

# Imperial Cities of Morocco

with

## The Pan Am Historical Foundation

September 22 - October 2, 2019

After a sold out departure this spring, we are delighted to be returning to Morocco in the Fall. The trip has been organized to start in Rabat on September 22, 2019. For those travelers attending the World Wings International Reunion in Stockholm, there is an Air France flight via Paris that departs Stockholm at 10:40am and arrives in Rabat at 5:15pm. The current online economy fare is \$195.

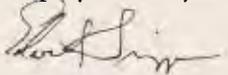
To travel in Morocco is to move from one era of history to the next surrounded by spectacular landscapes and a rich culture. Our journey begins in Rabat, whose status as the country's diplomatic center appropriately reflects the city's diverse cultural influences.

Visit Fez, Morocco's beating spiritual heart, where we weave through the maze of winding streets, narrow alleys, tiled archways and lively souks of the medieval walled medina.

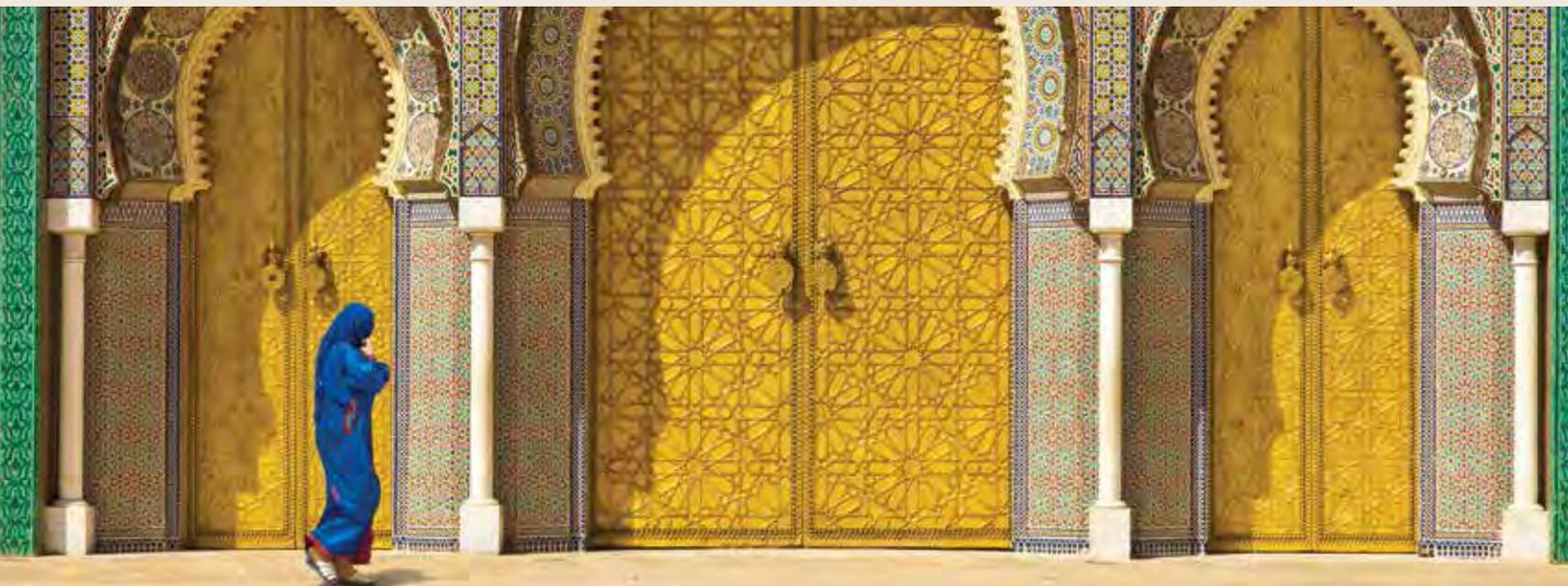
Explore Volubilis with its impressively-intact collection of magnificent ruins and exquisite mosaics before heading south to Morocco's soulful, enigmatic Sahara Desert. Spend a night here in a deluxe camp surrounded by towering sand dunes and the gentle gaze of thousands of glittering stars. Visit Ouarzazate, Morocco's cinematic capital where the majestic terrain of the Atlas Mountains provides the backdrop for its striking kasbahs. In these mountains discover the village-life of Morocco's original inhabitants, the Berbers whose lives have remained largely unaffected by modernization.

End the program in Marrakesh and let your senses run wild with the sounds, sights and smells of this ancient trading center and rich cultural treasure chest

I hope you will join us on this wonderful journey!



Edward Trippe  
Chairman, Pan Am Historical Foundation





## Day-by-Day Itinerary

### September 22: Sunday. Rabat D

For those attending World Wings Int'l reunion in Stockholm, take a 10:40am Air France flight that connects through Paris arriving in Rabat at 5:15pm.

