

MOROCCO 2027

A MOROCCAN ADVENTURE THROUGH ANCIENT CITIES, VIBRANT CULTURE, AND SCENIC BEAUTY

AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAVELERS

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Lawrence McLean
Founder / CEO 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 then, 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 Africa to Ghana, 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
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
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.

THE ITINERARY

THURSDAY, JULY 22ND

USA → MOROCCO

3:00 PM CHECK IN
HYATT REGENCY CASABLANCA

8:00 PM
BLACK AND GOLD HOST DINNER

FRIDAY, JULY 23RD

CASABLANCA TOUR

8:30 AM
DEPART FOR TOUR

9:00 AM
HASSAN II MOSQUE

10:45 AM
- HABOUS QUARTER
- MOHAMMED V SQUARE
- UNITED NATIONS SQUARE
- ART DECO STREETS
- ROYAL PALACE EXTERIOR

12:45 PM
GROUP LUNCH IN CASABLANCA

CASABLANCA→MARRAKECH
(APPROX. 2 HRS 45 MINS – 3 HRS 15 MINS)

5:15 PM CHECK-IN
KENZI MENARA PALACE & RESORT

SATURDAY, JULY 24TH

MARRAKECH CITY TOUR

8:00 AM
- JARDIN MAJORELLE
- YVES SAINT LAURENT MUSEUM

10:30 AM
- BAHIA PALACE
- KOUTOUBIA MOSQUE
- HISTORIC MEDINA

12:30 PM
RETURN TO HOTEL

2:00 PM
HOTEL DOWNTIME

5:30 PM
- JEMAA EL-FNA
- SOUKS

8:30 PM
RETURN TO HOTEL

THE ITINERARY

SUNDAY, JULY 25TH

ESSAOUIRA COASTAL DAY TRIP

7:30 AM
DEPART FOR TOUR

10:30 AM
- ESSAOUIRA MEDINA
- SKALA DE LA VILLE RAMPARTS
- FISHING HARBOR
- ARTISAN LANES

1:00 PM
LUNCH BREAK

2:30 PM
FREE TIME

7:45 PM
RETURN TO HOTEL

MONDAY, JULY 26TH

5:00 AM
OPTIONAL HOT-AIR-BALLOON

10:30 AM
RETURN TO HOTEL

12:00 PM
MARRAKECH→RABAT
(APPROX. 5-5.5 HOURS TOTAL)

4:15 PM
- HASSAN TOWER
- MAUSOLEUM OF MOHAMMED V

5:45 PM
- KASBAH OF THE UDAYAS
- ANDALUSIAN GARDENS

7:30 PM CHECK-IN
STORY LE CARROUSEL RABAT.

TUESDAY. JULY 27TH

8:30 AM
- CHELLAH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE
- ROYAL PALACE

10:45 PM
RABAT→FES
(APPROX. 2 HOURS)

3:00 PM CHECK-IN
RAMADA BY WYNDHAM FES.

4:30 PM
OPTIONAL **COOKING CLASS**

THE ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28TH

FULL-DAY FES TOUR

8:00 AM
DEPART FOR TOUR

8:30AM
- PANORAMIC VIEWPOINT
- ROYAL PALACE GATE

9:45 AM
- BAB BOU JELOUD
- BOU INANIA
- NEJJARINE
- ARTISAN QUARTERS
- CHOUARA TANNERY VIEWPOINT

2:30 PM
- CERAMICS ARTISAN DEMONSTRATION
- WEAVING ARTISAN DEMONSTRATION
- LEATHER ARTISAN DEMONSTRATION

4:45 PM
RETURN TO HOTEL

7:30 PM
OPTIONAL MOROCCAN DANCE CLASS

THURSDAY, JULY 29TH

7:00 AM
FES→CHEFCHAOUEN
(APPROX. 3H30-4H)

11:00 AM
- CHEFCHAOUEN BLUE MEDINA
- OUTA EL HAMMAM SQUARE
- KASBAH
- RAS EL MAA

1:30 PM
LUNCH BREAK

3:15 PM
CHEFCHAOUEN→TANGIER
(APPROX. 2H-2H30)

