



## **Spain, Portugal & Morocco: Madrid to the Sahara**

19 days, Madrid to Marrakech

Trip code ESMH

## What's included

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Hands-On Moment: Port Wine Cellar Visit, Porto
- Your Local Living Moment: Rif Mountain Hike & Goat Cheese Making, Chefchaouen
- Orientation walks in Porto, Lisbon and Seville
- Chapel of Bones visit in Évora
- Flamenco show (Seville)
- Orientation walk of the old town of Tangier
- Tétouan city visit
- Chefchaouen orientation walk
- Ouazzane city visit
- Guided visit to the Fés Medina
- Tour of Volubulis
- Meknes visit
- Full-day Casablanca tour
- Free time in Fés
- Film Studio visit in Ouarzazate
- Welcome Tea and bonfire at Erg Lihoudi desert camp
- A camel ride and 4x4 jeep excursion to desert oasis camp
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 8th, 2025 and onwards

# Itinerary



**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

## Madrid

Arrive at any time.

There are no activities planned until an evening welcome meeting. We recommend arriving a day earlier to explore all that this amazing city has to offer.

Please note that if you wish to visit popular sites and want to avoid waiting in line, it is advisable to reserve tickets in advance. We recommend pre-arranging your visit to the Prado Museum.



### Accommodation

Hotel Europa (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

#### ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. 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.



### Optional Activities - Day 1

Reina Sofia Museum

Madrid

12EUR

2h-3h

The Reina Sofia is Spain's national museum of 20th-century art, and currently boasts an art collection of over 21,000 works.

Gran Vía Visit

Madrid

Free

1h-2h

Shop, stroll, and people watch on the capital's most exciting street, Gran Vía. Go early or late, the street stays awake all hours.

Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum

Madrid

13EUR

1h-2h

The Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum displays an overview of art from the 13th century to the late 20th century.

Taurino Museum

Madrid

15-20EUR

1h-1h30m

Ever wanted to learn everything there is to know about the history of bullfighting in Spain? Here's your chance.

Plaza Mayor Visit

Madrid

Free

15m-30m

Enjoy some spectacular people watching with a visit to the Plaza Mayor, the true heart of the city. Enjoy a coffee in one of the plaza's many cafes and watch the world go by.

Royal Palace (Palacio Real) Visit

Madrid

12EUR

1h-2h

See how kings and queens live, with a visit to the Palacio Real, the official (and uninhabited) palace of the King of Spain. Wander the rooms to take in some of the most elaborately decorated and furnished rooms you'll ever see.

Museo Nacional Del Prado Visit

Madrid

15EUR

30m-1h

Take in some culture with a trip to the Museo del Prado, one of the greatest art galleries in the world, and a definite highlight of any Madrid trip. Be inspired by its collections and exhibitions: the museum's main emphasis is 15th to 19th century Spanish, Flemish, and Italian art, but there is plenty of Goya and a wealth of paintings by Diego Velázquez.

Day 2

## Madrid/Porto

Get ready for a full travel day. Journey to Porto, including a quick lunch stop in charming Salamanca. Arrive in Porto by the early evening.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Accommodation

Ibis Porto Centro São Bento (or similar)

Hotel

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### Today's Activities

Local Train

Madrid - Salamanca

2h30m-3h

218km

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

Private Vehicle

Salamanca - Porto

3h30m-4h

350km

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

Day 3

## Porto

Enjoy an orientation walk of Porto with the rest of the day free to explore. Opt take a cruise down the Douro River. In the evening, visit a port wine cellar and raise a glass to the day.

Head down Allies Avenue to see the French-inspired buildings. Bargain at the Bolhão Market. Wander the city's World Heritage-listed Ribeira district, visit São Francisco church, the palatial former 19th-century stock market Palácio de Bolsa or head to the Clerigos Tower for a panoramic view of the city.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Ibis Porto Centro São Bento (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

Free Time

Porto

Take the day to explore this picturesque coastal town.

#### ACTIVITY

Finish off the day with a tour of the cellars of the region's famed export - Port wine. Learn about the art of Port making and the processes that render its rich taste. Indulge in a tasting and raise a glass to a day well spent. Saúde!



### Optional Activities - Day 3

Sao Bento Railway Station

Porto

Free

The blue painted tiles on the inside of São Bento railway station makes it one of the most beautiful train stations in the world. See for yourself.

Lello Bookstore

Porto

8EUR

Take a wander around this incredible, and beautifully ornate bookstore built in 1906.

Ribeira Square

Porto

Free

Take some time to walk around this charming square and get in with the local hustle and bustle.

Porto Ribeira Cruise

Porto

20EUR

1h-2h

Board a boat down Portugal's Douro River, or "river of gold". Float along this ancient route used for centuries as a port wine shipper's route.

Palacio da Bolsa

Porto

12EUR

30m-1h

Join a half-hour guided tour of this neoclassical monument.

