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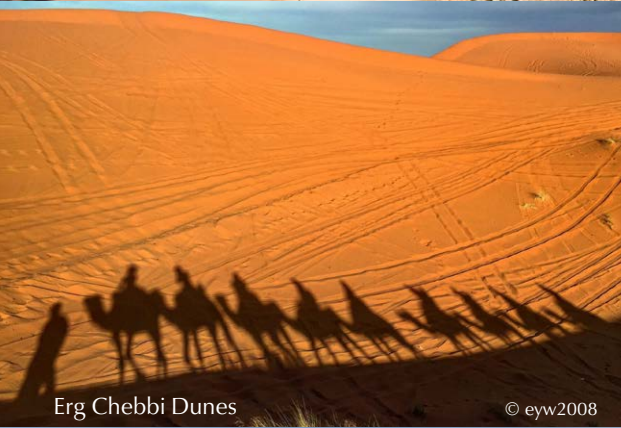
From the Desert to the Sea

April 19 - May 3, 2025 (15 days | 12 guests)
with anthropologist and architectural historian
Trevor Marchand



Casablanca

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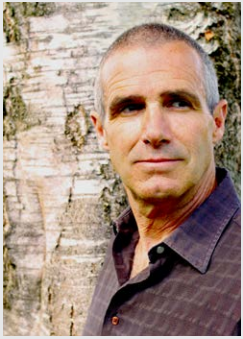


Atlas Mountains
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Trevor Marchand is Scientific Director of the Monumenta Orientalia project *Recovery & Conservation of Islamic Monuments in Sanaa, Yemen* (in collaboration with the Social Fund for Development and funded by Aliph Foundation). He is also Research Fellow of the

Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (Université Clermont Auvergne), Emeritus Professor of Social Anthropology at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS, London), and recipient of the Royal Anthropological Institute's Rivers Memorial Medal (2014). Marchand studied architecture (McGill), received a Ph.D. in anthropology (SOAS), and qualified as a fine woodworker at London's Building Crafts College. He has published extensively, produced and directed documentary films on architecture and craftwork, and curated exhibitions for the Brunei Gallery in London, Museum of Oriental Art in Turin, Pergamon Museum in Berlin, Royal Institute of British Architects, and the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. Marchand is an independent advisor on World Heritage for the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and an advisor on the international experts panel for Oxford Brookes University's Endangered Wooden Architecture Programme.

During the past three decades, Marchand has conducted fieldwork with craftspeople in Northern Nigeria, Yemen, Mali, and the UK, and he has lectured on the art, architecture, and archaeology of Central Asia, the Arabian Peninsula, and West and North Africa. He first travelled to Morocco in 1989 and has witnessed fascinating changes in the country against a backdrop of enduring tradition. This will be his fifth AIA tour of Morocco since 2018. In Marrakech and the Ksar, Marchand shares his expertise in earthen architecture, and in Fes he draws out the connections of that imperial city with the wider Islamic world. His intimate knowledge of surrounding countries and regions allows him to elucidate their long histories of trade, warfare, and artistic and cultural exchange with Morocco.



- # Overnight stays
- Itinerary stops
- ✈ Flights

Join us for a unique look at the history, architecture, archaeology, and art of Morocco in the company of Professor Emeritus Trevor Marchand and a professional national guide/tour manager. Explore the magnificent landscapes that helped form the country's ancient and modern cultures, from the wild Atlantic coast to the High Atlas Mountains, dense cedar forests, and vast Sahara Desert. It is a land of extraordinary contrasts, and on this custom-designed itinerary you will visit all of the country's best-known historic sites, including six that are inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List, as well as bustling *casbahs*, medinas, and souks.

"Trevor was excellent and I would happily go with him again. He was knowledgeable, cheerful, friendly, upbeat no matter the circumstances. He was also very gracious. The tour was very informative and we were always well taken care of."

