prefer, this afternoon you may join us to visit a ceramics workshop to see traditional methods of creating pottery and mosaics. (B)

Thursday, October 13: Atlas Mountains | Arfoud

Depart Fes this morning for a long day of driving through fascinating, ever-changing landscapes as we cross the Atlas ranges all the way to the edge of the Sahara. We begin with the Middle Atlas and its last forests of the giant Mediterranean cedars, passing mountain station Ifrane, site of Africa's most esteemed international university, and stopping in the heart of the forest to look for the indigenous Barbary macaques (of Gibraltar fame). After a break for lunch in the Berber enclave of Midelt, we cross the wild, multi-hued expanses of the Eastern High Atlas, down the dramatic Ziz Valley, to the administrative center of Arfoud. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. *Overnight at the 5-star [Hôtel Palais du Désert](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Friday, October 14: Sijilmassa | Ksar Oulad Abd al Halim | Erg Chebbi Dunes | Sahara at sunset | Arfoud

Today we explore the Tafilalet Oasis, Morocco's largest oasis, and its ruins of Sijilmassa, Africa's once-immense "City of Gold." Continue on to visit the ruined 18th-century walled compound of Ksar Oulad Abd al Halim, where early Alaouite rulers kept their families. After a lunch of local Saharan specialties, we will take four-wheel-drive vehicles out to the great Erg Chebbi Dunes, rising 600 feet above the



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Photos: (from top) The ornamental door on the Mausoleum of Moulay Ismail, Meknes; the ruins at Volubilis; a mosaic found at Volubilis; Casablanca's Hassan II Mosque at sunset



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Hassan II Mosque, Casablanca



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Todgha River Gorge

desert floor, stopping en route at a vast fossil quarry. Scramble (or take a camel, if you prefer) up the dunes to witness the sunset over the Sahara, and then gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Saturday, October 15: Todgha River Gorge | Tinghir | Ouarzazate

Departing Arfoud this morning, we drive west along desert hills to the narrow, 1,000-foot-deep Todgha River Gorge, and then walk through the 16th-century adobe *casbah* of Tinghir. After lunch we drive to the international filming center of Ouarzazate, whose exotic surroundings were first used in the film *Lawrence of Arabia*. Dinner is at our hotel, which hosts most of the film crews. *Overnight at the 5-star [Le Berbere Palace](#)*. (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 16: Casbah of Aït ben Haddou | Marrakech city tour

Very early this morning we depart Ouarzazate and drive to the Aït ben Haddou *casbah*, a World Heritage Site and oft-used film backdrop (e.g. *Gladiator*). Continue driving north (about 3.5 hours), over the spectacular Tizi-n-Tichka Pass, with views over deep verdant vales and their adobe hamlets. Arrive in legendary Marrakech in time for lunch at our hotel, one of the city's finest boutique properties, located just inside the medina of Marrakech (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). Afterward, we explore the city's prime monuments: the 12th-century Koutoubia minaret, a masterpiece of Almohad Dynasty art; the Bahia Palace of vizier Ba Ahmed, a prime example of Moorish-Andalusian art that is spread over 20 acres; and the private Dar Tiskwin Museum, exhibiting fine crafts from rural Morocco and sub-Saharan Africa. Gather this evening for a superb Moroccan dinner in the heart of the medina. *Overnight at the 5-star [La Maison Arabe](#) for four nights*. (B,L,D)

Monday, October 17: Marrakech walking tour, part one

This morning is dedicated to exploring Marrakech's vast, reed-covered bazaars, where all types of crafts are still fashioned by hand. Two sites of special interest are the Souk des Teinturiers (wool-dyers), also known as Souk Sebbaghine; and the courtyard of the fascinating Zawiya (shrine) of holy man Sidi Bel-Abbes (patron saint of the blind). After a Continental lunch in the "new city," take a stroll in the Jardin Majorelle, the exotic, 12-acre garden created in the 1930s and restored by the late Yves St. Laurent, and visit its exquisite Museum of Berber Culture. Dinner is on your own this evening, for a chance to sample the city's array of excellent eateries. (B,L)

