Day 1: April 10th: MARRAKECH Our tour commences today on arrival at Marrakech International Airport. Transfer to our hotel inside the Casbah for Welcome Drinks & Dinner. [D]

Day 2: April 11th: MARRAKECH This morning we commence our exploration of this fascinating city, one of the four former Imperial capitals of Morocco. Outside the red or ochre walls which give the city its nickname ‘the ochre city’, there is a modern Western city with boulevards echoing the period of French control of Morocco. Then we explore the old city where the 12th century Koutoubia mosque’s 77 metre minaret dominates the city skyline. We end at the Djemaa El Fna – the vast square in the heart of the old city. Hawkers, snake charmers, buskers… enjoy. [B]

Day 3: April 12th: MARRAKECH A lazy morning for further exploring or to enjoy this oasis, with the snow-capped Atlas Mountains as a backdrop. This afternoon our sightseeing tour takes us through the labyrinthine souks and medinas. Bargain for fabric and jewellery. [B]

Day 4: April 13th: FES Moroccan Rail is certainly the best in North Africa, and today we take our first class seats in an air-conditioned carriage for a journey from the desert landscape of Marrakech through the fertile coastal farmland, the vineyards and orchards of Meknes to another of Morocco’s former imperial capitals, Fes. [B,D]

Day 5: April 14th: FES Fes was founded around 900AD and its medina – old city – is UNESCO heritage listed. Our sightseeing begins at the historic and beautiful Blue Gate this morning, and takes us to the very heart. Fes is considered the spiritual capital of Morocco: it has madressas – universities – that are 1,000 years old and a synagogue dating from the 17th century. [B]

Day 6: April 15th: FES A day to visit the souks and bargain for local leather goods and jewellery. The Medina al Bali, with many kilometres of winding pathways and thousands of shops, is one of the largest pedestrian-only urban areas on Earth. Be sure you have the hotel name written in Arabic to show to any teenager when you get lost. For a 20 dirham coin ($2) he will escort you home to the hotel. [B]

Day 7: April 16th: TANGIER On Moroccan Rail again today, back through the vineyards of Meknes to the most northerly point of Morocco – Tangier, on the Straits of Gibraltar, located at the mouth of the Mediterranean. Its colourful history since its foundation by Carthage (5th century BC), makes Tangier a truly cosmopolitan port city. [B,D]

Day 8: April 17th: TANGIER For the first half of the 20th century Tangier was an international zone partitioned between France, Spain and Britain. It is said to have been a hangout for spies, drug runners and international intrigue, and also the original setting for Rick, Ilsa and Sam in “Casablanca”. The Hollywood moguls felt that the word Casablanca was more mellifluous (would you go to a movie called “Tangier?”). Our city sightseeing takes in the medina and the harbour. [B]

Day 9: April 18th: TANGIER A day in the souk for shopping and to visit the area where mosques, synagogues and churches rub shoulders happily. In the afternoon take a stroll along the sandy beach or the harbour-front or pay an art pilgrim’s visit to the ruins of the Grand Hotel Vila de France, loved and painted by Delacroix and Henri Matisse. [B]

Day 10: April 19th: GRANADA Our intercontinental journey takes 35 minutes today on our ferry across the Straits of Gibraltar to Spain. Spain’s rail system is amongst the best in Europe. We take our first journey – Algeciras to Granada, the jewel of Andalusia. [B,D]

Day 11: April 20th: GRANADA Andalusia was under Moorish (Muslim) control from the 8th century until the expulsion of both Moors and Jews by the Christian monarchs, Ferdinand and Isabella in 1492. Perhaps the greatest gift to the world from this period is the UNESCO listed Alhambra, with its inspiring Moorish architecture, beautiful squares, gardens & fountains. It is the focus of our city sightseeing today. [B]

Day 12: April 21st: GRANADA Today, we enjoy the magnificent Generalife Gardens. Then in the afternoon, wander the timeless streets to absorb the unique history of Granada. The Gothic Catholic cathedral containing the tombs of Ferdinand and Isabella, the Grand Via and the Hospital Real should be included in your strolling. [B]

