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TRIP DATES

2024 April 14-24, 2024 October 6-16, 2024

2025

April 2-12, 2025 September 24-October 4, 2025 Please note: Insurance for emergency evacuation is required for this trip. Call for more details.



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Hike by day, then enjoy a glass of wine, a fine dinner, and a cozy bed each night! This unique journey features fantastic hiking days in the most beautiful parts of the Middle Atlas and High Atlas mountains and overnights in alpinestyle lodges and hotels—no camping! We've selected special routes in both mountain ranges for fascinating cultural encounters and an opportunity to hike in nature reserves where rare forests of cedar, oak, and juniper are protected. Our trails lead through orchards and farms, among goat herders and their flocks, and past mud-brick homes in Berber villages. We'll round out our adventure with urban walks in Fes and Marrakesh, with time to explore their unforgettable markets and monuments.



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Itinerary

DAY 1 FES, MOROCCO

Welcome to Morocco! At the Fes airport, you'll be met for a transfer to Les Merinides, a delightful hotel overlooking the medina. For those arriving from our Chefchaouen pre-trip extension, your driver will bring you to the hotel in the late afternoon. This evening we gather for a Welcome Dinner of traditional Moroccan cuisine at the hotel's restaurant...D

DAY 2

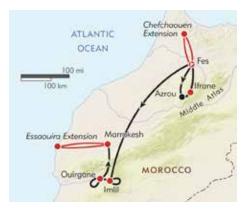
EXPLORING FES, AN ANCIENT IMPERIAL CAPITAL

The most evocative of Morocco's imperial capitals, Fes is nestled in a high valley and resplendent with soaring minarets and dazzling domes. We head out to explore on foot, beginning at the seven stunning brass gates of the royal palace, Dar al-Makhzen. We visit the mellah-the old Jewish Quarter-and continue to the South Borj Overlook for a panoramic view of the city. We also visit a pottery workshop before entering Fes' 12th century medina-one of the most perfectly preserved medieval cities in the world-with its milelong network of souks, open-air cafes, courtyards, hammams, and gardens. After lunch our guide takes us through a honeycomb of twisting alleys of Arabic-Moorish architecture with blue-tiled facades. We savor the scent of spices, orange blossoms, sizzling lamb kabobs, and sweet honey cakes, and see scenes unchanged for centuries, from donkeys laden with goods to children carrying boards of bread dough to be baked in communal ovens. Some of the finest Berber carpets in Morocco are found in these lively souks. We visit Fes' famous tannery, where men process leather in an open-air courtyard lined with knee-deep vats of dye in every shade of red, blue, and gold; a madrasa (Koranic school); and the Qaraouyine Mosque, formerly home to one of the first universities in the world, predating both Oxford and Cambridge. Walking along the narrow lanes, we peer into the medieval foundouks-roadside inns built around open courtyards. Most are worn with age, but one 18th century foundouk has been beautifully restored and is now the Nejjarine Museum of Wood and Carpentry, with displays of everything from tools and musical instruments to decorative woodworking. Dinner is at a lovely restaurant in the city. We overnight at Les Merinides...BLD

DAY 3

MIDDLE ATLAS MOUNTAINS / AZROU NATIONAL FOREST / IFRANE (5,365')

We ascend the Middle Atlas Mountains to the small town of Azrou (3,720), whose bustling market serves as a center of regional trade for local villages in the Middle Atlas. These lush mountains have been called "the garden of Morocco" for their fertile soil, cedar forests, lakes, and bountiful cherry and apple orchards. In Azrou, we meet Aicha, a remarkable Moroccan woman who has worked in ecological development here for more than 20 years for the Peace Corps and several NGOs. We'll join her at her home for lunch and a discussion about rural conservation and sustainable development. In the afternoon, we head out for a hike in the fragrant Azrou National Forest at about 5,000 feet in



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length:	11 days
Arrive:	Fes, Morocco
Depart:	Marrakesh, Morocco
Lodging:	10 nights hotels and
	lodges
Meals:	All meals included except
	1 dinner (B=Breakfast,
	L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Activity:	Cultural Adventures,
	Hiking / Trekking
Trip Level:	123+456
	Cultural exploration, 6
	hiking days on moderate
	trails, 3.5-6.5 hours a day,
	altitudes between 5,000
	and 7,965 feet

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike village to village in the Middle Atlas and High Atlas mountains, experience Berber life
- Meet a local environmentalist, be welcomed for lunch with a rural family
- Savor Morocco's cuisine, including delicious tagines, in the mountains and in ancient cities
- Explore the labyrinthine medinas of medieval Fes and Marrakesh

