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## NEI CONFERENCES CME/CDE NORTH MOROCCAN TOUR

## ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND MEDICINE

SEPTEMBER 05-14,  
2023



A SERIES FOR  
MEDICAL AND  
DENTAL  
PROFESSIONALS

## **PRE-TOUR MARRAKECH/ESSAOUIRA AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 02, 2023**

Enjoy Marrakech and its historical sites including the Saadian's Tombs, The Mellah (Jewish quarter, gold shops, the Slat Al Azama synagogue and cemetery), Jardin Majorelle, Bahia Palace, Ibn Youssef school, and the House of Photography. Shop textiles and souvenirs exclusive to the Rose City. In the evening, visit the alluring and chaotic Jamaa El-Fna Square for entertainment, food stalls, Tagina and other delicacies. Then, relax in the windy coastal city of Essaouira. See the contrast between the two and enjoy the beach, authentic argan oil products, seafood and the laid-back vibe of the beautiful Medina.

## **PRE-TOUR SAHARA DESERT SEPTEMBER 02-04, 2023**

A bucket list for many! Enjoy a 2-night luxury desert camp experience. Visit the Skoura Palm Groves, and Berber Villages, Morocco's Historic Kasbahs, camel trekking in the Erg Chebbi Dunes and the option to hike in the Dades Valley Region. Return transport to Fès.

### **OUR INCLUSIONS**

- NEI Lecture Series and CME/CDE Accreditation/Accompanying Person Program
- Luxury accommodations
- Local airport transfers and private transportation between cities
- Breakfast/dinner
- Guided walking tours and guided souk tours
- Admission tickets for historical sites

## **OUR NEI TOUR**

Explore 3 nights in beautiful Fès. Visit the Bou Inania Madrasa, the Nejjarine Fondouk, Al Attarine Madrasa, the Chouara Tanneries, The Blue Gate, Jnan Sbil Gardens, the Royal Palace and the Mellah. Explore the souks and have an opportunity to purchase and observe local artisans hand-craft their products. Enjoy a full-day trip to Meknes and the Roman ruins of Volubilis.

Then, we will depart further north for 6 nights to visit the Blue city of Chefchaouen and the Instagram-worthy sites in the Rif Mountains. We will hike the national park to the Akchour Waterfalls, meet local families, and partake in a traditional cooking class. For our last stop, will visit the Spanish-influenced cities of Tetouane and the port city of Tangier with its legendary Hercules Caves.

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September 05: Fès guided historical tour  
September 06: Fès guided souk tour  
September 07: Day trip to Meknes and Volubilis  
September 08: Chefchaouen cooking class  
September 09: Chefchaouen city sites  
September 10: Day trip to Tetouane

September 11: Day trip to Akchour waterfalls  
September 12: Tangier  
September 13: Tangier  
September 14: Departure from Tangier airport or Casablanca airport

\*schedule subject to change.



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\*One registration form per attendee

## NEI CONFERENCES MOROCCO, SEPTEMBER 2023

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Family name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanying Person/Room Share \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any allergies or dietary restrictions? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have mobility concerns? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Speciality ☐ Medicine ☐ Dentistry ☐ Office Staff ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

(Do we have permission to tag you in photos?) ☐ Instagram ☐ Facebook Social media handle \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please indicate all of the following options you will attend or require below:

PRE-TOURS: AUG 30 - SEPT 04, 2023	NEI CONFERENCE SERIES: SEPT 05-14, 2023	OTHER:
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Tour Marrakech/Essaouira Aug 30 - Sept 02, 2023 +\$1,680.00 USD	<input type="checkbox"/> NEI Lecture Series, Northern Morocco Tour +\$3,100.00 USD	<input type="checkbox"/> Transport to Casablanca Airport Sept 14, 2023 +\$225.00 USD (paid to driver)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Tour Sahara Desert Sept 02-04, 2023 +\$580.00 USD	<input type="checkbox"/> Hammam Traditional bath +\$35.00 USD	<input type="checkbox"/> Fast train first-class ticket from Tangier to Casablanca airport Sept 14, 2023
<input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation in Marrakech Aug 29, 2023 +\$150.00 USD	<input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation in Fès Sept 04, 2023 +\$150.00 USD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00 USD (at time of publishing)
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Accommodation +\$850.00 USD	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Accommodation +\$850.00 USD	<input type="checkbox"/> Sim Card (payable on-site)
TOTAL A: \$	TOTAL B: \$	TOTAL C: \$