This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner.

### September 23: Monday. Fez. B,L,D

Before departing for Fez, visit the semi-built **Hassan Tower of 1196** and the beautifully constructed **Mausoleum of King Hassan II and Prince Abdallah**, guarded by traditionally-clad soldiers. Stop at the ornate mausoleum of the “father” of modern Morocco, Mohamed V, set on the grounds of a ruined mosque, intended to have been the world’s largest in the 12th century.

Depart for Fez, stopping en-route for lunch at **Chateau Roslane** where the dining room overlooks acres of vineyards and fruit orchards. After lunch enjoy a private tour and tasting at Chateau Roslane, the main production facility of Celliersde Meknes.

After lunch, visit the Imperial City of **Meknes**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the 17th century capital offering a fusion of color, culture and history. Visit the magnificent mausoleum that entombs the great sultan, Moulay Ismail.

Continue to the vast ruins of **Volubilis**, Rome’s commercial capital for the region up until the 3rd century. In the fertile area that the ruined Roman city is located, it’s difficult to remember you’re



in Morocco and the ruins stand as a testament to an empire that changed the world forever.

Late afternoon arrival at the fabled city of **Fez**, Morocco’s 1,200-year-old capital. Check into the **Palais Amani**, an opulent riad, set in the medina.

Enjoy dinner tonight at the hotel

### September 24: Tuesday. Fez. B,L,D

Spend the day exploring 9th century Fez, a World Heritage Site and the only medieval Arab city that’s still absolutely intact. Wander the city’s labyrinth of narrow streets where you are surrounded by age-old traditions. View ancient **leather tanneries** and the **Al-Karaouine University and its mosque**, regarded as the oldest continuously used center of learning on earth. Explore **Nejjarine Square**, built in 18th century Andalusian-style, and its corresponding museum that displays traditional Moroccan woodwork. Stop at the **Madrassa Bou Inania**, an Islamic school founded in the 14th century.

End the morning with a private visit to the **Palais el Mokri**, a stunning example of traditional Moroccan artisanship.

Enjoy lunch set in the romantic remains of a crumbling riad, with mosaic floors, fountains and exotic foliage. After lunch, browse through **Coin Berbere**, bursting with antique pottery and rare or antique textiles.

Enjoy dinner this evening at a wonderful **local restaurant**.

### September 25: Wednesday. Fez. B,L

After breakfast meet photographer **Omar Chennafi** whose images have been featured in Time Magazine.

Continue on to a special visit at the **American Fondouk**, a unique nonprofit organization dedicated to the welfare of the hard working donkeys, mules, and horses of Morocco.

After lunch at Les Jardin des Biehn, enjoy the balance of the day at leisure.

Enjoy dinner at leisure.



### September 26: Thursday. Erfoud.

B,L,D

Depart Fez for a full day drive to **Erfoud**, the gateway to the Erg Chebbi, one of two large seas of sand dunes in Morocco.

En route travel through the cedar forests of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Stop at the small picturesque Berber town of **Sefrou** which is even older than Fez and was a major trading post for traders crossing from the Mediterranean to the Sahara. It has a small but interesting medina that was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2013. Meet with **Anima Yabis** with the Cherry Button coop which helps women play a part in the economic and political life of their community.

Enjoy a special lunch with a local family in **Midelt**.

Stop at the astounding Tafilalet Oasis of palm groves before arriving in Erfoud, an oasis town on the edge of the Sahara Desert.

Dinner and overnight at the **Ziz Palace**.

### September 27: Friday. Merzouga

B,L,D

The morning is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of the hotel including the refreshing swimming pool and the hammam.

Mid-morning, learn about the fossils in the area with a stop to Morabit Marbre which offers a good introduction to the fossils in the area.

Enjoy a traditional pizza lunch before stopping at the tomb of Moulay Ali Sherif, first founder of the Alaouite dynasty.

Then **4x4s** will take you into the highest dunes in Morocco – the towering **Erg Chebbi** to our camp for the night. You may opt to ride **camels** which have comfortable saddles and are led by a local Moroccan.

Upon arrival at the **Sahara Stars**, be swept up by a canopy of stars as you spend the night in comfortable desert tents with private facilities including shower and toilet.

### September 28: Saturday. Ouarzazate.

B,L,D

This morning return to Erfoud and transfer to the bus. Continue along a vast desert plateau where the fresh shade of palm trees follows the unlimited rocky landscapes to Ouarzazate, a magnificent mix of oasis, kasbahs and green valleys.

Stop for lunch in **Tinghir** then detour a little to admire the **Todra Gorge** which offers some of Morocco's most dramatic scenery.