Day 4

## Porto/Lisbon

Journey to Portugal's capital city, Lisbon, and take in your surroundings on an orientation walk.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Accommodation

Hotel Roma Lisbon (or similar)

Hotel

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### Today's Activities

Lisbon Orientation Walk

Lisbon

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

Free Time

Lisbon

Get out and explore.

Train

Porto - Lisbon

3h30m

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

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### Optional Activities - Day 4

Praça da Figueira Market

Lisbon

Free

30m-1h

Take a wander through this traditional open-air market, established in 1755.

Alfama District Visit

Lisbon

Free

1h-2h

Explore Lisbon's past in Alfama, one of the city's oldest quarters. Wander along narrow medieval streets lined with typical tile-covered façades and take a step back in time; the area largely survived

the great earthquake of 1755, and still retains much of its original layout. Listen for Portugal's traditional music, fado, gracing the streets at night.

Sao Jorge Castle

Lisbon

15EUR

Climb up to this Moorish castle for a wander around the impressive grounds on a guided tour, and a great view over Lisbon and Tagus River.

Belém District Visit

Lisbon

Free-10EUR

1h-2h30m

Discover Belém, a western suburb that's linked to Portugal's Golden Age of Discoveries – it was the site where famous navigators once set sail to discover the world. While there, take some time to tour nearby must-see attractions: the Jerónimos Monastery, Belém Tower, the Tropical Botanical Garden, and the Berardo Museum of contemporary art. Please note: most attractions in Belém are closed on Mondays.

Day 5

## Lisbon

Free day to explore Lisbon. Opt for a day trip to nearby Sintra. In the evening enjoy a Fado night and traditional Portuguese dinner in one of Lisbon's oldest neighbourhoods.

Opt to take a day trip into the foothills of the surrounding mountains to Sintra. Get lost in the city's winding streets lined with pastel coloured houses, palaces, majestic gardens and lush forests. It doesn't get more postcard-worthy than this.

Opt to pre-book a spot on the Lisbon Food tour during your free time in Lisbon. In addition, special meal requirements cannot be accommodated.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Accommodation

Hotel Roma Lisbon (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Lisbon

Opt to explore the town or take a day trip to nearby Sintra.

Fado Night with Traditional Portuguese Meal

Lisbon

2h

Sit down to a traditional meal and lend your ears to the sound of a performance by Portuguese folk music artists.



### Optional Activities - Day 5

Rossio Square

Lisbon

Free

Stop in this lively square to get a taste of the local hustle and bustle.

Praça da Figueira Market

Lisbon

Free

30m-1h

Take a wander through this traditional open-air market, established in 1755.

Visit to Sintra

Lisbon

Take a break from reality to visit the fairytale-like town of Sintra. Get lost exploring the colourful manors, medieval palaces, and lush gardens of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

National Coach Museum

Lisbon

8EUR

Located in the lively Belém district, find dozens of ornately decorated horse-drawn carriages (fit for the kings and queens they used to carry) at the National Coach Museum. Housed in an old riding school, it's one of the most popular museums in Lisbon today.

Santa Justa Lift

Lisbon

6EUR

Take a ride up 147ft from the lowest to highest points of Portugal. Sit back and enjoy the views.

Calouste Gulbenkian Museum

Lisbon

10EUR

1h-2h

Visit one of Europe's most impressive private art collections at the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum. With an eclectic mix of Egyptian, Greco-Roman, Islamic, Armenian, and Far Eastern art, it's beloved by art critics and locals for a reason.

Sao Jorge Castle

Lisbon

15EUR

Climb up to this Moorish castle for a wander around the impressive grounds on a guided tour, and a great view over Lisbon and Tagus River.

Tuk Tuk Tour of Lisbon

Lisbon

100-250EUR

While tuk-tuks aren't a traditional mode of transport in Portugal, they're the perfect vehicle to explore the hilly streets of Lisbon in. There are lots of operators to choose from, with tours that visit popular sites and back alleys alike. Most use electric tuk-tuks, an eco-friendly way of sightseeing.

Alfama District Visit

Lisbon

Free

1h-2h

Explore Lisbon's past in Alfama, one of the city's oldest quarters. Wander along narrow medieval streets lined with typical tile-covered façades and take a step back in time; the area largely survived the great earthquake of 1755, and still retains much of its original layout. Listen for Portugal's traditional music, fado, gracing the streets at night.

Belém Tower

Lisbon

8EUR

Take a trip to the coastline to see this charming fort, built to protect Lisbon from raiders invading from the sea. Climb up the tower for great views of the ocean and surrounding city.

Lisbon Food Tour

Lisbon

Explore the undiscovered side of Lisbon most tourists don't venture out to see. Still very central, this area of Lisbon is rich in culture and history and hosts some of the best restaurants Lisbon has to offer. Wander up and down the tile-filled streets with us in two local neighborhoods – Baixa, which translates to “downtown” followed by Mouraria, which is the old Muslim neighborhood. Our food tour takes you away from the tourist traps to the traditional and trending restaurants that are loved and frequented by the locals of Lisbon. Explore and really get to know the city through its amazing food and drinks. Not only will you try typical Portuguese food and drinks, but you'll also learn about the international influences in Lisbon and discover some beautiful street art. Get away from the crowds and join us for an unforgettable day of eating, drinking, making new friends, and – above all – having fun!