A non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 USD is applicable to hold your place once you register. An online invoice will be sent in the order the registration forms are received. Registration is first come, first serve. A waitlist will be available.  
Payment schedule: 50% due June 30, 2023, and 50% due 30 days in advance.  
Cancellation policy: Full cancellation minus \$200.00 USD up to June 30, 2023. From July 01- August 04, 2023: Refund minus \$1,195.00 USD to be applied to a future NEI Conferences Master Series. No refund after August 05, 2023.  
Please see the full itinerary for inclusions and exclusions.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date (DD/MM/YY) \_\_\_\_\_



## NEI CONFERENCES NORTH MOROCCAN LECTURE SERIES ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Pre-Tour Sahara Desert  
2 nights/3 days

MONDAY  
09.02.23

DAY 1: MARRAKECH - TIZI N'TICHKA PASS - AIT  
BENHADDOU - OUARZAZATE

Leaving Marrakech behind, we head to Ait Benhaddou over the mountains of the High Atlas passing through the Tizi N'tichka pass. We will visit the Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou and stop for lunch at a local restaurant. After, we will drive to Ouarzazate in the afternoon and stop near the Atlas film studios to take photos before continuing to the hotel/rRad in Ouarzazate for the night.

TUESDAY  
09.03.23

DAY 2: OURZAZZAT - KELAA M'GOUNA - BOUMALNE  
DU DADES - TODRA GORGES - TINEJDAD - ERFOD -  
ERG CHEBBI (MERZOUGA DESERT)

After breakfast, we will drive to Tineghir passing by Boumalne du Dades and pause for a panoramic view of the Dades Valley continuing to Todra Gorges via Imider and Tineghir. Once we arrive at Todra Gorges via a small hike, we will enjoy its marvellous canyon views. In the afternoon we will visit Tinejdad and have a short break for lunch. Then, we will proceed to Erfoud where we will stop by a local fossil craft workshop. Finally, we will visit the captivating dunes of Erg Chebbi, (also known as the Merzouga Dunes). When we arrive at the hotel, our dromedaries will be waiting for our 45-minute trek so that we may enjoy the sunset. Returning, we will continue to the camp for an overnight in a luxury nomad tent.

WEDNESDAY  
09.04.23

DAY 3: MERZOUGA – ERFOD – ERRACHIDIA –  
MIDELT – IFRANE – FES

An early morning wake-up to enjoy the bucket-list sunrise on top of the dunes in the Sahara Desert followed by a plentiful breakfast. Our camels will once again be waiting to take us back to the hotel where we will shower and prepare for our departure to Errachidia via Erfoud and Aoufous, the valley of Ziz. We make a quick stop to enjoy the panoramic views at the Oasis of Aoufous in the Tafilaite region and continue to Midelt across the pass of Tizi N'talghamt to have a lunch break. Our drive to Fès will take the path via the Cedar Forest near the Middle Atlas Mountains with a short break to spot the Barbary apes. Our last visit will be to the beautiful city of Ifrane (the Switzerland of Morocco) before finally arriving at our Riad in Fès.



# DELEGATE SURVEY

## INFORMATION:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY MONTH YEAR

GENDER: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Not Listed ☐ Prefer Not to Answer

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: ☐ French ☐ Darija ☐ Spanish ☐ Berber ☐ Arabic

CATEGORY: ☐ Delegate ☐ Accompanying person

## OVERVIEW:

Morocco is a shopping haven and we at NEI Conferences love all the local art and products available. Please help us by indicating the items you are interested in so we can organize excursions and contact reputable sellers to visit during your travels. We will be with you every step of the way to negotiate your most memorable souvenir!

