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### Marokko - Wüsten & Küsten - DCKM

11 days: Marrakech nach Marrakech

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### **Itinerary**

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#### Tag 1 Marrakesch

Ankunft zu jeder Zeit möglich. Lerne deine Gruppe beim Begrüßungstreffen kennen. Anschließend ziehen wir los, um das Nachtleben der Stadt zu entdecken.

Lies dir bei deiner Ankunft den Aushang durch (oder frag an der Rezeption), um die genaue Zeit und den Ort für das Treffen mit Gruppe zu erfahren. Danach gibt es die Möglichkeit, als Gruppe in einem nahe gelegenen Restaurant Essen zu gehen. Keine Sorge, wenn du erst spät ankommst: dein Gruppenleiter wird eine Nachricht an der Rezeption für dich hinterlassen.

Dein Welcome-Moment: Anreise und Begrüßungstreffen

Deine Gelegenheit, den CEO und deine Mitreisenden zu treffen und mehr über deine Reise zu erfahren. Entscheiden dich für ein anschließendes Essen mit der Gruppe vor Ort. Bitte beachte den Aushang in der Lobby (oder frag an der Rezeption) nach der offiziellen Zeit und dem Ort für das Treffen mit der Gruppe.

#### Dein First-Night-Out-Moment: Begegne neuen Freunden

Begegne an deinem ersten gemeinsamen Abend in einem neuen Ort deinen neuen Freunden. Nur verfügbar auf 18-to-Thirtysomethings Trips.

#### Unterbringung

Hotel Residence Amalou Marrakech (oder Ähnliche)

Hotel

### Tag 2 Marrakesch/Nkob

Reise zur grandiosen Todra-Schlucht.

#### **Tinghir Orientation Walk**

Tinghir

Join your CEO for a walk through the town and gain an insight into local life. Meander through the palm groves and past canals.

#### **Privatfahrzeug**

Marrakech - Todra Gorge7h-8h

Mach's dir bequem und genieße die Landschaft vom komfortablen Privatfahrzeug aus.

#### Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück

Unterbringung

Auberge Royal Palmas Tinghir (oder Ähnliche)

Hotel

### Tag 3 Todra Gorge/Merzouga

Wir reisen in Richtung Wüste und brechen zu einem Kamelritt in die Dünen auf, um den Sonnenuntergang zu beobachten. Anschließend geht es zurück zum Hotel, wo wir einen Abend mit Abendessen und Unterhaltung unter den Sternen verbringen.

Opt to spend time further exploring the undulating golden sand of the dunes, and discovering the surrounding communities on a land cruiser desert excursion. You can pre-book this optional excursion when booking your tour.

### Privatfahrzeug

Todra Gorge - Merzouga3h30m

Mach's dir bequem und genieße die Landschaft vom komfortablen Privatfahrzeug aus.

#### **Camel Ride**

Merzouga

Hold on and enjoy a ride on this even-toed ungulate, also known as the desert horse. Bring your camera for some fantastic photos of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Local guides will teach you how to mount and dismount and other handy camel-related safety tips.

### Optionale Aktivitäten - Tag 3 Merzouga 4x4 Desert Excursion

Merzouga

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. Pass a kohl mine en route to the village of Khamlia. Witness the delightful sounds of the African music of Gnawa — played by members of the community — as you enjoy a cup of mint tea with the locals.

### Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück | Abendessen

Unterbringung

Auberge Dunes D'Or (oder Ähnliche)

Hotel

### Tag 4 Merzouga/Todra-Schlucht

Lass die Wüste hinter dir und erkunde die berühmte Kasbah von Ait Ben Haddou.

### **Privatfahrzeug**

Merzouga - Ait Benhaddou6h

Mach's dir bequem und genieße die Landschaft vom komfortablen Privatfahrzeug aus.

#### Führung durch die Kasbah von Ait Ben Haddou

Ait Benhaddou2h

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site and kasbah of Aït Ben Haddou. Of all the remaining kasbahs in Morocco, the walls and interior of this area are the most intact. 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.

#### Optionale Aktivitäten - Tag 4 Kochkurs in Marrakesch

Ait Benhaddou

120MAD pro Person

Erfahre alles über die Quintessenz der marokkanischen Küche – die Tajine. Erfahre mehr über die Tagine an sich (ein Tontopf) und die verschiedenen Zutaten und Gewürze. Genieße die Früchte deiner Arbeit zum Abendessen.

### Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück Unterbringung Auberge La Baraka (oder Ähnliche)

Hotel

#### Tag 5 Todra-Schlucht/Aït Ben Haddou

Fahrt zum Atlasgebirge. Spaziergang zum Dorf Aroumd am Fuß des Hohen Atlas. Lass einen Esel dein Gepäck hinauf in dieses idyllische Bergdorf tragen, während du nebenher wanderst. Genieße in der Berghütte die Aussicht auf den Toubkal und danach ein hausgemachtes Abendessen.

Unterkunft besteht aus Mehrbettzimmern mit bis zu sechs Betten in jedem Zimmer. Bettwäsche wird zur Verfügung gestellt, aber von November und April musst du einen Schlafsack für zusätzliche Wärme mitbringen. Außerdem muss ein eigenes Handtuch mitgebracht werden. Das Badezimmer wird geteilt.

#### **Privatfahrzeug**

Ait Benhaddou - Imlil4h30m225km

Mach's dir bequem und genieße die Landschaft vom komfortablen Privatfahrzeug aus.

#### Wandern

Imlil - Aroumd1h

While the hike to the gîte is uphill, it is achievable by anyone of average fitness. Take it at a slow pace!

# Dein Local-Living-Moment: Übernachtung in einer Berghütte mit traditionellem marokkanischen Essen

Ein kurzer Aufstieg bringt uns zu einer gemütlichen Berghütte, in der wir übernachten. Atme die frische Bergluft ein und genieße die fantastische Kulisse des Atlasgebirges um dich herum. Danach gibt es ein traditionelles hausgemachtes Abendessen aus lokalen Zutaten.

### Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück | Abendessen Unterbringung Auberge Tafraout Armed (oder Ähnliche)

Inn

### Tag 6 Aroumd/Marrakech

Spaziergang zurück nach Imlil und Transfer nach Marrakesch.

Reise nach Marrakesch. Nach der Ankunft in der "Roten Stadt", kannst du optional die verborgenen Schätze dieser faszinierenden antiken Stadt entdecken. Entspanne in einem der Teehäuser rund um den Platz und beobachte das hektische Treiben von einem schattigen Plätzchen aus.

Lasse den Tag wie die Einheimischen bei einem optionalen Abendessen mit der Gruppe an den berühmten Essensständen am Platz Djemaa el Fna ausklingen.

#### **Privatfahrzeug**

Aroumd - Marrakech1h45m70km

Mach's dir bequem und genieße die Landschaft vom komfortablen Privatfahrzeug aus.

#### Wandern

Aroumd - Imlil1h

Lace up your hiking boots and get to the next stop under your own power.

#### Optionale Aktivitäten - Tag 6 Besuch auf dem zentralen Marktplatz Djemaa el Fna

Marrakech1h-3h

Free

Wandere vorbei an Ständen mit frischem Orangensaft und Wasserverkäufern in bunten Kostümen, die an eine vergangene Ära erinnern. Im Lauf des Tages siehst du hier Geschichtenerzähler, Zauberer und

Verkäufer von traditioneller Medizin. Wenn die Sonne untergeht, füllt sich der Platz mit Dutzenden von Essensständen, umringt von Einheimischen und unterhaltsamen Köchen und Kellnern. Erhasche einen Platz auf einer Bank mit anderen Gästen und probiere die Tanjia (ein langsam gegartes Lamm), Harira-Suppe, gegrillte Meeresfrüchte, berühmten marokkanischen Couscous, Tajine, Schnecken oder sogar Schafskopf (für das die wirklichen Abenteurer unter euch). Spüle das Ganze mit etwas würzigem Tee nach.

### Musée de Marrakech

Marrakech

50MAD pro Person

Schlendere durch die Säle des prunkvollen Mnebhi-Palastes, in denen verschiedene Sammlungen marokkanischer Kunstformen ausgestellt sind.

#### **El-Badi-Palast**

Marrakech

70MAD pro Person

Besichtige die Ruinen dieses einstmals prunkvollsten Palastes aus dem 16. Jahrhundert. Seine versunkenen Gärten und Teiche geben einen Einblick in seine einstige Pracht.

