

# EXPEDITIONS



## **Signature: Morocco's Fez, Marrakech & the Sahara Desert**

13 days, Casablanca to Marrakech

Trip code DCBMNS

## What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Tree Nursery and Women's Cooperative Visit, Akrich
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your Expedition Leader and Group, Casablanca
- Signature Moment: Market Visit and Cooking Class Experience with a Talented Chef, Sidi Harazem
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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing October 30th, 2025 and onwards

## Itinerary

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**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

## Casablanca

Welcome to Morocco. Your expedition begins as you touch down in Casablanca, where the salt-heavy Atlantic breeze mixes with the kinetic energy of the country's cultural traditions. You will be met at the airport and whisked to your hotel to settle in. As the city lights flicker to life against the darkening ocean, gather with your National Geographic Expedition Leader and fellow travellers. An engaging presentation sets the historical stage for the days ahead, followed by a welcome reception and dinner to mark the start of your Moroccan exploration.



### Meals included

Dinner



### Accommodation

Hotel Le Casablanca (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Airport Transfer

Casablanca - Mohammed V Airport - Casablanca

Sit back and scan the scenery during your included arrival transfer.

#### ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your Expedition Leader and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group. There will be an included welcome dinner after the meeting.

Day 2

## Casablanca / Rabat

Stand at the edge of the Atlantic beneath the soaring minaret of the Hassan II Mosque, where the sound of crashing waves combines with the call to prayer. Step inside to feel the cool marble underfoot and admire the sheer scale of this modern masterpiece. Travel north for the day to Rabat, the capital, where the 12th-century Hassan Tower stands sentinel over the city like a sandstone giant. Pay respects in the hushed silence of the Mausoleum of Mohammed V before winding through the medina souks, inhaling the scent of spices and cured leather. Emerge at the walled Kasbah of the Udayas, walking its blue-and-white alleys before sipping mint tea where the Bouregreg River meets the sea.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Hotel Le Casablanca (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Hassan II Mosque Visit

Casablanca

1h-2h

See Africa's largest mosque and the world's tallest minaret (210 m, 689ft) with a visit to Hassan II Mosque. Admire this massive work of art completed in 1993, and strikingly located on land jutting into the Atlantic. The tour includes the prayer hall, ablution room, and museum. This mosque is one of the largest in the world, accommodating up to 25,000 worshippers inside and 80,000 in the courtyards

Private Vehicle

Casablanca - Rabat

1h45m

86km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Guided Rabat Tour

Rabat

3h

Arrive to Rabat and start the city visit with your local guide. See Kasbah des Oudaias, a walled quarter with gardens and views of the Atlantic Ocean. Then visit the Medina and souks with a stop for mint tea and local sweets. Stop by the resting place of King Mohamed V and Hassan Tower.

Private Vehicle

Rabat - Casablanca

1h30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 3

## Chefchaouen / Akchour

Leave the coast for the sanctuary of the Rif Mountains, winding upward until you arrive in Chefchaouen – a city draped in mesmerizing washes of indigo, powder blue, and azure. Follow your National Geographic Expedition Leader through this enchanting labyrinth, the cobblestones echoing underfoot as you climb steep streets past the historic kasbah and intricate Hispano-Moorish architecture. As the late afternoon light softens into the "golden hour," hike up to the Spanish Mosque. From this vantage point, watch the city glow against the mountain peaks as the sun dips below the horizon, casting the valley in deep violet shadow before you travel to your accommodation in Akchour.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Lermitage akchour (or similar)

Eco-Lodge



### Today's Activities

Chefchaouen Visit

Chefchaouen

2h30m-3h

Join your Expedition Leader for a visit of the blue city. Pass by the historic Kasbah dating back to the 15th century and get to know this unique northern Moroccan city. Finish the walk at Rass Elma and climb to the Spanish Mosque to watch sunset glow over the tops of the Rif Mountains.