5:30 PM CHECK-IN
EL MINZAH HOTEL

FRIDAY, JULY 30TH

TANGIER TOUR / FEAST OF THE THRONE

8:30 AM
DEPART FOR TOUR

9:00 AM
- CAP SPARTEL
- HERCULES CAVES

11:45 AM
IF OPEN
- TANGIER KASBAH
- TANGIER MEDINA
- GRAND SOCCO
- AMERICAN LEGATION

2:00 PM
RETURN TO HOTEL

8:00 PM
FAREWELL DINNER

THE ITINERARY

SATURDAY, JULY 31ST

12:00PM
CHECK OUT / FLY BACK HOME

THE EXTENSION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST

FREE DAY

MONDAY, AUGUST 2ND

WITNESS THE FULL SOLAR ECLIPSE IN TANGIER, MOROCCO

THE EXTENSION PORTUGAL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

FLY TO PORTUGAL

3:00 PM
CHECK IN
PORTO PALÁCIO HOTEL

8:00 PM
BLACK AND GOLD HOST DINNER

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4TH

PORTO CITY & PORT WINE EXPERIENCE

9:00 AM
DEPART FOR A PRIVATE PORTO AND VILA NOVA DE GAIA TOUR

- São Bento Railway Station and azulejo tile panels
- Porto Cathedral
- Historic center
- Ribeira waterfront
- Dom Luís I Bridge
- Clérigos area
- Livraria Lello exterior photo stop

2:00 PM
VILA NOVA DE GAIA

- PORT WINE CELLAR VISIT
- GUIDED PORT WINE TASTING

3:45 PM

- SIX BRIDGES CRUISE ON THE DOURO RIVER OR
- ADDITIONAL CELLAR/TASTING EXPERIENCE

5:30 PM
RETURN TO HOTEL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH

MORNING FREE TIME

12:00 PM
CHECK-OUT

PORTO → LISBON
(APPROX. 315 KM / 3 HR 15 MIN-3 HR 45 MIN)

3:30 PM CHECK-IN
SHERATON LISBOA HOTEL & SPA

6:00 PM
OPTIONAL
COOKING CLASS

10:30 PM
OPTIONAL NIGHTLIFE OUTING.

THE EXTENSION PORTUGAL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH

LISBON CITY TOUR

9:00 AM
DEPART FOR TOUR

- Belém Tower exterior and Monument
- Jerónimos Monastery exterior
- Pastéis de Belém tasting
- Praça do Comércio and Baixa

1:00 PM
GROUP LUNCH

2:00 PM
CENTRAL AND HILLSIDE LISBON

- Alfama viewpoints and historic lanes
- Rossio and Avenida da Liberdade
- Miradouro photo stop
- Optional brief Black history context integrated into the general city tour

5:00 PM
RETURN TO HOTEL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH

SINTRA, CABO DA ROCA & CASCAIS TOUR

8:00 AM
DEPART LISBON FOR SINTRA

9:00 AM

- PENA PALACE TIMED-ENTRY
- PANORAMIC GROUNDS

11:30 AM

- SINTRA HISTORIC CENTER
- QUINTA DA REGALEIRA

1:45 PM
GROUP LUNCH IN SINTRA

3:15 PM
DRIVE TO CABO DA ROCA

4:15 PM
CASCAIS

- WATERFRONT FREE TIME
- PHOTO STOPS

5:45 PM
RETURN TO LISBON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH

MORNING FREE TIME

12:00 PM
CHECK-OUT

LISBON→ LAGOS
(APPROX. 300 KM / 3 HR 15 MIN-3 HR 45 MIN)

3:30 PM CHECK-IN
HOTEL MARINA RIO

THE EXTENSION PORTUGAL

MONDAY, AUGUST 9TH



MORNING FREE TIME

1:00 PM
OPTIONAL PRIVATE YACHT OR CATAMARAN PARTY

5:00 PM
RETURN TO LAGOS MARINA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH



OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

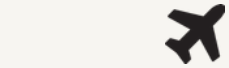
- Kayak/boat tour at Ponta da Piedade **or**
- Benagil/Marinha coast cruise