#### Besuch des Jardin Majorelle

Marrakech1h-2h

200MAD pro Person

Besuche diesen atemberaubenden Garten im Herzen der Stadt, der vom französischen Maler Jacques Majorelle (1886-1962) entworfen wurde. Folge den Wegen zwischen Bäumen, exotischen Pflanzen, Bächen und Teichen und beobachte die zahlreichen Vögel, die in diesem friedlichen Paradies leben.

Bitte beachte, dass der Eintritt im Musée Yves Saint Laurent 30 MAD dazu kostet.

#### Dar Si Said

Marrakech

30MAD pro Person

Dieser Komplex, ein Denkmal zu Ehren der marokkanischen Kunsthandwerker, beherbergt das Museum für marokkanische Kunst. Hier kannst du Ausstellungen mit antiken Waffen, Teppichen, Amazigh- (oder Berber-) Schmuck, Kornspeichertüren und vielem mehr besichtigen. Das Highlight eines Besuchs in diesem Museum, der bemalte, kuppelförmige Hochzeitsempfangssaal, musst du dir unbedingt ansehen.

### **Marrakech Hammam Visit**

Marrakech

400MAD pro Person

Visit a hammam, a great way to get squeaky clean and soothe sore muscles. Enjoy a body scrub and massage in a traditional Moroccan bathhouse. Begin with a dry or hot room to prepare your skin and body, followed by a hot steam room. Then enjoy a body scrub and massage followed by a traditional mint tea.

### Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück

Unterbringung

Hotel Residence Amalou Marrakech (oder Ähnliche)

Hotel

#### Tag 7 Marrakesch

Genieße einen Tag zur freien Verfügung und entdecke alles, was Marrakesch zu bieten hat.

Ein toller Ausgangsort ist der Platz Djemaa el Fna im Herzen der Medina. Die angebotenen Waren auf dem Platz ändern sich im Laufe des Tages. Ergattere ein paar Souvenirs oder schlendere durch den neuen Teil der Stadt, um einen Eindruck von der Moderne zu gewinnen.

#### **Dein Big-Night-Out-Moment:**

Mach mit deinen neuen besten Freunden die Nacht zum Tag.

#### **Dein Discover-Moment**

Marrakech Ganztägig

There's plenty to see and do in Marrakech, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in. Feel free to relax or try optional activities like practice your barter skills with a local merchant, get lost in the medina, and explore the gardens of Jardin Majorelle. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

#### Optionale Aktivitäten - Tag 7 Besuch auf dem zentralen Marktplatz Djemaa el Fna

Marrakech1h-3h

Free

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Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück Unterbringung Hotel Residence Amalou Marrakech (oder Ähnliche)

Hotel

#### Tag 8 Marrakesch/Nkob

This afternoon we make our way through the High Atlas Mountains and visit the market town of Taroudant, Concealed within striking red walls, Taroudant is often called "Little Marrakech," Wander through the old town at leisure and browse its lively markets before continuing on to the fishing village of Taghazout.

Opt to get up early and catch the sunrise over Marrakech by pre-booking the Hot Air Balloon excursion.

#### Privatfahrzeug

Marrakech - Taroudant

Mach's dir bequem und genieße die Landschaft vom komfortablen Privatfahrzeug aus.

#### Zeit zur freien Verfügung

Taroudant

Spend your free time exploring the sights and sounds of the markets of Taroudant.

#### Privatfahrzeug

Taroudant - Taghazout

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#### Optionale Aktivitäten - Tag 8 Besichtigungen von Amazigh-Dörfern

Erkunde die malerischen Dörfer Aourir, Imouzzer und Izourki Oufella. Beginne mit einer Fahrt durch das Bananenplantagendorf Aouir. Besuche die kleine Ortschaft Imouzzer, eine kleine malerische Gemeinde mit weißen Häusern, umgeben von Mandel-, Oliven- und Arganbäumen. Besichtige Izourki Oufella, bekannt für die Herstellung einer besonders hochwertigen Honigsorte aus Thymian, Orangenblüte und Kaktus.

#### Hot Air Balloon Marrakech

Marrakech

Get an early start and watch the sunrise over the red dust, palm groves, and majestic open landscapes of Marrakech from a hot air balloon. After soaking up the sights, refuel with an authentic Berber breakfast in a Moroccan tent.

### Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück | Abendessen Unterbringung Dar Surf (oder Ähnliche)

Lodge

#### Tag 9 Taghazout

Am Morgen nimmst du an einem Surfkurs teil, bevor du dich in die Wellen stürzt. Nachmittag zur freien Verfügung, um noch weiter zu surfen. Wandern oder Yoga zu vergnügen. Abends kannst du dich der Gruppe für ein Lagerfeuer bei Sonnenuntergang am Strand anschließen.