Private Vehicle

Casablanca – Chefchaouen

5h-6h

342km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Private Vehicle

Chefchaouen – Akchour

1h

31km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 4

## Akchour/Fez

Breathe in the crisp mountain air with a short morning hike or yoga session in Akchour, surrounded by the sound of rushing water and rustling leaves. After lunch in the small mountainside town of Moulay Driss Zarhoun, travel south to Volubilis, the evocative ruins at the western edge of the Roman Empire. Walk across intricate mosaics baked by the sun and stand beneath the triumphal arch, tracing the layers of history in this ancient outpost. Continue to Fez. Step into the cool, tiled tranquility of your traditional riad, where the chaos of the city fades away and refined hospitality awaits. End the day with dinner on the rooftop, watching the lights of the ancient city flicker below like a sea of stars.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Riad Maison Bleue (or similar)

Guesthouse



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Akchour - Volubilis

3h--6h

189km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Volubilis Guided Tour

Volubilis

1h30m-2h

Listen to a certified local guide explain life in the Roman Empire at this UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the impressive, well-preserved Roman ruins. Peer into old bathhouses, marvel at the still-present mosaic floors, and gaze up at towering marble pillars. Hear stories about life in this Roman city that will leave you in awe of just how far their empire stretched.

Private Vehicle

Volubilis - Fez

2h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 5

## Fez

Immerse yourself in the sensory labyrinth of the Fez Medina. Pass through the grand gates into the world's largest walled old city, navigating thousands of winding streets defined by their craft. Hear the rhythmic tapping of coppersmiths, smell the sawdust of cedar woodworkers, and brace yourself for the distinct, pungent aroma of the famous tanneries, viewing the honeycomb of dyeing pits from above. Visit the historic Al Qarawiyn University before escaping the bustle for an exclusive rooftop tea experience, finding a moment of quiet above the medina's chaotic charm.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Riad Maison Bleue (or similar)

Guesthouse



### Today's Activities

Fez Medina Guided Tour

Fez

Follow a local guide through the Fez medina, one of the world's largest medinas with more than 9000 winding streets lying within 365 hectares. See buildings in the medina that date back to the 9th century; there are 350 mosques in the medina that are still in use today. Enter through one of the great gates into the chaos. Explore the artisans' quarters as well as the many carpenters, bakers, butchers, and spice sellers. Visit the mausoleum and the Al Qarawiyn University. A highlight of the tour is the view of the famous Fez tannery from the balcony of a leather shop, where you can observe the men hard at work treating and dyeing the different hides. Take some time to shop for leather goods before returning to your hotel.

Rooftop Tea Experience

Fez

1h

Escape the hustle and bustle of the Fez medina and enjoy a private rooftop tea experience. Savour the delicious tea and engage with the expert to gain further insights into this incredibly vibrant and historic place.

Day 6

## Fez/Sidi Ali

Engage all your senses with a unique cooking experience. Join Chef Najat at a local market to touch, smell, and select fresh ingredients before heading to an open-air kitchen in Sidi Harazem. Hosted by a local family, featuring a world-famous chef, you'll learn the secrets of Moroccan cuisine – the balance of sweet and savory, the heat of the oven – and bake bread in a traditional clay kiln. Share the feast you've created at a long communal table outdoors. In the afternoon, travel to the calm, reflective waters of Sidi Ali. Relax on the terrace with cocktails as your expert shares insights into the deep traditions of Moroccan hospitality.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Hotel Xaluca Sidi Ali (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Fez - Sidi Harazem

30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Private Vehicle

Sidi Harazem - Sidi Ali

2h30m-3h

143km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

#### ACTIVITY

Begin the experience by meeting the chef for a brief introduction to the activity and the day ahead. Then visit a local market to select fresh ingredients for the dishes you will prepare together. The hands-on cooking class takes place in an open-air setting in Sidi Harazem, approximately 30 minutes from Fez. A local family will host the group and provide essential facilities, including water and a traditional oven for baking local bread. After the cooking session, participants will enjoy lunch at a long, picnic-style table set up outdoors. The chef will design the menu according to the group's dietary requirements.

Day 7

## Sidi Ali/Merzouga

Journey toward the gateway of the Sahara, watching the landscape shift from rocky plains to the endless, shifting sands of Merzouga. Transfer by Land Cruisers to reach your secluded desert camp. As the heat of the day fades into the golden hour, climb a high dune to witness the desert panorama stretch to the horizon. Watch the sands shift from burning orange to cool violet while the sun sets. Dinner is served at camp, accompanied by the hypnotic, rhythmic music of local Berber musicians under a canopy of stars so bright they feel within reach.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

The Sandy Tents Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Fez - Merzouga

6h-7h

336km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

4x4

Merzouga

1h-1h30m

Traverse the Erg Chebbi dunes in a private 4x4, enjoying sweeping desert views as you head to your luxury camp.

