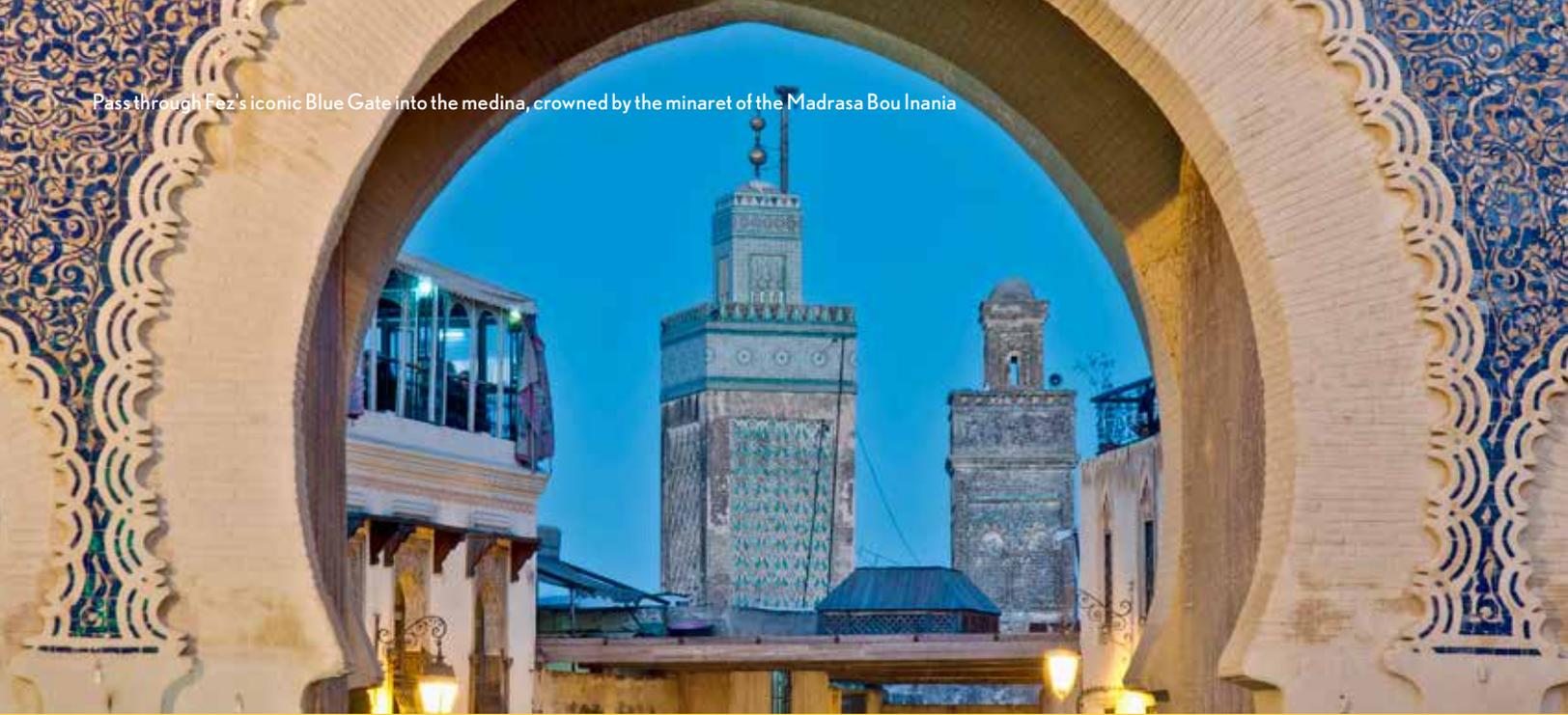


Pass through Fez's iconic Blue Gate into the medina, crowned by the minaret of the Madrasa Bou Inania



Morocco: Imperial Cities

8 days from \$3,995 | Limited to 18 guests

Explore exotic Morocco, dining in an authentic *riad*, navigating the lively medina of Marrakech and meeting the Berber people in their village beneath the Atlas' peaks.



