

# 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
- Signature Moment: Marrakech Medina Tour Through Storytelling (Hikayat), Marrakech
- Arrival transfer
- Welcome Dinner
- Visit Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca
- Tour of Rabat including the Hassan Tower and the Mausoleum of Mohammed V
- Chefchaouen visit to Rass Elma and the Spanish Mosque
- Morning yoga class
- Volubilis guided tour
- Fez Medina guided tour and rooftop tea experience
- 2 nights at a luxury desert camp in the Sahara
- Full-day 4x4 excursion in the Sahara Desert
- Meet Amazigh nomads
- Gnaoua music experience
- Medfouna cooking class
- Visit Todra Gorge
- Ait Ben Haddou visit
- Farewell Dinner
- Departure transfer
- Engaging Discussions with the National Geographic Expedition Expert throughout
- Porterage at hotels and when getting on and off of vehicles
- Tips are included for all activities, meals and porterage, except for your Expedition Leader
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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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.

**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.

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### Meals included

Dinner

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### ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Le Casablanca (or similar) **Hotel**

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### 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.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### 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

L'ermitage 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.

Day 9

## MERZOUGA/GORGES DU DADÈS

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 **Aït 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.



## Meals included

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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## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

### 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.

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## Meals included

Breakfast

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## 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.

## What's included

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## Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?

This compiled itinerary represents our thoughtfully designed plan, provided in good faith and correct at the time of publication. However, to ensure we deliver the most rewarding experience possible, our itineraries remain dynamic; we continuously refine our routes based on research, field insights, and guest feedback, meaning details may evolve between the release of our annual directory and your departure. Flexibility is a cornerstone of our travel philosophy, and while we intend to follow the path described, the nature of exploring unpredictable environments means alterations may occur, and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife encounters cannot be guaranteed. We invite you to view these travel times and details as an approximate guide rather than a strict contract, and we kindly ask that you review a final copy of your Trip Details a few days prior to departure to ensure you have the most current information for your upcoming expedition.

## 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?

Every National Geographic Signature departure is accompanied throughout by a dedicated National Geographic Expedition Leader, whose purpose is to ensure a seamless experience so you can fully immerse yourself in the destination. Your Expedition Leader offers deep insight into the landscapes you traverse, suggests enriching independent activities, recommends exceptional local dining venues, and connects you with our community friends along the way. Rather than acting as conventional guides, they possess a broad, sophisticated understanding of the historical, cultural, religious, and social tapestry of the region. To offer the ultimate perspective, we complement their expertise with specialist local guides whose deep regional knowledge adds profound depth to specific sites—delivering a masterfully balanced exploration.

## 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?

To review the specific details of your starting property, please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

A seamless arrival transfer is included for guests landing on the first day of the itinerary, or up to three days prior if your pre-trip accommodations were arranged directly through G Adventures at our starting property. To maintain the exceptional quality and continuity of your experience, all scheduled services must run consecutively.

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.

Upon arriving at the starting property, where check-in begins typically by 3:00PM, please look for a dedicated notice from your National Geographic Expedition Leader at the reception desk. This message will outline the specific details for our evening welcome reception and meeting—typically held between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.—where you will gather with your Expedition Leader, Expedition Expert, and fellow travellers to look ahead at the days to come. Should you arrive later in the evening and miss this initial gathering, your Expedition Leader will leave a comprehensive briefing note for you at reception detailing the next morning's schedule.

Please note that the joining day of the itinerary can vary, please refer to your specific itinerary for further details.

## What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

While we anticipate a seamless arrival, your peace of mind is our utmost priority. Should any unforeseen circumstances prevent you from beginning your expedition as scheduled, please refer to the essential emergency contact details provided in your documentation and contact us as soon as possible.

Upon landing, if you do not connect with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend making your own way to the starting point property by following the Joining Instructions. Rest assured, you may submit a request to your travel professional upon your return to secure a refund for any transport costs incurred during this time.