Day 8

## Merzouga

Venture deeper into the dunes of Erg Chebbi by Land Cruiser to meet Amazigh nomads. Share mint tea in the shade of their traditional dwelling, listening to stories of life in the sands. Continue to Khamlia to hear the hypnotic rhythms of Gnaoua music, the castanets echoing the history of the Sahara. Later, roll up your sleeves for a cooking class to prepare Medfouna – the traditional "hidden pizza" of the desert. Enjoy your creation for lunch back at camp, surrounded by the absolute silence of the dunes.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

The Sandy Tents Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

4x4 Sahara Desert Excursion and Cooking Class Lunch with the Amazigh Nomads

Merzouga

8h

View the golden dunes of the Sahara desert on a 4x4 excursion. Drive around the sand dunes of Erg Chebbi and take in the view of the seemingly endless sea of sand. Watch the dunes as the colours creep across the landscape and look out for the kohl mine en route to the village of Khamlia. Here you will meet Gnaoua musicians and learn about the history of Gnaoua music in the Sahara. Enjoy a performance by these talented artists. Depart back through the desert region and visit local Amazigh living in the area, learning about their way of life and sharing in some mint tea in one of the homes. The culinary delights of the Moroccan Sahara await you in Taous village, where you'll partake in a Medfouna cooking class. Discover the cherished secrets of this traditional dish, a culinary gem of the region. Relish the flavours and aromas as you savour the fruits of your culinary endeavours. As the day draws to a close, return to the Land Cruiser, leaving behind a trail of memories etched in the sands of Erg Chebbi. Head back to your camp with a heart full of experiences that will stay with you for a lifetime.

Leave the desert behind and ascend toward the High Atlas Mountains. Stop at the Todra Gorges, where massive rock walls soar 400 meters (1,300 ft) above the valley floor, creating a cathedral of stone. Walk the path that winds through this natural canyon, feeling the scale of the geology and the cool air trapped between the cliffs. After lunch near the gorges, continue the drive through the dramatic Dades Valley, where the road carves through red rock landscapes dotted with green oases. Arrive at your accommodation in the late afternoon to refresh before dinner.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



## Accommodation

Eden Boutique Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Merzouga - Todra Gorge

3h30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Todra Gorges Visit

Todra Gorge

30m

Upon arrival at the stunning Todra Gorges, located approximately 5 kilometers from the main road, you'll begin exploring this natural marvel. The terrain here is relatively flat and accessible, with a well-marked path that winds through the towering rock walls, which reach up to 400 meters high. Take a leisurely walk of about 1 kilometer, offering breathtaking views and perfect photo opportunities. This brief exploration, ideal for capturing the grandeur of the gorges and immersing yourself in their beauty, will take approximately 20 minutes.

Private Vehicle

Todra Gorge - Gorges du Dadès

1h30m

84km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 10

## Gorges du Dadès/Marrakech

Step back in time at Aït Ben Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Morocco's best-preserved ksars. Wander the earthen alleyways of this fortified village, admiring the traditional clay architecture that glows red against the blue sky – a scene straight out of a movie. Continue the journey by crossing the dramatic Tizi n'Tichka pass in the High Atlas Mountains, winding down toward the red city of Marrakech. Check into your superb hotel and refresh before dinner.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Accommodation

The Oberoi (or similar)

Hotel

Set within vast citrus orchards and olive groves, The Oberoi, Marrakech is a refined retreat with architecture inspired by the 14th-century Medersa Ben Youssef. The central courtyard and serene water features frame striking views of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains. Guests can enjoy a unique spa on the lake, sunrise yoga, or dining at Rivayat by Michelin-starred chef Rohit Ghai. With organic gardens and temperature-controlled pools, the property offers a peaceful sanctuary that captures the essence of Moroccan heritage.



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Gorges du Dadès - Aït Ben Haddou

2h30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Aït Ben Haddou Kasbah Tour

Aït Ben Haddou

2h-3h

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site and kasbah of Aït Ben Haddou, the most famous ksar in the Ounila Valley, located in the foothills of the southern slopes of the High Atlas Mountains. Of all the remaining kasbahs in Morocco, the walls and interior of this area are the most intact. It's a collective grouping of dwellings inside defensive walls and was once one of the many trading posts on the route linking Sudan to Marrakech. The kasbah still houses a few families, but many now live in the adjacent village. Like many of the earthen built fortresses in Ouarzazate, Aït Ben Haddou has been used in many film and television productions like *Gladiator*, *Babel*, and *Game of Thrones*.

