

# Moroccan Culture Afternoon

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**T**here was a whiff of the orient in the air the smell of peppermint and Moroccan spices!

The room was beautifully decorated in Moroccan style, creating the atmosphere of 1001 nights. There were delicious Moroccan snacks to eat before Mrs. Petra Heuwind reported on her trip to Morocco.

She told of the fascinating city of Marrakech with its colorful markets and magnificent palaces. She gave us wonderful impressions from the square and market place, Jemaa el-Fna, which comes to life in the afternoon and evening. Snake charmers, sellers of miracle cures, fortunetellers, henna and tattoo artists, monkey tamers, storytellers and fire-eaters are to be found in the square in large numbers.

Through the images and narrative, we were able to form an impression of Moroccan culture and lifestyle. Particularly interesting was the description

of the camel ride through the desert and the night in the desert camp watching the starry sky.

Morocco is a wonderful country with an infinite variety of mountains, seashore and desert; each place holding its own charms and a unique natural treasure.

Mrs. Heuwind reported with such enthusiasm that we almost felt that we had been there with her.

After the presentation, we had a delicious Moroccan meal consisting of Tajine (Moroccan stew), couscous, salad and pita bread. Finally, the national drink, Moroccan mint tea was served.

And to the tones of Moroccan music playing in the background, we chatted and shared our impressions of a most enjoyable event.

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