Professional Exchanges

The American College of Surgeons

Delegation to Morocco

March 15-21, 2020

Apply to join this delegation

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Connect with surgeons and other health care specialists in Morocco on the ACS delegation. Led by Dr. Carlos Pellegrini, past president of ACS, the program will give you a unique opportunity to learn about the way healthcare and, in particular, surgery are practiced in this developing country in north Africa.

The Kingdom of Morocco, led by King Mohammad VI, is committed to building a strong healthcare infrastructure, both public and private. Since 2015, Morocco has been in the process of building over 30 hospitals, including five University hospitals. This delegation will have the opportunity to learn how this advancement will transform the challenges faced today by Morocco’s growing healthcare system.

**LEADER BIOGRAPHY**

**Carlos A. Pellegrini, M.D.**

now an Executive Coach and Organizational Consultant, is the former Chief Medical Officer for the University of Washington Medicine and a professor emeritus in the Department of Surgery; he is also a past president of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Pellegrini believes that learning about how healthcare is delivered in other areas of the world has the potential for impacting the care provided at home. He recognizes that learning is a lifelong process and endeavors to maintain the highest degree of professional competence. As such, during his tenure at the University of Washington he promoted an environment of personal development and professional growth. He values the resources entrusted to physicians and other healthcare providers and recognizes the importance of maintaining fiscal responsibility in the delivery of health care. Thus the value he places in these exchanges where American physicians have the opportunity to learn how services are provided in areas of limited resources. Dr. Pellegrini was born in Argentina and received his M.D. from the University of Rosario Medical School, where he trained in general surgery. He completed his training in surgery at the University of Chicago. His clinical practice focused on patients with upper gastrointestinal problems. After retiring from the University of Washington, Dr. Pellegrini became an executive coach and a healthcare consultant.

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Gain new professional insights and a unique perspective.
Experience the challenges and solutions shared with your overseas counterparts.
Access facilities and professionals at the highest level.
Explore future collaborations with new partners.
Enjoy continued connections with your colleagues.
The learning objectives of this delegation are to:

- Public health priorities (prevention of disease, maternal-fetal and infant care)
- The role of the World Health Organization and other NGOs in ensuring access to healthcare
- Development of surgery and the current state of surgical services
- Approaches to trauma and crisis response
- Quality and value in the delivery of health care
- Cancer care, Centers of Excellence and population health

**BRIEF ITINERARY**

Day 1

Departures from the U.S. to Casablanca, Morocco, by individual arrangements; transfer to Rabat. Delegates arrive throughout the day, with a walking tour in the afternoon and a program briefing in the evening.

Day 2

Introduction to the Moroccan health care system and international programs by representatives from the Ministry of Health, USAID, and WHO. Take a cultural tour of Rabat, including the Kasbah district of Oudaias, the Royal Palace, and the National Museum.

Day 3

Meet with faculty and students at Mohamed V University of Rabat to discuss current research and training in critical care and the future of medical education. In the afternoon, travel to Fez.

Day 4

In Fez, visit public and private tertiary care units. Meet with physicians, nurses, and technicians to discuss current challenges, organizational development, and quality processes.

Day 5

Visit a rural clinic to learn how access and limitations to medical resources, including pharmaceuticals and technology, are addressed in caring for critically ill patients. Travel to Marrakech to experience the rich culture of Djemaa el-Fna, the city’s ancient market.

Day 6

Visit a private and public hospital to meet with advanced care teams. In the afternoon, take a tour of rural Marrakesh, including the mosque, palaces, and gardens of the old imperial city.

Day 7

Depart for the United States or continue on an optional tour of Morocco.

The program will be finalized based on the guidance of the delegation leader, the interests and composition of the group, and the scheduling needs of hosting resources in country.
ACCOMPANYING GUESTS

Guests are welcome to join the delegation at the same rate as professional participants, and will have opportunities to enjoy cultural enrichment and community service activities in lieu of the professional program (minimum of 6 guests required for a formal program). This is a wonderful opportunity for your partner, spouse, or friend to share the experience of traveling in Morocco with you.

PRICING

Cost of Program: $5,495 per person (5-star accommodations) | Single Supplement Cost: $1,300 per person

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Participants will be approved by the delegation leader upon submitting their application. A $500 nonrefundable deposit is due at registration. The balance is due upon receipt of invoice, 90 days before departure.

Program fees are based on double rooms. A single-room supplement is provided as an option. If you have to cancel, you must submit your request in writing, dated upon receipt.

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CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Please be sure to read World Learning’s [Conditions of Participation](http://www.worldlearning.org/what-we-do/professional-exchanges) and the U.S. Department of State’s [Travel Information on Morocco](http://www.worldlearning.org/apply-professional-exchange) before registering. All participants must sign the Conditions in order to embark on the program.

The program must meet a minimum registration of 12 participants in order to proceed. If registration does not meet the minimum, the program may be canceled and all previously paid registration fees will be refunded. Please see the Conditions of Participation for further details on registration, payment, and refund policies.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TOUR

While in Morocco, why not extend your travels to see more of the region? World Learning offers an optional additional excursion of 4 days through Morocco to enable you to maximize your experience overseas. This excursion will introduce you to a wider range of cultural, historical, and culinary sights and experiences.

4-DAY EXCURSION  
Deserts and Kasbahs of Morocco  
$1,895 per person  
($920 single supplement)

Delegates must be enrolled in the core program in order to take advantage of this excursion price.
ABOUT WORLD LEARNING

Founded in 1932 on the belief that international exchange programs can provide transformational experiences that cultivate lasting intercultural understanding, tolerance, and respect, World Learning has remained true to this vision. Even as our scope has evolved from student exchanges to include an annual portfolio of $130 million with international education, development, and exchange programs in more than 60 countries, World Learning has remained committed to equipping future leaders to collectively address critical global challenges. For over 85 years, World Learning has designed international exchange programs for emerging leaders, currently hosting more than 3,500 participants each year on inbound and outbound exchanges.

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