Private Vehicle

Ait Ben Haddou - Marrakech

4h30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Leave Marrakech behind and participate in a G Adventures-supported community initiative dedicated to sustainability in the Atlas foothills. Start with a visit to the Ancient Jewish Cemetery and tree nursery to learn about reforestation. Plant a sapling and leave a living mark on the landscape that will be given to land owners to replenish their soil. Meet a local farmer to understand the project's impact before a short walk to the Ashbarou Women's Cooperative. This women-led initiative is focused on preserving Amazigh heritage and fostering economic empowerment through traditional carpet weaving. Share a homemade lunch prepared by the women and feel the texture of raw wool as you try your hand at traditional weaving, connecting directly with the artisans who sustain their community through this craft. Travel back to Marrakech for a free evening at your leisure.



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Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



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## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Marrakech - Akrich

1h

37km

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Akrich - Marrakech

1h

37km

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ACTIVITY

Transfer to the town of Akrich to learn more about the work this G Adventures-supported initiative is doing to support the local community and preserve cultural heritage. Visit the tree nursery alongside an ancient Jewish Cemetery, where the workers start the fruit and olive tree saplings that will be given to land owners to replenish their land. We will see how the planting and irrigation work was done to reforest the area with crop producing trees. Meet with one of the farmers who planted his trees in previous years to understand the impact this has had on his family and the community. We then move on to the Women's Cooperative site "Ashbarou" to meet the ladies who have prepared a homemade lunch for us. After lunch they share the weaving work they do and invite visitors to participate in a hands-on weaving experience.

Discover the soul of Marrakech through the ancient art of Hikayat (storytelling). Join a master storyteller to navigate the Medina, where history and fable intertwine in the smoky air of the souks. Visit the intricate Bahia Palace and the stunning Medersa Ben Youssef, admiring the craftsmanship of a bygone era. Enjoy a traditional tangia lunch in the heart of the old city. Conclude your expedition with a farewell dinner on a rooftop terrace, toasting the sights and sounds of Morocco as the city hums below.

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### ACTIVITY

Join the leader of the storytelling revival taking place in Marrakech to explore the Medina in a way that is true to the National Geographic tradition of storytelling. Experience the Medina coming to life as you listen to the ancient fables, stories of the places you are seeing that highlight why they are special. Visit the Bahia Palace and the Medersa Ben Youssef, two landmarks that highlight the country's rich cultural heritage, offering an unforgettable journey through time and beauty. Navigate the narrow streets and market places all while being taken on a special journey by your storyteller.

Your expedition to Morocco concludes today. After breakfast, individual transfers are provided to the airport at any time during the day.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Departure Transfer

Marrakech - Marrakech Menara Airport

You will be met at your hotel and transferred to the airport at the end of your adventure.

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## Is there an itinerary Disclaimer?

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Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

## What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?

### WEATHER

Please note that the climate in Morocco can be both very hot during the day in summer months (up to 50°C) and cold at night in the mountains in autumn, early spring and winter (down to -6°C). Summer months, from April to September are very hot throughout Morocco. During the winter months (November–March), temperatures can fluctuate noticeably from day to night. We recommend packing versatile layers and a light, weather-resistant jacket to ensure your comfort as we move between these diverse regions.

### RAMADAN

According to the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between Feb 7th - Mar 8th 2027. Please note that Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world, during which time the followers of Islam should not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. There may be some limitations to services and disruptions to schedules during Ramadan, but generally our tours still operate effectively during this period and food is available to non-Muslims throughout the day. It is very important to display increased cultural sensitivity during Ramadan. Please wear loose fitting clothes, that cover knees and shoulders, and try to avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public out of respect for those who can't at that time.

## What is the group leader like?

All National Geographic Signature group trips are accompanied by one of our National Geographic Expedition Leaders throughout. The aim of the Expedition Leaders is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting- we think it's the best of both worlds.

## How large will the group be?

Max 22, Avg. 16

## What meals are included in this trip?

12 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners

## **What are the modes of transportation on my trip?**

Private vehicle, walking, 4x4 land cruiser vehicle.

