

MOROCCO: Casablanca, Marrakech and Fez

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\$5,299 (Twin-share room)

+ \$899 (Single supplement)

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The Kingdom of Morocco is located in northwestern Africa and has North Atlantic and Mediterranean coastlines. Since ancient times, Morocco has been an ideal location for the planting of vineyards and bottling of wines. Over the centuries, vineyards periodically appeared and disappeared in Morocco, but the immigration of French wine-growers, plagued by phylloxera in 1880 in their native France, brought about a rebirth and expansion of Morocco's vineyards. This Moroccan wine renaissance helped transform the local wine industry where, due to the nature of Morocco's soil and climate, wine producers have enjoyed the guarantee of full ripening of their grapes and consequently a consistent quality to their product.

Program Highlights

- 8 nights / 10-days journey through Morocco
- Explore the medinas (local markets) and chat with the vendors
- Visit mosques like Hassan II, **local wineries**, and dine on fantastic foods paired with local wines
- **Wine tastings** in two local wineries and a **cooking lesson**
- *Everyone attending the program will enjoy access to the wineries and cooking school.*

Wine Focus

- Explore some of the finest wineries Morocco has to offer including **Thalvin Winery** outside Casablanca.
- Enjoy **tours and wine tastings** throughout the region including Château Roslane, one of the most ancient wineries in the country.
- Sample local wines at dinner throughout the program.

Food & Culture Focus

- Take part in a **cooking class at La Maison Arabe**, a cooking school located in the medinas of Marrakech. Spend the morning learning from a local chef how to prepare several different traditional Moroccan dishes before sampling your creations.
- Enjoy dinner one evening at **Rick's Café**, an inspiration for any classic movie fan, set in an historic mansion in Casablanca.
- **Visit a cooperative** to learn about Argan oil production. This high end spa and beauty product is grown exclusively in Morocco and harvested from the local Argan trees.

Leader: Mr. John Allen | Co-Founder, Vino

John Allen is the co-founder and sales manager of Vino! A Wine Shop located in Spokane, Washington. Considered one of the leading wine authorities and educators in the Inland Northwest, John has been in the retail wine business for more than 20 years. He loves to share his knowledge and has designed and conducted 1000+ wine-related presentations, seminars, tastings, dinners, and educational classes.



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