

ELDER LAW IN MOROCCO

**JOURNEY TO MOROCCO**  
**JUNE 4-11, 2025**

OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXCURSION TO MARRAKECH  
OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO TANGIERS



2 nights in Casablanca



3 nights in Fes



2 nights in Rabat

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## INCLUDED

- Select accommodations
- Group Meals as described in itinerary (including tips)
- Full time tour leader and specialized local guides
- CLE Lecture Series with Legal Experts, Academics, Business Leaders, Entrepreneurs, Social Justice organizations & NGOs
- Full-time ground transportation equipped with water
- Admission to all museums and public buildings listed in itinerary
- Pre-trip departure Travel Tips
- Airport transfers

## NOT INCLUDED

- Round trip airfare to/from Morocco
- Additional meals not listed in itinerary
- Incidentals / Individual hotel expenses
- Trip cancellation insurance
- Extra Hotel Room nights

*\*Select group meals will be curated for quality and diversity including beverages and tips:*

- *Authentic Greek food and refined International cuisines*
- *Curated Food / Beverage Tastings and culinary experiences*

*Dietary restrictions will be accommodated*

*Food surveys distributed to participants at a later date.*



# ELDER LAW IN MOROCCO

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys invites you and your guest(s) to join our private delegation for a journey through Northern Morocco.

Morocco's location at the crossroads of Europe and Africa has endowed the country with a richness of culture and heritage preserved and perpetuated to this day. Join our journey through Morocco's diverse food, music, customs, and architecture .

Today Morocco is a thriving society embracing modernity and diversity. Our delegation will learn about Morocco's social fabric and political systems, rewarding the open-minded traveler with a better understanding of the nature of Islam, erasing many popular preconceptions from the western world.

Our core trip includes 2 nights in The White city, Casablanca, 3 nights in the country's cultural capital Fes, and 2 nights in the cosmopolitan capital city of Rabat. Add two more nights with the optional Post-Trip Extension further north to Tangiers or join the 3-night Pre-Trip Extension to Marrakech.

*Please note that this program will require high-intensity walking on uneven and sometimes hilly cobblestone streets and stairs where an elevator is not always available. Participants must be able to walk unassisted.*

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# PRE-TRIP MARRAKECH

Sun. June 1 (D), Mon. June 2 (B,L)

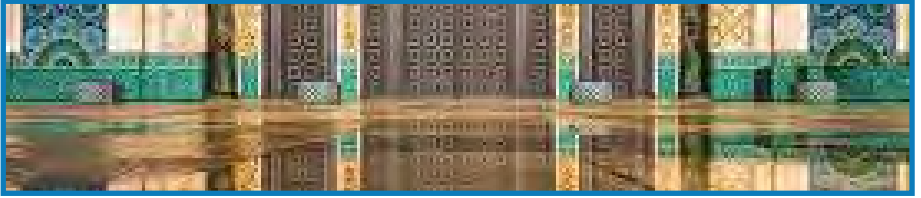
Tues. June 3 (B,D) Wed. June 4 (B)



## DAYS 1 & 2

Wed. June 4 (D) Thurs. June 5 (B,L)

CASABLANCA



## DAY 3

Friday June 6 (B,L,D)

MEKNES, VOLUBILIS & FES



## DAY 4

Saturday June 7 (B,L,D)

FES



## DAY 5

Sunday June 8 (B,L)

FES



## DAY 6

Monday June 9 (B,D)

RABAT



## DAY 7

Tuesday June 10 (B,L)

RABAT



## DAY 8

Wednesday June 11

DEPARTURE DAY (B)

OR CONTINUE TO TANGIERS (B,L)



# POST-TRIP TANGIERS

Wednesday June 11 (B,L)

Thursday June 12 (B,D)



# POST-TRIP TANGIERS

Friday June 13 (B)

DEPARTURE DAY



B - Breakfast | L - Lunch | D - Dinner

# NAELA JOURNEY TO MOROCCO

## CASABLANCA | FES | RABAT

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND FINAL CONFIRMATIONS

**Day 1** Wednesday June 4

### Morning

Participants arrive independently to Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport (CMN). You will be greeted and escorted to the hotel for Early Check-in or Bag Drop. *Recommended flight itineraries will be provided at group closure.*

Lunch on your own. Suitable recommendations near the hotel will be provided.

