

## Registration/Terms and Conditions

### Morocco: African Explorations from Imperial Cities to the Sahara Desert June 1–14, 2010

#### Registration

First registrant (name as it appears *on your passport*) \_\_\_\_\_

Second registrant (name as it appears *on your passport*) \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Travel Plans

- I/we will travel with the group, departing from and returning to Minneapolis/St. Paul, with no changes in travel dates.
- I/we prefer to depart from \_\_\_\_\_ and/or will make the following changes to dates \_\_\_\_\_.
- I am/we are traveling LAND ONLY and will make my own arrangements to and from Casablanca.

Special seating requests for flights \_\_\_\_\_

#### Occupancy

- Double occupancy (one double bed) – the name of my roommate is \_\_\_\_\_
- Double occupancy (two twin beds) – the name of my roommate is \_\_\_\_\_
- Double occupancy (two twin beds) – please assign me a roommate
- Single occupancy – I choose to pay the single supplement of \$600.

#### Deposit

Enclosed is my check (payable to St. Olaf College) for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per-person deposit).

Please charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per-person deposit) to my credit card.

Visa       MasterCard       Discover

Name on the credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Your registration cannot be accepted until you read the following terms and conditions and sign the agreement at the end of the form.**

## Program Fee

**Inclusions:** The program fee of \$4,600 per person through Feb. 1, 2010 and \$4,750 per person after Feb. 1, 2010 is based on double/twin occupancy and includes seminars by Richard and Wendy Allen, assistance by a national guide, round-trip airfare from Minneapolis, all accommodations, breakfast daily, other group meals where indicated on the itinerary, admissions for group activities, ground transportation and gratuities for included services. Rates are based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room. A supplement of \$600 per person applies for single occupancy of a room. Single rooms may not be the same size or location within the hotel as double rooms. The reduction for Land Only (making your own air arrangements to and from the program) is \$1,400.

**Exclusions:** Participants are solely responsible for all expenses not specifically included in the program fee. Examples of excluded expenses include: Any passport and visa fees • Any recommended immunizations or vaccinations • Accident / baggage / trip cancellation insurance • Airport transfers for those traveling Land Only • Beverages • Laundry • Dry cleaning • Phone charges • Room service or other items of a personal nature • Expenses incurred during free time or non-group activities • Lunch and dinner, unless specifically included on program itinerary.

**Travel insurance** is not included in the program fee, but is strongly recommended. Consider the following benefits:

- Medical protection. Most medical providers, including Medicare, do not cover you outside the United States. Check with your own provider first.
- Baggage protection including delay, theft or loss
- Trip cancellation or interruption
- Emergency evacuation.

A good place to start is with your current insurance providers. Your homeowner's insurance may cover baggage theft and your medical insurance may cover you for illness overseas. If not, attaching a rider to a current policy may be the least expensive option. Next, check your credit card's travel benefits. Some credit card companies offer insurance on baggage loss, travel accidents, trip cancellation and medical and/or legal assistance when the travel is purchased with that credit card. Finally, consider purchasing travel insurance. The following list was compiled from the Internet, suggestions from Study Travel participants and travel magazine listings. It is offered without endorsement by St. Olaf College. Other options are available.

- Travel Insured International 1-800-243-3174
- Travel Insurance Services 1-800-937-1387
- Travel Guard International 1-800-826-1300

You can compare policies at [insuremytrip.com](http://insuremytrip.com) or [quotetravelinsurance.com](http://quotetravelinsurance.com). **Pre-Existing Conditions:** If you wish to purchase travel insurance that covers all pre-existing conditions without question, the time required to do so is often within seven to 10 days after making a deposit on the program, depending upon the policy. If this coverage is important to you, please investigate options carefully and make your decision quickly. Most policies will cover pre-existing conditions no matter when you take out the insurance, as long as the condition has been under a doctor's care and is a controlled condition. **Premium Refunds:** Some insurance providers will not refund your premium if St. Olaf cancels the program, but will apply it to future travel. **Travel Insurance and Medicare/Medicaid:** Medicare and Medicaid do not provide coverage outside the U.S. Your supplemental insurance may cover you overseas, but may have a lifetime cap. To avoid exhausting the cap on an overseas trip, consider asking your travel insurance provider whether they write overseas medical care as primary coverage. Question insurance providers on these issues and ask for thorough explanations.

**Payments, Refunds and Cancellation Policy** A deposit of \$500 is required upon registration and is fully refundable until Aug. 31, 2009, after which it is non-refundable. If the deposit is made after Aug. 31, 2009, it is non-refundable. An interim payment of \$2,000 is due Sept. 1, 2009, half of which is refundable until March 14, 2010. Final payment is due March 15, 2010. No refunds will be made after March 15, 2010 unless the program is full and your place(s) can be resold. Cancellations must be in writing.

**Program Requirements** A valid U.S. passport is required of all U.S. citizens. Citizens of other countries are responsible for inquiring about rules and regulations.

Study Travel programs vary in pace, but in general, they require you, the participant, to be capable, without assistance, of walking a minimum of one mile at a time over uneven terrain, and up to five miles total per day, of climbing stairs that may not have handrails, of climbing in and out of a variety of transportation vehicles, of keeping pace with an active group of travelers on long days of traveling, of dealing with the emotional highs and lows that can occur when experiencing a different culture, and of being capable of traveling with a group for several hours each day. St. Olaf College (“St. Olaf”) has published specific requirements for each Study Travel Program. You are responsible for reviewing the specific requirements for your program and judging the appropriateness of these travel activities to your physical, mental, and behavioral capabilities. Any participant who is unable to fulfill the program requirements may have their registration cancelled. Any participant who has demonstrated an inability, in the opinion of the program leader, of keeping up with the group or of safely participating in program activities may be prohibited from participating in certain activities.

