



Morocco

“Morocco is one of only three kingdoms left on the continent of Africa—the others, Lesotho and Swaziland, are small, southern African countries.”

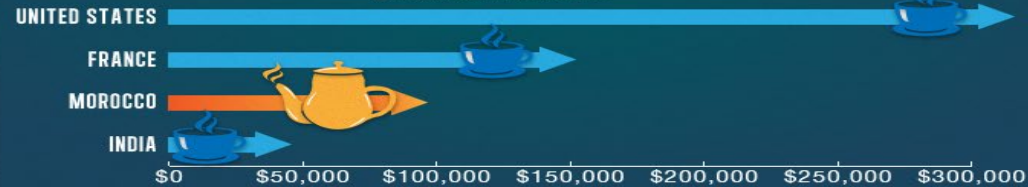
Although this territory of Western Sahara is disputed, it is internationally recognized a territory of Morocco, who administers most of territory.

Capital Rabat
Largest City Casablanca
Official Dialect(s) Arabic, Berber
Ethnic Groups Berbers, North African Arabs
Government Constitutional Monarchy
Population 32,545,170
GDP (total) \$162.617 billion
Primary Religion Islam

source: wikipedia.org/wiki/Morocco



“Morocco is one of the biggest tea importers of the world, which consumes roughly 1.4 kg of tea yearly per capita. Morocco imported more than \$56 million worth of Chinese tea during the first half of 2006. Morocco is considered the first importer of Chinese green tea worldwide.”



source: http://www.nationmaster.com/graph/eco_wor_tra_imp_tea_and_mat-world-trade-imports-tea-mate

Films Shot in Morocco

1949: Othello
(Orson Welles)
1955: The Man Who Knew Too Much
(James 'Jimmy' Stewart)
1962: Lawrence of Arabia,
(Peter O'Toole, Omar Sharif)
1970: Patton
(director Franklin Schaffner)
1988: The Last Temptation of Christ
(director Martin Scorsese, starred Willem Dafoe)
2000: Gladiator
(director Ridley Scott, starred Russell Crowe)
2001: Black Hawk Down
(director Ridley Scott)
2007: The Bourne Ultimatum
(director Paul Greengrass)
2010: Inception
(director Christopher Nolan, starred Leonardo DiCaprio)

“Morocco was the first country to acknowledge the US as a nation - After becoming the first country to publicly recognize the American republic.”

The Largest Mosque in the world, the Mosque of Hasan II, is located in Casablanca, which covers 20,000 square miles and can house 25,000 people. French architect Michel Pinseau designed the massive Mosque.

- 15 days, 14 nights trip
- After finals (exact dates TBD)
- 10-20 participants
- Trip leaders: Doc Lo and Sarah
- Option to enroll in COLA 298 (GSS Carolina Core)
- Taught in Preston T/R 11:40am-12:55pm
- Trip provider: CIEE



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CIEE COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY

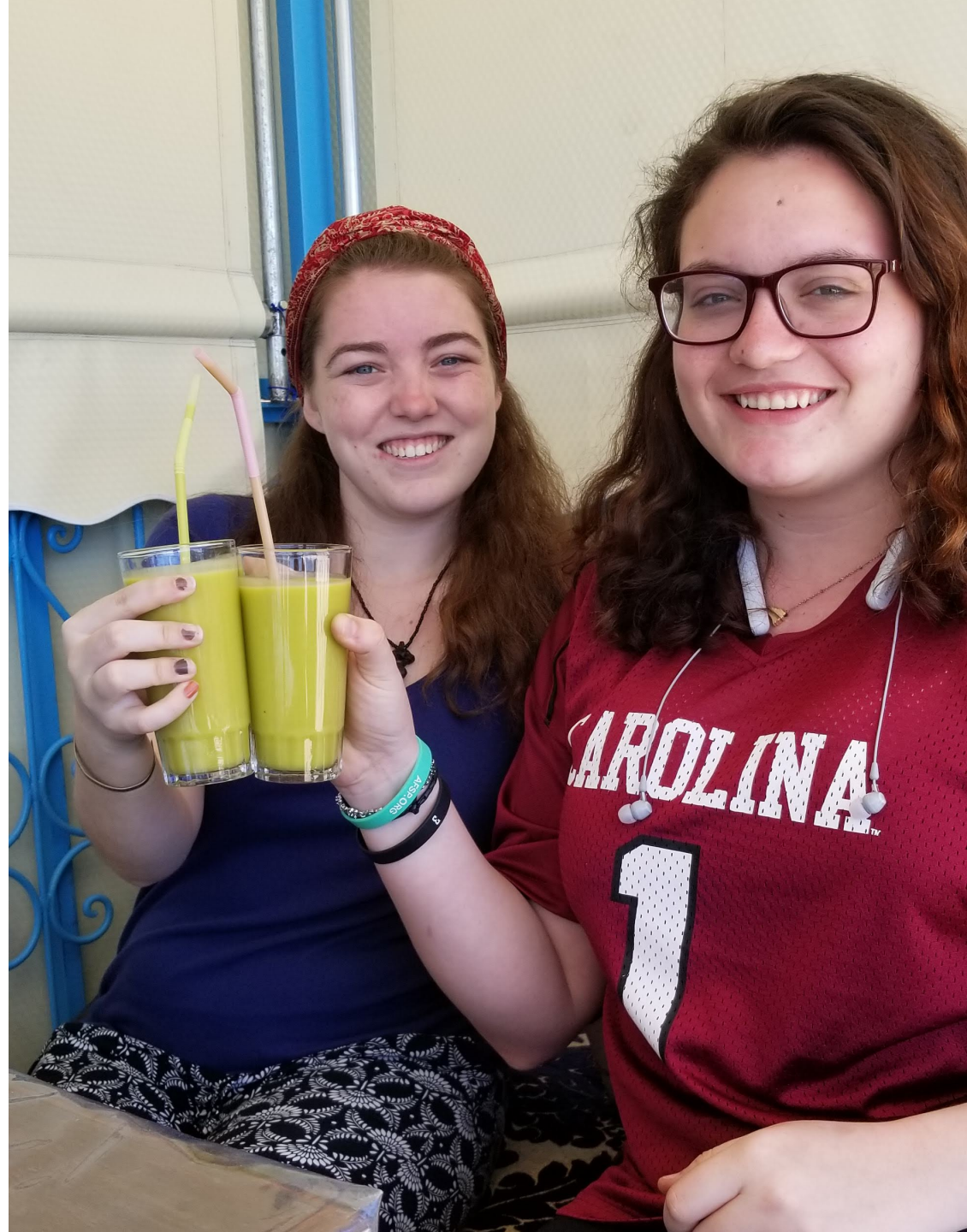
We at CIEE value beyond any other consideration the health and safety of all members of our worldwide community, including program participants, staff, instructors, and homestay families.

