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ENJOY THE HERMES TOUR ADVANTAGE

Venture off the tourist path into your destination's backyard, for unforgettable worldwide discoveries at the best value for gay and lesbian travelers.

Small groups of like-minded gay and lesbian travelers—our group size caps off at 20, so we can explore unobtrusively for a more authentic experience.

Focus on discovery—the richest discoveries are off the typical tourist-worn path. We'll take you there, so you'll experience the cultures and natural environments of your destination in a more meaningful way.

Unrivaled camaraderie—we don't believe you need circuit-like parties to make friends. Quite the contrary, we've found that when our travelers share unforgettable experiences, bonds form quite naturally, and quickly.

The best value in gay and lesbian travel—enjoy the most authentic experience, and pay less than you would with other gay and lesbian travel companies.

And even greater savings—pay even less when you reserve your trip at least 5 months before departure with our \$100 per person early booking discount.





MOROCCO



MOROCCAN SPICES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013

Paul Bowles traversed these sands and set some of literature's most romantic and captivating tales in this exotic, mysterious land. Set off on an unparalleled adventure of your own with Hermes Tours. We'll explore medieval Fes, its dusty, ancient souks frozen in time ... discover an ancient Roman outpost and a laid-back seaside jewel ... and mingle with acrobats, storytellers, and snake charmers in Marrakesh. By journey's end, you'll be entranced by all that unfolds beneath this sheltering sky.



HIGHLIGHTS

Casablanca Tour, including Hassan II Mosque

Rabat Tour, including the Royal Palace, Mohammed V's Mausoleum, and more

Fes Tour, including the Sahrij Mederssa, Foundouk Nejjarine, Mellah and Attarine & Sefferine Souk
Erfoud, Camel Ride, Landrover Excursion into the Desert, (Merzouga)

Authentic Berber Experience, enjoy 1 night in the desert in Berber Tents

Ouarzazate Tour, including entrance to Atlas Studios

Marrakesh Tour, including Bahia and El Badi palaces and

Essaouira Tour

Accommodations for 9 nights 3/4 star hotels (8 nights) & Berber Tents(1 night)

11 meals – 9 breakfasts, 2 dinners

Services of a Hermes Tours escort

Services of an expert, local guide in all cities

Entrance fees to all sites visited

\$100 per person savings if you reserve 5 months before departure!

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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Casablanca Tour Casablanca (D)

We begin today with a visit to the Hassan II Mosque, dramatically perched on the Atlantic Ocean. Completed by the late King Hassan II in 1993, this astounding edifice is larger than Saint Peter's in Rome and can hold 25,000 worshippers inside, and 80,000 outside. This evening Hermes Tours will host a welcome dinner so we can get better acquainted with each other.

Day 2: Casablanca – Rabat – Fez (B)

Our journey today takes us to Rabat, where we will tour the ancient necropolis of Chellah, a thriving city for nearly 1,000 years, whose ruins date from the Roman through the Islamic periods. Today our tour takes us to the Royal Palace and Mechouar, Mohammed V's mausoleum and the Udaya Kasbah.

Day 3: Fez (B)

We'll witness Fez' medieval wonders firsthand today on our tour. Its narrow, cobbled streets are brimming with ancient mosques, towering green-glazed minarets and ancient fondouks, ancient hostels where spice traders once laid their heads. During our walk, we mingle among veiled women, meandering donkeys laden with wares, and proud artisans carrying on ancient traditions.

Highlights of our visit include the Sahrij Medersa, the Mellah (Jewish Quarter), Attarine Souk, the K-arouiyne Mosque, and the city's countless souks and tanneries.

Day 4: Fez – Mergouga (B, D)

Following our breakfast we drive through the scenic cedar forests of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Along the way, we will find a weekly souk in Azrou. Continue south along the Ziz River until it finally dies out in the Sahara desert as the last paved road ends at the edge of the oasis town of Erfoud, we leave the world behind you as we continue on to our desert oasis hotel. This afternoon we go back in time with our camel desert safari.

Day 5: Erfoud - Desert Safari – Ouarzazate (B)

Rise early this morning for a 4x4 adventure in the Sahara desert. After the sun has risen, we return to our hotel for breakfast and then continue our drive to Ouarzazate. Upon our arrival we visit the 17th century Kasbah Taourirt which served as the home of the Pacha Glaoui. Then visit the Atlas Studios, Morocco's most important and famous movie studios.