A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Explore Fez el-Bali, Morocco's cultural heart, on a guided walk through its winding alleyways and myriad *souks*
- ▶ Tread the ancient Roman paths at Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to marvel at soaring arches and vivid, well-preserved 2,000-year-old mosaics
- ▶ Savor the cuisine and sights of the beautiful "Red City" of Marrakech
- ▶ Experience authentic Berber hospitality with a visit to a village at the foot of the highest peak in the Atlas Mountains



DAY 1: Arrive Casablanca, Morocco

Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to your hotel. Gather tonight for a special welcome reception and dinner at a local restaurant. Le Casablanca Hotel | Meals: D

DAY 2: Casablanca | Fez via Meknes

Explore the towering Hassan II Mosque, a wildly intricate building that holds 25,000 worshippers. Soaring above the ocean, its minaret stands as the tallest religious structure in the world. Proceed to a winery outside Meknes for a memorable lunch set among the region's sunbathed vineyards

and olive groves. Next, head to the city of Meknes. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Morocco's imperial cities, it was built in the 17th century by the powerful sultan Moulay Ismail. Continue to Fez, arriving at day's end at your boutique hotel set on a scenic hilltop. **Hotel Sahrai** | Meals: B L



Witness bakers, craftspeople and shopkeepers at work in the heart of Fez el-Bali, a bustling labyrinth hawking everything from colorful carpets and fresh herbs to fish, olives and sweet dates.

DAY 3: Fez | The Medieval City

Step back in time into ancient and remarkably untouched Fez el-Bali ("Old Fez"), the cultural heart of Morocco. Wander among the 9,000 lanes, alleys and *souks* that shape its old quarter, where locals conduct their day-to-day business. Later, discover Fez el-Jadid ("New Fez"), home to the *mellah*, the old Jewish quarter, with its wrought iron-decorated windows and carved wood balconies. Tonight, dine at a traditional Moroccan *riad* with a female professor who leads a fascinating discussion about the role of women in modern Morocco. **Hotel Sahrai** | Meals: B L D

DAY 4: Rabat | Roman Ruins of Volubilis

After breakfast, drive to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to Morocco's largest and most impressive Roman ruins, with excellently preserved mosaics. Continue to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, and view the 12th-century Moorish Hassan Tower. Visit the Mohammed V Mausoleum, dedicated to the founder of modern Morocco, as well as Oudayas Kasbah; its gate among the most beautiful in the Moorish world. **Story Rabat** | Meals: B L

DAY 5: Marrakech | The "Red City"

Drive to Marrakech, arriving in the afternoon. Considered the "Pearl of the South," Marrakech was once the capital of an empire that stretched from Spain to Senegal, and is known as the "Red City" for the distinctive hues of its brick buildings. **Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura** | Meals: B

DAY 6: Marrakech | Palaces & Performers

Discover Marrakech's ancient medina, the old walled section of the city. Explore the Dar Si Said (Museum of Moroccan Arts), a former palace. Continue to El Badi Palace and view the 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque, a landmark Islamic religious structure in Marrakech. Stroll through Djemaa el-Fna square, where fire-eaters, mime artists and street musicians perform.

Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: B L D

DAY 7: Marrakech | Atlas Mountains

Today, choose to remain in Marrakech or enjoy a full-day excursion to the High Atlas Mountains. Admire majestic views of snow-capped peaks as you hike to a picturesque village and spend time with local Berbers in their homes. Learn about daily life while savoring traditional Berber bread and mint tea. Afterward, have lunch before returning to Marrakech. Your farewell dinner tonight is held at a luxurious former palace. **Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura** | Meals: B L D

DAY 8: Depart Marrakech

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Meals: B

BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS



Hotel Sahrai

Boutique, 50-room hotel on a hilltop between the New Town and medina, with fantastic views of Fez.



Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura

A cool, tranquil hotel just steps from the gates of the medina, blending Marrakech flair with French luxury.



Le Casablanca Hotel

Stylish, comfortable hotel in a quiet residential area, featuring Art Deco-influenced decor.



Story Rabat

Intimate property in Rabat's embassy district featuring lush, meticulously landscaped gardens.

DATES & PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Feb 16-23, Sep 7-14	\$3,995	\$1,595
Oct 1-8, Oct 29-Nov 5, Dec 18-25	\$4,295	\$1,795

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 7:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 8:00 p.m. on Day 7.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Long drives should be expected on this itinerary. This is the only way to experience the magical scenery that this exotic country has to offer.

The maximum guest capacity for 2021 Connections journeys has been temporarily reduced to 18 and may revert to 24 at A&K's discretion due to changes in COVID-19-related requirements.

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