### Afternoon

Check-in to the **Kenzi Tower Hotel** or equivalent.

Twin CENTER, boulevard zerkouni  
Tel. +212 5 22 97 80 00

Optional visit to Casablanca's Art Deco neighborhood, the **Habous Quarter**, or the **District Courthouse**.

### INTRO TO THE MOROCCAN LEGAL SYSTEMS

Morocco has a dual legal system consisting of secular courts based on **French legal tradition** as well as courts based on the religious precepts of **Islam**. We meet with a local attorney to help explain the basic tenants of the Moroccan legal system and how these two legal traditions coexist.



### Evening

Welcome dinner at Rick's Café, designed after the movie classic *Casablanca (1942)* starring **Humphrey Bogart** and **Ingrid Bergman**. "Everybody Comes to Rick's."

**Day 2** Thursday June 5

*Complimentary breakfast and coffee is served daily at the hotel.*

### Morning

### NAVIGATING ELDER LAW IN MOROCCO: Sharia, Succession, and Family Dynamics

In this presentation, we explore the impact of Sharia on inheritance and succession rights in Morocco, highlighting the different treatment of female heirs. We examine guardianship and legal capacity within the context of Moroccan family solidarity, as well learn about Islamic law's influence on healthcare decisions and end-of-life care, revealing how cultural customs can sometimes override formal legal principles.

Group Lunch in the **Habous** neighborhood (New Medina) of Casablanca. Time permitting, visits to the **Mahkama du Pacha** or **Royal Palace**.

### Afternoon

Guided tour of the awe-inspiring **Hassan II Mosque**. Completed in 1993, the mosque is a celebration of ornate craftsmanship and over the top grandeur on a scale that has to be seen, to be believed. The interior can accommodate a staggering 25,000 worshipers while the exterior courtyard will host an additional 80,000 of the faithful. Hassan II is the largest mosque in Africa, the fifth largest in the world and boasts a 700-foot-tall minaret (world's tallest). It is also one of the few mosques in the world that will allow non-Muslims to enter.

### Evening

Dinner on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided.



## Day 3

Friday June 6

### Morning

Hotel Checkout. Meet in the hotel lobby and board the bus for our departure to **Fes**. Travel time is approximately 3.5 hrs plus time for lunch.

Group Lunch, winery tour, tasting and lecture at the local **Meknes** winery, **Domaine de la Zouina**. During lunch, we enjoy a presentation on **the Regulation of Wine in Morocco** with **Christophe Gribelin**.

After lunch we pass by the Imperial City of **Meknes**, former home of the **Grand Sultan Moulay Ismail** in the 17th century before visiting the ancient Berber and Roman ruins of **Volubilis**.

Inside Volubilis, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, we explore the dramatic ruins of homes, temples and public buildings of the original Greek, Syrian and Jewish city dwellers alongside a local guide/archeologist.

### Afternoon

Check-in to [Hotel Riad Salam Fes](#)

18 Derb Bennis Douh,

30110 Fes Medina

Tel. +212 535638988

Founded in 781 AD, Fes is considered the world's largest car-free urban area, with 80,000 people inhabiting the walled city center, known as the Medina. The entire medina is a confusing labyrinth of narrow alleys filled with artisans, vendors and residents. Without motorized vehicles, the residents rely solely on people-power and donkey-drawn carts to receive their daily deliveries. Of the 9,000 alleyways forming the Medina, 8,000 have no exit, giving the first-time explorer to Fes a mind-boggling navigational challenge.

Fortunately, we will be shepherded through this maze by our local tour guides who will share their intimate knowledge of the ancient cultural, religious and educational institutions tucked into this warren of alleyways.

### Evening

Welcome Dinner inside our Riad.



## Day 4

Saturday June 7

### Morning

#### **THE POWER OF COMMUNITY: ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING**

In Morocco, the community plays a vital role in caring for the elderly. In this lecture, we explore the community-based programs, support groups and local initiatives that enhance elder well-being, including how they help prevent elder abuse, neglect and exploitation or how such incidents can be reported and solved.

