



National Trust *for* Historic Preservation

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The Total Solar Eclipse in Tangier, Morocco

July 30 - August 5, 2027



Trip *Highlights*

Experience the total solar eclipse on August 2, 2027, directly within the path of totality near **Tangier, Morocco**.

View the eclipse from a special location, with private rooftop access to the **Cape Spartel Lighthouse**, Morocco's oldest lighthouse.

Participate in this weeklong program that explores northern Morocco's role as a crossroads between Europe and Africa.

Explore the historical and cultural depth of **Tangier**, from the **Tangier American Legation**, the only U.S. National Historic Landmark located abroad, to the **Moshe Nahon Synagogue**, a beautifully restored 19th-century synagogue.

Delight in lunch at **Villa Mabrouka**, Yves Saint Laurent's clifftop sanctuary in Tangier, where the fashion designer entertained artists and royalty.

Embark on an excursion to **Chefchaouen**, Morocco's "Blue Pearl," founded in 1471, featuring its entire medina washed in shades of powder-blue, azure, and teal against the Rif Mountains.

Journey to **Tétouan**, the UNESCO-recognized city known as the "daughter of Granada" for its Andalusian heritage, and visit the **Ethnographic Museum of Tétouan** inside an 1830 fortress.



Villa Mabrouka, Tangier

Dear National Trust Traveler,

Recent total solar eclipses have captured the world's attention. On **August 2, 2027**, the eclipse is expected to be one of the longest of the 21st century. The path of totality will pass directly over **Tangier, Morocco**. At 9:44 a.m. local time, the moon will cover the sun, with nearly five minutes of totality, turning mid-morning light into twilight.

From **July 30 to August 5, 2027**, join us in Tangier, where astronomical wonder meets three thousand years of history at the crossroads of continents. View this historic total solar eclipse from a special location you won't forget, with private rooftop access to the **Cape Spartel Lighthouse**, Morocco's oldest lighthouse, built in the 1860s at the country's northwest tip.

Tangier provides a strong base for the days around the eclipse, offering natural beauty, cultural immersion, and sophisticated relaxation. Matisse painted here, Paul Bowles wrote here, and the city's harbor, medina, cafés, and old diplomatic quarter showcase its cosmopolitan past.

Enjoy guided tours of sites exploring Tangier's international history, including the early 19th-century **Tangier American Legation**, the first U.S. property abroad, and the late 19th-century **Moshe Nahon Synagogue**, which preserves the city's rich Jewish history. Lunch at the former Tangier clifftop retreat of **Yves Saint Laurent, Villa Mabrouka**, adds a note of glamour, with gardens and sea views.

You will also travel into the Rif Mountains to **Chefchaouen**, the famed "Blue City," and **Tétouan**, with its Andalusian-style design, a UNESCO-recognized medina, and an Ethnographic Museum housed in an 1830 fortress.

To reserve your place today, call National Trust Tours at 888-484-8785. We hope you join us in Tangier for this special adventure featuring a rare astronomical spectacle.

Sincerely,



Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours



Solar eclipse



Map of the region

Activity Level:
Intermediate

Pace Level:
Moderate



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July 30:

Departure

Depart on an overnight flight to Tangier, Morocco.

July 31:

Tangier, Morocco

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Arrive in **Tangier** and transfer to the hotel. This evening, gather for a welcome reception with fellow guests.

August 1:

Tangier

(B,L,D)

Rise for a guided morning tour through Tangier's medina. Begin at the **Ibn Battuta Museum**, opened in 2023 to honor the city's greatest explorer. Born here in 1304, Ibn Battuta traveled 75,000 miles across 44 modern countries over 29 years, surpassing even Marco Polo's range. Interactive exhibits re-create his routes from Cairo's bazaars to the sultan's court in Delhi.



Ibn Battuta Museum, Tangier, photo Al Hoceima Council of Tourism



Zellij tilework, St. Andrew's Church, Tangier

Continue to the **Tangier American Legation**, the first property the U.S. Government ever owned abroad. This five-story Moorish mansion served as the American consulate for 140 years and stands as the only U.S. National Historic Landmark outside the United States.

Walk through the Beni Idir quarter to the **Moshe Nahon Synagogue**, built around 1878 and beautifully restored in 1994. Lunch awaits at **Villa Mabrouka**, the legendary cliff-top estate of fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent.

After lunch, visit **St. Andrew's Church**, consecrated in 1905 and one of North Africa's oldest continuously operating Anglican churches. Inside, Moroccan craftsmen created carved stucco and zellij tilework, featuring a gilded Lord's Prayer in Arabic script above the chancel arch.

For those interested, **an optional private cooking class with a Moroccan chef** will offer hands-on exploration of the country's culinary traditions. Later, gather for dinner.

August 2:

Tangier / Chefchaouen

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After breakfast, depart for a guided tour of **Chefchaouen**, the “Blue Pearl” set in the Rif Mountains at 1,840 feet. What sets Chefchaouen apart is its entire medina washed in shades of powder-blue, azure, and teal.

At the center of Plaza Uta el-Hammam, discover the **Kasbah**, the original 1471 fortress whose high clay walls with crenelated ramparts contrast with the surrounding blue homes. Enjoy a group lunch in Chefchaouen, with dinner upon return to Tangier.



Chefchaouen



Cape Spartel Lighthouse, Tangier

August 3:

Tangier / Cape Spartel (Eclipse Viewing)

(B,L)

After breakfast, prepare for one of nature’s rarest spectacles: **a total solar eclipse** directly within the path of totality. Experience the viewing near Tangier, with private rooftop access at the 19th-century **Cape Spartel Lighthouse**, Morocco’s oldest lighthouse. The moon’s shadow will sweep across northern Morocco, with nearly five minutes of totality starting around 9:44 a.m. local time.

Built in the 1860s, the lighthouse is recognized for its Maghreb-inspired square minaret form and its panoramic views toward the Caves of Hercules.

As light returns, gather for lunch, with the remainder of the day at leisure.

August 4:

Tangier / Tétouan

(B,L,D)

This morning, depart for an excursion to **Tétouan**, often referred to as the “daughter of Granada” for its Andalusian heritage. Visit the **Ethnographic Museum of Tétouan** (Musée Ethnographique), whose exhibits illustrate the life-styles of northern Morocco through the centuries. After a group lunch, enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening, gather for a festive farewell dinner accompanied by a performance.

August 5:

Tangier / Return

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After breakfast, transfer to the Tangier airport for your flight home.



Tétouan

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Ethnographic Museum of Tétouan

Program Rate
\$9,999 per person, double rate
\$11,999 single rate

Rate Includes

- Five nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine and beer at all included lunches and dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/hotel/airport transfers for participants on arrival and departure days
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATE: International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than those noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for participants on arrival and departure days; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Front cover: Tétouan

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Accommodations



Royal Tulip City Center Tangier

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This five-star hotel sits in the heart of Tangier's business and leisure district, a 10-minute walk from the beach. Its six restaurants and lounges serve French, Basque, Mediterranean, and Moroccan cuisine, with room service available throughout the day. Guests have access to an outdoor pool, fitness center, and a full-service spa with sauna and *hammam*.



Royal Tulip City Center Tangier



Villa Mabrouka, Tangier

To secure your place, please call
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A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required
(of which \$1,000 is non-refundable
for administrative fees).



Kasbah, Tangier