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

Should you require urgent assistance during your travels, your first point of contact should be our local representative or regional office. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a detailed message with your contact information so our team can return your call and assist you as quickly as possible. The numbers can be found below.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Regional Office Emergency Contact Number: +212 662 312 072

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

In addition, a dedicated toll-free line is available for guests within North America, connecting you directly to our global operations team during regular business hours. For support outside of standard hours, an emergency mobile line is actively monitored day and night to ensure you are never out of reach. In the rare event that your call is not answered immediately, please leave a detailed message along with your contact information so our team can return your call and assist you as swiftly as possible.

Toll-free (North America only): 1-800-465-5600

From the United Kingdom: 0870 080 1756

International (Outside North America and the UK): +1 416 260 0999

Emergency Mobile: (416) 305-6139

Your included arrival transfer has been meticulously arranged based on the flight details you provided. If you experience a flight schedule change or cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival, please contact our emergency number immediately with your updated details. Prompt notification ensures we can adjust your transfer; otherwise, you will need to arrange your own transportation to the starting property. Upon arrival, if your transfer representative does not connect with you within 30 minutes of exiting the arrivals area, please take a local taxi directly to the starting property.

## What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

You will be met at your hotel property and transferred to the airport for your onward travels at the end of your expedition. Please refer to your individual itinerary for more details.

## Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?

When deciding what to pack, considerations will vary based on your specific itinerary, the regions you are visiting, and the season in which you are travelling. Generally speaking, we recommend packing thoughtfully and keeping your luggage to one checked bag at a manageable weight to facilitate seamless transitions throughout your expedition.

In addition to your primary luggage, you will also require a small day pack or shoulder bag. This smaller bag is essential for keeping your camera, water, and personal items close at hand during day walks, excursions, and daily explorations.

# 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 are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

Securing the necessary visas and travel documentation is an essential step in preparing for your upcoming expedition, and remains the responsibility of each individual traveller. Entry requirements fluctuate depending on your nationality and destination; while we strive to provide the most current information, immigration regulations change frequently. We strongly advise verifying all entry protocols directly with the relevant embassy or consulate well in advance of your departure. Please also ensure your passport remains valid for at least six months beyond your scheduled departure date from the country.

For tailored details specific to your nationality and destination, please consult our dedicated pre-departure resource page at

[here](#)

## **What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?**

While personal spending habits naturally vary, we recommend factoring in your individual preferences for shopping, tipping, and beverages to ensure a seamless experience. In addition to these day-to-day comforts, we kindly ask that you maintain access to a minimum of USD \$200 (or its equivalent) as a dedicated emergency fund; though exceptionally rare, unpredictable circumstances such as changing weather patterns or natural events may occasionally necessitate a shift from our planned route, and this reserve ensures we can navigate any path ahead with peace of mind.

## **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)

## **Should I be tipping on my trip?**

To ensure a seamless and elevated experience throughout your National Geographic Signature departure, gratuities have been fully taken care of for all included meals, activities, and luggage portorage.

On our National Geographic Signature tours, tipping is included for all included activities and meals, and portorage. 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. Tipping is neither required nor expected for your National Geographic Expedition Expert.

For the independent moments on your itinerary, it is appropriate in Morocco to tip 10%. Though not compulsory, tipping is expected. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels and shows an expression of satisfaction.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

- No optional activities

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

Please note that health requirements and recommended inoculations vary by destination. To ensure your well-being, it is your responsibility to consult with a specialized travel physician for up-to-date medical guidance well before departure.

We highly recommend carrying a personal first aid kit, hand sanitizer, and any essential prescription medications. Because our itineraries frequently trace paths through remote regions far from advanced medical facilities, legal regulations prohibit our National Geographic Expedition Leaders from administering any medication, including standard over-the-counter pain relievers. While local pharmacies along our route may stock familiar remedies, they are often produced under regional names, so we advise bringing the generic chemical name of any critical prescription. Before finalising your plans, please carefully review the itinerary and physical requirements to ensure your personal fitness aligns with our style of exploration. To safeguard the well-being of the group, we reserve the right to excuse any traveller from all or part of an itinerary if, in the professional judgment of our Expedition Leader, continuing would pose an undue risk to themselves or their fellow travellers.

