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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHURCHILL

FROM ENGLAND TO MOROCCO
September 22 - 30, 2019



For 15 years, The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) has been gathering its supporters for educational trips related to its mission of advancing freedom around the world.

In 2019, TFAS supporters will travel to England and Morocco on this once-in-a-lifetime journey. Accompanying us for the entire trip will be renowned Churchill expert Dr. James Muller, who will provide insights into the places and experiences that shaped Churchill into one of the world's most influential leaders. The tour has been arranged by Academic Travel Abroad (ATA), an educational travel provider for some of this country's most prestigious companies. ATA staff will coordinate registration and travel arrangements as needed.



Parliament and Big Ben, London, England



Bletchley Park

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Seventy-five years ago, Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt met in Casablanca, Morocco to concert the Allied strategy that defeated the Axis powers. During that age of uncertainty, Churchill stepped onto the world stage as a voice of courage and statesmanship, and his influence and leadership remain relevant around the world today. On this unique trip, delve into Churchill's role as a war leader and peacetime politician in London. Develop a more nuanced view of this larger-than-life character in his role as both statesman *and* artist in Morocco as you experience the desert landscape that Churchill first saw in 1935 on a painting holiday. As you take in the crisp blue skies, brilliant sunsets, and rich cultural experiences in Casablanca and Marrakech, you will more fully appreciate Churchill's true artistic talent and come to understand how painting sustained him through hard times.

Winston Churchill

Itinerary | (B,L,D,R) denote: breakfast, lunch, dinner and reception

Sunday, September 22 | London

Arrive in London and transfer to The Royal Horseguards Hotel, which once served as headquarters for the British Secret Service. It is said that Winston Churchill used secret tunnels in the hotel to access the Cabinet War Rooms and Museum, and Parliament. This afternoon, gather as a group to see Churchill's Cabinet War Rooms. It is from this underground "safe place," still pristinely preserved, that Churchill and his intelligence forces conducted the war during the London Blitz. Gather for a welcome reception in the historic setting of the Harmsworth Room, which showcases the 1940s electric generator wall that previously served as the War Room's power supply. Enjoy dinner as a group at a nearby restaurant.

The Royal Horseguards (R,D)

Monday, September 23 | London

Begin the day with a guided tour at the center of British political life, the Houses of Parliament (pending final confirmation). During WWII, the Palace of Westminster was hit by bombs on fourteen occasions, causing damage to this national treasure. Today, you can see the results of reconstruction efforts starting immediately after the war. Lunch will be served in the Churchill Room of the House of Commons. Next, visit Harrow on the Hill, the public school Churchill attended from 1888 to 1892. Take a guided tour, including the Speech Room, where Churchill addressed the boys during WWII. This evening, enjoy dinner at the National Liberal Club, overlooking the Thames, where you will be joined by TFAS alumni.

The Royal Horseguards (B,L,D)

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Tuesday, September 24 | Cambridge and Bletchley

Depart this morning for Cambridge, home of Churchill College. Churchill College is the official British memorial to Churchill and it houses the Churchill Archives Centre. Spend the morning exploring the Churchill papers archives with an introduction and lecture with the director. The archives hold everything from Churchill's wartime speeches and letters to Stalin to a priceless collection of more than one million documents written by or belonging to the former British Prime Minister. Enjoy lunch at leisure. Next, travel to Bletchley Park and discover the real story behind the Enigma code breakers, credited with shortening the war by successfully deciphering the encryption used by the Wehrmacht to safeguard its messages. Listen to an explanation of the decoder, as seen in "The Imitation Game," and learn about Churchill's morale-boosting visits to Bletchley to speak with the code breakers. Travel back to London for an evening at leisure.

The Royal Horseguards (B)

Wednesday, September 25 | Chartwell and Oxford

Depart this morning for Chartwell, Winston Churchill's country house. Here, the rooms are decorated exactly as they were in his lifetime, with personal belongings reflecting his interests and career. Stroll the terraced garden and enjoy the lakes created by Churchill, the water garden where he fed the fish, and learn the story of the renowned brick wall that he built—amid much publicity! In the art studio, admire Churchill's paintings that depict his favorite pastime. This afternoon, travel to Oxford and check in to the MacDonald Randolph Hotel—an Oxford institution. After getting settled, enjoy a lecture by an Oxford tutor on Churchill's life accompanied by refreshments. Dinner is at leisure.

MacDonald Randolph Hotel (B,R)

Thursday, September 26 | Oxfordshire

Spend the day exploring Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire. The family seat of the Churchills, it was designed for the first Duke of Marlborough by architect Sir John Vanbrugh in the early 18th-century and is considered one of England's great treasure houses. Begin with coffee and pastries and a private welcome in one of the drawing rooms. See where Winston Churchill was born, and visit a newly reinvigorated permanent Churchill exhibition and a trail taking you to some of Churchill's most cherished places on the estate. Before returning to Oxford, pay your respects at Churchill's grave in nearby Bladon. Enjoy dinner as a group in a local restaurant.

MacDonald Randolph Hotel (B,R,D)

Friday, September 27 | Oxford and Casablanca

Fly to the strategic World War II port city of Casablanca. This important city was selected for the famous Anfa Conference of 1943 where Allied leaders, including Churchill, Roosevelt and De Gaulle, met to hash out war strategy and immediate priorities. Transfer to the Sofitel Tour Blanche this afternoon. Gather for dinner at Rick's. Made famous in the classic film "Casablanca" starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, Rick's is a fictitious cafe brought to life by a former American diplomat 14 years ago.