#### Surfstunde

Taghazout

Noch nie gesurft? Kein Problem! Lerne die Grundlagen von einem gualifizierten Surflehrer und bereite dich darauf vor. die Wellen zu reiten!

#### **Sunset Beach Bonfire**

Taghazout

Beach sunsets are always epic. Beach sunsets by a bonfire are even better!

# Optionale Aktivitäten - Tag 9

### Yoga

Taghazout

Erlerne bei einer Yogastunde an der Küste verschiedene Dehnungen, Haltungen und Atemübungen.

Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück | Mittagessen | Abendessen

Unterbringung

Dar Surf (oder Ähnliche)

Lodge

### Tag 10 Merzouga/Todra-Schlucht

Wir reisen nach Essaouira, wo du einen Orientierungs-Spaziergang machst. Zeit danach zur freien Verfügung, um diese Küstenstadt zu erkunden.

#### **Essaouira Orientation Walk**

**Essaouira** 

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.

#### Zeit zur freien Verfügung

Essaouira

Don't waste a minute — get going and explore this seaside city.

# Optionale Aktivitäten - Tag 10

**Einkaufsbummel** 

Essaouira1h-2h

Besuche bunte Geschäfte mit Lederschuhen und Taschen, Hausschuhen, Schals, marokkanischen Laternen und Mosaiken... hier gibt so ziemlich alles. Besuche eine Künstlerkooperative und ein Geschäft mit handgefertigtem Silberschmuck. Lass dich von der großen Auswahl nicht überfordern – hier säumen Dutzende von Geschäften die engen Gassen.

### **Traditional Hammam Experience**

Essaouira

560MAD pro Person

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Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück

Unterbringung

Hotel Cap Sim Essaouira (oder Ähnliche)

Hote

#### Tag 11 Todra-Schlucht/Aït Ben Haddou

Verlasse die Küste und kehre zurück nach Marrakesch, wo die Reise bei der Ankunft endet.

This tour will end upon arrival in Marrakech at approximately 12pm. We suggest booking any onward travel after 4pm.

#### **Privatfahrzeug**

Essaouira - Marrakech3h190km

Mach's dir bequem und genieße die Landschaft vom komfortablen Privatfahrzeug aus.

### Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück

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### **Highlights**

Übernachte zwischen den Felswänden der Todra-Schlucht, Unternimm einen Kamelritt zwischen Sanddünen, Erkunde die Aït-Ben-Haddou Kasbah, Wandere im wunderschönen Hohen Atlas, Surfe in Taghazout, Spaziere durch die Küstenstadt Essaouira

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### **Itinerary Disclaimer**

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

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### **Important Notes**

#### **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, some long drives in the mini van and less free time than many other G Adventures. We feel that if you enter this trip with this knowledge and expectation, you will appreciate even more the variety of locations we are able to include in this itinerary.

#### **TRANSPORT**

The legroom in the minivan is possibly smaller than you may be used to and taller passengers may find space a little cramped. It is important to be aware that as it is not a legal requirement in buses in Morocco, your vehicle may not be equipped with seat belts.

### **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. Winter months November to March can be cool to cold, especially in the Atlas Mountains, with high probability of snowfall. 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. Bedding is provided in the desert camp and the gîte, but in winter months if you feel the cold you may wish to bring a sleeping bag too.

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

### **Group Leader Description**

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). As the group coordinator and manager, the aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. You can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of Morocco, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. They will also offer suggestions for things to do and to see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends.

We also use certified local city 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.

### **Group Size Notes**

Max. 14, im Schnitt 10.

### **Meals Included**

10 Frühstück, 1 Mittagessen, 4 Abendessen

### Meals

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.

#### Breakfasts

Moroccan breakfasts tend to be different from your usual cereal and toast morning fare – most will be very simple - a croissant or sweet roll with jam and instant coffee and some hotels will have buffets where you will have more variety. While you are experiencing what a Moroccan family would eat, some travellers do find the provided breakfasts a bit "bread heavy" and enjoy buying fruit the day before to supplement their breakfast.