Our mission is to humanize international relations and foster peace through international education and exchange programs that promote intercultural understanding. And we cannot continue bringing the world together in a way that honors our ideals if we do not do all we can to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 and its variants between and within the communities in which we live and work.

Alongside our other prevention measures, vaccination significantly increase protection for all members of the CIEE community. Therefore, we are requiring all members of the CIEE community, including all American students traveling abroad, exchange visitors coming to the U.S., homestay families, and international and domestic CIEE staff to be fully vaccinated no later than January 1, 2022.



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COVID-19 IN MOROCCO

- Morocco has administered at least **38,436,040** doses of COVID vaccines so far. Assuming every person needs 2 doses, that's enough to have vaccinated about **52.7%** of the country's population.
- As COVID-19 infections began to be reported around the world, many countries responded by shutting down places like schools, workplaces and international borders in order to contain the spread of the virus.



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19% of peak and falling ▼

35 infections per 100K people reported last 7 days

Updated 2:28 AM EDT

Average number of new infections reported each day in Morocco falls by more than **3,500** over the last 3 weeks, 35% of its previous peak

COVID-19 infections are decreasing in Morocco, with **1,847** new infections reported on average each day. That's 19% of the peak — the highest daily average reported on August 9.

There have been **923,924** infections and **14,040** coronavirus-related deaths reported in the country since the pandemic began.

We will visit

- Casablanca
- Rabat
- Fès
- Chefchaouen
- Tangier
- Marrakech



We will experience

- Homestays with Moroccan families
- Service opportunity
- Artisan workshops (pottery, rug making, and leather works)
- Exploring caves
- Boat ride on the Bou Regreg
- Camel rides
- Hammam (optional), traditional dancing, music, henna (optional)



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FEES

10-14 students	\$2,870
15-19 students	\$2,420
20 students	\$2,200

Includes:

- Homestay accommodations (double occupancy)
- Hotel accommodations (double occupancy)
- Most meals
- Private bus transportation throughout the trip
- Any applicable entrance fees
- Group transportation to/from airport upon arrival and departure
- Daily water bottles
- Gratuities

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Airfare to Casablanca, Morocco (CMN) <i>(Exact dates, times, and location TBD)</i>	~\$1,200
Passport <i>(if you don't already have one, or if yours expires before November 2022, you need get on this now!)</i>	\$135
Required insurance through UofSC	\$30
Meals not included	\$50
Access to COVID emergency quarantine costs <i>(insurance will reimburse, but costs must be paid out-of-pocket first)</i>	\$100/day

OPTIONAL \$\$

Single room throughout the trip
Trip interruption insurance <i>(HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)</i>
Optional activities
International phone plan
Souvenirs/gifts



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TRAVEL GRANT

available to all students currently living in Preston Residential College or Carolina International House at Maxcy for the Morocco trip

- \$1,700 per resident
- Applications available starting Monday, November 1
- Will be applied to your Spring tuition bill
- You will still need to make all payments for the trip

Not automatically applied to any costs



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SECURE YOUR SPOT

Non-refundable deposits will be accepted **November 1-December 3**

Preston: 10 residents + waitlist

Maxcy: 10 residents + waitlist

All payments will be made online. No cash, checks, or in-person payments will be accepted.

1. Apply for travel grant
2. Schedule a meeting with Preston or Maxcy staff
3. Sign the withdrawal agreement
4. Submit the non-refundable deposit



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OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

- **Preston Magellan Explorer research grant (\$500)**

https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/undergraduate_research/apply_for_funding/our_funding/preston-community/index.php

- **Maxcy Magellan Navigator research grant (\$500)**

https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/undergraduate_research/apply_for_funding/our_funding/maxcy-community/index.php

- **CIEL/Graduation with Leadership Distinction grant (\$500)**

https://www.sc.edu/about/initiatives/center_for_integrative_experiential_learning/student_toolbox/student_grants.php

- **Scholarships from Education Abroad Office**

https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/education_abroad/plan_your_experience_abroad/find_scholarships/index.php

- **Ask your college!**