## PRODUCTS:

## RATING:

	YES	NO	MAYBE
CARPETS: Meet knowledgeable sellers who will help to ship your exact carpet home. A specialist will give you a course in carpet buying 101 and explain all the different wools, silks and materials used. Learn about local tribes and their unique designs specific to their region. Vintage or new - what will you choose?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ORGANIC FACE, HAIR AND BODY PRODUCTS: Organic prickly pear oil for under eyes and wrinkles, ghassoul clay, savon noir, f'aker fass; a mixture of poppy powder and dried pomegranate peel, cosmetic rose water and natural henna for your hair. All are handcrafted organically without chemicals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ARGAN OIL: Argan trees only grow in the southwest of Morocco, so it is definitely the place to buy and ensure that it is as natural as possible, made in the traditional Berber way. Buy for both culinary and cosmetic reasons. It is widely famous for its benefits on all hair types, acne and skin in general.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SPICES: Ras el hanout is blended by individual local shopkeepers and is a mix of the best spices in the Marrakech/Fes shops, including but not limited to cumin, cinnamon, allspice, ginger and more. We especially like the fresh cinnamon and paprika to bring home by the kilo along with little vials of saffron.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LEATHER PRODUCTS: The leather in Morocco is unique and tanned in a way that hasn't changed in centuries. We will visit the most famous Chouara Tannery in Fez and learn about the tanning process. In this shop, you will find the highest quality leather bags, jackets, wallets, belts and poufs for the home.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BASKET WEAVING PRODUCTS/BERBER BASKETS: These baskets originated in the Sahara and are always handmade and extremely colourful. Bread and storage baskets and hot plates are popular as are market bags with or without leather. From small purses to placemats, they are easy to transport.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
HAND-PAINTED CERAMICS: These ceramics come in all shapes and uses, colours and sizes. The most intricate patterns are in Fes and Meknes. They can be found as tiles, dishes, candle sticks, decor and any other form you can imagine. They are fragile so we will help you pack them safely.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BABOUCHE: Also known as belgha, the traditional Moroccan slippers worn for centuries by men, women and children. They come in all colours, materials, patterns and shapes. The prettiest ones are vivid and can be worn everywhere. A definite souvenir and great as gifts. Come prepared with your list of sizes!	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LANTERNS: They can be found in most markets and come in different sizes, shapes and materials. We will take you to buy the heavier ones made of brass and not aluminum which is bendable and does not transport well. They may be more expensive but are definitely worth it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
MOROCCAN TEA SETS & MINT TEA: Detailed teapots, gorgeous teacups and transparent glass with stunning handmade decorations. They come in a lot of vivid colours, just like everything else in Morocco. Do you want to take home the tea leaves themselves? No problem, we will help you choose.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



# NEI CONFERENCES NORTH MOROCCAN LECTURE SERIES ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND MEDICINE SEPTEMBER 05-14, 2023

## Options

### Pre-Tours

Marrakesh and Essaouira  
August 30 - September 02,  
2023

Sahara Desert  
September 02-04, 2023

### NEI Conferences' Lecture Series

Northern Morocco  
Fès, Chefchaouen, Tetouane  
and Tangier

September 05-14, 2024

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: Is Morocco Safe?

A: Yes, Morocco is a safe country. Our group will always be followed by a local guide which will help with unwanted vendor solicitation. Tourists are subject to scams and pickpockets so, caution should always be exercised. The group will be registered with the Ministry of Tourism and our locations will always be documented.

### Q: What currency is used?

A: The currency of Morocco is the Dirham. Money cannot be traded outside the country so, the best option is to use an ATM in the city centre or at the airport. An NEI Representative will show you the safest bank choice when you arrive. At the time of writing, 10 Dirhams = approximately \$1 USD. Euros are also accepted.

### Q: Do I need a visa to travel to Morocco?

A: Our delegates coming from Canada, the United States and France do not need a visa. A valid passport that does not expire within 6 months is required.

### Q: What languages are spoken in Morocco?

A: Moroccan Arabic (Darija), Berber, French and Spanish (in the north). Classical Arabic is not readily spoken. English is understood and spoken. Our guide and NEI representative will translate as needed. A command of basic pleasantries in French is useful.

Q: Are souk vendors aggressive?

A: Vendors in Morocco are persuasive and relentless but, not unsafe. You may purchase items without wanting them because you were caught in a hearty debate! A firm 'no, thank you' will always work if you are not interested. Once you agree on a price, never change your mind or walk away from a sale. It is considered bad manners in Morocco.

Q: Can I make purchases using a credit card?

A: Yes, in specific shops, but you must be vigilant and watch the vendor complete the payment. Always use an automated machine requiring a pin code. Never use credit cards in street shops other than Co-Ops. Restaurants can be paid with credit cards, but make sure your bill and receipt are the same.

Q: What stores are authentic/reputable?

A: Co-Op stores must conform to the law. By purchasing products here, you are contributing to fair and ethical workplaces and wages for men and women. All the products are also guaranteed authentic and/or organic by the government.

Q: Can I negotiate in all stores?

A: Absolutely, in fact, you must! If you are unsure how much you should be spending or if you need advice, please ask an NEI Representative. Remember, the excitement in negotiating is to agree on a fair price for you and the vendor. It is not about getting the lowest price.

Q: Where should I purchase a carpet from?

A: Marrakesh or Fez and only at reputable shops. A small carpet can be found elsewhere but, be prepared to carry it with you. Also, it will have to be cleaned upon your return and there is no way of knowing if the dyes will bleed once you bring it home.

Q: Can I have items shipped to my home?

A: Pending on the item. If you would like to purchase a particular product that will require shipping, reach out to an NEI Representative. We will make certain to take you to the specific stores that will accommodate shipping requests. If purchasing with a credit card, it is common to add 5% to the cost of the item.

Q: Where should I purchase leather goods?