#### Lunches and Dinners

Moroccan cuisine is world famous and your CEO will be taking the chance to show you the best of it. Staples include cous cous, a type of grain topped with stew, tagine which is actually the name of the pot this tasty dish is cooked in, and brochette, bbq skewers of meat. These meals will generally cost between 45- 70 MAD depending on the type of restaurant and which part of the country you are in. Other tastes not to be missed include pastilla, a sweet pasty with a savoury filling which is traditionally pigeon and harira, a delicious soup based on chick peas and filling enough when teamed with fresh bread to be a whole lunch. If you are heading to the coast the fresh seafood cooked at one of the local markets is a must eat!

### Snacks

Morocco's fresh orange juice is highly recommended and you should not leave without trying a glass. The brave can try the tiny snails which are perhaps the local's favourite snack but you might prefer a cone of piping hot bite-size fried cake donuts

### Transport

Privater Minibus mit Klimaanlage, öffentlicher Bus.

### **About our Transportation**

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The legroom in the minivan is possibly smaller than you may be used to and taller passengers may find space a little cramped. The minivans have air conditioning, however please note that summer temperatures in Morocco can easily reach 50 celsius. When the outside temperature is so hot, a minibus air conditioning system will not be able to cool the bus to the temperatures you are used to enjoying at

home. Please bear in mind that travelling in Morocco in summer will inevitably involve very hot temperatures and some discomfort may be experienced when travelling.

### **Solo Travellers**

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.

### Accommodation

Hotels (7 Nächte, Zweibettzimmer), Ferienhaus in den Bergen (1 Nacht, Mehrbettzimmer), Surf House (2 Nächte, Zweibettzimmer).

### Rooming and "My Own Room" Exceptions

Beachte bitte: Wenn du die Option "My Own Room" für diesen Trip gebucht hast, übernachtest du stets in einem Einzelzimmer, mit der folgenden Ausnahme: Nights 5, 8 & 9.

### **About Accommodation**

On this trip you can expect to stay in local hotels or pensions (with the exception of the start and finish hotels, which are often larger city hotels), which will vary a bit in 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.

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

Please be advised that some of the accommodation for this tour will have shared bathroom facilities. Where we use multi-share accommodations, rooming requests of any kind cannot be taken. For private accommodation please see tours in our Classic Travel Style.

# 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.

If you are taking a taxi, upon exiting the main terminal, walk straight ahead into the main car park where you will see the taxi stand with many taxis all queued and waiting. Although the Hotel Amalou is approximately a 20 minute drive from the airport, haggling is encouraged to attempt to get the lowest price.

If you have pre-arranged an arrival transfer, please note that transfer representatives are no longer allowed to wait for passengers inside the airport. Please exit the airport, and look for the driver holding a G Adventures sign.

Please approach them, and ask them who they are supposed to be picking up (do not tell them your name, they should have this information already). Once they give you the correct name, have your passport ready to show them and you will be on your way!

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

Once you arrive at your Joining Hotel, look out for a Welcome Note which will be left at reception with all of the necessary information regarding your Welcome Meeting, along with the meeting time (usually between 5pm and 7pm). This is when you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, receive information about any general and specific aspects of the trip and learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you arrive late, s/he/they will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

### **Arrival Complications**

We do not expect any complications and nor should you but the following information is supplied in case of extra ordinary circumstances.

#### PRE-BOOKED AIRPORT TO HOTEL TRANSFERS

If you have pre-arranged an arrival transfer, please look for the driver holding a G Adventures sign outside of the terminal hall. Please approach them, and ask them who they are supposed to be picking up

(do not tell them your name, they should have this information already). Once they give you the correct name, have your passport ready to show them and you will be on your way!

If you are unable to locate your G Adventures airport representative, please call our local staff at +212 528 824898 (during office hours Mon-Fri) or +212 661 429700 (after office hours or at any time if you are unable to get through to the office) They will assist you in getting to the joining hotel.

If you have arrived at Casablanca airport, before calling please double-check with the airport staff which terminal you have arrived at. (This may not be the terminal stated on your airline ticket, as Casablanca flight arrivals often experience a change in arrival terminal). Please make your way to the Airport Information Desk in Terminal 1 (this is a short walk from the other terminals)

If you are not travelling with a telephone, please head to the airport Information booth who will be able to assist you in the purchase of a phone card and direct you to a telephone.

If for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, or your flight is delayed, please call the above numbers to inform our staff so we can re-book your transfer.

