

Art and Cultural Holiday in Morocco

with Art taught by Louise Waugh 3rd -10th November 2018

The Venues Escape the British weather to enjoy sun, the **exceptional menu** of local healthy food, an exotic culture and environment at an award-winning, comfortable, sustainably-run traditional guest house for the first week which will be based in Taroudant, an ancient walled market town little visited by tourists and with shopper-friendly souks to which you may be introduced by one of our staff. www.holidays-with-heart.co.uk Enjoying **the best winter climate in Morocco** due to its southerly setting in the fertile Souss Valley, the source of an abundance of fruit and vegetables, it lies between contrasting mountain landscapes: the majestic High Atlas and the extraordinary Anti-Atlas which border onto the Sahara.

The People Support of 8 charming English-speaking Moroccan staff experienced in running successful group holidays. The art tutor: following the success of her previous 6 holidays with us, we are delighted that Louise has agreed to return. Inspired and excited by the colour, pattern and the natural world of this area, she has exhibited in galleries both in the UK and abroad, has been a painting tutor now on holidays abroad since 1998.

The Activities Louise keeps watercolour sketchbooks when she travels so proposes that this year each student will have a hardback sketchbook to use as a journal and record of their trip. The materials will be simple - pens, pencils, watercolours or gouache. She is happy to teach complete beginners and enthuse those who are already involved in painting and drawing and are looking for new places and colours to paint. We have room to work indoors and practice and gain confidence with our materials before we go out on trips where we will be working around villages and in the landscape.



"If only there were more places like this: a medina house run by locals offering a rare glimpse into Moroccan life. They offer skilled guides, exciting cultural experiences and delicious Moroccan meals." Lonely Planet

Substantial pre-visit information and support from owner with 20 years' experience of Morocco

A chance to buy some beautiful handcrafted items, food and other delights in the souks

Explore the fascinating culture with the help of delightful guides or choose to laze in the sun

Feel safe thanks to the care of the staff, good medical facilities (no compulsory vaccinations), safe water as well as the town being small, relaxed and friendly with few tourists and Morocco's record for safety. Good WiFi and mobile network. Short, inexpensive flight. Compared with Europe, better value for money

Cost: Easyjet flights from Gatwick to Agadir about **£70 return** plus **£500** for: transfers to and from the designated flight to/from Agadir airport, accommodation for 7 nights in shared rooms at our guest house (no 1 on Trip Advisor); **single occupancy £100 supplement**), substantial breakfasts; evening meals (special diets catered for), 2 day outings, one to The High Atlas mountains & one to an oasis by minibus, local outings on foot & Louise's tuition. **Optional:** various activities including an excursion to Taliouine, in the beautiful Jbel Sirwa (mountains) where saffron will be in flower. See price list for details of extras at: www.cecuc.co.uk/price-list-2016-2017



Booking & more information Please contact us to secure your place or ask about Morocco. Places on our holidays often go quickly and flight prices are much lower if booked well in advance. Please book your place at www.cecuc.co.uk/bookings

We will confirm when flights may be booked. Email always the best method of contact: jane@holidays-with-heart.co.uk or phone 01239 615499. Queries about art to Louise: louise.waugh@btinternet.com

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ITINERARY: Itinerary for Painting Holiday 3-10 November 2018 ** It will not be Moroccan school holiday this week in 2018

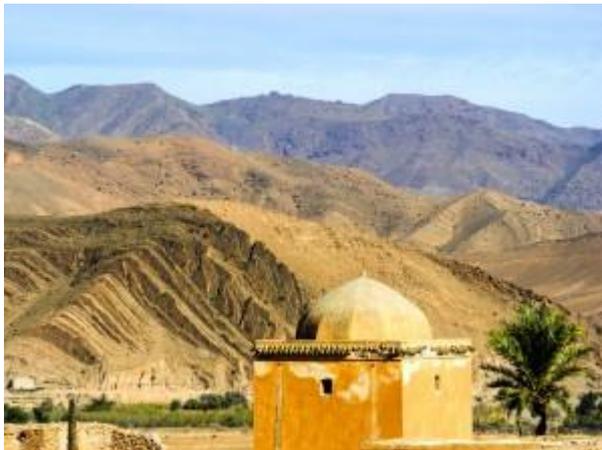
Day 1 - Travel & Orientation Day Fly London Gatwick to Agadir, arriving for supper. After collecting hold baggage (if you have any) go to get currency (NB this is the same rate as everywhere inside Morocco, vastly better than rates if you buy at home) – either use the bank booths or use your card to an ATM in the arrivals hall. You must do this BEFORE going out to meet the drivers outside the door of the airport. 50 minutes transfer time to Taroudant. **Alcohol: if you would like to BYO, please obtain in [duty free in the UK and or arrivals hall in Morocco](#)**

Day 2 - SUNDAY Morning: on **the roof terrace:** painting and sketching workshop. Afternoon: **Orientation walk** of Taroudant and visit Palais Salam to draw.

Day 3 - [Option](#) Excursion: Taliouine, the saffron capital of Morocco, in a stunning mountain range Jbel Sirwa (made of ancient volcanic rocks), with a lovely kasbah and a spectacular Agadir and the saffron crocuses will be in bloom (timing depends on weather - likely early November. We will check and adjust the date accordingly)



Day 4 - Taroudant – Louise’s Day Off. [Option](#) hammam “spa” treatment Moroccan style. [Option](#) to swim at the Olympic Pool on the edge of the town (entry fee very moderate) & **shop in the souks.**



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Day 5 - Excursion: High Atlas around Afensou with painting and drawing [Option](#) picnic.

Day 6 - [Option](#): am visit to the **palace of Claudio Bravo**, the famous Chilean artist. Includes museum and gardens with lots of opportunities to sketch. Entry fee 200 Dh each plus shared cost of transport (15 mins’ drive). [Option](#): picnic.

Day 7 - Excursion: Tiout Oasis with time to paint/ draw around the oasis and kasbah, visit to the **women’s argan oil cooperative**. Pay bills for extras.

Day 8 – Time to shop, rest or finish some art work. Depart guest house late afternoon for 55-minute transfer to Agadir airport.

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