Day 6

## Lisbon/Évora

Travel to Evora in the heart of the Alentejo region. Enjoy an included tour to the haunting, but mesmerizing Chapel of Bones. Opt to visit Diana's Temple, one of the best preserved Roman temples in the Iberian Peninsula.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Ibis Evora (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Lisbon - Évora

2h

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

Free Time

Évora

Take a wander around this historic town.

Chapel of Bones Visit

Évora

Visit the most famous sight in Évora, the Capela dos Ossos, or Chapel of Bones. Take care if squeamish - built in the 1500s by a Franciscan monk, the walls are covered with human skeletons as a reminder to fellow monks that life is fleeting.



### Optional Activities - Day 6

Diana Roman Temple

Évora

Free

Take a visit to the best preserved Roman structure on the Iberian Peninsula, assumed to have been constructed in 1 AD.

Évora Museum

Évora

Free

The Évora Museum houses art and archaeological artefacts first collected by Portuguese friars in the early 20th century.

Évora Cathedral and Roman Temple

Évora

Visit the neighbouring Évora Cathedral and Roman temple to see two remarkable buildings built more than 1000 years apart.

Day 7

## Évora/Seville

Journey to the Algarve coast to the small fishing village of Olhão. Explore its bustling fish market, active waterfront and white washed laneways. Continue to Seville and enjoy an orientation walk on arrival.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Accommodation

Cool Sevilla Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Évora - Olhão

2h45m

248km

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

Free Time

Olhão

Take the morning to wander around this quaint town.

Private Vehicle

Olhão - Seville

2h15m

191km

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

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

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### Optional Activities - Day 7

Olhão Fish Market

Olhão

Free

Olhão is the busiest fishing point on the Algarve, and has a vibrant fish market to match. Take a wander!

Day 8

## Seville

Spend a day enjoying this city and its Moorish influence. Opt to explore the district of Santa Cruz and the Alcazar Palace before joining the group in the evening for a dramatic flamenco performance.

Take the time to see all this great city has to offer. Opt to explore the interiors and gardens of the Alcázar, a magnificent palace dating from Moorish times, or the true heart of Seville, the Santa Cruz quarter– a charming area with winding alleys, picturesque lime-washed houses, flowery patios, and small squares.

Seville is home to the world's largest gothic cathedral – climb the adjoining tower for great views of the city. Other attractions include the Museo Arqueológico, the Casa de Pilates and the Parque de María Luisa, which has a maze of paths, garden beds, pretty little patios, fountains, and shaded lawns.

Please note that if you wish to visit popular sites and want to avoid waiting in line, it is advisable to reserve tickets in advance. We recommend pre-arranging your visit to the Alcázar of Seville.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Cool Sevilla Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Seville

Spend time in Seville exploring Moorish monuments, parks, and gardens, getting a feel for Seville's energetic pulse. Opt to savour some tapas at the city's many bars and cafés.

Flamenco Show

2h-3h

Enjoy a flamenco performance in the city known for the energetic dance. Be swept away by the flamenco's passion, fire, and grit!

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## Optional Activities - Day 8

The Golden Tower (Torre del Oro)

Seville

3EUR

30m-45m

Dating to 1220, the Golden Tower is the last major building constructed by Seville's historic Muslim population.

Casa de Pilatos

Seville

10-12EUR

1h30m-2h

Take a visit to marvel at one of the grandest mansions in Seville. The home is still inhabited by the Medinaceli family, but remains open to visitor tours during operating hours.

Santa Cruz Quarter Visit

Seville

Free

15m-45m

Visit the true heart of Seville, the Santa Cruz quarter. A charming area with winding alleys, picturesque lime-washed houses, flowery patios, and small squares, you can wander, shop, or just soak in the neighbourhood's quaint atmosphere while enjoying a refreshing drink (sangria, perhaps) at one of the local restaurants.

Ronda Day trip

Seville

100-150EUR

6h-8h

Described by Ernest Hemingway as the most romantic town in Spain, Ronda is a quaint city 2 hours outside of Seville. Take a day trip to tour highlights such as a traditional Spanish bullfighting ring, incredible views of the El Tajo River gorge, and the wine museum.

Santa Paula Convent

Seville

2EUR

1h30m-2h

Take a visit to this beautiful historic convent. Established in 1475, this convent is still home to the Jerónimas nuns. Infrequent tours in Spanish are run here, but visitors are welcome to the modest museum displaying 16th-18th century ecclesiastical art and sculpture.

La Giralda Visit

Seville

9EUR

1h-2h

Climb the tower known as La Giralda, adjacent to the world's largest Gothic cathedral, for spectacular views and a walk among historic walls. The 76m (249 ft) Giralda was constructed by the Moors as a mosque between 1184 and 1197. In 1568, after the reconquest, Christians fit the minaret with its bell tower.