1:00 PM
OPTIONAL BEACH-CLUB AT A SELECTED ALGARVE VENUE



FAREWELL DINNER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11TH



CHECK OUT / FLY HOME



12:00 PM
CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

IN DEPTH



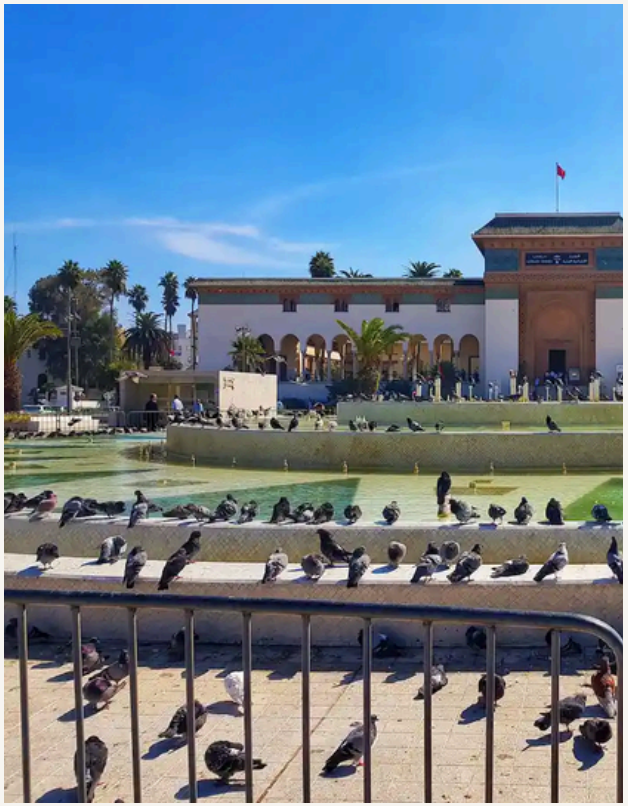
HASSAN II MOSQUE

One of Casablanca's most iconic landmarks and a remarkable example of Moroccan Islamic architecture. Built partly over the Atlantic Ocean, the mosque is known for its towering 200-meter minaret, intricate zellij tilework, carved wood, sculpted plaster, marble, and other traditional Moroccan craftsmanship. Its striking oceanfront setting and grand architecture make it one of Casablanca's most memorable cultural and architectural experiences



HABOUS QUARTER

The Habous Quarter, also known as Casablanca's New Medina, is a distinctive neighborhood built during the French Protectorate that combines traditional Moroccan architectural styles with modern urban planning. Its narrow streets, stone arcades, small squares, souks, and artisan shops offer opportunities to experience Moroccan crafts, traditional goods, and the everyday character of this historic Casablanca neighborhood.



MOHAMMED V SQUARE

Mohammed V Square is a central landmark in Casablanca and an important example of the city's blend of Moroccan and European architectural influences. The spacious square is surrounded by notable administrative buildings featuring Neo-Moorish and Art Deco elements, including the Prefecture, Palace of Justice, Central Post Office, and Bank Al-Maghrib. Its arcades, white façades, and central fountain make it a key stop for appreciating Casablanca's architecture and urban history



ART DECO STREETS

Casablanca’s Art Deco streets showcase the city’s distinctive 1920s and 1930s architectural heritage, particularly around the downtown area and Mohammed V Boulevard. The buildings combine geometric Art Deco forms with Moroccan and Neo-Moorish details such as zellige, stucco, arches, balconies, and decorative façades, reflecting Casablanca’s unique blend of European and Moroccan architectural influences.



ROYAL PALACE EXTERIOR

The Royal Palace of Casablanca is an official royal residence located in the Habous Quarter. Built in the 1920s, the palace features traditional Moroccan and Arab-Muslim architectural influences, with an imposing entrance and formal exterior grounds. The palace is not open to the public, so this stop is limited to viewing and photographing the exterior



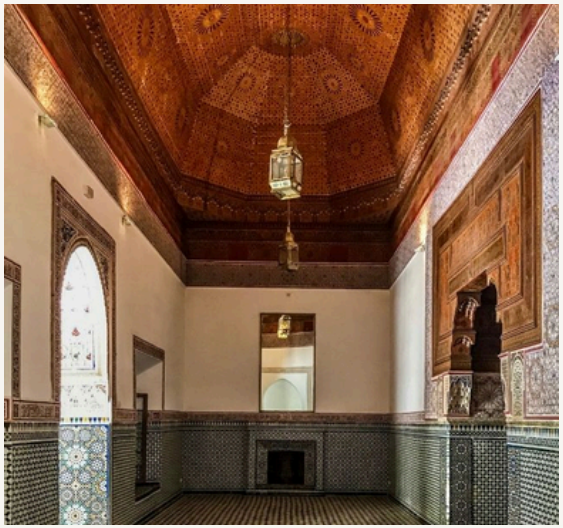
JARDIN MAJORELLE

Jardin Majorelle is a renowned botanical garden in Marrakech, created by French painter Jacques Majorelle over several decades beginning in the 1920s. The garden is known for its lush collection of exotic plants, winding pathways, vibrant Majorelle blue architecture, and Art Deco and Moorish influences. Yves Saint Laurent and Pierre Bergé acquired the garden in 1980 to save it from redevelopment, helping preserve it as one of Marrakech’s most recognizable cultural landmarks



YVES SAINT LAURENT MUSEUM

The Musée Yves Saint Laurent Marrakech is a cultural landmark dedicated to the work and creative legacy of French fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent, whose relationship with Marrakech began in 1966. Located beside Jardin Majorelle, the museum features a permanent exhibition showcasing his haute couture designs, sketches, photographs, and other archival materials, while its striking brick façade was designed by Studio KO to evoke the textures and patterns of fabric. The museum also hosts temporary exhibitions exploring fashion, art, design, and culture.