**DRINKING WATER :** It is advisable to drink bottled water in Morocco.

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

To ensure your well-being and security throughout our explorations, we recommend consulting your home government's regularly updated international travel advisories prior to departure. For peace of mind while on the move, we strongly advise using a concealed neck wallet or money belt to secure your passport, travel documentation, and currency. We suggest leaving exceptional jewelry at home, as it is unnecessary for our style of travel; instead, make use of the safety deposit boxes available at most of our accommodations. Securing your luggage with a reliable lock is also highly recommended.

When travelling on a departure, your National Geographic Expedition Leader maintains the authority to modify or adapt any portion of the itinerary should environmental conditions or safety considerations require it. Your Expedition Leader accompanies the group on all scheduled activities, but you will also enjoy unstructured time to pursue personal interests, relax, or discover locales at your leisure. While your leader is delighted to suggest local options for these independent periods, please note that these optional choices do not form part of our curated itinerary, and we make no representations regarding their operating standards; we encourage you to exercise your own discerning judgment.

While the destinations we visit are welcoming during the daytime, navigating urban environments at night requires mindfulness. We recommend exploring in small groups and utilizing local taxis when dining out or moving about after dark. Furthermore, should you encounter public demonstrations or political gatherings, please prioritize your safety by leaving the vicinity immediately rather than remaining for photographs, as these situations can evolve rapidly.

Water-based experiences carry inherent risks. To ensure your protection, we recommend participating in aquatic activities only when accompanied by professional guides. Our commitment to safety means that our Expedition Leaders are strictly prohibited from facilitating unguided water activities on your behalf. Please note that swimming and snorkelling are always undertaken at your own risk. For further insights on enhancing your personal safety during your voyage, please visit [www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/](http://www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/).

## What are the trip specific safety considerations?

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

Our philosophy of travel is rooted in deep respect for the people, cultures, and lands we encounter. To ensure the safety of our travellers, staff, and the communities that welcome us, the possession or use of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited on all departures. While certain substances may be woven into local traditions in some regions, they are not permitted within our groups. Furthermore, any form of exploitation, including the solicitation of sex workers, directly contradicts our values. To protect the integrity of the experience and the well-being of the group, our National Geographic Expedition Leader retains the right to remove any traveller who violates these standards.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Comprehensive travel insurance is a mandatory prerequisite for participation in all our departures. To safeguard your well-being, your National Geographic Expedition Leader will kindly request to verify your physical policy details before you may officially join your fellow travellers.

When choosing your coverage, please ensure your policy includes full medical protection, featuring a strict minimum requirement of \$200,000 USD for emergency rescue and medical repatriation. For complete peace of mind while exploring, we also strongly advise securing comprehensive coverage for personal liability, trip cancellation or curtailment, and the loss of luggage and personal belongings. If you intend to rely on insurance provided through your credit card, you must supply formal proof of purchase—such as a credit card statement or receipt in your name—along with explicit confirmation from your banking institution regarding the participating insurer, exact policy limits, and their dedicated 24-hour emergency contact 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?

Upon your return, we invite you to share your insights with us. Your valued feedback shapes the future of our itineraries and ensures we continue to deliver meaningful experiences. As a token of our appreciation for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% savings (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) toward your next expedition with us. Simply submit your evaluation within four weeks of completing your travels to unlock this benefit and join our global community of returning travellers.

\*This offer is valid for new bookings only, limited to one per person, and cannot be combined with other promotions or applied to independent itineraries. Maximum value of \$100 USD (or local currency equivalent). This program may be amended or withdrawn at any time.

## 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.