After our breakfast meeting, we depart our Riad on foot for a **FES MEDINA TOUR**. Our experience of the one-of-a-kind Fes Medina will be curated based on participants' interests around food tasting or *shoppertunities*.

On the culinary track, taste the various specialties from the *souks* (marketplaces) of the medina and enjoy **traditional street food**. Our local guides will explain the significance of these specialties in Moroccan culture.

For the shoppers, our local guides will lead you to the shops and stalls that offer a vast assortment of **locally produced artisan crafts and handmade goods**. These include handmade carpets, delicate Moroccan clothing, wood carvings, Fes pottery, leather goods and intricate metal work. Barter with the happy and persuasive merchants of Fes and feel the wonderful energy of a slightly chaotic bazaar that has prospered for a millennium relatively unchanged.

During our walk we may see the **el-Attarine Madrasa**, built in 1325. An architectural masterpiece filled with dazzling geometric mosaics and intricately carved plaster and cedar.

### Afternoon

Guided visit to one of the legendary and colorful **open-air Leather Tanneries** of Fes, to see and smell the stinky ancient all-natural techniques used for tanning high quality Moroccan leather. An unforgettable sensory experience for the eyes and nostrils!



Time permitting, we visit a traditional rug & tapestry store before leaving the city center.

Remainder of the afternoon free. You may decide to continue exploring the Medina and Souks at your own pace or return to your hotel. Set aside time to enjoy a relaxing Moroccan spa treatment (Hamman), reservations are necessary.

### Evening

**Home hosted dinners.** Experience the real Morocco with locals who graciously welcome us inside their homes for a traditional family dinner.

## Day 5 Sunday June 8

### Morning

This morning we visit **Fes Jdid**, the historic **Jewish Quarter** and an ancient synagogue. During our visit, we receive a passionate presentation on **The Freedom of Religion in Morocco** with our very own **Hicham Chakir** at an historic Jewish cemetery. Time permitting, we visit the medieval synagogue of **Aben Danan**, located in the heart of the largest Jewish quarter in the country.

### Afternoon

Local & Authentic **Moroccan Grill** luncheon.

After lunch we visit a **ceramic factory** & cooperative where talented artisans showcase their skills at crafting intricate mosaics and pottery. Many artisan workshops in Morocco are organized as cooperatives, government sponsored institutions to preserve the traditional methods of craftsmanship.

Return to our Riad.

*Downtime for R&R, Hammam, Massage, Henna, Cooking Class etc.*

### Evening

**Traditional Moroccan Feast** at a local Riad with live entertainment & musical experience.

**RHYTHMIC HEALING: MUSIC THERAPY FOR THE ELDERLY.** We delve into the transformative power of music for the Fes' senior community. We explore how music has been used for centuries to enhance emotional well-being, alleviate stress, and foster connections.

## Day 6 Monday June 9

### Morning

After breakfast we will check-out of our Fes accommodations and drive to Rabat. (aprox. 2.5 hrs.). **Rabat** is the political capital of Morocco and known for its public gardens and parks, upscale neighborhoods populated with embassies and important monuments to past leaders and heroes.

Lecture on Bus: **LINGUISTICS & THE LAW: THE JOURNEY OF THE AMAZIGH LANGUAGE**

Arrive Rabat for Lunch at Restaurant **Marsa** along the **Salé** waterfront.

Hotel Check In.

**Hotel La Tour Hassan Palace Rabat**

26 Avenue Chellah BP 14, Rabat

Tel. +212 537239000

### Evening

Dinner on your own. Dine inside the hotel or suitable recommendations will be provided for local restaurants.





## Day 7 Tuesday June 10

### Morning

Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for our visit to the **Moroccan Parliament**.

**LEGISLATING UNDER MONARCHY & THE MOROCCAN PARLIAMENT.** Guided visit of the Moroccan Parliament to learn about the **legislative process** and limited **separation of powers** in Morocco.