Itinerary (cont'd)

the Middle Atlas. This area is also known for its troops of Barbary macaques (monkeys), who are used to people and are fairly easy to observe and photograph. These macaques were once found throughout North Africa but are now endangered, and this is one of their last strongholds. We'll enjoy a dramatic overlook across the entire Middle Atlas on our hike, then head to Hotel Michlifen, a large Swiss-style hotel with park-like grounds. Despite its size, the hotel offers a warm welcome and the location gives us wonderful access to hiking trails in the Middle Atlas. The Ifrane region, where Hotel Michlifen is located, is Morocco's premier winter and summer resort area, laid out by the French in the 1920s as an alpine getaway. Overnight at Hotel Michlifen...BLD

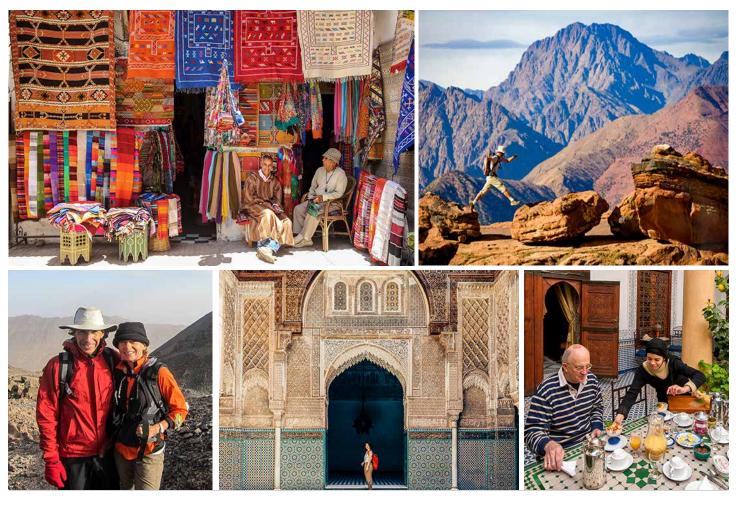
Hiking Details: Approximately 3-3.5 hours, 6 miles, 553 feet elevation gain Driving Details: Approximately 2 hours

DAY 4

MIDDLE ATLAS MOUNTAINS / IFIR NTAA PLATEAU

From the town of Ain Leuh, whose name translates as "source of wood" for its surrounding cedar forests, we hike up and onto the Ifir Ntaa Plateau, following a trail through cork oak and Holmes oak forests. We'll reach a small group of homes of seminomadic families who live in this remote place and are invited in for lunch with one of the families. After lunch, our hike continues across the plateau, dropping down to end at a small lake. We return to Hotel Michlifen in the afternoon. Overnight at Hotel Michlifen...BLD

Hiking Details: Approximately 3.5-4 hours, 7 miles, 1,029 feet elevation gain Driving Details: Approximately 2 hours



DAY 5

IMLIL / HIGH ATLAS MOUNTAINS

Today's drive brings us west along the foothills of the Middle Atlas, passing a patchwork of lush orchards and fields, Berber villages, and large farms along the way. The region is known as the most fertile agricultural area of and we'll stop along the way to stretch our legs and enjoy the countryside on our way to Imlil (5,716') in the snowcapped High Atlas Mountains. The High Atlas valleys are green and fertile, dotted with traditional villages linked by mule trails that are still in use today. Imlil is an important town-it is a trekking center and starting point for climbs of Mount Toubkal, the highest peak in North Africa. Filled with friendly cafes, shops, and guesthouses, it is a lively and welcoming spot. Our guesthouse has mountain views and excellent Moroccan- and Mediterranean-style meals. We'll have time to explore the village and the valley on foot in the late afternoon. Overnight at Dar Imlil...BLD

Driving Details: Approximately 7 hours Walking Details: Approximately 1 hour

DAY 6

SIDI CHAMHAROUCH / IMLIL

A steady gradual ascent on a mule track past villages and fields bring us to the fascinating shrine of Sidi Chamharouch, a pre-Islamic saint. Sidi Chamharouch's tomb is one of the most revered places in the High Atlas, and on the trail, we'll see a fascinating juxtaposition of pilgrims going to the shrine and climbers on their way to Toubkal Base Camp. The shrine, 2.5 hours above the large village of Aroumd, is set beside a waterfall amid a cluster of typical mud-brick Berber shops. After visiting the shrine, we'll have a picnic lunch by the river, then hike back down to Imlil. Overnight at Dar Imlil...BLD

Hiking Details: Approximately 6-6.5 hours, 8.25 miles, 1,822 feet elevation gain

Please note that we are not climbing Mt. Toubkal (13,667'), the highest peak in North Africa. It is a strenuous climb that requires several days and rustic camping. On our Morocco: The High Atlas Trek journey, rated a Trip Level 4, we offer the option to climb Mt. M'Goun (13,346'), the third highest peak in North Africa, as part of our 9-day High Atlas trek.

