

## TANGIER, MOROCCO

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Tangier: Cap Spartel & Asilah

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

You will board the motor coach for the 30-minute drive to **Cap Spartel**, one of the promontories projecting into the waters of the Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea. It is unique in that it is also covered with rock-roses and cork-oaks. From here, you will drive to the town of **Asilah**, which is situated approximately 1 hour from Tangier on the northwestern tip of Morocco's Atlantic coast. Throughout history, the small coastal city of Asilah has been coveted by both Portugal and Spain. The city is well known for its enormous cultural and artistic contribution to Morocco's history. Every summer, the International Festival of Asilah attracts thousands of people from all over the world. Upon arrival in the town, we stop at Asilah Golf Club for refreshments. Then you will take a walk through the old town with its narrow streets to learn about Asilah's fascinating history. Time will then be spent exploring this beautiful seaside resort. After visiting this gorgeous city, you will return back to Tangier for a shopping stop before re-joining the ship.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes. This tour is wheelchair accessible.

PRICE\$89

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Tangier: Tetouan UNESCO World Heritage

ACTIVITY LEVEL: STRENUOUS

Tetouan is a Berber name which literally interpreted means "the eyes" and figuratively "the water springs." The town features a fort, squares, mosques, fountains, taverns, and one of the Kings palaces. You will depart by motor coach on a guided orientation drive through the city of Tangier en-route to **Tetouan**, an hour away. You will start your tour at the old **Royal Palace**, a 17th century building which is itself a reflection of the Hispano-Moresque architecture. The palace is closed to public entry but its main ornate gate Bab Er-Rouah can give you a mental idea of what is beyond. **Hassan II Square** is situated where the historic and modern parts of the city converge to create the heart of the town. You will join a guided walk through the Medina which is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. This traditional walled souk features many typical architectural traits related to its history and also a multitude of different artisans carrying out their trades. You will also have the opportunity to visit the Bab Akla School of Traditional Arts and Crafts. Tetouan's famous **School of Plastic Arts**, the first of its kind in Morocco, has produced some of Morocco's best painters over the past half century, and keeps alive these traditional art forms in the modern world. The scholars of the school are all children who come

from disadvantaged backgrounds and the skills they learn give them a chance of success for their future. Your entrance fees go directly to maintaining this wonderful initiative. Enjoy refreshments at a local Moroccan restaurant, located in the heart of Tetouan. A shopping stop will be made for us to make some last minute purchases, before returning to the ship.

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