- Rae, Canada



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Highlights include:

- The UNESCO World Heritage Sites of **Aït ben Haddou casbah**, with its tall adobe forts; all four of Morocco's Imperial Cities: the vibrant medinas of 9th-century **Fes** and 11th-century **Marrakech**, the historic city of **Meknes**, and the stately modern capital and historic city of **Rabat**; plus the ruins of **Volubilis**, Rome's regional commercial hub until the 3rd century A.D.
- Architectural gems such as **Salé**, a traditional Moroccan residential city untouched by mass tourism, including its restored, 14th-century *medersa*
- The former caravan center of **Sijilmassa**, Africa's second largest city until the 14th century
- Several **fascinating museums**, including Rabat's archaeological museum, the only one of its kind in the country; and Fes's exquisite Museum of Wooden Arts and Crafts, housed in the 17th-century Nejjarine caravansary
- Scenic excursions into the mountains and the desert, including a **drive across the Atlas ranges** from Fes to the edge of the Sahara, taking four-wheel-drive vehicles to the great **Erg Chebbi Dunes**, and a drive over the spectacular **Tizi-n-Tichka Pass**
- **Delicious Moroccan and Continental food**, with opportunities to dine independently in Casablanca, Rabat, Fes, and Marrakech; as well as **carefully-chosen hotels** in each location
- An **excellent touring pace**, with 12 nights at 4- and 5-star hotels, and one night in Merzouga in deluxe tents at the *Desert Luxury Camp Morocco*
- A small group of **no more than twelve guests!**

“Trevor was the highlight of the trip: he made Morocco come alive with his compelling lectures and storytelling, knowledge-sharing, on-site observations and good humour. I'd go on another tour led by Trevor without hesitation!”

- Tina, Singapore



Coast near Salé

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ITINERARY

Breakfast=(B), Lunch=(L), Dinner=(D)

Above (left to right): The Roman ruins of Volubilis, the Oudaïa casbah in Rabat. Below: One of the well-preserved mosaics at Volubilis.

Saturday, April 19, 2025: Depart home

Depart home for Casablanca, Morocco.

Sunday, April 20: Arrive Casablanca, Morocco | Transfer to hotel | Introductory lecture

Arrive today at Casablanca's Mohammed V International Airport (CMN), where you will be met for individual transfers to our hotel. For those arriving in the morning, you may choose to join a short bus tour of the Ville Nouvelle and see the area's colonial planning and architecture plus the Hassan II Mosque in the afternoon, or to spend the time at leisure. Later this afternoon we will gather at the hotel for an orientation and introductory lecture. Dinner is on your own this evening. *Overnight at the 5-star [Le Casablanca Hotel](#).*

Monday, April 21: Rabat: Archaeological Museum, Chellah | Welcome dinner

This morning we drive from Casablanca to the stately capital city of Rabat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch, we visit the country's sole archaeological museum, renowned for its prehistoric and Roman collections. We also visit the site of Chellah, which originated with the Phoenicians but was taken over by the Romans in the 1st century as "Sala Colonia," and was an integral part of the Roman Empire's expansion into North Africa. The site was abandoned in 1154, but in the 14th century a Merinid sultan built a holy necropolis (*chellah*) on top of it, hence its modern name. This evening we gather for a welcome dinner in a private home. *Two nights at the 5-star [Hôtel la Tour Hassan Palace](#).* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, April 22: Rabat walking tour | Salé | Rabat

This morning we visit the Royal Palace squares and gardens and take a leisurely walk through Rabat's whitewashed Oudaïa casbah (North African citadel) and Oudaïa Gate, an example of Almohad Dynasty architecture. After lunch at the marina we cross the Bou Regreg River from Rabat to Salé, an old walled city, where we visit the restored, 14th-century *medersa* (religious college), a gem overlooked by mass tourism. We then return to Rabat and visit the Bank Al-Maghrib Museum, with a numismatic collection that traces the history of currency in Morocco from ancient times to the modern day, and an art collection that features works both of foreign artists (e.g., 19th-century Orientalists) who painted Morocco and of great Moroccan painters; and end the day with a stop at the 12th-century Hassan Tower. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B,L)

