Morocco Exchange Ltd. - Aims of Activities
Dates as stated on the Trips webpage

Day of Departure
Leave SLU-Madrid at 10 pm to travel by bus to Algeciras/Tarifa overnight.

Day One  ALGECIRAS/TARIFA - TANGIER - RABAT  “First Impressions”

Morning:
9:00  Boat journey - First orientation
(Aims: group building, getting to know each other, basic preparation for entering Morocco, orientation itinerary)
10:30  Conversation “Cultural diversity in Morocco” with Prof. Ali Azeriah and Moroccan students at the DARNA womens center (Aims: first connections, to raise awareness for diversity and current issues)
12:30  Lunch at the DARNA women’s center with Moroccan students of the School of Translation (Aims: students have time to arrive in a safe and beautiful environment, first integration during informal conversations)

Afternoon:
13:30  Drive towards Asilah
14:30  Camel ride   (Aims: group building, fun, excitement Africa)
15:30  Walk through the Medina of Asilah
(Aims: information Al Andalus, pleasantness, sense of safety)
16:30  Drive to Rabat / Orientation home stay
(Aim: cross cultural preparation for home stay)

Evening:
19:00  Dinner with home stay families
(Aims: personal connections, being "part of" families during meals)
20:00  Walk through the Medina of Rabat in small groups
(Aims: awareness of neighborhood, sense for place in foreign country, space for individual experiences)

Day Two  RABAT  “Experiencing Relationships / Addressing Issues”

Morning:
9:30  Facilitated discussion “West and Muslim worlds”
(Aim: to challenge misconceptions in an atmosphere of friendship.)
11:00  Chellah
(Aims: time to relax after intense morning, group building, to explore rich history of Morocco, sense of being on vacation)
12:15  Mausoleum
(Aim: to raise awareness for Islamic culture and Moroccan politics)

Afternoon:
14:30  Exploration of Rabat in small groups
(Aims: sense of friendship, authentic experience of place in small groups, sightseeing as “individual travelers”)

Evening:
20:00  Conversation with Peace Corps
(Aims: to integrate Morocco experiences by talking to someone from own background who lives in the country; to show future options)
Day Three CHEFCHAOUEN “Personal Integration / Issues Developing World”

Morning:
8:00 Drive / Background Information “Developing world”
(Aim: to raise awareness for issues between developing world and the West)
12:00 Visit of a village house
(Aim: experience of people and simplicity of life style)

Afternoon:
13:00 Walk in mountains
(Aims: time for personal integration, connection to nature)
14:00 Picnic
(Aims: sense of group, simple meal in nature)
15:00 Conversation “Rural Realities” with Abdeslam
(Aims: to inform about education and life conditions in the area; to raise awareness for resources in the West; to look at tourism: the potential to damage or support local communities, the potential to learn or "invade")
15:30 Chefchaouen walk / Talk Al Andalus
(Aim: to link Morocco to study abroad experiences in Spain, information Al Andalus)
17:00 Individual time in the Medina
(Aims: sightseeing, individual experiences in Morocco)

Evening:
20:00 Special celebration dinner
(Aims: group building, looking back at experiences, first feedback)
22:00 Social time on the roof terrace
(Aims: personal integration, sharing insights, encouragement for personal development)

Day Four CHEFCHAOUEN - CEUTA – ALGECIRAS/TARIFA

Morning:
7:30 Walk to hill outside the city walls
(Aims: Connection in silence to place-people-nature; Sufi poetry: to support personal development and for different image of Islam; to introduce to hiking)
9:00 Drive to Ceuta / Talk "Returning from Morocco"
(Aims: To give practical hints for next steps of integrating the experiences.)
11:00 Crossing the border on foot
(Aims: To experience "individual travel", to be physically in the place of refugees)

Afternoon:
13:00 Boat journey
(Aim: Closure of experience)
15:00 Good bye in Algeciras, Spain

Travel back to SLU- Madrid from Algeciras/Tarifa on a bus.