

HEARTBEAT STUDIOS TRAVEL STUDY AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

MARRAKECH, MOROCCO!

Heartbeat's next travel study trip is in the planning stages right now for Marrakech, Morocco! I have received preliminary pricing provided the **minimum number of 25 participants is reached**. Our dear friend and international tap dance star, Roxane Butterfly, is coordinating the trip through her friends who direct the Riad Sahara Nour Cultural Center in Marrakech. The cultural center is absolutely beautiful and dancers, parents, family and friends at Heartbeat will stay at the Riad Sahara Nour or if more room is needed lodging can be reserved at the nearby Hotel El Khabar (Price TBD). The cultural center will be reserved for Heartbeat's group only and we will take class, sleep and eat (food prepared by our own private chef) at the cultural center. Day trips to the Marrakech markets and other tours will be planned. Roxane informed me that everything in Morocco is a good bargain!

Here is the breakdown to date:

Tentative travel dates are November 29th to December 5th or 6th, 2009.

Riad Sahara Nour fees: Approximately \$ 750

- ♥ Includes room for week
- ♥ Breakfast every morning
- ♥ Lunch or dinner (choose one)
- ♥ 2 tea breaks
- ♥ Ground transportation to hotel/airport

Included in cost (no additional fee): For All Dancers

- ♥ Classrooms for dancers to work on modern choreography with Kristin and local Moroccan musicians.
- ♥ Classrooms for composition labs
- ♥ Courtyard at the cultural center for dancers to present their own choreography and spontaneous dance with local Moroccan musicians.

Classes with Roxane: (For Tap dancers) All class pass \$350 for week

Extra Fees Paid on Site: (TBA – to be paid in local dirham currency on site)

- ♥ Moroccan Oriental dance classes
- ♥ Moroccan drum lessons

Airfare will be determined as we get closer to the trip and our travel agent, Mary Wangerin, is already keeping a look-out for good airfares. It is anticipated that since we will be traveling in the "off season", we should be able to get a reasonable airfare price. I am also checking into the cost of a two-day stay in Barcelona on our way home for those who would select that option. We have many friends in Barcelona now and a partner studio full of dancers and teachers who would love to see us again!

Please complete the attached form by May 29th as an expression of your interest in participating in this trip. This does not obligate you at this stage of our planning – it simply gives us an idea if enough people are interested so we can further negotiate/firm up prices. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about this incredible opportunity for Heartbeat dancers, parents, family and friends!

**RIAD SAHARA NOUR CULTURAL CENTER
MARRAKECH, MOROCCO**



**Photos of
some of
the
exquisite
rooms,
dining
areas and
courtyards.**



Yes - I am interested in this trip. Please keep me and others listed below updated on Heartbeat's travel plans to Marrakech, Morocco. RETURN THIS FORM TO HEARTBEAT BY MAY 29TH.

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