Alcázar Palace Visit

Seville

13.50EUR

2h-3h

Explore the wonderful interiors and gardens of the Alcázar, a royal palace that was originally a Moorish fort. Arrive during the evening in the summer months (until mid-September) and enjoy a series of concerts in the beautiful setting of the Reales Alcázares.

Day 9

## Seville/Tangier

Travel from Seville to the port in Algeciras and board a ferry to Morocco's coastal Tangier. After getting settled, enjoy a CEO-led orientation walk of the old town which will be followed by an optional group dinner at a local spot.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Flandria Tanger (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Ferry

Algeciras - Tangier

1h30m-2h

30km

Settle in and enjoy the scenery on a ferry ride across the Strait of Gibraltar and cross from Spain into Morocco.

Private Vehicle

Seville - Algeciras

2h30m-3h

200km

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

Day 10

## Tangier/Chefchaouen

Set off from Tangier in the morning with a stop in the city of Tetouan for a visit. Walk through and explore several significant sites like El Feddan Square, Mellah Avenue, and the Tetouan Medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival in Chefchaouen embark on a CEO guided visit of the beautiful blue streets and Hispano-Moorish architecture of northern Morocco. Finish the walk with a view over the city at sunset.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Puerta Azul Chefchaouen (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Tangier - Tétouan

1h30m

128km

Sit back and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle between Tangier and your visit to the city of Tétouan.

Tetouan Guided Walk

Tétouan

Spend 2 hours on a walking city tour of Tétouan and explore several significant landmarks while learning about the local history. Stops include Moulay el Mehdi square, El Feddan Square, the Royal Palace, and the Kasbah of Sidi Al-Mandri. Pass through the souks of the old medina and conclude the walk with a visit to an old Spanish fortress on a hilltop overlooking city.

Private Vehicle

Tétouan - Chefchaouen

1h30m

65km

Sit back and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle between Tétouan and Chefchaouen.

Chefchaouen CEO-led Orientation Walk

Chefchaouen

2h

Join your CEO guided visit of the blue city. Begin at the hotel and then climb up the stairs to explore the incredible blue streets. Pass by the historic Kasbah dating back to the 15th century and get to know this unique Moroccan city. Finish the walk at Rass Elma and climb to the Spanish Mosque to take in the expansive view of the Rif Mountains.

Take part in a short guided hike through the Rif Mountains before a hands-on goat cheese making experience with a local family on their farm. Then, visit the off-the-beaten path town of Ouazzane and its unique neon-mint green medina. Arrive to Fès in the early evening and enjoy an included dinner at a local restaurant featuring regional specialties like Pastilla.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



## Accommodation

Hotel Mounia Fes (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Chefchaouen – Ouazzane

1h30m

70km

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

Private Vehicle

Ouazzane – Fès

2h30m

130km

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

ACTIVITY

7km

Start out today with a hike through the gorgeous scenery of the Rif Mountains. Walk through lush mountain scenery, passing small waterfalls and streams along the way. The group will also walk through villages and may be able to pick fresh figs from trees on their way (if in season). Then, visit the farm of a local family and experience a hands-on goat cheese making lesson from your friendly hosts.

Distance: 7-8km

Duration: 4hrs

Terrain: Small, rocky footpath through the fields of fig and weed, with elevations around 500 to 600 meters.

Ouazzane guided tour

Ouazzane

Spend a few hours visiting this unique green town and discover this hidden gem for Morocco's more curious traveller. Explore the historic medina and marvel at the intricate architecture of the Grand Mosque and Kasbah and browse the various souks. You'll also have time to find a local spot for lunch on your own.

Enjoy an immersive, guided tour of the incredible Fès medina, one of the world's largest with more than 9000 winding streets. Visit various landmarks within the gates and finish up at the tannery. Lunch will be on your own in the medina and your CEO can help with options. The remainder of the evening is free for you to explore Fès on your own.

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## Meals included

Breakfast

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## Accommodation

Hotel Mounia Fes (or similar)

Hotel

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## 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 Qarawiyyin 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.

Free Time

Fès

Spend a few hours on your own in Fès and have lunch at a delicious nearby restaurant. Your CEO will share some of the best options for specialty foods of the city and other Moroccan classics.

Day 13

## Fès/Casablanca

Continue onwards from Fès to Casablanca today with stops en route. The first being the ancient city of Volubilis to learn more about its historical importance to Morocco and the culture behind it during your guided visit. Then, spend time visiting various historical sites in Meknes before ending up at the bustling souk area with vibrant market stalls and loads of handicrafts. Proceed to Casablanca for a free evening in this coastal city.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Kyriad Residence Casablanca Centre Ville (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Fès - Casablanca

4h30m-5h

Sit back and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle transfer between Fès and Casablanca. There will be a few stops along the way to break up the journey.

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.

Meknes Visit & Tour

Meknès

2h

Arrive to Meknes and set off on a tour of the city with a local guide. Visit historical landmarks like Bab Mansour, Bab El Khmiss, and the bustling souk area of Meknes with stalls selling spices, handicrafts, clothes, and food in a lively, fast-paced atmosphere. Make a stop by Dar Jamai, the National Museum of Music and learn about Morocco's musical heritage and traditions. Finish up at the Mausoleum of Moulay Ismail. Have lunch on your own at one of the local spots nearby.