Day 13: April 22nd: SEVILLE We take the high speed ATR train today and stop for a visit of Cordoba on the way. Our city sightseeing tour to Cordoba includes the UNESCO listed historic centre of Cordoba, shaped successively by the Romans, Arabs, Jews and Christians. The Moorish Catholic cathedral was formerly and obviously, a mosque until the expulsion of the Moors in 1492. Later, our ATR delivers us to Seville. [B,D]

Day 14: April 23rd: SEVILLE A Moorish city, Seville was conquered by the Christian king Ferdinand III in 1248. The Moorish architecture still dominates the city. The two centuries following Columbus’ voyages were the Golden Age of Seville as all trade from the Americas passed through Seville. Buildings from this era – the cathedral and the Plaza de Espana – feature in today’s city sightseeing. [B]

Day 15: April 24th: SEVILLE We visit the Islamic Alcazar Palace this morning and the remainder of the day is free for shopping. [B]

Day 16: April 25th: MADRID The high speed AVE train takes us to Spain’s new (since 1561) capital, Madrid. Located in the borderlands between the
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historic enemies Aragon and Castille – joined with the marriage of Ferdinand and Isabella – Madrid was favoured by Philip II who moved his court here. [B,D]

Day 17: April 26th: MADRID Our city sightseeing tour introduces us to historic palaces and glass skyscrapers, Real Madrid’s soccer stadium and an active bullfighting ring. It is a sprawling city of almost 7 million, a modern European capital. [B]

Day 18: April 27th: MADRID One of the world’s great art galleries is the Prado in Madrid. Spain controlled Italy and the Netherlands long enough to gather a magnificent collection of Flemish and Italian Renaissance art. [B]

Day 19: April 28th: BARCELONA Our high speed AVE train delivers us quickly to Spain’s second largest city Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia. It was founded by the Romans, and has a proud spirit of independence from the rest of Spain. Catalan is the first language; Spanish the second. [B]

Day 20: April 29th: BARCELONA This morning’s sightseeing begins with visits to the Mirador de Colon and the Placa Reial and winds up at Antoni Gaudí’s unfinished masterpiece, La Sagrada Familia cathedral. [B]

Day 21: April 30th: BARCELONA Barcelona lends itself to aimless wandering and people watching, and La Rambla ranks with Paris’ Champs Elysees as the best place in Europe to do it. Later, take the funicular to the top of Montjuic for a fine view of Barcelona and its harbour. Farewell Dinner tonight. [B,D]

Day 22: May 1st: FAREWELL Our tour ends after breakfast this morning. [B]

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Full name (as in passport): _______________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________

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Passport No: ___________________ Date of Issue: ________________ Expiry Date: ________________

Nationality: ___________________ Date of Birth: __________________

Ph. Home: (     ) __________________ Ph. Work: (     ) __________________

Mobile: _________________________ Email: ________________________________

MEDICAL / DIET

Do you have any medical conditions or dietary requirements that we should be alerted to?

☐ YES ☐ NO  If you answered YES, please outline briefly: ______________________________________________________________

Are you able to walk 500 metres and climb 25 stairs without assistance? ☐ YES ☐ NO

NEXT OF KIN (to be contacted in event of an emergency)

Name: _________________________________________________________________________

Ph. Home: (     ) ________________ Ph. Work: (     ) __________________ Mobile: ________________________

TRAVEL INSURANCE

☐ Please provide me with travel insurance. ☐ I have a pre-existing medical condition.

(NOTE: Passengers over 75 years of age at end of a tour will need a medical clearance)

☐ I decline your offer of travel insurance and attach documentary evidence that I have sufficient travel insurance cover.

Insurance Company ___________________________ Policy Number __________________

ACCOMMODATION

☐ Double ☐ Twin, sharing with __________________________

☐ Twin, please find someone to share with me. If no suitable room-mate can be found, the single supplement is payable.

☐ Single Room ☐ Single occupancy of double sized room {surcharge} ☐ Non-smoking ☐ Smoking

EXTRA ACCOMMODATION

☐ Pre-Tour in ____________________________(city) Date IN ___/___/___ Date OUT ___/___/___

☐ Post-Tour in _____________________________(city) Date IN ___/___/___ Date OUT ___/___/___

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