When it is possible to do so, St. Olaf strives to make reasonable efforts to accommodate disabilities and other special needs of program participants. If you have a special need regarding your participation in the program or will need an accommodation, you should contact Study Travel Director Heidi Quiram as soon as possible. Unfortunately, St. Olaf may not be able to accommodate all special needs. Facilities, resources, accommodations, and protections for disabled and special needs individuals can be sharply limited outside the U.S. St. Olaf reserves the right to refuse to make an accommodation when not required to do so by law.

You are expected to behave in a reasonable manner toward other travelers, tour leaders, staff and other persons with whom you come into contact during the program. If you behave, in the opinion of the program leader, in a way likely to disrupt the enjoyment or endanger the safety of other travelers, you will be expelled from the group and will have to make your own arrangements to return home. No refunds for the unused portion of the program will be given.

**Itinerary** St. Olaf reserves the right to change or cancel itineraries, hotels and other program components whenever it is deemed necessary. If this occurs, every effort will be made to offer alternate dates and/or programs. Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions beyond St. Olaf’s control. St. Olaf expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary on any St. Olaf Study Travel program. St. Olaf does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier’s over-booking of a flight or for any other reason unrelated to St. Olaf’s actions. Site visits and the order of the itinerary may be rearranged or substituted at the discretion of St. Olaf. Photos shown on St. Olaf web pages are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual program itinerary.

**Land Only** Participants traveling land only are encouraged to purchase airline tickets no sooner than 60 days before the program begins to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a program is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant’s purchase of those tickets. St. Olaf accepts no liability for the purchase of non-refundable airline tickets to the program departure city and return. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant.

**Single Travelers** St. Olaf always reserves rooms for single travelers. However, the number of single rooms available on a program is limited. Therefore we recommend that you register early. A supplemental charge will apply for a single room. If you are traveling alone and wish to share a room, we will do our best to find someone of the same gender and smoking preference to share with you. If you are matched with a non-smoking roommate, it is mutually agreed that you cannot smoke in your hotel room. When a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement will be charged.

**Baggage** Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. Although every effort is made to handle participants’ luggage as carefully as possible, St. Olaf is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft, or wear and tear through hotel and group carrier handling.

**Photos** Participants may be photographed for the educational and promotional purposes of St. Olaf. I agree that St. Olaf is authorized to use for any purpose any pictures taken of the group and comments made on evaluation forms.

**Other Terms and Conditions** In offering this program, St. Olaf ("St. Olaf") does not control or guarantee the personnel, equipment, operations or performance of anyone furnishing accommodations, products or other services in connection with these travel arrangements. Therefore, St. Olaf does not assume responsibility for injury, damage, expense, inconvenience or any other loss experienced to person or to property in connection with the products or services of such suppliers. The type of loss over which St. Olaf has no control and for which St. Olaf cannot be and is not responsible includes, without limitation: (i) any act or omission on the part of any supplier of products or services or other party who is not under the direct control of St. Olaf; (ii) any defect or failure of any vehicle, equipment, product or service which is owned, operated or otherwise used by a supplier; (iii) any financial problems of a supplier which causes non-performance by that supplier; or (iv) any other cause, condition or event which is beyond the direct control of St. Olaf.

During the program, you may have the opportunity to participate in various optional activities, such as athletic activities or excursions. St. Olaf does not control any of these activities and will not be and is not liable for any injury, damage, expense, accident, delay, inconvenience or other loss arising out of or relating to participation in such activities.

Travel documents, including airline tickets, will not be issued until St. Olaf has received a signed original of these terms and conditions and a signed original of the Release, Waiver, and Health Emergency Contact Information form from the participant.

**Release and Waiver** I am voluntarily participating in this Study Travel. I understand that participation in the Study Travel Program involves several risks, including, but not limited to: the risk of a plane, bus or car accident; drowning; fire; natural hazards; insect and animal bites and stings; food poisoning; disease; illness; injury; crime; foreign political, legal, social and economic conditions; and different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances, and different local medical practices, standards, and conditions.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the Study Travel Program I hereby release the College, and its regents, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns from any and all claims (including but not limited to claims for negligence), causes of action, liabilities and costs which I or any of my legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns may have or claim to have relating to or arising out of my participation in the Study Travel Program, including, without limitation, any and all claims and causes of action for property damage, bodily injury, illness and death, caused by, related to or arising out of any action or inaction of the College, its regents, officers, employees or agents, except for such damages or injury as may be caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the College, its regents, officers, employees or agents. Furthermore, I promise not to sue the College for any of the claims released above. Finally, I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the College, and its regents, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns, from any and all claims, liabilities and costs asserted by or on behalf of me or any of my legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns within the scope of the release.

I understand that the release, promise not to sue, and agreement to indemnify described in the above paragraph are intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the state of Minnesota. I agree that if any portion of the above paragraph is held invalid, the remainder will continue in full legal force and effect. This release and waiver is to be interpreted and enforced under Minnesota law.

St. Olaf has recommended that I purchase travel insurance:

- I decline to take out travel insurance.
- I have purchased travel insurance from \_\_\_\_\_

Policy number \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance company's tel. \_\_\_\_\_

**Acceptance and Agreement**

I have read and I understand the above terms and conditions. I accept and agree to the above terms and conditions.

Signature (first registrant) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (second registrant) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_