BAHIA PALACE

Bahia Palace is a remarkable 19th-century historic monument in Marrakech, built in two phases and greatly expanded by Grand Vizier Ba Ahmed between 1894 and 1900. The palace features a series of courtyards, gardens, salons, and private spaces decorated with intricate zellij tilework, marble, carved and painted wood, sculpted stucco, stained glass, and moucharabieh, showcasing the craftsmanship of Moroccan artisans. Its elegant courtyards, fountains, and gardens make it an important example of Marrakech’s architectural and cultural heritage



KOUTOUBIA MOSQUE

Koutoubia Mosque is Marrakech's largest mosque and one of the city's most recognizable landmarks. Built during the Almohad period in the 12th century, it is especially known for its distinctive 77-meter-high minaret, decorated with geometric patterns and green-and-white ceramic details. Its prominent position beside the medina and near Jemaa el-Fna makes it an important symbol of Marrakech and a striking example of Almohad architecture. The mosque remains an active place of worship, so visitors who are not Muslim generally view the mosque from the exterior and surrounding gardens.





HISTORIC MEDINA

The Historic Medina of Marrakech is the city's old town and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, enclosed by historic walls and filled with narrow lanes, traditional souks, artisan workshops, riads, mosques, and historic monuments. Founded in the 11th century, the medina remains the cultural heart of Marrakech, offering travelers an opportunity to experience the city's traditional architecture, craftsmanship, markets, and everyday life

SOUKS

The souks of Marrakech are a network of traditional markets within the historic medina, known for their narrow lanes and rows of shops and workshops. Travelers can browse Moroccan handicrafts such as textiles, leather goods, pottery, metalwork, spices, carpets, and other locally made products while experiencing the lively atmosphere and traditional commerce of the medina.



SKALA DE LA VILLE RAMPARTS

Skala de la Ville is the historic sea-facing rampart of Essaouira, built in the 18th century to protect the city and its harbor. The fortified walkway features stone walls, defensive cannons, and sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean and nearby islands. It is one of Essaouira's most recognizable landmarks and offers a memorable look at the city's maritime and architectural heritage.



ESSAOUIRA MEDINA

The Essaouira Medina is the historic walled old town of Essaouira and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its whitewashed buildings, blue details, narrow streets, traditional souks, artisan workshops, and lively public spaces. Its distinctive architecture reflects a blend of Moroccan, European, and African influences, while its long-standing fishing and trading traditions give the medina a unique coastal character.