Wednesday, April 23: Volubilis | Meknes | Fes

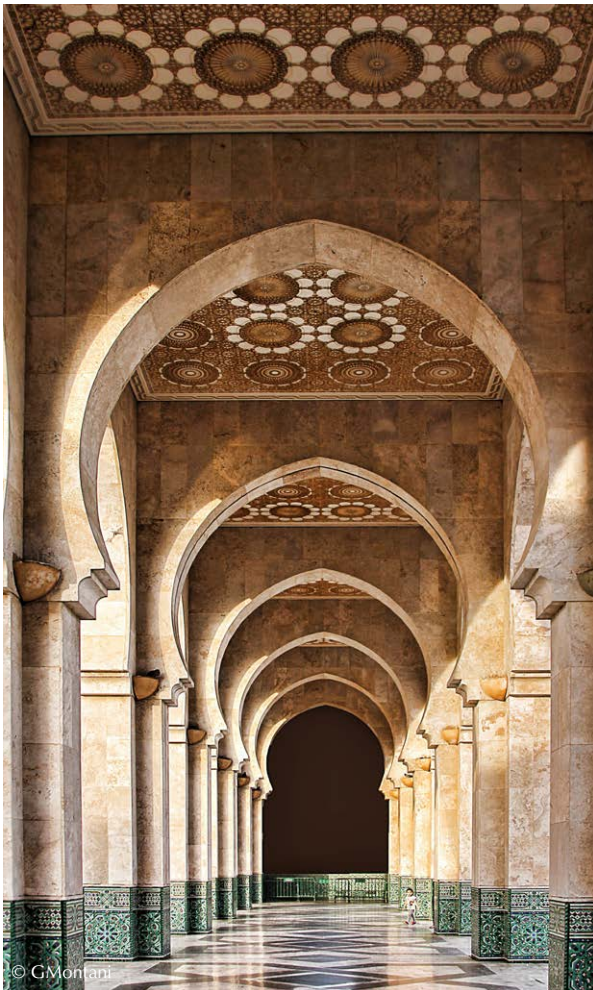
Depart Rabat for the ruins of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was Rome's commercial hub for northwestern Africa until the 3rd century A.D., with well-preserved mosaics that are still *in situ*. After lunch we explore the Imperial City of Meknes, which 17th-century Sultan Moulay Ismaïl built as his capital. Today Meknes is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the Dar Jamaï Museum, housed in a 19th-century palace, which focuses on traditional Moroccan music. Continue on to the intellectual and spiritual capital (and UNESCO World Heritage Site) of Fes. Check-in to deluxe rooms at our boutique hotel, comprised of three vast, former homes (now connected and converted) in the old city. Freshen up and then gather for dinner at the hotel, which has one of the finest traditional restaurants in northern Morocco. *Three nights at the 4-star [Le Riad Maison Bleue](#).* (B,L,D)





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Above and below: Hassan II Mosque, Casablanca



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Thursday, April 24: Fes walking tour – part one

Take a morning walking tour through 9th-century Fes el-Bali (“Old Fes”), considered by scholars to be the best example of a typical medieval Arab city. Begin the day at the ruins of the Merenid tombs for a panoramic view over Fes. Walk to the 14th-century Medersa Bou Inania; the mausoleum to city founder Idriss II; the area of the world’s oldest functioning university, the Qaraouine; the 17th-century Nejjarine caravansary, now an exquisite Museum of Wooden Arts and Crafts; and the 14th-century El Attarine Medersa. After lunch in Old Fes, visit the Seffarine (coppersmiths’ quarter), Sabbaghin (dyers’ quarter), and Dabbaghin (tanners’ quarter) before taking a driving tour of the ramparts. This evening, dinner is at the city’s finest French restaurant. (B,L,D)

Friday, April 25: Fes walking tour – part two

This morning we continue our walking tour of Fes beginning with a visit to Fes el-Jedid (“New Fes”), with its Alouite Palace Gate, and stroll through the walled Jewish quarter (“Mellah”), where we visit the restored, 17th-century Danan Synagogue and the cemetery. After lunch, visit a *zillij* tile workshop. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B,L)