Day 14

## Casablanca

Enjoy a full day getting to know the must-see sites and hidden gems of Casablanca. From mosques to bakeries and the historic courthouse in Casablanca there is so much to see and so little time. You'll be busy all day until a free evening in which you can choose to attend the optional group dinner.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Kyriad Residence Casablanca Centre Ville (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Guided Tour Casablanca

Casablanca

8h

Begin the day with a ride past Rick's Cafe to see the location of the 'Casablanca' movie as you go by. Then stop at the world's second largest mosque, Hassan II Mosque which houses stunning mosaics and a minaret overlooking the Atlantic. Explore the historic Old Town and discover the oldest bakery while becoming immersed in Moroccan culture. Other stops during this full day include the courthouse built during the French Colonial era, the Notre Dame Church and its Grotto, the seafood market, and Mohamed V square also known as the United Nations Square. Cap the day off at a rooftop overlooking Casablanca where you can choose to have a drink and get some food.

Day 15

## Casablanca to Ouarzazate via Marrakech

Transfer to Marrakech in the morning before continuing onwards to Ouarzazate, a city south of Morocco's High Atlas Mountains. Arrive in the evening and get settled before attending an optional group dinner.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Ecolodge Ouednoujoum (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Casablanca - Marrakech

3h

243km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle transfer from Casablanca to Marrakech.

Free Time

Marrakech

Spend an hour or so of free time to grab lunch while in Marrakech before heading off to the next destination.

Private Vehicle

Marrakech - Ouarzazate

3h30m-4h

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

Day 16

## Ouarzazate to Erg Lihoudi Desert Camp

In the morning before leaving the group will explore the famous atlas film studios in Ourzazate and learn a bit about the film making in Morocco. Drive to Zagora and then to Mhamid. From there head out into the Sahara desert for two nights of camping under the stars. The walk will take about two hours and we will arrive at the camp around sunset. Enjoy a cup of tea and watch the colors change in the sky as the sun slips below the horizon.

From Ourzazate we drive to Zagora along rural roads. In Mhamid (Oulad Edriss) we meet the local crew and start the desert journey to Erg Lihoudi. Any luggage will be brought to camp by jeeps. Dinner will be served fireside. The camp is in Erg Lihoudi. Our camps will be comfortable, but still somewhat basic. You'll see some spectacular night skies.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Accommodation

Hotel Zagour - Camp (or similar)

Campground



### Today's Activities

Atlas Film Studios Tour

Ouarzazate

Discover the sets of blockbusters from years past at Atlas Film Studios, the largest film studio in the world. Get behind-the-scenes access to the sets and props used in the making of films like Raiders of the Lost Arc and Gladiator (2000), as well as TV show Game of Thrones. Wander past jetplanes, through a colosseum, and into a tomb as your guide reveals the scenes that they were used in and how they were built.

Private Vehicle

Ouarzazate - Zagora

2h30m

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

Private Vehicle

Zagora - Mhamid

2h

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

Desert Walk

Zagora

2h

Head out into the vast landscape of the Sahara, one of the world's largest deserts and walk along the sand dunes around you. Make sure to bring your camera for some fantastic photos of the desert's formidable landscape of sand.

Overnight at a Desert Camp

After travelling by foot into the desert enjoy some tea and watch the sunset near our desert camp for the night. Eat dinner around the fire and enjoy a quiet night beneath the starry skies.

Day 17

## Erg Lihoudi Desert Camp to Bertam Oasis.

Wake up to a stunning sunrise, enjoy some breakfast at camp and then start the day. This is our second day of the Berber desert journey. Then you have a choice of walking or riding a camel to our lunch stop. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Sahara as you travel like people have for millennia. After lunch we'll enter the 21st century again and travel to the next desert camp by 4x4. Arrive at the oasis of Bertam to catch sunset before having dinner fireside with stories and music.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Chez Belhou: Mobile desert Camp (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

4x4

Zagora - Mhamid

1h

Roads? Where this rough-and-ready vehicle's going, we don't need roads.

Berber Desert Journey

Zagora

2h-3h

Today you have the choice to walk or ride a camel. Its about a two to three hour walk or ride until we reach our lunch stop. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Sahara as you travel like people have for centuries.

Bertam Oasis Overnight

Mhamid

After travelling by foot, camel, and 4x4 we'll arrive at the Bertam Oasis. This temporary overnight camp is more basic, and has been set up just for the group. Catch another desert sunset, enjoy dinner and stories around a fire and spend another night in tents under the stars.

Day 18

## Bertam Oasis to Skoura

After another sunrise out in the desert and some breakfast at camp the group will travel to Zagora by 4x4. Enjoy some free time to shower, freshen up, and relax by the hotel pool after our Sahara adventure. After lunch continue on to Skoura. Explore this oasis city famed for its date palms. Have dinner as a group in Skoura.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Skoura Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Zagora - Skoura

3h-3h30m

197km

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

4x4

Mhamid - Zagora

1h-2h

Roads? Where this rough-and-ready vehicle's going, we don't need roads.