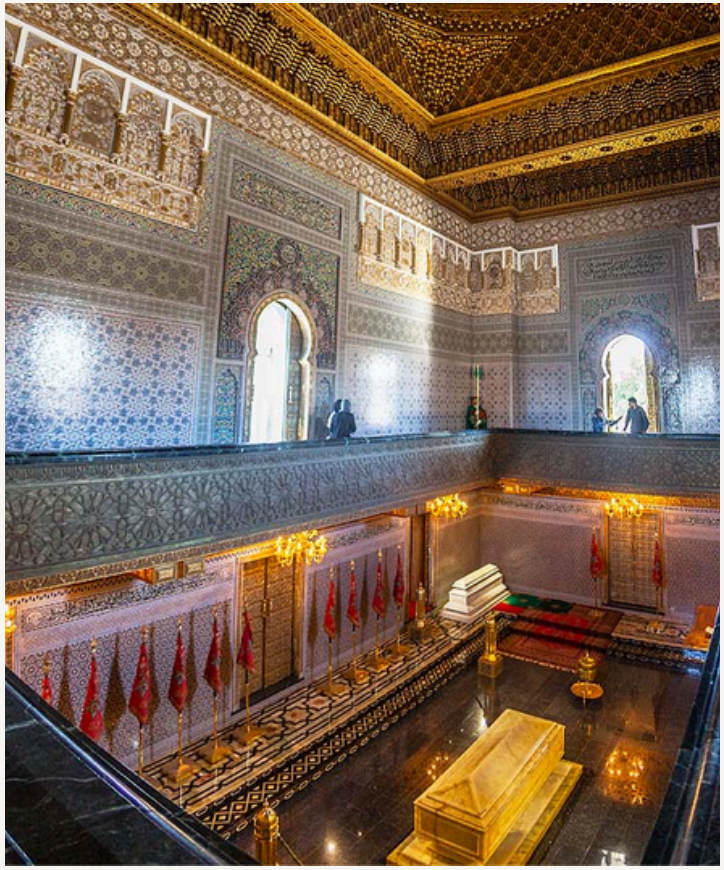


FISHING HARBOR

The Essaouira Fishing Harbor is a lively working port known for its traditional blue fishing boats, daily catches, and strong connection to the city's maritime heritage. Travelers can see fishermen bringing in their catch, local activity around the docks, and the historic harbor setting that has long supported Essaouira's fishing and trading traditions.

ARTISAN LANES

The artisan lanes of Essaouira's medina are lined with local workshops and small shops showcasing the city's traditional craftsmanship. Travelers can discover handmade woodwork, textiles, leather goods, pottery, jewelry, and other Moroccan crafts while exploring the narrow streets and experiencing Essaouira's creative, artistic character.



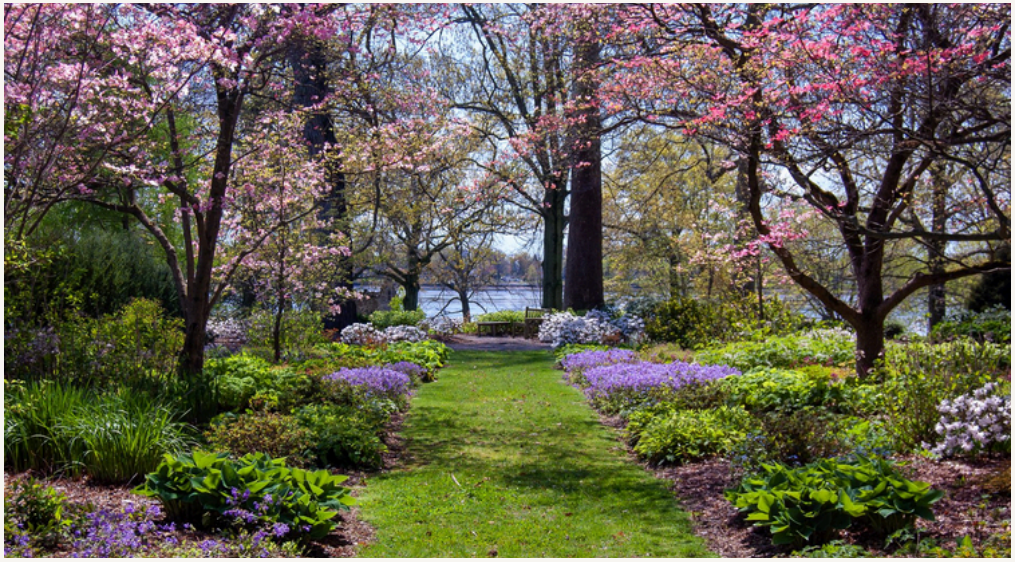
MAUSOLEUM OF MOHAMMED V

The Mausoleum of Mohammed V is a prominent royal tomb in Rabat, built to honor King Mohammed V, the grandfather of Morocco's current king. Completed in 1971, the mausoleum is renowned for its elegant Moroccan architecture, white marble exterior, green-tiled roof, carved wood, zellij tilework, and intricate stucco decoration. Located beside Hassan Tower, it is an important site for experiencing Morocco's royal history, traditional craftsmanship, and architectural heritage.



KASBAH OF THE UDAYAS

The Kasbah of the Udayas is a historic fortified quarter in Rabat, known for its narrow lanes, white-and-blue buildings, historic gates, and views overlooking the Bou Regreg River and Atlantic Ocean. It is part of Rabat's UNESCO World Heritage Site.



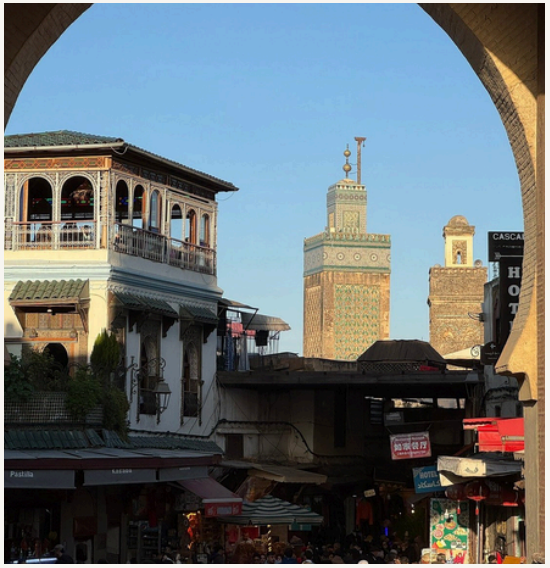
ANDALUSIAN GARDENS

The Andalusian Gardens are a peaceful garden within Rabat's Kasbah of the Udayas, featuring shaded pathways, fountains, orange trees, and Mediterranean-style landscaping. The gardens provide a quiet contrast to the surrounding historic kasbah and are a pleasant place to experience its traditional setting.