Day 6: Ouarzazate – High Atlas Mountains – Marrakech (B)

After breakfast we begin our approximately 4 hour journey towards Marrakech through the High Atlas Mountains and the dramatic pass of Tizn Tichka.

Day 7: Marrakesh (B)

Start your day with a visit to the opulent Saadien Tombs. This treasure was lost within the medina until its rediscovery at the beginning of the 20th century when it was rediscovered only when aerial photographs of the medina revealed their existence. Later, we'll compare two awe-inspiring palaces – the Bahia and El Badi.

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Day 8: Marrakesh Free Day (B)

Day at leisure to independently explore Marrakech. How about exploring the colorful souks or perhaps you may wish to leave the medina for a visit to the Menara gardens.

Day 9: Essaouia Day Trip (B)

Following breakfast enjoy a full day excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Essaouira. A former Portuguese colony on the Atlantic Ocean that has become something of an artists' colony, the enchanting streets of this fortified town were the setting for Orson Welles' 1952 Othello. Return to Marrakech this evening.

Day 10: Our tour ends today. (B)

Our tour officially ends this morning after breakfast where you will be transferred to the nearby Marrakech airport for your return flight to home.

Price: \$2895 per person, double occupancy, land only. Book 5 months before departure and save \$100!

Single Supplement: \$650 USD, Not Required. Hermes Tours can match you with another traveler should you wish at no cost.





TOUR REGISTRATION FORM 2012/2013

Complete one form for each guest. Signature required for Billing and General Information and Conditions.
You may fax the completed form to Happy Gay Travel at: +44 2071382691 or email to:happy@happygaytravel.com

Please submit one registration form for each guest

TOUR TITLE: _____ TOUR DATE: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? _____

LEGAL NAME (AS PER PASSPORT): _____ GENDER M: F:

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE/PROVINCE, ZIP/POSTAL CODE, COUNTRY: _____

PREFERRED NAME (NICKNAME) : _____ DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY): _____

TELEPHONE: _____ ALTERNATE TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ MEDICAL/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

PASSPORT NUMBER: _____ COUNTRY PASSPORT ISSUED IN: _____

PASSPORT EXPIRATION DATE: _____

(PLEASE NOTE YOUR PASSPORT SHOULD BE VALID FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS BEYOND YOUR RETURN DATE HOME).

SINGLES:

I would like single accommodations. A single supplement charge will apply.

I am traveling as a single but would like Hermes Tours to find me a share if possible. No charges will apply. I am a smoker

SHARED ACCOMMODATION: Please indicate if you would prefer a double bed or twin bed in the hotels. We will make every effort possible to accommodate.

We would like twin bedded accommodation

We would like a double bed

Notes: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY: Each guest should carefully read the following conditions. Making a reservation or acceptance of tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the conditions outlined below.

BOOKING CONDITIONS: A deposit of \$500 USD per tour and person is required for us to reserve a space for you. The deposit may be made either with credit card or check. Final payment for the tour is due 80 days prior to departure. **Final Payment can only be done by either personal check or credit card, payable to Hermes Tours.** If we do not receive final payment by this date we reserve the right to cancel the reservation. **Payment in full is required at the time of booking for reservations made less than 80 days before departure date.**

CANCELLATION POLICY: All notifications of cancellations must be received in writing. We will assess the following penalties on the day that your cancellation is received: All cancellations will be assessed a \$500.00 USD administration fee per tour/per person. Final payment for the tour is due 80 days prior to departure. If we do not receive final payment by this date we reserve the right to cancel the reservation.

- 1) Cancellations received more than 80 days prior to departure will be assessed a \$500.00 USD administration fee per tour/per person.
- 2) Cancellations received within 40-79 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of 50% of the total invoice amount.
- 3) Cancellations received from departure date to 39 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of 100% of the total invoice amount.
- 4) No refunds will be given for any activity on the tour that you chose not to participate.
- 5) No travel documents may be issued unless booking has been paid in full.
- 6) Refunds on airline, rail and cruise tickets are subject to the policy of the airline/rail/cruise company.