Continue to Ouarzazate, the center of Morocco's film industry with two major film production studios, a film school, and a museum of cinema. End the day with a visit to **Atlas Studios**, the world's largest film studio in terms of acreage.

After checking in to the **Ibis Ouarzazate**, enjoy dinner at **Les Jardins**, a wonderful local restaurant.

### September 29: Sunday. Marrakesh.

B,L,D

Visit the **Ait Ben Haddou**, a beautiful ancient ksar where UNESCO has taken an interest in restoring small sections of the inner sanctum.

Continue traveling north this morning to **Marrakesh** over the **Tizi-N-Tichka** pass. The landscape is stunning as you pass by small villages that dot the side of the road, as well as those perched impossibly on the sides of the highest peaks.

Before arriving in Marrakesh, stop at the **Anima Gardens** to view the beautiful gardens and enjoy fresh produce from the gardens lunch over lunch at the garden's **Cafe Paul Bowles**.





After checking in to your Marrakesh hotel, end the day at the **Djemaa El-Fna**, Marrakesh’s main square and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. By mid-afternoon the square begins to fill with water-sellers with fringed hats, henna tattoo artists, monkeys and oboe-playing snake charmers.

Dinner at a local restaurant tonight.

**September 30: Monday. Marrakesh. B,L**

Begin the day learning about Marrakesh at the beautiful 12th century minaret of the **Koutoubia Mosque** – Marrakesh’s iconic landmark – visible for miles around.

Proceed to visit the **Bahia Palace**, a prime example of Moorish-Andalusian architecture.

End the morning at **Maison de la Photographie** with its extraordinary collection of 3,500 photographs about Morocco between 1870 and 1950. Sip mint tea at the Maison’s secret rooftop café which offers the highest, sweeping panoramic views of Marrakesh.

Enjoy lunch at Kamal Laftimi’s **Le Jardin**, a true magical oasis located within a beautifully renovated 16th century building. Visit **Norya Ayron**’s acclaimed Pop Up shop located on the premises.

Dinner at leisure.

**October 1: Tuesday: Marrakesh B,L,D**

This morning, visit Yves Saint Laurent’s garden called **Marjorelle**. Close by is the new **Yves Saint Laurent Museum** which houses thousands of articles of clothing and haute couture accessories.

For lunch we head to the palm groves just outside the city to **Jnane Tamsna**, a little paradise of tranquility and the private resort and home of Gary Martin, an ethno-botanist. Mr. Martin will give us a tour of his garden and talk about projects he spearheads as Director of the Global Diversity Foundation.

Afternoon at leisure for independent activities

Enjoy a private reception and farewell dinner this evening.

**October 2: Wednesday. Return. B**

Drive to the Marrakesh airport for your homebound flights.



## Pan Am Historical Foundation

The Pan Am Historical Foundation is an educational foundation that was established in 1992 with the mission of preserving and promoting the unique heritage of Pan American World Airways, Inc. Initiated by a small group of former Pan Am employees, the Foundation's mission has been to safeguard the Company's archives and important memorabilia and preserve the legacy of that once great airline.

From less than a dozen members at its beginnings, the Foundation's general membership has grown to include many hundreds of individuals, all dedicated to the goal of saving and sharing the Pan Am story for current and future generations.

The Foundation is excited to offer unique travel opportunities to its members. These programs have been carefully designed and revisit some of Pan Am's historical roots.

*Please note that participants must be in good physical condition and be able to walk for long distances over uneven cobblestones and up and down stairs without problems.*

## Program Costs and Inclusions

**Trip price:** \$5,290 per person based on double occupancy with a minimum of 20 travelers  
Single room supplement: \$1,580

**Trip price includes** hotel accommodation in hotels as listed, meals as listed with bottled water, a full educational program with all sightseeing and transportation as listed, and services of a local guide.

**Trip price does not include** international airfare, drinks with meals, trip insurance, gratuities to tour manager, guide, and driver, and personal items.

### To register for the program:

Enclose the application, along with a copy of your passport and a check for \$1000 (per traveler) made payable to Distant Horizons and mail to:

**Distant Horizons  
350 Elm Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90802**

For additional information, please contact  
Melissa Costa at 800-333-1240 or via email at  
[MelissaC@Distant-Horizons.com](mailto:MelissaC@Distant-Horizons.com).



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# Application

**WHEN YOU RETURN THIS APPLICATION,  
PLEASE INCLUDE A LEGIBLE PHOTOCOPY OF THE PHOTO & SIGNATURE PAGES OF YOUR PASSPORT.**  
*(Please print)*

## **PanAm Historical Foundation: Imperial Cities of Morocco**

**Trip Dates: September 22 - October 2, 2019**

Name Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Exactly as listed in your passport* (First) (Middle) (Last)

Preferred first name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your health \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any allergies or physical limitations \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any diet restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently under a doctor's care or taking any medications? If yes, please elaborate. \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency contact person, phone number, and relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Distant Horizons will do everything possible to satisfy requests to share a room for single tour members.  
On occasions when it is not possible, the single supplement will apply.