Saturday, April 26: Atlas Mountains | Arfoud

Depart Fes this morning for a long day of driving through fascinating, ever-changing landscapes as we cross the Atlas ranges all the way to the edge of the Sahara. We begin with the Middle Atlas and its vast forests of giant Mediterranean cedars, passing mountain station Ifrane, site of Africa’s most esteemed international university, and stopping in the heart of the forest to look for the indigenous Barbary macaques (of Gibraltar fame). After a break for lunch in the Berber enclave of Midelt, we cross the wild, multi-hued expanses of the Eastern High Atlas, down the dramatic Ziz Valley, to the administrative center of Arfoud. Gather for dinner at our hotel this evening. *Overnight at the 5-star [Hôtel Palais du Désert](#)*. (B,L,D)

Sunday, April 27: Sijilmassa | Ksar Oulad Abd al Halim | Erg Chebbi Dunes | Merzouga

Today we explore the Tafilalet Oasis, Morocco’s largest, and its ruins of Sijilmassa, Africa’s once-immense “City of Gold.” Continue on to visit the ruined 18th-century walled compound of Ksar Oulad Abd al Halim (pending re-opening), where early Alaouite rulers kept their families, and visit the mausoleum of Moulay Ali Sharif. After a lunch of local Saharan specialties, visit Achour Fossils Erfoud, a factory that produces all manner of decorative fossil marble items. Late this afternoon we will take four-wheel-drive vehicles out to the great Erg Chebbi Dunes, rising 600 feet above the desert floor. Scramble (or take a camel, if you prefer) up the dunes to witness the sun set over the Sahara, and then gather for dinner and an overnight in deluxe tents at the *[Desert Luxury Camp Morocco](#)*. (B,L,D)

Monday, April 28: Todgha River Gorge | Tinghir | Ouarzazate

Departing Merzouga this morning, we drive west along desert hills to the narrow, 1,000-foot-deep Todgha River Gorge, and then view the 16th-century adobe *casbah* of Tinghir. After lunch we drive to the international filming center of Ouarzazate, whose exotic surroundings were first used in the film *Lawrence of Arabia*. Upon arrival we visit the partially-restored Taourirt Kasbah (pending re-opening), the former palace of the el Glaoui clan, built in the 19th century, and then check-in to our hotel, where we have dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Le Berbère Palace](#)*. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, April 29: Casbah of Aït ben Haddou | Marrakech: PM at leisure OR Bahia Palace and Koutoubia minaret

At 7:00 am we depart Ouarzazate and drive to the Aït ben Haddou *casbah*, a World Heritage Site and oft-used film backdrop (e.g., *Gladiator*). Continue driving north (about 4.5 hours), over the spectacular Tizi-n-Tichka Pass, with views over deep verdant vales and their adobe hamlets. Arrive in legendary

Marrakech in time for lunch at our hotel, one of the city's finest boutique properties, located just inside the medina of Marrakech (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). Take time to unpack and relax at our hotel or explore a couple of the city's highlights: the Bahia Palace of vizier Ba Ahmed, a prime example of Moorish-Andalusian art that is spread over 20 acres; and the 12th-century Koutoubia minaret, a masterpiece of Almohad Dynasty architecture. Gather this evening for a superb Moroccan dinner in the heart of the medina. *Four nights at the 5-star [La Maison Arabe](#).* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, April 30: Marrakech: Bab Agnaou, El Badi Palace, Jewish Mellah, Almoravid Qubbah, Ben Youssef Medersa

Begin the day with a visit to the imposing Bab Agnaou, one of Marrakech's 19 original gates. Continue on to the Saadian Dynasty's ruined El Badi Palace and the necropolis of the Saadians, the last window into the splendor of early 17th-century Moroccan interior art, with its finely sculpted plaster, cedar panels, and Carrera marble. Before lunch we will enjoy a short stroll in the Jewish Mellah, including a visit to its synagogue. This afternoon, we will see the Almoravid Qubbah and the Ben Youssef Medersa, both of which are architectural highlights of the city. The Ben Youssef Medersa was originally built as a religious school for Islamic studies in the 14th century, and was expanded in the 16th century when a large courtyard and minaret were added. It was once the largest Islamic school in North Africa and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The building is decorated with intricate geometric patterns of carved wood, stucco, and tilework. This is the oldest structure in Marrakech and one of the masterpieces of Moorish architecture. Dinner is on your own this evening, for a chance to sample the city's array of excellent eateries. (B,L)