OR

### **GOLDEN YEARS: SOCIAL PROTECTION AND PENSION BENEFITS IN MOROCCO**

In this lecture we navigate the Moroccan social security system and pension benefits available to elderly individuals.

We visit Rabat's **Kasbah of the Oudayas**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** located at the mouth of the Bou Regreg river, and adjacent to the old medina of Rabat. Before departing, we see the **Andalusian Garden** created between 1915 and 1918 during the French occupation.

Lunch on your own. Remainder of the afternoon free.

### Evening

Rabat Farewell Dinner at **Sufra** featuring delightful Middle Eastern cuisine.

## Day 8 Wednesday June 11

### Morning

For those returning to the USA, hotel check-out and transfer to Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport (CMN). Travel time from Rabat to Casablanca is approximately 1 hour whether driving or by Al Atlas train.

## Post Trip Wednesday June 11

### Morning

For those continuing, hotel check-out and depart for **Tangier**. Travel time is approximately 3 hours driving.

This vibrant coastal city situated at the northern tip of Morocco, has long been a crossroads of cultures and a melting pot of influences from Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. Known for its bustling markets, stunning architecture, rich history, lively atmosphere and warm hospitality.

Possible options and stops for lunch or visits en route to Tangier as follows:

Located on the Atlantic coast about 45 kilometers south of Tangier is the coastal town of **Asilah**. The Medina is enclosed by well-preserved **15th-century ramparts** and gates built by the colonial Portuguese. The medina is an art hub, known for its murals on the white washed walls and the early-20th-century **Palais Raissouni**.

OR

Located about 15 km northwest of the city is **Cap Spartel** home to an iconic mid-19th century lighthouse that sits atop a promontory approximately 1000' above sea level. Located in a nature reserve, this site overlooks the **Strait of Gibraltar** and is the most north western point of Africa. This location provides beautiful views of the deep blue sea where the Mediterranean meets the Atlantic as well as of the green and rugged coastline.

OR

Located on the coast about 12 km west of the city are the **Hercules Caves** and grotto. Legend has it that this was where Hercules would come when he needed rest. A crack in the stones in the shape of the African continent allows you to see through the rock and to the ocean.

# POST TRIP: 2 NIGHTS IN TANGIERS



**Post Trip** Wednesday June 11 continued

## Afternoon

Check into the **Minzah Hotel** [or similar]

## Evening

Dinner on your own. Dine inside the hotel or suitable recommendations will be provided for local eateries.

**Post Trip** Thursday June 12

## Morning

Guided walking tour of **Tangiers Old City** including the **Medina** and **Upper Kasbah**. Highlights include the **Grand Socco & Rif Cinema**, **Cafe Hafa** for mint tea and the **Phoenician Tombs** overlooking the Strait of Gibraltar.

## Afternoon

Lunch on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided.

Free time for shopping in the Medina & **Petit Socco**, book a Hammam or enjoy some R&R at the hotel.

Optional visits “on your own” include the **Ibn Battouta Museum**, the **Kasbah Museum** and the **Modern Art Museum**.

## Evening

Farewell Dinner at **Palais Zahia** located near the **Grand Old Mosque**.

**Post Trip** Friday June 13

For those returning to the USA, hotel check-out and transfer to your departure airport. Some may choose to depart from Tanger Ibn Battouta International Airport (TNG). Or, depart Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport (CMN). Travel time is approximately 4 hours driving or 2 hours by ONCF high speed train + 30 minute transit time from Oasis Train Station to CMN airport.





# 3 NIGHTS IN MARRAKECH

## PRE-TRIP ADVENTURE



**Pre-Trip** Sunday June 1

### Morning

Participants arrive independently to Marrakech Menara Airport (RAK)

You will be greeted and escorted to the hotel for Early Check-in or Bag Drop. *Recommended flight itineraries will be provided at group closure.*

Lunch on your own. Suitable recommendations near the hotel will be provided.

Marrakesh, located in the temperate foothills of the Atlas Mountain, has always been a must-see destination for globetrotters in-the-know. The French left Morocco in 1956 but their cultural influence is very evident in this cosmopolitan city that still retains many remnants of their occupation. Wide boulevards, tasteful neighborhoods and hip modern shopping centers are all trademarks of Marrakesh. Toss in a thriving art and design scene and it's not hard to understand why this city is at the top of the list of so many global wanderers.