Tuesday, October 18: Marrakech walking tour, part two | Farewell dinner

Begin the day with a visit to the necropolis of the Saadians, the last window into the splendor of early 17th-century Moroccan interior art, with its finely sculpted plaster, cedar panels, and Carrera marble. Continue on to the Saadian Dynasty's ruined El Badi Palace. After a short stroll in the Jewish Mellah and lunch, we will visit one of the most sumptuous palaces of Marrakech, Dar El Bacha, a fine example of riad architecture that was built for the famous dignitary El Glaoui more than a century ago. We continue to the recently-opened (to the public) Le Jardin Secret, a 400-year-old complex that was rebuilt in the 19th century and preserves outstanding examples of Islamic art and architecture in its gardens and buildings. Return to our hotel, and gather this evening for a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 19: Marrakech at leisure OR optional excursion to Essaouira OR optional culinary tour in Marrakech

Today is at leisure in Marrakech for independent pursuits. Alternatively, you will have a chance to sign up for a choice of two optional excursions (at additional cost). You may either visit Essaouira, a former maritime fortress on the Atlantic that is now a contemporary art center and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or take a tour of local food markets in the old town of Marrakech to learn about spices and traditional foods before sampling some local specialties in the main square of Jemaa El Fna. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B)

Thursday, October 20: Fly home

Transfer as a group or individually this morning, times to be determined, to Marrakech Menara Airport (RAK) for flights homeward. (B)



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What to Expect

This program involves extensive walking, often on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails, with a couple of half-day excursions covering up to 3 miles apiece. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. At the time of our visit you can expect pleasant weather, with daytime temperatures ranging from the mid-70s F to the low 80s, and cool evenings in the 50s to 60s F. Accommodations have been selected to offer the ultimate experience of true Moroccan culture, ambiance, and hospitality. Sightseeing minivans and Land Rovers are air-conditioned, modern, and comfortable. Moroccan cuisine is reputed to be one of the most refined in the world, and we have selected restaurants that showcase its excellence and complexity, along with the best of Continental options. *Complete pre-departure details, such as what to take with you and more of what to expect, will be sent to participants.*

Flights & Transfers

Airfare to Casablanca's Mohammed V International Airport (CMN) and from Marrakech Menara Airport (RAK) is not included in the tour cost. Complimentary individual and/or group arrival and departure transfers (times TBD) are provided. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*



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Photos (from top): Hassan Tower, Rabat; Lamps at a Marrakech bazaar; the shore at Salé.



Photos: (from left) Merchandise at the market, Todgha River Gorge, Marrakech market

TOUR PRICES Per Person (13 nights)

Double Occupancy (14-16 participants)	\$7,695
Double Occupancy (12-13 participants)	\$7,995
Double Occupancy (10-11 participants)	\$8,295
Single Supplement (limited availability)	\$1,845

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.

With fewer than 10 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Prices Include

- Leadership of **Carleton Professor Emerita Dana Strand**; a professional **National Guide/Tour Manager**; and local guides where necessary
- **Accommodations for 13 nights** as indicated in 5-star hotels
- **Most meals, including breakfast daily, ten lunches and nine dinners** with mineral water, and wine or beer with dinners. **Welcome and farewell dinners** also include cocktails.
- **All sightseeing, entrance fees, and excursions** as indicated in the itinerary
- Surface transportation by **deluxe, air-conditioned minibus or motorcoach**, including bottled water and hand sanitizer
- **Individual and/or group airport arrival and departure transfers**
- Transportation via air-conditioned, 4-wheel-drive Land Rovers for Erg Chebbi Dunes excursion
- **All gratuities** to the National Guide/Tour Manager, local guides, National Driver, waitstaff for included meals, porters, and drivers on the Erg Chebbi excursion
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- Baggage handling
- **Complete pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide and packing suggestions

Prices Do Not Include: Any airfare; passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; meals or beverages not specified as included; excess baggage charges; personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; any activities not specified in the itinerary, and those indicated as “optional”; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, taxi, telephone, and fax charges, medical expenses, and room service.

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-Jay, Utah

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Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. 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Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future Alumni Adventures promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes. **ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Binding Arbitration Agreement.