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AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAVELERS



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# MEET THE TEAM



**Lawrence McLean**

**CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT  
TRIP HOST**

Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since, he has led thousands from around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to the beautiful motherland, Africa, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa!



**Andrea McLean**

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER  
HOST ASSISTANT**

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style. She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around, there is always laughter.



**William McLean**

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER  
HOST ASSISTANT**


William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people, as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last forever.

**“Great things in business are never done by one person. They’re done by a team of people.”**


**– Steve Jobs**


# THE ITINERARY

**TUE, SEPTEMBER 10**

 **USA → MAR**

**ARRIVE IN CASABLANCA**

  
CASABLANCA HOTEL  
**3:00 PM CHECK IN**

  
**8:00 PM**  
BLACK & GOLD HOST DINNER

**WED, SEPTEMBER 11**

  
CASABLANCA HOTEL  
**9:00 AM CHECK OUT**

  
**TOUR OF CASABLANCA**  
**(LUNCH INCLUDED)**

**9:00 AM** DEPART FOR TOUR

**12:00 PM** DEPART FOR MARRAKECH (3 HOUR DRIVE)

  
MARRAKECH HOTEL  
**3:00 PM CHECK IN**

**THUR, SEPTEMBER 12**



**FREE TIME**

(For those who didn't book add-ons)

  
**HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE**  
**(For those who booked)**

**6:00 AM** DEPART FOR RIDE

**12:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

  
**TOUR OF MARRAKECH**

**1:00 PM** DEPART FOR TOUR

**5:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

## FRI, SEPTEMBER 13



MARRAKECH HOTEL

9:00 AM CHECK OUT/ DEPART FOR QUARZAZATE



### TOUR OF AIT BENHADOU & QUARZAZTE

12:00 PM ARRIVE START TOUR

5:00 PM CHECK INTO HOTEL

## SAT, SEPTEMBER 14



OUARZAZTE HOTEL

9:00 AM CHECK OUT/ DEPART FOR SKROURA



### TOUR OF KASHBAH AMREDYL

10:00 AM BEGIN TOUR

12:00 PM DEPART FOR MERZOUGA (5 HOUR DRIVE)



MERZOUGA HOTEL

5:00 PM CHECK IN

## SUN, SEPTEMBER 15



# FREE TIME

(For those who didn't book add-ons)



### ATV RIDE

(For those who booked)

9:00 AM DEPART FOR RIDE

11:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



### CELSETIAL STARS & TAHIRI FOSSIL MUSEUM

12:00 PM BEGIN TOUR

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

# THE ITINERARY

**MON, SEPTEMBER 16**



MERZOUGA HOTEL  
9:00 AM CHECK OUT



## DEPART FOR FEZ

9:00 AM DEPART FOR FEZ (7 HOUR DRIVE)

4:00 PM ARRIVE FEZ TRANSFER TO HOTEL

**TUE, SEPTEMBER 17**



## TOUR OF FEZ

9:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

3:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



# FREE TIME

(For those who didn't book add-ons)



## COOKING CLASS (For those who booked)

3:00 AM DEPART FOR CLASS

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

**WED, SEPTEMBER 18**



FEZ HOTEL  
9:00 AM CHECK OUT/ DEPART FOR CHEFHAOUEN (3HR DRI)



## TOUR OF CHEFCHAOUEN

12:00 PM BEGIN TOUR

3:00 PM DEPART FOR TANGIER (3 HR DRIVE)