Thursday, May 1: Marrakech walking tour | Farewell dinner

This morning is dedicated to exploring Marrakech's vast, reed-covered bazaars, where all types of crafts are still fashioned by hand. Two sites of special interest are the Souk des Teinturiers (wool-dyers), also known as Souk Sebbaghine; and the courtyard of the fascinating Zawiya (shrine) of holy man Sidi Bel-Abbes, patron saint of the blind. After a Continental lunch in the medina, take a stroll in the Jardin Majorelle, the exotic, 12-acre garden created in the 1930s and restored by the late Yves St. Laurent, and visit its exquisite Museum of Berber Culture. Return to our hotel and freshen up before we gather this evening for a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Friday, May 2: Marrakech: Full day at leisure OR AM at leisure & optional PM culinary tour

Today is at leisure in Marrakech for independent pursuits. Some options at our hotel (at additional cost) include pampering yourself at the spa, which offers traditional and contemporary treatments; and/or taking a cooking class to learn some secrets of Moroccan gastronomy. These options may be booked and paid for prior to the tour to ensure availability. Alternatively, your tour manager can arrange for a guide to take you back to the souk in the morning for independent shopping. There is also an optional, late afternoon excursion that you may choose (at additional cost; details will be sent to participants with a sign-up form): a tour of local food markets in the old town of Marrakech to learn about history of the markets, spices, and traditional foods before sampling some local specialties in the main square of Jemaa el-Fna. Lunch and dinner are on your own today. (B)

Saturday, May 3: Marrakech | Fly home

Transfer as a group or individually this morning to Marrakech Menara Airport (RAK) for flights homeward. (B)



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Above and bottom: Images from the Marrakech bazaar

“Trevor answered each and every question from everyone in the group... His passions and enthusiasms were evident throughout the tour. He is also extremely kind and deferential.”

- Colleen, CA



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Street food vendor



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Moroccan Cuisine

Hospitality, including food, is a significant part of the cultural experience of traveling in Morocco, and Moroccan cuisine is reputed to be one of the world's most refined cuisines. Moroccan hospitality is known for its warmth and generosity, and it is often expressed through the sharing of food. You should expect to encounter an abundance of food during our tour. Included lunches and dinners may have many courses, and may often be served family-style, so plan ahead to pace yourself in order to at least be able to sample them all. Morocco has been a cultural crossroads for centuries, blending Berber, Arab, Andalusian, and Mediterranean culinary traditions so, naturally, Moroccan cuisine boasts rich, diverse flavors influenced by its geography, history, and cultural heritage. The cuisine involves a wide range of spices, herbs, fruits, vegetables, and meats. Some of the most common spices include cumin, cinnamon, paprika, saffron, and ginger; and one of the most iconic dishes is the tagine, a slow-cooked stew made in a conical clay pot of the same name, typically made with lamb or chicken and vegetables such as potatoes, carrots, and onions. The dish is often served with couscous, a staple grain in Moroccan cuisine. If you wish to dig deeper into the culinary history and elements of Moroccan cuisine, consider joining the optional excursion on our last day, which includes a walking tour of local food markets in Marrakech. Further details and a sign-up sheet will be sent with reservation confirmations.

"Trevor Marchand's knowledge and ability to communicate it were outstanding. The geology/geography of Morocco are spectacular. The food overall was very interesting and enjoyable."

- Susan, Washington

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"Beautiful Arabian architecture, the museums and a well-planned itinerary helped give us a broad range of understanding of Morocco."

- Elliott, Washington, DC

Village in the Saharan Erg Chebbi Dunes
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What to Expect



ACTIVE: Must be able to walk three or more miles per day on mostly uneven terrain, and up and down inclines and steps.

This program involves extensive walking, often on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails, with a couple of half-day excursions covering up to three miles apiece. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask while in close proximity to others. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply.