## **Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?**

Yes, for those travelling solo there is a single supplement.

## **Where will we stay during the trip?**

Hotels (8 nts), Traditional Riad (2 nts), Desert Camp (2 nts).

## **What are the joining instructions?**

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

An arrival transfer is included when you arrive on Day 1, or if you arrive up to three days prior provided that you have booked your pre-accommodation through National Geographic Signature Journeys in our joining hotel. Due to customer experience and quality considerations, all services related to the tour must be continuous.

Our driver will be waiting for you with a National Geographic Signature Journeys sign, and they will be waiting for you outside of Terminal 2. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your National Geographic Expedition Leader. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your leader and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your Expedition Leader will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

## **What happens if I experience problems when arriving?**

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. Included arrival transfers are provided from the nearest airport to your starting location. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Regional Office Emergency Contact Number: +212 662 312 072

Arrival or Departure Transfer Emergency Phone Number: +212 661 861 950

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 800 394 5416

Calls from UK: 0800 041 8146

Calls from Germany: 0800 181 9454

Calls from Australia: 1 800 204 905

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 424 389

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## What instructions should I follow at the finishing point?

You will be met at your hotel and transferred to the airport at the end of your adventure.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

## Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

## Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

**Health & Safety:**

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

**Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear Note: The weather conditions and temperature in Morocco can vary greatly from region to region, especially during the winter months (Nov-March). During these months, we recommend packing layers for insulation, as well as a waterproof layer.

## What the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Please be aware that visa requirements vary by nationality; citizens of certain countries, such as South Africa, may be subject to additional documentation requests. Since these official requirements are determined on a case-by-case basis and can be unpredictable, we strongly recommend applying for your visa well in advance. Should the embassy or consulate request further supporting documents, please contact us immediately for assistance.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

## How much spending money do I need for my trip?

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## What should I know about currency, credit cards, and exchanging money while on this tour?

The local currency in Morocco is the Moroccan Dirham (MAD).

ATMs are very common in Morocco with Cirrus and Plus system cards are the most widely accepted debit cards. While ATMs are commonly available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work - it is important you check with your bank before departure and advisable to travel with more than one type of card.

Visa cards are the most widely accepted credit cards, but are generally only useful for larger/expensive purchases. You should be aware when purchasing products or services on a credit card, that a fee usually applies.

The foreign currency most commonly accepted in Morocco is the Euro. You will be able to exchange Euros, as well as GBP and USD at money exchange offices in major cities.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of cash (Euro/GBP or USD) and cards is best.

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

## How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## Should I be tipping on my trip?

On our National Geographic Signature tours, tipping is included for all included activities and meals, and portage. Tipping is not included for the Expedition Leader. Should you want some basic guidelines on tipping for the activities you do on your own, please see below. At the end of each trip if you felt your National Geographic Signature Expedition Leader did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline would be \$10-\$15 per person per day.

In addition, please note that tipping is not required or expected for the Expedition Expert.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

- No optional activities

## Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

### DRINKING WATER

It is advisable to drink bottled water in Morocco.

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

There are no specific health requirements for this trip. However, you should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit, hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. Please be aware that we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities for some time during this trip, and for legal reasons our leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc.

When selecting your trip please carefully read the G Adventures brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please contact us at [travel@gadventures.com](mailto:travel@gadventures.com) should you require any clarification on what is involved on your itinerary. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveller from all or part of a trip without refund if in the reasonable opinion of our Expedition Leader they are unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group.

## What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Expedition Leader will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your Expedition Leader will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions. Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our Expedition Leaders to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s). Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. Read more about travel safety for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

## What rules should I know before joining this trip?

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Your Expedition Leaders have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## How should I dress to respect local customs during the tour?

While visiting mosques and other religious monuments you should dress modestly, cover your shoulders and you shouldn't wear short shorts or skirts. Outside of capital cities and the more touristic centres, local dress is often more conservative and as a matter of respect we ask that both men and women are aware of this and recommend loose-fitting clothes with your shoulders covered. Ask your Expedition Leader for more specific advice.

## How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at [customersolutions@gadventures.com](mailto:customersolutions@gadventures.com) and we will send it on to you.

## Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your National Geographic Signature Specialist or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

## What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

## Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

## Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.