TANGIER HOTEL  
6:00 PM CHECK IN



8:30PM  
FAREWELL DINNER

# THE ITINERARY

THUR, SEPTEMBER 19



## CHECK OUT / FLY HOME

**12:00 PM** CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

MONDAY, JULY 1



# THE EXTENSION

THUR, SEPTEMBER 19



**FREE DAY**

FRI, SEPTEMBER 20



TANGIER HOTEL

2:00 AM CHECK OUT/ TRANSFER TO AIRPORT



**DEPART FOR PORTUGAL**

**7:00 AM** DEPART FOR LISBON  
via flight no T1459

**6:10 AM** AARRIVE IN LISBON  
(1HR 50MIN LAYOVER)

**8:00 AM** DEPART FOR PORTUGAL  
flight No TP1930

**9:00 AM** ARRIVE IN PORTUGAL AND CHECK IN

SAT, SEPTEMBER 21



**DOURO VALLEY & WINE TASTING  
TOUR**

**9:00 AM** DEPART FOR TOUR

**5:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



# THE EXTENSION

**SUN, SEPTEMBER 22**



PORTUGAL HOTEL

**8:00 AM CHECK OUT/ TRANSFER TO HOTEL**



## FLY TO LISBON

**11:00 AM** DEPART FOR LISBON VIA flight No TP1927

**12:00 PM** ARRIVE IN LISBON/ BEGIN TOUR

**5:00 PM** CHECK INTO HOTEL

**MON, SEPTEMBER 23**



## TOUR OF SINTRA

**9:00 AM** DEPART FOR TOUR

**5:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

**TUE, SEPTEMBER 24**



PORTUGAL HOTEL

**12:00 PM CHECK OUT**



## CHECK OUT / FLY HOME

**12:00 PM** CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT



## **Casablanca**

Casablanca, known as the white city is the largest city in North Africa and is the economic and financial capital of Morocco. With a population of more than 4 million inhabitants, Casablanca is undoubtedly the biggest economic contributor in terms of household final consumption and of value creation. In fact, it stands out with its business center, its port and its university center which happen to be the most important ones in the Kingdom. Casablanca is also a go-to destination for business and leisure tourism thanks to its developed urban planning, its coastal climate and its strategic location, one must admit that it has the golden touch.



## **Marrakech**

Marrakech known as the Pearl of the South or the red city, is a city in Morocco at the foot of the Atlas Mountains. Located at the crossroads of the Sahara and the High Atlas, it is a home to nearly 1.5 million people, Marrakech is the 4th largest city in Morocco after Casablanca, Rabat and Fez. The city is divided into two distinct parts: the Medina or historic city (10 kilometers of enclosure) and the new city whose main districts are called: Guéliz and Hivernage. Between tradition and modernity, Marrakech is the promise of unequalled sensations. Strolling the Jemaa El-Fna square and the souks with their shimmering colours and oriental smells, the red city offers you a complete change of scenery.



## **Hot Air Balloon Ride**

Have you ever flown over Africa by hot air balloon? Hot Air Balloon Marrakech offers authentic and exotic hot air ballooning experience over amazing view of berber villages, desert oasis, deep valleys and front of High Atlas mountains. The different colours of the diversified landscape will leave you breathless. An activity not to be missed.



## **Ouarzazate**

The city of Ouarzazate, which has approximately 80,000 inhabitants, is the capital of the same named province and is located between the mountain ranges of the High Atlas at an altitude of 1,160 meters. This city was founded in 1928 as a small Berber settlement but grew, due to its fantastic location, to an important center of handicrafts and trade. Nowadays, this place is an essential traffic hub in southern Morocco and also very influential as a tourist center.



## **Benhaddou**

Ait Ben-Haddou is the most famous ksar in the Ounila Valley with your Morocco Tours, located in Ouarzazate. The ksar is a group of earthen buildings that are surrounded by high walls, reinforced by angle towers and a baffle gate. The ksar is a breathtaking place to visit, for its surrealistic architecture and its beautiful surroundings



## **Skoura**

Skoura, counted among the most beautiful oases in Morocco, presents you the perfect opportunity for some leisurely exploration. Fed by two seasonal rivers, this flourishing oasis has been blessed with abundant natural wealth. The impressive Amridil Kasbah, a citadel dating back to the 17th century, is a major attraction of this verdant region. Featured on the back of one of the nation's currency notes, this structure of magnificent proportions and exquisite design will leave you awestruck.



## ***Kashbah Amredyl***

Kasbah Amridil is a castle or a fortress of the 17th century, the family owner is Arabic, original from Saudi Arabia, the picture of the kasbah Amridil is on the bank-notes of 50 Dirhams



## ***Merzouga***

Merzouga, the small desert town in Morocco, is a real travel highlight and belongs to the fixed program of almost every round trip. This is the right place if you want to do a desert tour with camel trekking in Morocco, possibly also with an overnight stay in the desert! Because in this part of the country is the Sahara with the most spectacular sand dunes. The dunes of Merzouga, the so-called Erg Chebbi dunes, can be up to 180 meters high here



## ***ATV***

ATV riding is a great activity that has the potential to be fun for almost any individual. While it can be intimidating to new people, you will quickly pick it up and be excited to spend your free time riding, exploring, bonding with people, and getting good exercise.



## *Celestial Stairs*

The Celestial Staircase, built between 1980 and 1987, is the first sculpture in the series. It's a massive triangle-shaped stairway that stands 16 m in height. There are 56 steps in the piece, and the side walls shorten gradually until they form a vertical hole at the top. As a result, the structure takes on the appearance of a celestial observatory, with its steps connecting the earth and the sky.