Sofitel Tour Blanche Hotel (B,D)

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Saturday, September 28 | Casablanca and Marrakech

This morning, stroll through Casablanca's Habous district and the Mechouar, the ceremonial meeting place outside the Royal Palace. Visit the Hassan II Mosque, the tallest religious structure in the world, and admire the interplay of modern architecture with traditional influences. View the residential neighborhood where the original Hotel D'Anfa once stood, site of the Casablanca Conferences. Afterwards, drive to Rabat, Morocco's capital city and the residence of its monarch, on the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy unspoiled views of palm-lined boulevards, colonial architecture and tranquil streets. Visit the palace, Dar al-Makhzen; the Hassan Tower, started in the 12th century and intended to be the tallest minaret in the world; and other major sites of Rabat. Enjoy lunch at Villa Mandarine before continuing to Marrakech. Churchill's most memorable stay in Marrakech took place directly after the Casablanca Conferences, when he convinced Roosevelt to join him in "simply the nicest place to spend an afternoon." Settle into the elegant Selman Marrakech and enjoy dinner on your own, perhaps overlooking the pool or in one of its fine restaurants.

Selman Marrakech (B,L)

Sunday, September 29 | Marrakech

When Churchill and Roosevelt were in Marrakech, the two world leaders stayed at a villa not far from the tranquil Majorelle Garden, a 12-acre botanical garden built over 40 years by the painter Jacques Majorelle; Yves Saint-Laurent saved it from becoming a hotel in the 1980s. Visit the gardens, surrounding neighborhood, and landscapes that inspired some of Churchill's finest paintings. Afterwards, explore some of Marrakech's important buildings and gardens during visits to the 14th-century former Ben Youssef Madrasa, the Bahia Palace and gardens, and the Koutoubia Mosque, the largest in the city. Soak up the colorful chaos of Djemaa El Fna, the city's main square where snake charmers and magicians captivate and enthrall passersby. Lunch is at DarMoha, a Moroccan nouvelle cuisine restaurant located in a charming riad, the Moroccan-style building set around a courtyard. This evening enjoy a festive farewell dinner at stunning La Mamounia, Churchill's favorite hotel in Morocco. While staying there, he was known to wander from balcony to balcony, following the sun in order to capture the colors of the sunset as realistically as possible. Several of his paintings of La Mamounia's historic gardens are on display in England.

Selman Marrakech (B,L,R,D)

Monday, September 30 | Return Home

Transfers to Marrakech airport for individual flights home.

Menara garden, Marrakech



Marrakech tanneries



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Professor James W. Muller

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Royal Horseguards Hotel



MacDonald Randolph



Sofitel Tour Blanche



Selman Marrakech

In London, the **Royal Horseguards Hotel** is a 5-star property that overlooks the Thames and is walking distance from Trafalgar Square, the National Theater, the London Eye and Covent Garden. The hotel was once the home and office to the first 'Chief' of the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), Sir Mansfield Cumming, now commemorated with an English Heritage Blue Plaque. Inside you'll find glittering chandeliers and contemporary decor, making this hotel the picture of refurbished Victorian splendor. Stunning in every detail, the intimate rooms at the Royal Horseguards are beautifully designed with lavish furnishings and double-glazed windows.

In Oxford, enjoy the 5-star **MacDonald Randolph**, located in the heart of the town of Oxford and walkable to Oxford University. This landmark building features luxurious guest rooms, numerous restaurants, and a spa. The well-known Morse Bar is the mythical "watering hole" prominently noted in novelist Colin Dexter's Inspector Morse detective series.

In Casablanca, the **Sofitel Tour Blanche** is located in the heart of the Sidi Belyout business district, opposite the Hassan II Mosque. Here, guests enjoy French elegance and Moroccan touches, such as rain showers, gleaming tiles, double sinks and breathtaking views of the Medina, Mosque or sea.

In Marrakech, the **Selman Marrakech** is a spacious and elegant five-star property designed in an Arabian-Moorish style. Guest rooms overlook a stunning pool and gardens. An extensive spa offers a variety of wellness treatments, and Arabian thoroughbred horses are bred on the property.

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Trip Costs

Double Occupancy Price	\$7,850
Internal Airfare (London - Casablanca)	from \$420
Single Occupancy Price	\$9,645

What Is Included

- Accommodations in 5-star, deluxe properties as noted in itinerary.
 - Meals as indicated in the trip itinerary: Breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 4 dinners and 3 receptions. Beer and wine are included at lunch and dinner.
 - All transportation (as noted) in deluxe coach.
 - Coach transfers to and from the airport.
 - All visits as noted in the itinerary.
 - Expertise of an English Blue Badge in the UK, specialized guides in Morocco, as well as for comprehensive logistical and customer service management on tour provided by an ATA tour manager.
 - Wireless transmitter devices which allow group members to hear while not standing right next to guides or speaker(s).
 - Baggage handling throughout.
 - All tips, gratuities and local taxes for group activities.
 - The assistance of an ATA Guest Services Specialist assigned to The Fund for American Studies to assist with travel arrangements, including flights, extra hotel nights, or other services.
 - \$50,000 in medical evacuation insurance and access to worldwide emergency assistance coverage for each traveler.
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What Is Not Included

- Round-trip international airfare
- Passport fees, visas and visa photos as required.
- Personal items, such as liquors, a-la-carte orders and meals other than specified.
- Room service and valet/laundry service.
- Phone and internet access fees.
- Expenses incurred by TFAS or ATA in making specialized travel arrangements outside of standard trip itinerary.
- Internal flight between London and Marrakech as indicated in the Trip Costs section.

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*We shall defend our island,
whatever the cost may be,
we shall fight on the beaches,
we shall fight on the landing
grounds, we shall fight in
the fields and in the streets,
we shall fight in the hills; we
shall never surrender.*

—Winston Churchill

Churchill statue, London, England



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