



Summer 2025- Morocco & Spain
Tentative Dates: May 26-June 8 2025

May 26 & 27 TVC – CASABLANCA

12:00pm Arrival to Morocco, meet Program Leaders
Time permitting – visit to the Hassan II Mosque

Host Family Orientation

Drive to Rabat

Evening:

7:45pm Meeting of the home stay families (Two or three students will stay with one family).

Dinner with families

Individual Time (showing pictures, visiting other families, going to a cafe, etc.)

May 28 RABAT

Breakfast

Meeting Spot

Visit an NGO in Salé, across the river from Rabat - informal discussion with Moroccan students about education, access to health care, politics, religion, and current issues in Morocco.

Visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V

Afternoon:

Lunch with families

Explore Rabat's Kasbah (old fort), street life and the Medina market in small groups with Moroccan students or young professionals who are volunteering their free time to share their culture with you!

Regroup

Evening:

Hammam (public baths)

Dinner with NMC Alumna

Return to families

May 29 RABAT

Breakfast

Morning at migrant association– Sub Saharan African community center, facilitated discussion on immigration/migration with association members. Most members are in transit, not intending on staying in Morocco.

Lunch

Afternoon:

Service activity with community members and Moroccan students

Depart for Fes (3 hours)

Evening:

Check into hotel

Dinner

Group check in

May 30 FES

8:00 Breakfast in hotel

8:30 Guided tour of UNESCO World Heritage old city of Fez. Visit historic sites including Bou Inania Madrasa.

Afternoon:

12:00 Lunch

13:30 Depart for the semi-rural town of Sefrou

Afternoon with Culture Vultures – activities TBD

Evening:

19:30 Dinner with Culture Vultures

Return to Fes

May 31 FES – CHEFCHAOUEN

Breakfast

Drive to Rif Mountains

12:00 Short walk in the Rif Mountains to a family home in a mountain village

Afternoon: (This is a personal visit: we will keep an eye on time AND be flexible for experiences.)

Lunch in the house of the family and conversation about education, simplicity of life and economic challenges of rural areas in Morocco.

17:30 Drive to Chefchaouen

18:30 Short walk through the medina of Chefchaouen with some background information about its Moorish and Jewish inhabitants and its historic link to Al Andalus.

19:00 Settle in hostel

Individual time for exploring the Medina (We will experience both how beautiful Chefchaouen is and how damaging tourism can be.)

Evening:

20:30 Dinner in the Medina of Chefchaouen

June 1 CHEFCHAOUEN

9:00 Breakfast

Two options for the day:

10:00 Arrive to Akshour; a starting point for numerous hiking trails into the Rif Mountains National Park. Hike along streams to small swimming holes and waterfalls. Swimming and diving. (approx. 5 hours round trip)

Afternoon

14:00 Picnic Lunch

16:00 Drive to Chefchaouen

OR

Artisan workshops in the Chefchaouen Medina - Learn more about local traditions, many which are dying out and try your hand at local crafts. You'll take home a piece of your work.

Evening:

Personal time

June 2 CHEFCHAOUEN – TANGIER

9:00 Breakfast

Depart for Tangier

Lunch

Afternoon

Check into hotel

Time to rest, journaling, reflection

16:30 Visit to Tangier's old medina, synagogue, kasbah, and church

19:30 Return to the hotel; dinner

Farewell to Moroccan students

June 3 TANGIER – SEBTA/CEUTA/ALGECIRAS

Breakfast

Visit the women's center, DARNA, including conversation with African migrants staying in Tangier who are enrolled in skills-based training and literacy courses.

Lunch at DARNA

Afternoon:

Spain Orientation

Drive to the Spanish enclave of Ceuta

Crossing the Moroccan/Spanish border by foot.

Evening:

Dinner

June 4 SEBTA/CEUTA/ALGECIRAS – GRANADA

Breakfast

TBC – CETI visit or another association/NGO in Ceuta/conversation with local authorities.

Afternoon:

Lunch

Ferry to Algeciras

Drive to Granada (3.5 hours)

Evening:

Check into hotel

Dinner

Reflection

June 5 GRANADA

Breakfast

Guided tour of Alhambra and Generalife. Connections between southern Spain and northern Morocco.

Afternoon:

Lunch

Visit to Fundación Escuela de Solidaridad. The Foundation welcomes a home to people who have been uprooted, experience social disadvantages, mistreatment or exclusion. This includes mothers with children in an emergency situations, young immigrants, adults and adolescents at risk. Learn more about the programs at the foundation.

Activities with members and preparations for second day at the center.

Evening:

Return to Granada

Dinner

June 6 GRANADA

Day at Fundación Escuela de Solidaridad. Activities with members.

Afternoon:

Lunch with community members

Continued activities

Evening:

Return to Granada

Wine and tapas tasting

June 7 GRANADA – SEVILLA

Breakfast

Depart to Sevilla (3 hours)

Afternoon:

Visit an olive oil mill outside of Baena. Learn more about the production, history and current issues facing olive oil production.

Lunch at the mill

Continue to Sevilla

Evening:

Check into hotel

Walk by sites including La Giralda and Plaza de España.

7:30pm Flamenco show

9:30pm Celebration Dinner

June 8 SEVILLE

Departures