CHELLAH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

The Chellah is a historic fortified archaeological site in Rabat, featuring Roman and medieval ruins, including ancient remains, Islamic structures, gardens, and the site's distinctive defensive walls. It reflects the long history of Rabat and its importance as a settlement from Roman times through the medieval period.



BAB BOU JELOUD

Bab Bou Jeloud is the famous historic gateway to Fes's old medina, known for its distinctive blue-and-green tilework and its connection to the bustling streets and souks of Fes el-Bali.



NEJJARINE

Nejjarine is a historic area in Fes's medina, best known for the Nejjarine Fountain and the nearby Nejjarine Museum of Wooden Arts and Crafts. The area showcases traditional Moroccan woodwork and craftsmanship.



BOU INANIA

Bou Inania Madrasa is a historic Islamic school in Fes, built in the 14th century during the Marinid dynasty. It is known for its intricate zellij tilework, carved stucco, cedar wood, and traditional Moroccan architecture.



CHOUARA TANNERY VIEWPOINT

The Chouara Tannery is one of Fes's most well-known traditional leather tanneries, where leather is processed using long-established methods. From nearby viewing terraces, visitors can look down over the tannery's distinctive stone dyeing and tanning vats and observe this traditional craft in action.



CHEFCHAOUEN BLUE MEDINA

The Blue Medina of Chefchaouen is the city's historic old town, known for its blue-painted buildings, narrow winding lanes, traditional homes, small shops, and local artisan crafts. Its distinctive blue-and-white streets give Chefchaouen its iconic character and make the medina one of Morocco's most recognizable destinations.



KASBAH

The Kasbah of Chefchaouen is a historic fortified complex in the heart of the medina, featuring traditional architecture, defensive walls, gardens, and a central courtyard. It also houses the Kasbah Museum, which showcases aspects of the region's local history and culture.



RAS EL MAA

Ras El Maa is a natural spring and water source on the edge of Chefchaouen's medina, where fresh mountain water flows through the area. It is a popular spot for visitors to see the city's connection to the surrounding Rif Mountains and observe local activity around the water.



CAP SPARTEL

Cap Spartel is a dramatic headland near Tangier where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Mediterranean Sea. Located at the northwestern tip of Morocco, it is known for its coastal cliffs, scenic ocean views, and historic lighthouse



HERCULES CAVES

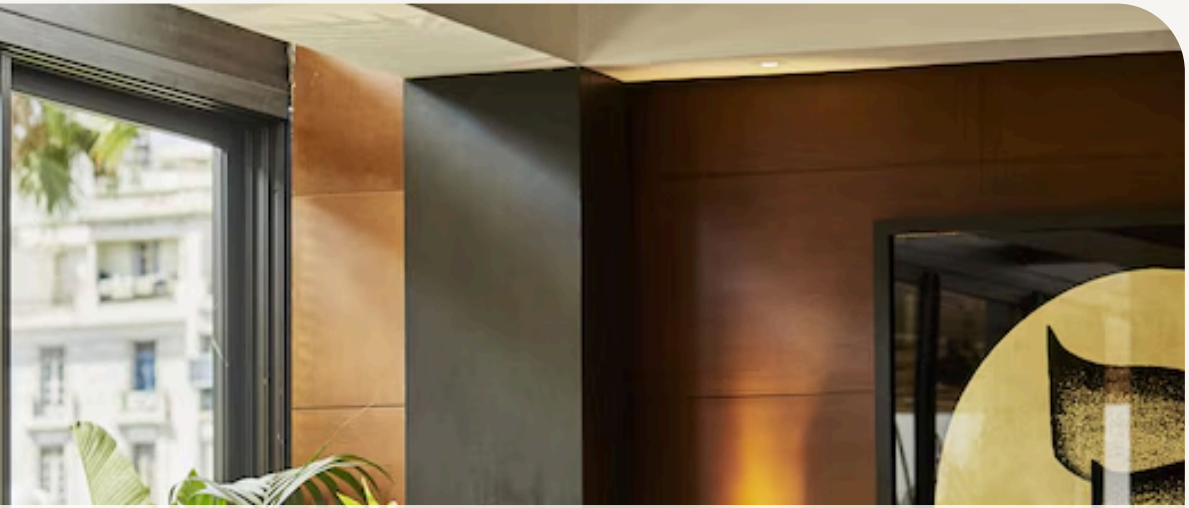
The Hercules Caves are a natural cave complex near Tangier, located along Morocco's Atlantic coast. Known for their distinctive sea-facing opening, the caves are associated with local legends of Hercules and offer views of the surrounding coastline.