I want a single room (limited availability)       I will share a room with: \_\_\_\_\_

BED TYPE (not guaranteed):  One large bed       Two twins

I have read the terms and conditions and agree to abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Mail completed and signed application, passport copy, and a check for \$1000 (per traveler made payable to Distant Horizons to: Distant Horizons, 350 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802**

# Terms and Conditions

**Payments:** Registration requires a \$1000 per person deposit. Final payment is due by July 23, 2019 and must be paid by check.

**Tour Price Includes:** Educational Program of lectures and discussions, accommodations in hotels as outlined in the itinerary based on double occupancy, all meals listed with mineral water, chilled bottled water kept on the bus, sightseeing and excursions as listed including all special events and lectures, transportation in a deluxe, air conditioned motor coach, services of a Distant Horizons tour manager, and local guides. Tour cost is based on rates of currency exchange at time of printing (January 2019) and is subject to change with or without previous notice. If there is a price increase prior to the day of departure in the basic costs, such increases may be passed on to the participant. The minimum group size of this departure is 20 paying participants, should the number of participants fall below this number, a small group surcharge and/or revised staffing will apply.

**Tour Price Does Not Include:** International airfare, in-tour country airfare, passport fees, visa fees, luggage fees, meals not listed, gratuities to tour manager, local guides and drivers, additional drinks at meals, airport transfers if not arriving or departing with the group, trip cancellation, lost baggage, and medical insurance, items of a purely personal nature and any items not listed. Any increases in the in-tour airfare, security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program may be passed along to the travelers.

**Cancellations:** Distant Horizons and Pan Am Historical Foundation (PAHF) reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, and to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant at any time. Should this happen, refunds will be made without obligation, although we cannot be held responsible for any additional costs already incurred by participants. The tour price is based on a number of people traveling together. If bookings fall below the minimum required, passengers will be advised of additional costs for that departure date. If a participant cancels, the following refunds will be available upon written notice of cancellation to Distant Horizons:

Notice more than 60 days prior to departure: a refund less a \$500 cancellation charge.

Notice between 60 days and 30 days prior to departure: a refund less 50% of trip price.

No refund shall be issued if cancellation is received less than 30 days prior to departure date.

No refunds shall be issued after the tour has commenced. No refunds shall be issued for occasional missed meals, sightseeing tours or any unused services.

**Insurance:** We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for travel insurance will be mailed upon the receipt of the application and deposit. Distant Horizons does not accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

**Travel Advisories:** The State Department issues each country a travel advisory number with a ranking number of 1 to 4 with "1" being "exercise normal precaution: and "4" being "do not travel." Many factors go into determining this ranking and we recommend that you are familiar with the ranking currently assigned to the country/countries you plan to visit. A country without a US Embassy, (such as Iran) will automatically be assigned a "4" ranking. (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>). Please note, Morocco currently has a "1" ranking. If, after a traveler has signed up for a trip, the ranking of the country/countries being visited changes, Distant Horizons will alert the traveler. A change in ranking from lower to higher is not necessarily considered a reason for cancellation without penalty. Each case will be reviewed by Distant Horizons and PAHF to determine if the trip will be operated. If the decision is made to cancel the trip, all monies paid will be refunded in full. Neither Distant Horizons nor PAHF can be held responsible for costs already incurred for the trip.

**Responsibility:** Distant Horizons and PAHF act only in the capacity of agents for the hotels, airlines, bus companies, railroads, ship lines or owners or contractors providing accommodations, transportation or other services. As a result, all coupons, receipts or tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier. By acceptance of tour membership, the participant agrees that neither Distant Horizons nor PAHF nor any of their subsidiaries shall become liable or responsible for personal injury, damage to persons or property, loss, delay or irregularity caused by persons not controlled by it, such as (without limitation) airlines, bus and shipping companies, suppliers of accommodations or other services, or resulting from any acts of God, defects in vehicles, strikes, wars, whether declared or otherwise, civil disturbances, medical or customs regulations, acts of terrorism, epidemics or government restrictions. Distant Horizons and PAHF cannot be held responsible for unfavorable weather or closure of access routes due to bad weather conditions. Distant Horizons and PAHF cannot be held responsible if the tour lecturer or leader cancels, and passengers will be advised of a comparable replacement should time permit. Distant Horizons and PAHF are not responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the participant as a result of the above mentioned causes.