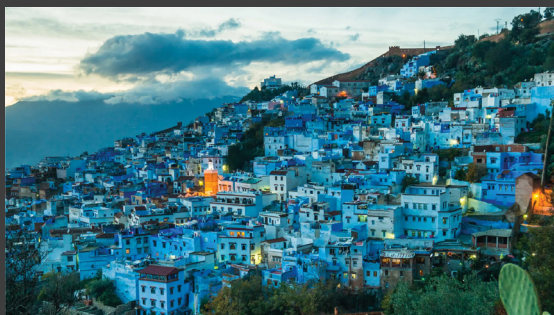
## *Tahiri Fossil Museum*

Midway between Erfoud and Rissani, this private museum is hard to miss—just look for the giant replica dinosaurs standing outside. Take a peek inside at the interesting, well-presented collection curated by Moroccan paleontologist Brahim Tahari; it includes fossils, bones, minerals, flints, crystals, and assorted oddities.



## *Fez*

In its heyday, Fez attracted scholars and philosophers, mathematicians and lawyers, astronomers and theologians. Craftsmen built them houses and palaces, kings endowed mosques and medersas (religious schools), and merchants offered exotic wares from the silk roads and sub-Saharan trade routes. Although Fez lost its influence at the beginning of the 19th century, it remains a supremely self-confident city whose cultural and spiritual lineage beguiles visitors. Something of the medieval remains in the world's largest car-free urban area: donkeys cart goods down the warren of alleyways, and while there are still ruinous pockets, government efforts to restore the city are showing results.



## *Chefchaouen*

Built on a mountainside, Chefchaouen is a city with a special vibes. Its unique charm gives an impression of unreality. With its blue-rinsed houses, the whole city seems to be bathed in azure. You walk around as if you were in a dream. More than just an ornament, the beautiful Chefchaouen brims with attractions. Its heritage is rich. The inescapable Medina with its famous narrow winding alleys, is an opportunity to mingle with the local population, and to smell and taste delights: from freshly baked bread, to skillfully prepared tagines. There is also the Kasbah which stands in the middle of the old quarter: its lush gardens, located in the center of the city, are a haven of freshness. Its museum which is home to a collection of old weapons, some photos of the city, and textiles, is a must-see.



## *Tangier*

In the north of Morocco, on the coasts of Tangier where the Mediterranean and Atlantic waters converge, you'll discover a unique city bearing a multicultural heritage. Stroll the streets of Tangier, they are lined with lime-coated houses. Just like Delacroix or Matisse did their upon arrival, let yourself be carried away by the dreamy atmosphere that covers the city. At the foot of the high walls of the "Kasbah", roam through the alleys of the great "Socco", and admire the fortress that dominates the medina. A little far away, explore the "Sultan's Palace" which is nowadays dedicated to the arts of Morocco. Tangier is also renowned for the Spanish influence on its culture, starting with the arena that stands on the "Plaza de Torros", not to mention the "Cervantes" theatre built in 1913.



## *Portugal*

Portugal, officially The Portuguese Republic, is a country in southern Europe, founded in 1143, occupying a total area of 92,212 km<sup>2</sup>. The mainland is located on the southwest of the Iberian Peninsula, bordering Spain to the north and east, and the Atlantic Ocean to the west and south.



## *Douro Valley*

An unforgettable hiking experience or road trip awaits in the Douro Valley, Portugal, 100km (60mi) east of Porto. Curious travellers come here for an immersive introduction to Portuguese viticulture, but can get so much more than an insight into port wine production.



## *Sintra*

Venice is unique environmentally, architecturally, and historically, and in its days as a republic the city was styled la serenissima (“the most serene” or “sublime”). It remains a major Italian port in the northern Adriatic Sea and is one of the world’s oldest tourist and cultural centres



## *Lisbon*

Often overlooked for its popular European cousins, Lisbon specializes in lulling tourists into its laid-back charm. Perched atop seven hills, its alleyways wind between colorful, centuries-old buildings. Fanciful St. George’s Castle peeks out to the skyline, lending an Old World-mystery to the burgeoning cosmopolitan city. And despite the modern sleek buildings that are slowly rising throughout the city, village life holds strong.

# ACCOMODATIONS



**SOFITEL CASABLANCA HOTEL**





# ACCOMODATIONS



SOFITEL MARRAKECH



# ACCOMODATIONS



OZ PALACE HOTEL



# ACCOMODATIONS



**MERZOUGA LUXURY DESERT CAMP**



# ACCOMODATIONS



**HOTEL SAHRAI**



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**MOVENPICK TANGIER**



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INTERCONTINENTAL LISBON