Free Time

Zagora

Take advantage of some free time in Zagora to freshen up at the hotel. Grab a hot shower washing the desert dust away and spend some time by the pool before lunch. It's the perfect way to feel refreshed after our desert adventure.

Free Time

Skoura

Wander the town, visit the palm plantations, visit the markets, and imagine discovering this haven after days or months travelling through the desert.

After breakfast the group will travel directly to Marrakech. The tour ends on arrival to the airport around 1pm, or at the Marrakech hotel for those have booked post-tour nights.

Please do not book any departing flights earlier than 4PM



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Skoura - Marrakech

4h-4h30m

235km

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

## What's included

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Hands-On Moment: Port Wine Cellar Visit, Porto
- Your Local Living Moment: Rif Mountain Hike & Goat Cheese Making, Chefchaouen
- Orientation walks in Porto, Lisbon and Seville
- Chapel of Bones visit in Évora
- Flamenco show (Seville)
- Orientation walk of the old town of Tangier
- Tétouan city visit
- Chefchaouen orientation walk
- Ouazzane city visit
- Guided visit to the Fés Medina
- Tour of Volubulis
- Meknes visit
- Full-day Casablanca tour
- Free time in Fés
- Film Studio visit in Ouarzazate

- Welcome Tea and bonfire at Erg Lihoudi desert camp
- A camel ride and 4x4 jeep excursion to desert oasis camp
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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## **Is there a disclaimer I should read before booking this trip?**

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 view a final copy of your Trip Details a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

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

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.

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

## 1. LOCAL GUIDES

It is important to note that in Europe and Morocco, all guiding is based around local guides all of whom are licensed to work only in a particular city. As such, our leaders are able to provide orientation walks which will show you the layout of each town and city as well as the location of local services such as post offices and laundromats, but are unable to legally share historical facts and figures in public places.

## 2. LUGGAGE

It is very rare to find elevators in train stations, hotels or other public places. We use public transport on this trip, which means you will need to carry your luggage from platform to platform, in and out of trains and buses etc. and also possibly up several flights of stairs. You will also need to be able to stow your luggage safely on trains and buses. It is therefore essential that you pack light and bring luggage which is compact and lightweight, and which you can easily transport. The carrying of your luggage remains your responsibility at all times.

## 3. ITINERARY PACE

This is a very fast paced itinerary which covers lots of ground. While this is great as it allows us to see a huge amount in the available time, it also means some early starts and some long travel days. We feel that if you enter this trip with this knowledge and expectation, you will better appreciate the variety of locations we are able to include in this itinerary.

## 4. WEATHER

Please note that the climate in Morocco can very hot in the summer months, from April to September. Winter months November to March can be cool to cold. Most Moroccan buildings are not equipped with heating, so without proper layers you will be cold at night. Please bring appropriate clothing for the months in which you are travelling and check temperatures before you leave.

## 5. RAMADAN

According to the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between Mar 11th - Apr 8th 2024, and Mar 1st - Mar 29th 2025. 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.

## 6. RESERVE TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Please note that if you wish to visit popular sites and want to avoid waiting in line for a long time (especially in high season May-September when it could be a question of hours!), it is advisable to reserve tickets in advance. There may be the possibility of arranging tickets on arrival on Day 1, with the help of your CEO, but availability cannot be guaranteed at such short notice. We recommend advanced ticket-purchase for the following sites and activities:

Madrid:

Prado Museum

Seville:

Alcazar Palace

## 7. COMBO TRIP

Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and some travel companions on

your tour may have previously been traveling together with G Adventures, prior to Day 1 of your tour. Likewise, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour, after your trip concludes.

#### 8. ACCOMMODATION NOTE:

Please be aware that properties we stay in with only two stories may not have elevators installed and climbing the stairs with your luggage will be necessary.

#### 9. AID AL-ADHA

During your visit to this country, we would like to inform you about an important celebration called Aid Al-Adha. This holiday may impact your travel experience, as most shops and restaurants are closed during the celebration. Some of the historical places we visit might also be closed during this time. There will be a shorter number of staff at the hotels and less crowded streets on the day of the celebration. Aid Al-Adha will fall between Jun. 16th-17th 2024, and Jun. 6th-7th 2025.

## What is the group leader like?

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The aim of the group leader 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 16, avg 12.

## What meals are included in this trip?

18 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners

## **What are the meals like on this trip?**

Eating is a big part of traveling. G Adventures understands the importance of breakfast to start your day, we strive to include a basic breakfast wherever possible. A typical breakfast may include toast, coffee and tea, however this may vary depending on the city. Should breakfast not be included, your CEO can suggest some local options.

Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip.

For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

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

Train, private vehicle, ferry, walking.