A: Leather goods should be purchased at the tannery shops in Fez. They are the most reputable shops and we will explain the difference between the vegetable dyes used when we arrive. Also, the leather will never have a smell (usually a manure smell due to a poor dye and quick fabrication of the leather good).

Q: What days are stores closed?

A: Friday. This is a day of rest for Moroccans. Most stores are closed in the morning and some tourist shops may open in the afternoon. We have non-shopping activities or scheduled travel days between cities on Friday. See the schedule for more information.







Q: What is the best bag to carry with me?

A: We recommend 2 brands for travel, Pacsafe and Travelon. They are sold on Amazon and also at local luggage and department stores. They are slash-proof safe and lock when closed. They will perform perfectly for travels where spaces are tight and pickpocketing can be easily achieved without the right products.

Q: What is the dress code for men ?

A: Men should never wear shorts above the knee or tank tops. T-shirts or polo style shirts are acceptable but, long sleeves in natural fibres should be considered. Clothing should be plain and in neutral colours due to the extreme climate. For different elevations, consider light layers.

Q: What fabrics are best to wear while traveling?

A: Pending on where you will be travelling with NEI Conferences, you may experience various climates at different elevations. Consider wearing clothing with natural fibres (wool, cotton and linen) or plan to wear authentic Moroccan clothing by purchasing a djellaba or kaftan in the souk.

Q: Do women have to cover their hair?

A: No. Women do not have to cover their hair. As the sun is strong, it is best to wear a baseball cap (for men as well), or a wide-brim summer hat. To protect your hair, consider bringing a light scarf that can double as a shawl when needed.

Q: What is the general dress code for touring?

A: Women and men must dress modestly. Pack long pants or skirts which are suitable for the weather and climate. Shirts or short sleeves with a jacket or sweater as a layer is the right choice. Sneakers or comfortable loafers should be worn as many of the streets aren't paved.

Q: What is the dress code for women?

A: Knees and preferably ankles should be covered as well as elbows. V-neck, low-cut or tank tops should not be worn. Long skirts and pants are both acceptable. Clothing should be plain and in neutral colours due to the extreme climate. For different elevations, consider light layers.

Q: Can I wear my jewelry while traveling?

A: It is best to leave all jewelry and watches at home, even costume jewelry that is meant to look authentic. Both men and women should consider keeping their fingers, neck and wrists free so, they can purchase gold jewelry in the Mellah and beautiful silver and Berber jewelry throughout their travels.

Q: What weather can we expect in September?

A: Warm, dry and HOT! Pending on your travel destinations while with NEI Conferences, you may be in the south, on the coast, in the desert and in the mountains. You will need a light jacket for evenings and nights and loose clothing for the daytime. A packing list will be provided 1 month prior to travelling.



**Q: What covid vaccinations are required to enter Morocco?**

A: Travellers must be fully vaccinated in order to travel to Morocco. At the time of writing, this refers to 2 doses. If your last dose was over 5 months ago, you may have to show proof of an additional dose. We are working with the Tourism Board of Morocco to give you the most up-to-date information.

**Q: What happens if I contract Covid?**

A: The regulations are ever-changing. At the time of writing, there is no quarantine period. We have agreements with the hotels that should one of our delegates contract Covid, they can quarantine at the last hotel visited and meet up with the group upon completing their isolation if necessary.

**Q: Can I be tested for Covid while in Morocco?**

A: Yes, there are many private laboratories in the cities which test for Covid. Also, an NEI Representative will have Rapid Tests available.

**Q: Must I wear a mask?**

A: You may be asked to wear a mask when visiting certain sites. We recommend having a mask while in the souks of Marrakech as there are many motorcycles/scooters and the diesel fuel can be quite intense. A mask will be the best protection while travelling in confined areas.

**Q: Are the guides certified?**

A: Our guides are certified and registered with the Ministry of Tourism. Plus, we have vetted them ourselves and can guarantee they are trustworthy and knowledgeable. Our guides will never receive commissions for recommending or bringing you to a particular store. This will be our fourth group trip together and each person is part of the NEI family.

**Q: I would like to travel before/after the conference. Can you help?**

A: If you choose to travel independently before or after NEI conferences' pre and post-tours, please ask us for assistance with finding you a guide, or private chauffeur/transport. Many individuals show badges hoping to be hired but, they are not always credible.

**Q: How much should I plan to tip the guide and driver?**

A: Based on how many days a particular guide will be with us, we will advise you prior to your departure so you can organize and plan ahead. Tips can be paid in USD, Euros or Dirhams.

**Q: Can I drink alcohol in Morocco?**

A: Yes, but you shouldn't. It is more commonplace for the younger generation to drink alcohol in Morocco but, it is best to abstain. It is possible to drink in a pub that caters to tourists however, we will not be visiting any during our travels.

