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KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
VOLUNTEER & CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM
JUNE 7-22, 2019

DAY 1: CASABLANCA ARRIVAL & AZROU ORIENTATION- Take a flight to Casablanca where our friendly staff will greet the group in the airport. Time providing visit the Grande Mosque in Casablanca before setting out on the four hour drive to Azrou. Arrive in the mid-size community of Azrou, located in the picturesque Middle Atlas Mountains. Situated in a safe, residential neighborhood, the Home-Base offers private accommodations for the group with beautiful views and expansive common areas furnished with bright regional fabrics. Enjoy your first Moroccan meal from our CCS cooks and meet our CCS Director Mohammed as he provides an orientation and training about the community and the week ahead.

DAYS 2-5 AND 9-12: GLOBAL EDUCATION PROJECTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES-Over the course of the next week Monday to Friday mornings, the group will be matched with a local school to provide volunteer support and engage in cultural exchanges with the students. In addition to providing tutoring and classroom support, the group will experience the tangible accomplishment of a much needed small construction project in the school such as renovating classrooms, refurbishing a playground, or building school gardens. Participate in conversational groups and recreational activities with the students. Each afternoon the group will engage in guided cultural activities and local excursions in the local area. Roll up your sleeves and get experimental in the kouzina-kitchen as you learn to cook a fragrant 'tangerine' or a rich lentil soup. Get engaged with an interactive lecture on Islam with the change to ask questions and break down stereotypes. Learn common expressions and conversational skills in Arabic and Berber with professional language lessons. Take an excursion through the oldest and largest cedar forest in Morocco, Cedre Gouraud, home to many visible Barbary Apes. Visit a local monastery and take a dip in natural hot springs.



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YOUR HOME-BASE

At our private Home-Base, you'll enjoy authentic local cuisine, connect with CCS staff, and enjoy your downtime. Volunteers stay in same-sex rooms with private bathrooms. One room accommodates 4-6 people.

STAFFING

Our incredible team will be on call to support you every step of the way—including Country Director Mohamed Mhmmoudi (pictured right), as well as expertly-trained CCS cooks, security guards, house managers, and drivers. A leader will be assigned to the group at all times.

COMMUNICATION

Our staff can be reached 24/7 in the event of an emergency. Students will have the opportunity to access the internet and landlines for set periods of time on most evenings. Trip updates may be posted on our blog for friends and family to follow.

DAYS 6-8: DESERT CAMEL TREK FROM MERZOUGA- On Friday afternoon following morning volunteer assignments, the group will travel a couple hours to the desert outpost town of Merzouga and stay in the gorgeous Hotel Riad Mamouche. The following day saddle up on your camel as you ride into the vast and picturesque Sahara desert. Arrive at a Berber camp fully equipped with comfortable tents, furniture, and rugs. Witness an extraordinary sunset before enjoying Berber drums, dancing, and a delicious multi-course meal with a backdrop of intensely sparkling stars. Return on Sunday afternoon to prepare for the week ahead.

DAY 13: FEZ MEDINA & WORLD HERITAGE SITE- Journey an hour through the mountains to the stunning medieval city of Fez, an ancient center of sacred learning and imperial power. Stop at the Unesco World site Roman ruins at Volubilis. Take a guided tour around the medina and tanneries including the oldest university in the world, University of al-Qarawiyyin. Enjoy a celebratory meal and closure ceremony.

DAY 14: RETURN HOME- Two weeks have flown by since you arrived in this amazing country and it's time to embark on a flight back home from Casablanca.



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