GRAND SOCCO

Grand Socco is a historic public square in Tangier, located at the entrance to the city's old medina. Once an important marketplace and meeting point, it remains a lively gathering place surrounded by shops, cafés, and historic streets.





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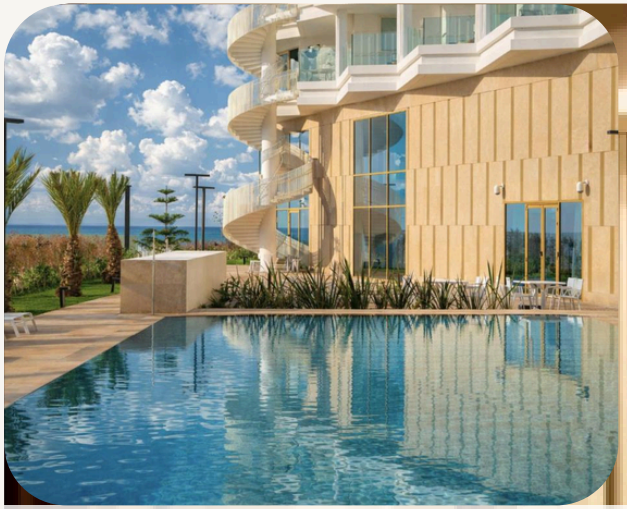
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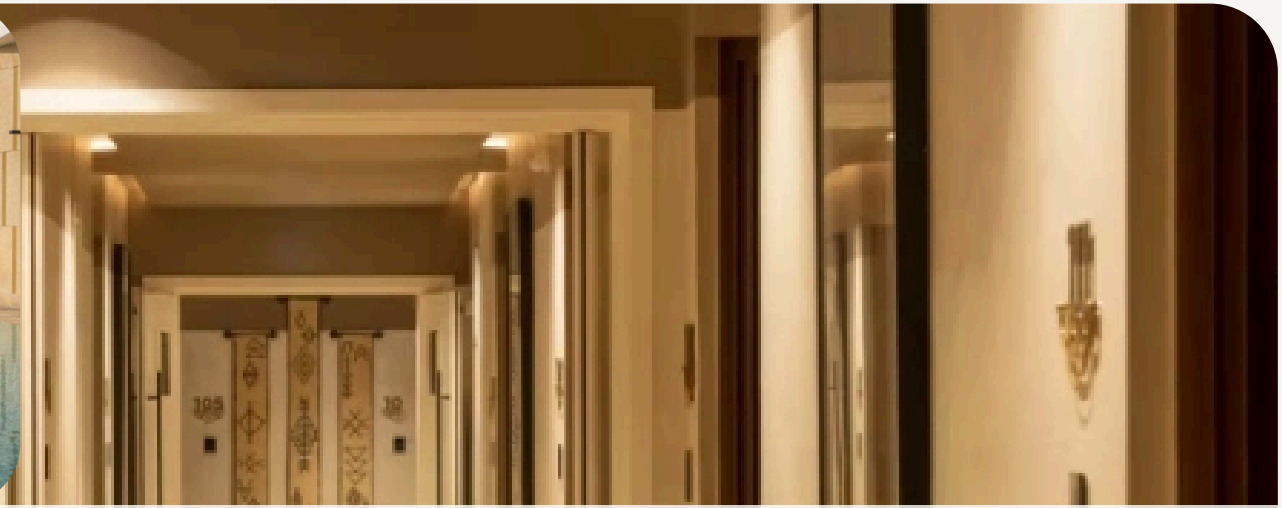
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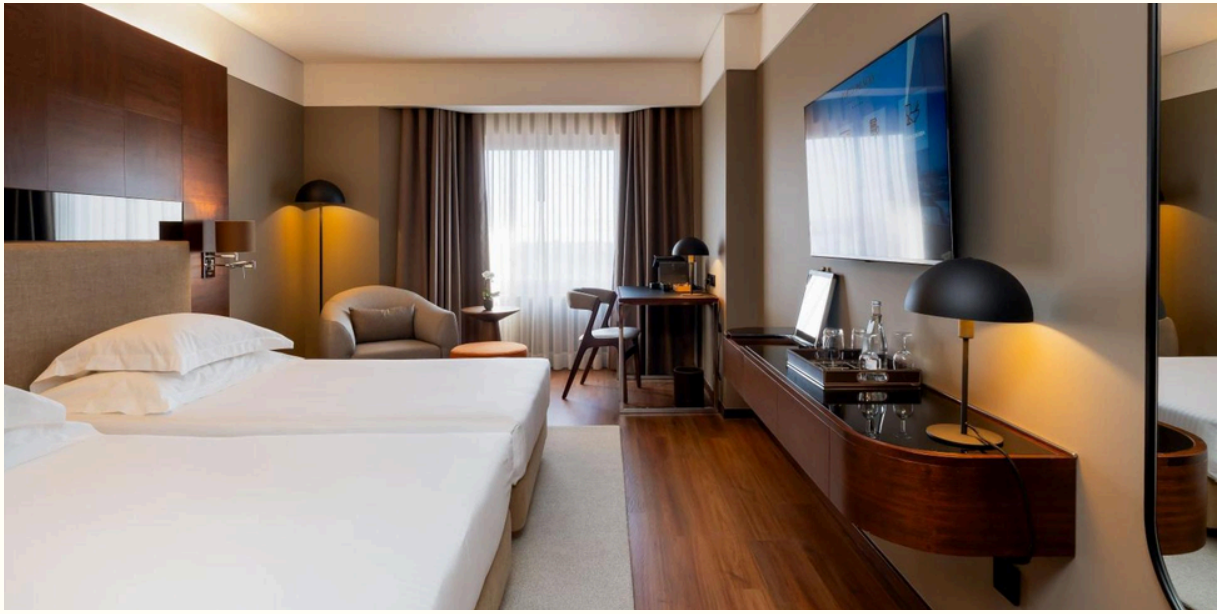