## **What transportation will we take on this trip?**

Intercity transport on this trip will be by local bus and train. The bus and train systems in Spain and Portugal are generally very good, often with seat reservations and toilet facilities. Inevitably travelling by public transport can involve delays and frustrations, though, and we ask you to keep this in mind. Unfold your map, pack in your phrase-book and mp3 player and get ready to enjoy the landscape.

Between public transport and hotels you may be required to carry your luggage short distances (up to 20mins walk), in larger cities you may travel by metro or city bus, and occasionally the group will take taxis to and from hotels.

In Morocco you will be using a private, air-conditioned van.

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

We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

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

Hotels (18 nts).

## Will I get my own room?

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops.

Please be aware that single room accommodations in European hotels are often smaller, and may not be to the same service level as double-occupancy rooms.

## What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

### SPAIN & PORTUGAL

On this trip you can expect to stay in small family-run hotels or pensions (with the exception of the start and finish hotels, which are often larger city hotels), which will vary a little in standard and facilities: some may not have elevators, air-conditioning or English-speaking staff, but most importantly all are locally-run, with some traditional character, and in excellent central locations to give you maximum time for exploring the sights. You can expect to find clean, safe, simple accommodation in convenient locations.

Note that most accommodation in Europe does not have air conditioning units in rooms. Air conditioning is not routinely installed in European homes and workplaces. However, nearly all hotels will provide a standing or desk fan for your room on hot nights. If you do not already have one in your room, please ask your CEO to organize one for you with reception.

### MOROCCO

You can expect to stay in local hotels or pensions, which will vary a little in standard and facilities: some may not have elevators, air-conditioning or English-speaking staff, but most importantly all are locally-run, with some traditional character, and in excellent central locations to give you maximum time for exploring the sights. Where a town has both an ancient medina and a "ville nouvelle" we generally stay in the ville nouvelle, both because the standard of hotels is higher, and because travellers often find the medinas at night a little intimidating.

Please note that Morocco is a developing country and as such the infrastructure is not as reliable as you would see at home. Expect quirky plumbing and the odd cold shower.

## 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.

From Madrid airport (MAD), you can reach the city centre in a few ways. You can take the Metro Line 8 (pink) directly to Nuevos Ministerios station, which is located in the city centre. Alternatively, take the 203 bus to Atocha Train Station (only operational during daytime hours).

To arrange an arrival or departure transfer, we recommend you book through our preferred transfer provider - [Welcome Pickups](#)

We advise that you book both your arrival and departure transfers in advance. Please make sure you have the following details before booking:

- Flight number
- Flight Arrival Time and Date
- Flight Departure Time and Date
- Passenger's Name
- Number of Passengers
- Email
- Valid Mobile Telephone Number
- Drop off and/or Pick Up Address

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 CEO. 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 CEO 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 CEO 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.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office London, United Kingdom

During Office hours (Weekdays, 9am-5:30pm Local Time)

+44 20 7243 9870

For absolute emergencies after office hours please contact: +441858378000

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: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

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

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

Please note you will arrive back into Marrakech at approximately 1pm. Please do not book departing flights any earlier than 4pm.

If you wish to add on post-tour nights accommodation in Marrakech, please contact G Adventures or your travel agent for further details.

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

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage. You must be prepared to carry your luggage up and down stairs, on and off transportation, and to hotels (max 15-20 mins.)

# What should be on my packing list?

## Cold Weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Scarf
- Warm gloves
- Warm hat
- Warm layers
- Warm waterproof jacket

## 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)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- 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

## When can I do my laundry on this trip?

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge or ask your CEO where the closest laundromat is. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

## What are 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.

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

For other nationalities, travelling in Europe has been simplified with the introduction of the Schengen visa. As a visitor to the Schengen area (Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) you will enjoy the many advantages of this unified visa system. Generally speaking with a Schengen visa, you may enter one Schengen country and travel freely throughout the Schengen region during the validity of your visa. There are limited border controls at Schengen borders, if any at all.

A Schengen visa is applied for at the Embassy or Consulate of the Schengen country in which you will be spending the most nights on your trip to the Schengen space. If you are only visiting one country on your trip then you apply for your visa at the Consulate of this Schengen country.

As of 2025, various European countries are introducing ETIAS travel authorisation as an entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals.

We highly recommend you checking in advance how your nationality and country/s you are visiting may be affected.

Further details can be found [here](#)

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## Where can I read detailed notes about this trip?

### Climate:

The climate in Morocco is Mediterranean along the coast, becoming more extreme towards the interior of the country. The winter months are from October to March and are characterized by cold nights and pleasant days. Summer is from April to September and starts off very pleasantly with moderate temperatures until mid-June when temperatures get extremely hot, to return to more moderate heat in late September. Inland, the climate is very dry and high temperatures predominate during the day for most of the year, except in the higher mountain areas. It rains generally only in short bursts in the period from the beginning of November until March.

### Electricity:

Morocco uses 220V, 50Hz and plugs are two prong rounded (as for Europe).

