

# MARRAKESH

## MOROCCO'S - "THE "RED CITY"

(Also, Marrakech, Murrakush ....)



### La Plagne Ski Trip Extension

**January 23 – 27, 2011**

**Additional Cost: \$550\***  
(Double Occupancy)



Welcome to an exciting adventure on the West African coast. Known as the "Red City", Marrakech is an important and [former imperial city](#) in [Morocco](#). The city of Marrakech is the capital of the mid-southwestern economic region of [Marrakech-Tensift-Al Haouz](#), near the foothills of the snow-capped [Atlas Mountains](#).

Like many [North African](#) cities, the city of Marrakech comprises both an old fortified city (the [médina](#)) and an adjacent modern city (called *Gueliz*) for a total population of 1,070,838.<sup>[1]</sup> It is served by [Ménara International Airport](#) ([IATA code: RAK](#)) and a rail link to [Casablanca](#) and the north.<sup>[1]</sup>

Marrakech has the largest traditional market ([souk](#)) in Morocco and also has one of the busiest squares in [Africa](#) and the world, [Djemaa el Fna](#).<sup>[2]</sup> The square bustles with acrobats, story-tellers, water sellers, dancers and musicians. By night food stalls open in the square turning it into a huge busy open-air restaurant.



For additional information on Marrakesh and it's history [click here](#)



**Hotel:** We'll be staying at the \*\*\*\* **Diwane Hotel** in the City Center. Renovated in 2008, this hotel is built in the style of traditional Moroccan houses and riads and combines this traditional element with convenient facilities for its guests. This city hotel comprises a total of 115 rooms spread over 5 floors as well as a garden and a terrace. Facilities include a lobby area with a 24-hour reception, a hotel safe, a currency exchange facility and lift access, a bar, a restaurant, and WLAN Internet access.

The rooms are fitted out in Moroccan style and equipped with a telephone, individually adjustable air conditioning, a private bathroom with a bathtub and a hairdryer as well as a safe, satellite TV and a minibar/fridge. They also come with a king-size or double bed and either a balcony or a terrace. At the spa centre guests can enjoy a real traditional Hammam beauty ritual (charges apply), including massage with black soap, a traditional bodyscrub, a fresh orange rinse and a mist of orange flower water. The hotel also features an outdoor pool with a children's pool and a poolside snackbar, sun loungers and parasols. Guests may also relax in the sauna or work out in the gym (an additional fee applies to both).



Our package includes daily breakfast and dinner. Lunch is reserved for some adventurous samplings of the local cuisines.

**Transportation:**

The entire group of skiers will be bussed to Geneva from La Plagne on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Those going to Marrakesh will spend the afternoon in Old Geneva and stay overnight at an airport motel for an early morning flight. The following is the itinerary for Marrakesh:

Sunday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 AM: Fly on Easyjet to Marrakesh, arriving mid-morning.

Sunday – Thursday: Four nights in Marrakesh.

Thursday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM fly to Madrid, arrive at 4:00 PM. Overnight stay.

Friday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> mid-day flight back to Wash. Dulles.

**\*Included in Trip Price:** Transportation (air plus ground transfers); Lodgings, Meals as stated above, most Gratuities.

**\*Not Included:** Trip Insurance, Baggage fees that may be charged by the airline.