### **Emergency Contact**

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

#### AIRPORT TRANSFER

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

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**

Regional Office Emergency Contact Number: +44 1858378000 Local Contact Emergency Phone Number: +212661861950

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: 1 300 796 618 Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

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

### **Finishing Point Instructions**

Please note this tour finishes upon arrival to Marrakech at approximately 12pm, please book ongoing travel after 4pm.

We are able to organize extra accommodation post-trip should you require it, as well as departure transfer. Please inquire at the time of booking.

If you'd like to book a departure transfer from Marrakech Hotel to Casablanca International Airport, please choose an 8am shuttle option for flights departing after 14:30, and a 13:30 shuttle option for flights departing after 19:30.

## **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)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

#### Essentials:

- 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
- 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
- Toiletries (Preferably biodegradable)
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

### Health & Safety:

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

#### Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

### Laundry

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. 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.

### **Visas and Entry Requirements**

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 <a href="https://example.com/here-page-new-new-page-new-page-new-page-new-page-new-page-new-page-new-page

### **Detailed Trip Notes**

REGIONAL INFORMATION.

#### 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 Amazigh (or Berber) in one of its three different dialects (Tarafit, 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.

Capital city: Rabat

Principal ethnic groups: 30% Arab, 60% Amazigh

Religion: Islam is the official state religion with almost the entire population being Sunni Muslim. 1% are Christian and about 0.2% are Jewish."

### **Spending Money**

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.

### **Money Exchange**

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

### **Emergency Fund**

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

### **Departure Tax**

Usually included in your ticket, check with your air travel agent.

# **Tipping**

Tipping is a way of life in Morocco. Locals themselves will usually tip anyone who provides them with services. In many cases, people depend on the tips they receive to supplement the low salary and wages of Morocco.

While on tour in Morocco, 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.

To make things as easy as possible and avoid embarrassing situations, G Adventures has developed a tipping kitty system where your CEO will collect a contribution from everybody at the start of your tour and use this kitty to tip anybody who has provided services to the group as a whole. On Day 1 of your tour, your CEO will be able to advise on the amount required from everybody to form the tipping kitty for your trip. (this does not include your G Adventures CEO). You can pay in USD or the equivalent local currency (preferably local currency MAD). The CEO will be able to advise you on the exchange rate and the total required in either currency.

If at any time you feel that any service provider failed in maintaining or delivering good service, please bring it immediately to the attention of your CEO so a deduction of tips can take place.

At the end of your trip if you felt that your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is also expected and appreciated. The precise amount is entirely a personal preference, however \$8-11 USD per person per day can be used as a general guideline.

### **Optional Activities**

#### Merzouga

- Merzouga 4x4 Desert Excursion

#### Ait Benhaddou

- Kochkurs in Marrakesch (120MAD pro Person)

#### Marrakech

- Marrakech Hammam Visit (400MAD pro Person)
- Musée de Marrakech (50MAD pro Person)
- El-Badi-Palast (70MAD pro Person)
- Besuch auf dem zentralen Marktplatz Djemaa el Fna (Gratis)
- Dar Si Said (30MAD pro Person)
- Besuch des Jardin Majorelle (200MAD pro Person)
- Hot Air Balloon Marrakech
- Besichtigungen von Amazigh-Dörfern

#### **Taghazout**

- Yoga

### Essaouira

- Einkaufsbummel

#### Essaouira

- Traditional Hammam Experience (560MAD pro Person)

### Health

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 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.

### Safety and Security

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 CEO has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it is deemed necessary due to safety concerns. Your 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 or 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 judgment 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.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

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.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/

# **Trip Specific Safety**

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.

### A Couple of Rules

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.

### **Travel Insurance**

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. G Adventures can provide you with the appropriate coverage. 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.

# Planeterra Foundation - the non-profit partner of G Adventures

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 <u>Planeterra</u> 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.

#### **Local Dress**

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 CEO for more specific advice.

### **Feedback**

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

### **Newsletter**

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 <a href="https://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/">www.gadventures.com/newsletters/</a>

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

#### Minimum Age

Mindestalter für diese Reise sind 18 Jahre.

### **International Flights**

Check-in-Zeiten und Freigepäck/Einschränkungen können je nach Fluggesellschaft variieren und sich jederzeit ändern. Für die aktuellsten Informationen zu deinem Flug wende dich bitte an deine Fluggesellschaft. Wir empfehlen Online-Check-in, um mögliche Verzögerungen am Flughafen zu vermeiden.