

Moroccan Basket-Making & Cultural Holiday

La Maison Anglaise, Taroudant

16th – 23rd January 2018



Included in the cost: B&B and veggie evening meals (£1.30 supplement for meat), Feast for the Senses; excursions and cultural experiences listed in the itinerary, guides and translation are included in the week's fee of **£435** in a twin room or **£555** for the 2 single rooms plus about £87 return for flights from Gatwick. £100 deposit required – first come, first served! 8 places- 12 interested! **Extras:** are shown with yellow highlighting below. Lunches are about £4; argan oil massages (about £16), tips, and any additional activities you choose e.g. visit to hammam, cookery, henna tattoos.

www.cecuc.co.uk/price-list-2016-2017/ **Additional activities** may be added, but those listed below prove to be the most popular. **Times** suggested: cookery lessons (on an agreed day at 4pm); massage (10 am or after 4.30 pm). More info at www.cecuc.co.uk Book at www.cecuc.co.uk/bookings/

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Day 1: Flights arrive about mid morning in Agadir. Lunch will be provided on arrival at the guest house at a cost of 50 Dirhams per person (about £4) - unless you are arriving late for some reason.

Theme: Introductions: Arrival & introduction. The group, the house, the staff and the setting. Supply passport information.

Day 2: Introduction to Motifs used in Textiles and Baskets. Option: soup and salad lunch at house. Afternoon: **Horse & carriage taxi ride** with Nordine including stop to see the **bamboo craftsmen** at work and **basket-making shop** outside the walls where they work with a variety of local esparto grass, bamboo and dwarf palm.



Day 3: Theme: Basket Making in the Anti-Atlas Mountains. Visit to Aoulouz cooperative. **Workshop:** here dwarf palm fronds are used to make hats, simple baskets to collect argan nuts, olives and vegetables, brushes and donkey baskets.

Day 4: Visit to souk with Nordine to see types of baskets sold and for shopping. Option: 3.00 pm hammam. Option of henna hair treatment at the hammam.

Day 5: Theme: Fridays in Morocco with Latifa. Option: **Village Life in the High Atlas Foothills** 9.30am prompt – 4pm Berber villages with Dounia. Option: lunch at her cousin's home. Take money if you might like to buy soap from the project we helped to set up. Alternative Option: the Claudio Bravo Museum, gardens and palace Option: swim at new 50m-long Olympic swimming pool.

Day 6: Theme: Community Projects: excursion to Souss Valley & Anti Atlas villages. 9.30am prompt – 4.30pm: Busy Bee Centre, Bee Orchard, Argan oil, Embroidery and the Pigeon House with Said.



Option: lunch at Youssef's family home. Take money if you might like to buy argan oil, honey, beeswax candles or lip balm from the projects. **Workshop** with bamboo craftsman at the Pigeon House.

Day 7: Theme: Option & Storytelling: visit to souks and/or visit to Sunday market. Possibility of further visit to workshop outside town. Packing. **Feast for the Senses** after supper. Pay bills before supper.

Day 8: Farewells: Please pack cases and leave by your bedroom door by 8.00 am when we'll serve breakfast; be ready for departure at 8.50am to catch 11.50am flight from Agadir (arrive at airport at least 2 hours before scheduled departure time)