### Languages:

Arabic is the official language of Morocco, spoken in the distinctive Moroccan dialect. Approximately 40% of the population (mainly in rural areas) speak Berber in one of its three different dialects (Taraftit, Tashelhiyt and Tamazight). French is Morocco's unofficial second language and is taught universally, serving as the country's primary language in economics and commerce, as well as being widely used in education and government. Many Moroccans in the north of the country speak Spanish and English is widely spoken in tourist areas.

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

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?**

Spain and Portugal are in the Eurozone and the unit of the currency is the Euro. In Morocco, the local currency is the Moroccan Dirham (MAD).

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances but you must remember to bring your PIN number (be aware that many ATM machines only accept 4-digit PINs). Both Cirrus and Plus system cards are the most widely accepted debit cards. Visa cards are the most widely accepted credit cards, but may incur a fee. While ATMs are commonly available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work in Spain - check with your bank. 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 Euros and cards is best.

Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

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?

Europe:

While conventions can vary from country to country, tipping is customary in Europe. A general rule is 10% of the bill for wait staff, and a smaller amount (€1 or €2) for other service providers.

Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program, and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. 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. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from €3-5 per day, depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

At the end of each trip, if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is expected and appreciated. The precise amount is a personal preference, however €30-€40 per person, per week can be used as a guideline.

Morocco:

Morocco has a strong tipping culture - it is customary and even expected to tip small service providers such as restaurant and bar waiters, hotel staff, reception, cleaning personnel, bell boys, taxis and van drivers. Tips are regarded as an essential means of supplementing income for those working in the tourism industry.

Even though this might not be customary to you, nor such common practice in your home country, it is generally expected and of great significance to the people who will be assisting you during your travels.

Depending on your preference and/or that of the group, you may choose to tip individually, organize the tipping with your travelling companions, or, your CEO will offer to collect the tip money at the beginning of your tour and tip as a group with your participation as the tour progresses. A recommendation for tipping small service providers is about \$3 USD per day, depending on the quality of the service (this does not include your G Adventures CEO).

Feel free to ask your CEO for the breakdown/distribution of the tips. Note that if you have been very disappointed by a particular service, please inform your CEO right away, and the tip will be adjusted accordingly.

Also, at the end of your trip if you felt your G Moroccan Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is also expected and appreciated. The precise amount is entirely a personal preference, however \$35-40 USD per person per week can be used as a general guideline.

# What activities are optional on this trip?

## Madrid

- Reina Sofia Museum (12EUR per person)
- Gran Vía Visit (Free)
- Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum (13EUR per person)
- Taurino Museum (15-20EUR per person)
- Plaza Mayor Visit (Free)
- Royal Palace (Palacio Real) Visit (12EUR per person)
- Museo Nacional Del Prado Visit (15EUR per person)

## Porto

- Sao Bento Railway Station (Free)
- Lello Bookstore (8EUR per person)
- Ribeira Square (Free)
- Porto Ribeira Cruise (20EUR per person)
- Palacio da Bolsa (12EUR per person)

## Lisbon

- Praça da Figueira Market (Free)
- Alfama District Visit (Free)
- Sao Jorge Castle (15EUR per person)
- Belém District Visit (Free-10EUR per person)
- Rossio Square (Free)
- Visit to Sintra
- National Coach Museum (8EUR per person)
- Santa Justa Lift (6EUR per person)
- Calouste Gulbenkian Museum (10EUR per person)
- Tuk Tuk Tour of Lisbon (100-250EUR per person)
- Belém Tower (8EUR per person)
- Lisbon Food Tour

## Évora

- Diana Roman Temple (Free)
- Évora Museum (Free)
- Évora Cathedral and Roman Temple

## Olhão

- Olhão Fish Market (Free)

## Seville

- The Golden Tower (Torre del Oro) (3EUR per person)
- Ronda Day trip (100-150EUR per person)
- La Giralda Visit (9EUR per person)
- Casa de Pilatos (10-12EUR per person)
- Santa Paula Convent (2EUR per person)
- Alcázar Palace Visit (13.50EUR per person)
- Santa Cruz Quarter Visit (Free)

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

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 CEO 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 Chief Experience Officer (CEO) 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 CEO 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 CEOs 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 are the trip specific safety considerations?

Always keep an eye on your belongings especially in major cities, bus and train terminals. Like anywhere in the world, major cities have areas safer than others, use common sense, be aware of your surroundings and mind your personal belongings.

It is important to note that as it is not a legal requirement in buses in Morocco, your vehicle may not be equipped with seat belts.

## 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. Our CEOs 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 religious places of worship 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 in Morocco 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 CEO for more specific advice.

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

Earn 5% off your next G Adventures Tour (up to \$100 USD)\*

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

Discount cannot be combined with other offers or applied to 'Independent' style trips. Maximum discount value is \$100 USD (or equivalent currency). Valid for new bookings only. G Adventures reserves the right to withdraw or modify this offer at any time without notice. Limited to one discount per person.

## Does G Adventures have an email newsletter I can subscribe to?

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at [www.gadventures.com/newsletters/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

## How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

## 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 GCO 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.