ACCOMMODATIONS & ITINERARY: We reserve the right to make alterations to the itinerary as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the tour. The right is reserved to substitute hotels in similar categories.

LODGING: Prices are per person, double occupancy, except as otherwise noted. If you sign up at least 100 days before departure and would like the per-person/double rate, we will either match you with a roommate, or give you a room to yourself at no extra charge. If you want to room alone you may do so by paying the singles supplement.

INSURANCE: Trip cancellation insurance as well as medical travel insurance is highly recommended. Hermes Tours can provide this for you should you wish. Travel Insurance is not compulsory except for any Hermes Tours Adventure Tour. Should you elect to not purchase travel insurance, you will be required to sign a Travel insurance waiver. You will also be responsible for all costs that may be incurred should you need to cancel your trip for any reason. You will also be responsible for any costs incurred and not limited to any medical attention, terrorism event, political unrest or other condition incurred while on your trip or prior to the departure of your trip. Please inquire about policies that cover you for such instances. Hermes Tours provides travel insurance via Travel Guard.

SAFETY: Please be aware that during your participation in tours operated by Hermes Tours, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including but not limited to, the hazards of traveling in underdeveloped areas, travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft, or other means of transportation, the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. Hermes Tours will not have liability regarding provisions of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that Hermes Tours will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

BEHAVIOR: Participants agree to respect the laws and customs of the regions in which we travel. A participant may be asked to leave the trip if our guide feels that the person's continuing participation may prove detrimental to that individual, or to the safety, well-being, or enjoyment of others.

DISCLAIMER: Hermes Tours does not accept responsibility, including financial in whole or in part for any delay, loss, accidents, personal injury, sickness, medical expenses, acts of terrorism, event of political unrest, "acts of god" or property damage by fault of any person from whatever cause. All participants are required to sign a standard liability form. Hermes Tours recommends all travelers acquire adequate travel insurance.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE: Airport taxes and fees, passports, visas and vaccinations, tips to your tour director, tour driver, local city guides, laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol and beverages and food unless stated otherwise, optional excursions, travel insurance, and all other items of a personal nature.

PHOTOS/EMAIL: Trip Members grant Hermes Tours express permission to take photographic records of its trips for promotional and commercial use without compensation to trip members. Members who do not wish to have their photo taken must inform their tour leader on the first day of the tour. Your name and email address may be supplied to other participants on your trip at the beginning and/or end of the trip unless you request otherwise.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: Portage of one suitcase on the tour is included in the tour price. For safety reasons, wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motorcoaches and mini-buses.

Guest signature: _____

Date: _____



PAYMENTS

STEP 1:

DEPOSIT

Please deposit \$500 USD per person to reserve your space on the tour.
(Payment is due in full if booked less than 80 days prior to departure, please see booking conditions below)

Enclosed is a personal check payable to Hermes Tours Inc.

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Account # _____ CVV: _____ Exp. Date _____ MM / YY

Cardholder Name: _____

Signature of card holder: _____

STEP 2:

FINAL BALANCE

Final balances are due in full 80 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by personal check or major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover card). If desired, you may also set up a payment plan where Hermes Tours will automatically deduct payments from your credit card. On a scheduled basis.

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (A, B OR C):

A. I will mail a check for final payment

B. I authorize Hermes Tours to automatically deduct my credit card for final payment in full, 80 days prior to departure. *Please notify us at least 5 days before scheduled deduction if you would like to make any changes.*

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Account # _____ CVV: _____ Exp. Date _____ MM / YY

Cardholder Name: _____

Signature of card holder: _____

PAYMENT PLANS:

C. I would like to set up a payment plan with my credit card, the balance will be paid in full 80 days prior to departure. (Not applicable to guests who register less than 80 days prior to departure). *Please notify us at least 5 days before scheduled deduction if you would like to make any changes.*

I authorize Hermes Tours to deduct \$ _____ USD on the 15th of each month starting in _____ (month) until my balance has been paid in full.

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Account # _____ CVV: _____ Exp. Date _____ MM / YY

Cardholder Name: _____

Signature of card holder: _____

STEP 3:

INSURANCE

Would you like Hermes Tours to send you a Travel Cancellation and Medical Insurance quote? * Yes No

*Clients who do not wish to purchase travel insurance will be required to sign a Travel Insurance waiver.