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Fes Sacred Music Festival, Morocco

6th -14th June 2008

Tim Best Travel have attended the Fes Sacred Music Festival for the last 6 years.

We have worked in Morocco for many more and can advise on extensions in Morocco to Marrakech, the Atlas Mountains, Essaouira & the Sahara.

Depending on whether you wish to travel in a small private group or if you are a single traveller please speak to us and we can advise you accordingly.

Fes Sacred Music Festival

Set in the entrancing Imperial City of Fes most of the performances take place within the large ceremonial gateway of Bab Makina or the Batha Museum. Fes Sacred Music Festival was set up in Morocco, a country tolerant of different religions, 14 years ago to give different faiths and cultures (Islamic, Christian, Jewish, Buddhist) the opportunity to express their faiths through music and debate.

The 2008 provisional Program

Jessye Norman (USA) with the Regional Lyric Orchestra Avignon Provence (France); Ghada Shbeir (Lebanon), Songs of the Eastern Christian Churches; Sacred African American and Sufi Songs Night, Faiz Ali Faiz (Pakistan) Ensemble and Bernice Johnson Reagon Ensemble (USA); Mari Boine (Norway), Sacred Songs of Sami Scandinavian Far North; Thanh Huong (Vietnam), Traditional and sacred songs; Belen Maya Company (Spain), Flamenco dance; Tartit Women's Ensemble (Mali), Folk and sacred songs for the Tuareg; Panti Pusaka Budaya Ensemble, Sacred traditional dances of Bali/Indonesia; Ysaye Quartet (France); The Roza Enflorese (Belgium), Sephardic sacred and traditional songs; Abdelwahab Doukali (Morocco); Cantus Colln (Germany); Mohamed Abdou (Saudi Arabia); Madhup Mudghal (India), The Bakhti devotional songs; Ismael Lo (Senegal) and the Brotherhood Hamadcha of Fez (Morocco)

The performances are held in the afternoon and evening. Art exhibitions and film screenings are also held throughout the festival. The mornings are free for you to explore this beautiful city.

The Fes Forum: 7-11th June

Interpretations of the Sacred; Wisdom or human folly?

The Forum is held over 5 days of the festival and guests from around the world will be participating in the discussions.

The topics for discussion 2008
Music and the Sacred (7th); Representation of the Sacred (8th); The Sacred, Customs and the Law (9th); The Sacred and the Subconscious (10th); Transmission (11th).

Tickets for the Forum are an additional cost. Please **contact us** for more detailed information on the Forum.

Estimated costs

These are subject to flight prices at the time of booking and festival passes - prices to be confirmed.

7 night stay including international flights on Royal Air Maroc, return transfers to the airport, accommodation on a bed & breakfast basis, vehicle & driver for the day to visit Volubilis and Moulay Idris with a picnic lunch, a guide to orientate you around Fes for a day and festival passes.

Further Information & Prices

Please **contact us** for a tailor made quote based on the dates you would like to attend the festival and specify whether you wish to have a pass for just the music festival or to include the Forum.

Please **contact us** on : info@timbesttravel.com / 0207 591 0300

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Meskal Festival **Ethiopia** September 2008; The Cure Salee /Gerewol Festival **Niger** September 2008
Ghadames Festival **Libya** October 2008; Rajesthan International Folk Festival Jodphur **India** October 2008
St Mary of Axum Festival **Ethiopia** November 2008; Pushkar **India** November 2008; Ghat Festival **Libya**
December 2008; Festival in the Desert **Mali** January 2008; Festival on the Niger **Mali** February 2009
Sauti Za Busara **Zanzibar** February 2009; Nagaur Fair **India** February 2009; Habanos Cigar Festival **Cuba**
February 2009; Tapati **Easter Island** February 2009