At the time of our visit you can expect pleasant, generally sunny and dry, weather. Daytime temperatures will range from the mid-70s to the mid-80s F, and you may experience cooler evenings in the mid-60s F. Sightseeing vehicles are air-conditioned, modern, and comfortable. Land Rovers will take us through the dunes, and to and from our desert camp, and they are air-conditioned but the ride will be bumpy. Accommodations have been selected to offer the ultimate experience of true Moroccan culture, ambiance, and hospitality. Restaurants have been selected to showcase the cuisine's excellence and complexity, along with the best of Continental options. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*

Accommodations



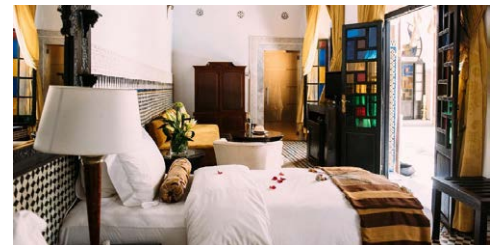
Casablanca: One night at the 5-star [Le Casablanca Hotel](#)



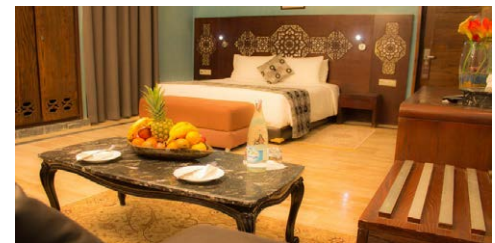
Rabat: Two nights at the 5-star [Hôtel la Tour Hassan Palace](#)



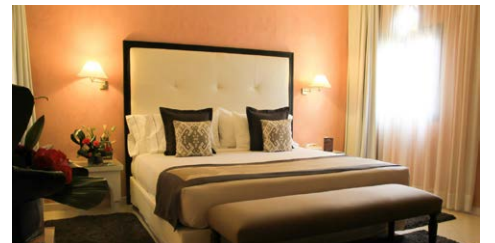
Fes: Three nights at the 4-star [Le Riad Maison Bleue](#)



Arfoud: One night at the 5-star [Hôtel Palais du Désert](#)



Merzouga: One night at the [Desert Luxury Camp Morocco](#)



Ouarzazate: One night at the 5-star [Le Berbere Palace](#)



Marrakech: Four nights at the 5-star [La Maison Arabe](#)





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Above: (left) Mausoleum of Sultan Moulay Ismail, Meknes; (right) Todgha River Gorge

TOUR PRICES Per Person (13 nights)

Double Occupancy (10-12 participants)	\$9,895
Double Occupancy (8-9 participants)	\$10,695
Single Supplement (<i>limited availability</i>)	\$2,245

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.

With fewer than 8 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

PRICES INCLUDE

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer/host Trevor Marchand**, a professional **guide/tour manager**, and local guides where necessary
- **Individual and/or group arrival and departure transfers**
- **Accommodations for 13 nights** as indicated in 4- and 5-star hotels, with one night at a deluxe tented camp
- **Most meals, including breakfast daily, eleven lunches and eight dinners** with mineral water, and wine or beer with included dinners. **Welcome and farewell dinners** also include cocktails
- **All sightseeing, excursions, and entrance fees** to sites as indicated in the itinerary
- Surface transportation by **modern, air-conditioned coach, and 4-wheel-drive Land Rovers** for Erg Chebbi Dunes excursion, including bottled water
- **All gratuities** to the guide/tour manager, local guides, driver, hotel and restaurant staff (for included meals), porters, and drivers on the Erg Chebbi excursion
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- Baggage handling
- **Complete pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide and packing suggestions

FLIGHTS & TRANSFERS

Airfare to Casablanca (CMN) and from Marrakech (RAK) is not included in the tour price. Complimentary individual and/or group airport transfers, times to be determined, are provided. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

Prices Do Not Include: Any airfare; passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; excess baggage charges; taxi, telephone, and fax charges; personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; any activities not specified in the itinerary, and those indicated as “optional”; meals or beverages except as noted; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, and room service.

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to “Eos AIA-Morocco4/25.” Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be made by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit, you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

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Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leader are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions are available upon confirmation or upon request, and can be viewed online at www.aiatours.org.