Check into our hotel located in the desirable Gueliz neighborhood.

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Rue Oued EL Makhazine, Angle Rue Imam Chafai

Tel. +212 5243-59550

### Afternoon

Meet & Greet on the hotel rooftop bar before departing for our sunset visit to the **Jemma el-Fna Square**. Expect a full-blast sensory overload as you jostle through this popular public square packed full of barking vendors, horn-blowing snake charmers and Berber musicians whacking drums and clanging metal tambourines in one big un-orchestrated sonic attack. Bazaar sounds will be accompanied by bizarre sights. There is no place else like it on earth.

### Evening

Dinner at **Le Comptoir Darna** in New Town Marrakech.

Return to the hotel.



**Pre-Trip** Monday June 2

### Morning

Historical walking tour of Marrakesh including the Jewish Quarter, Medina and spice market.

We see the **Koutubia Mosque** completed in 1157, before continuing to the **Bahia Palace**. Created in the late 19th century, the Palace was designed to showcase the essence of Moroccan and Islamic style. A vast courtyard sits at the center of the complex, surrounded by numerous rooms to accommodate his sizeable harem consisting of 4 wives and 24 concubines.

We continue to **Dar Si Said** or **Dar Bacha**, before visiting the Jewish Quarter en route to Lunch.

### Afternoon

Option (A) Lunch and head to the souks for more shopping OR return to hotel to relax

Option (B) Lunch and visit a tranquil oasis of green in the middle of the city, **Majorelle Gardens**. In 1923, French Orientalist Artist Jacques Majorelle began his 40-year labor of love creating a private botanical garden that highlighted landscape design using succulents and cacti. The property features a Cubist Villa designed by French architect Paul Sinoir where the artist lived until the 1950s. In the 1980s the property was restored to its former glory by longtime Marrakech resident, Yves St. Laurent, and his partner Pierre Berge. Adjoining the property is the **YSL Museum**, dedicated to the Berber culture as well as the fashion career of Yves St. Laurent.



### Evening

Dinner on your own. There are many options for dining within the Gueliz neighborhood and suitable recommendations will be provided. Some may choose to dine in the hotel restaurant *Patron de la Mer*.

**Pre-Trip** Tuesday June 3

### Early Morning / 6:00 am Departure

Optional Excursion: Sunrise Hot Air Balloon flight over the foothills of Morocco's Atlas Mountains followed by a Berber-style breakfast. *Return to the hotel at approximately 10:00 a.m.*

### Late Morning

#### GENDER RIGHTS & HUMAN RIGHTS IN MOROCCO

Lunch & Lecture at **Amal Café**. The Amal Foundation is a Non-Profit association dedicated to the empowerment of disadvantaged women through culinary skills, restaurant training and job placement. Founded by **Nora Fitzgerald Belahcen**, an American-Moroccan who conceived Amal due to her desire to help disadvantaged women of Marrakesh.

We meet with Nora and members of the Amal Foundation program before enjoying a wholesome buffet lunch in the courtyard garden under leafy shade trees.

### Afternoon

Free time for exploring, shopping or R&R. Book spa treatments such as traditional Hammam directly with the Hotel.

### Evening

Depart the hotel in a caravan of 4x4s and head south about 1 hour to the **Agafay Desert**. Located between **Lake Lalla Takerkoust** and the **High Atlas Mountains**, this area is known for its natural beauty and a landscape of white dunes, gentle hills, stretches of rocky plateaus and views of the mountains. Tonight we enjoy a desert sunset before dinner and live entertainment at **Be Agafay** Luxury Camp.

**Pre-Trip** Wednesday June 4

### Morning

Transfer to Casablanca (approximately 2.45 hrs drive time or by Al Atlas Express Train).

Lunch on your own. Suitable recommendations near the hotel will be provided.

### Afternoon

Check-in to the **Kenzi Tower Hotel** or equivalent.

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Join NAELA group for Afternoon Activities inside the hotel.



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