ACCOMMODATION

EL MINZAH HOTEL







PORTUGAL ACCOMMODATION

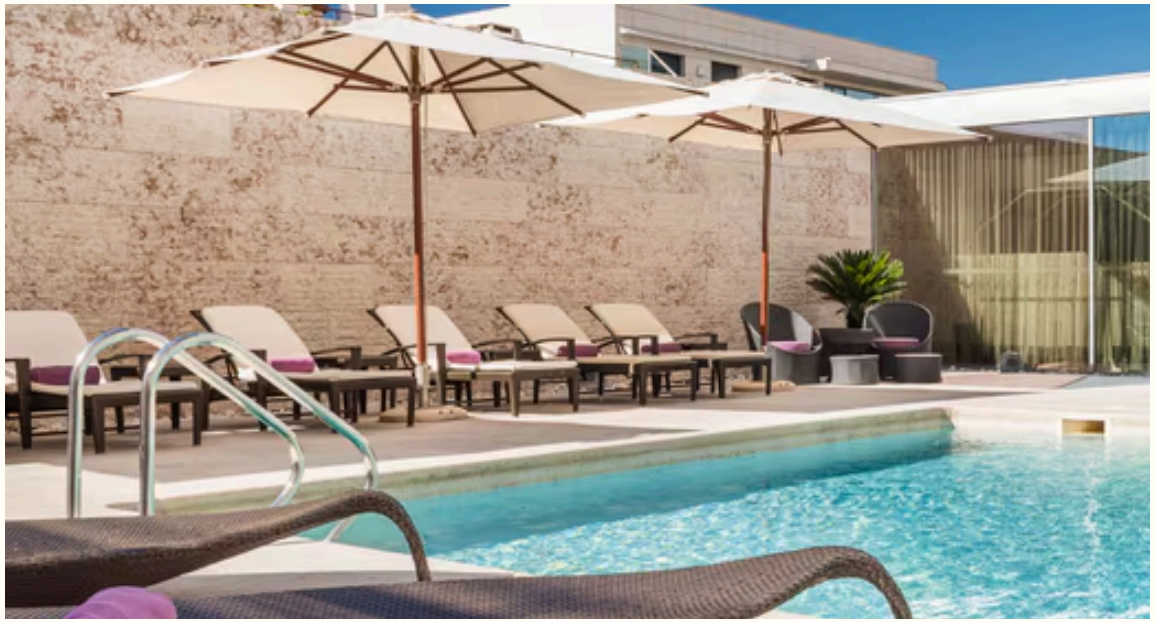
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