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-Jens, British Columbia

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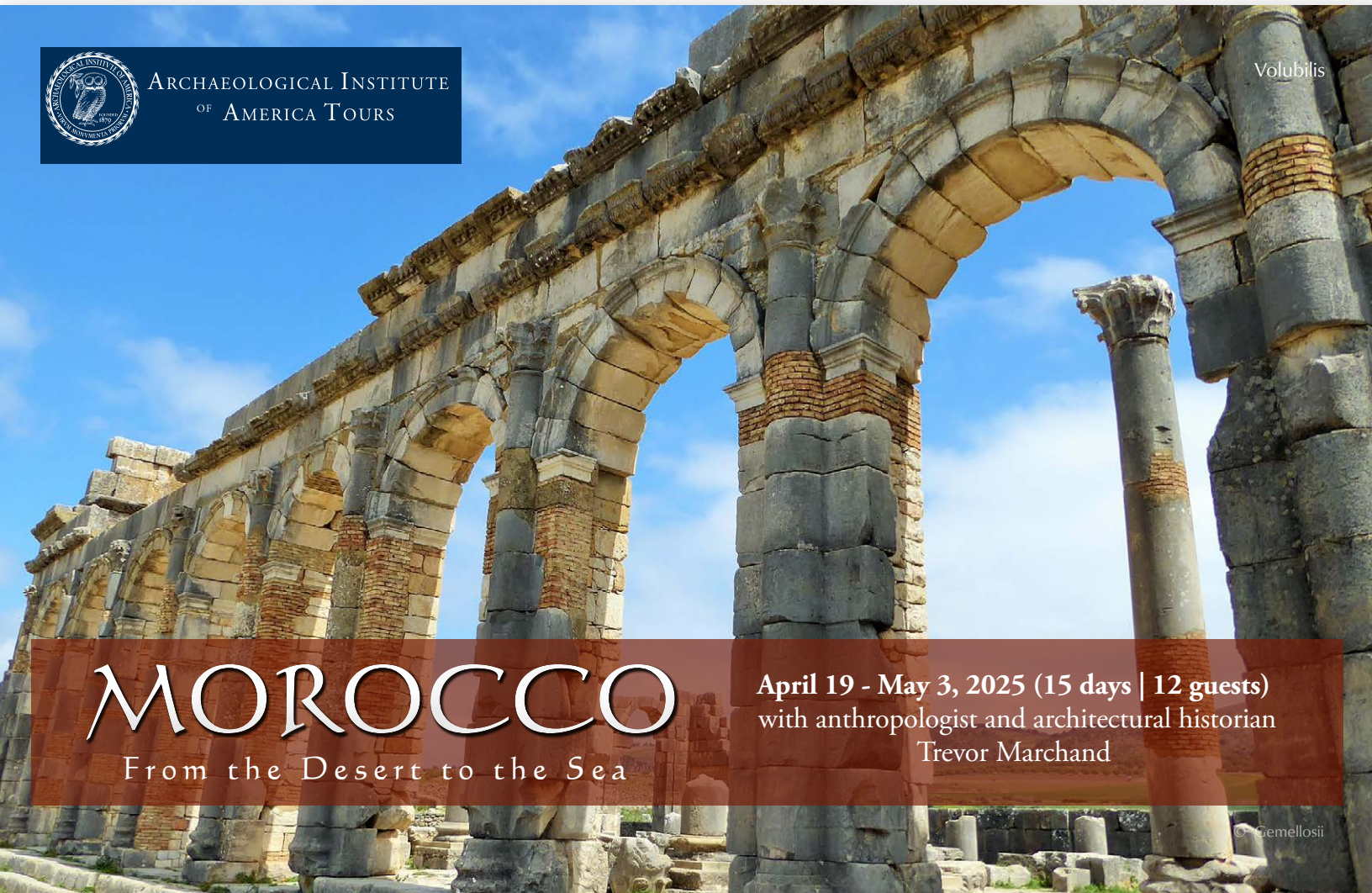
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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-748-6262 or aia@studytours.org.

Name 1 _____
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I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

How did you hear about this tour? eNewsletter mailing website friends/family other _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

Double (one bed) Twin (two beds) Single

I will be sharing with: _____

Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (please check one):

Check payable to: Eos AIA-Morocco4/25 Visa Master Card American Express Already paid by phone

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