DAY 7 OUIRGANE VALLEY / TIZI MZIK / TOUBKAL NATIONAL PARK

Today's hike starts right from the hotel and brings us up to Tizi Mzik at 7,965 feet. A "tizi" is a mountain pass in Tamzigh, the local language, and here the views stretch down into Imlil village and the valley below. From the pass, our hike continues onto the trails of Toubkal National Park, with a gradual descent through a juniper forest to Tizi Oussem at 5,920 feet, where we'll stop for a picnic. A short hike from here brings us to our vehicles for a drive to the lower Ouirgane Valley, where our hotel, Domaine De La Roseraie, is set among the quiet foothills of the High Atlas and surrounded by lush 50-acre grounds. It's a delight to stroll around the hotel's aromatic rose gardens and there is a hammam (spa), outdoor (unheated) swimming pool, and Jacuzzi. Overnight at La Roseraie...BLD

Hiking Details: Approximately 5-5.5 hours, 8 miles, 2,439 feet elevation gain Driving Details: Approximately 45 minutes

DAY 8

TIRFEEST

We hike through the farms, orchards, villages, and gentle foothills of the Ouirgane Valley to Tirfeest, where we'll stop for tea and homemade bread and olive oil with a local family. We'll learn about the work done in this region by the High Atlas Foundation (HAF), a Moroccan association founded in 2000 by former Peace Corps Volunteers. The HAF is committed to furthering sustainable development, and supports Moroccan communities through local initiatives that community beneficiaries themselves determine and manage, including projects dealing with sustainable agriculture, education, health, women's and youth empowerment, and capacity-building. We continue to our hotel, where the remainder of the afternoon is free to enjoy the pool and the rose garden. Overnight at La Roseraie...BLD

Hiking Details: Approximately 2 hours, 3 miles, 1,346 feet elevation gain

DAY 9 THE SOUKS OF MARRAKESH

We head to legendary Marrakesh, founded in 1070 and once known as the "red city" for its rose-tinted buildings. With Berber rather than Arab origins, it has been the central marketplace for Berber tribes for centuries. After lunch in the city's 11th century medina, we wander through its fascinating souks, taking in the scents of lemon and mint, brightly colored cones of spices, and the sounds of merchants calling out their offers. We end the day at the heart of Marrakesh in the Djemaa el Fna, the legendary central square, replete with musicians, snake charmers, fire eaters, and fortune-tellers. Dinner is on your own tonight. Your Trip Leader is happy to make recommendations, depending on how fancy or local you want to go. Our overnight is at the delightful 5-star Barriere Le Naoura, near Marrakesh's medina and the historic Jemma el-Fnaa square...BL

Driving Details: Approximately 2 hours

DAY 10

MARRAKESH: SECRET TOMBS, A PALACE, AND AN OPULENT ART MUSEUM

Our urban hike today takes us to the Saadian Tombs, a hauntingly beautiful royal necropolis dating from the 16th

to 18th century that was purposely sealed off and hidden for over 200 years, and only rediscovered in 1917. We visit the Dar Si Said, Marrakesh's oldest museum, housing an array of impressive artifacts from Berber carpets to traditional jewelry and ceramics. Situated in a lovely 19th century palace, the former residence of a relative of the grand vizier of Marrakesh, the museum is decorated with elaborate tiled mosaics and carved wooden ceilings, its rooms set around several courtyards with intimate gardens. The Bahia Palace, a masterpiece of Moroccan architecture built in the late 19th century, was intended to be the largest and most luxurious palace ever built. After lunch in the medina, we have several options: choose a Moroccan cooking class or go shopping in the medina with a local guide, who can help you find brass, leather goods, textiles, and other crafts. Or take a guided walk through Jewish history, with visits to a cemetery, a 15th century synagogue and its small museum, and an opportunity to meet people who live and work in the Jewish Quarter. We gather for our Farewell Dinner this evening. Overnight at Barriere Le Naoura...BLD

DAY 11

DEPART

Transfer to the Marrakesh airport for homeward flights, or continue on our Essaouira extension...B

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through 2024

\$6195 (10-12 members) \$6495 (7-9 members) \$6795 (5-6 members) Single supplement: \$1245

2025 Trip Costs: Call for pricing

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Due to the volatility of currency markets, we can only offer the most competitive pricing on our trips in Morocco by partially tying the trip cost directly to the value of the Moroccan Dirham. In the late spring of 2023, when we set the rates for our 2024 program, the US Dollar equaled 10.4 Moroccan Dirham. While in most years, no price changes are ever necessary, if there were to be a significant change in exchange rates, we may be forced to raise or able to lower our trip cost; if so, your final invoice, sent two weeks before your final payment is due, will reflect the difference. Please note that the calculation will not be a straight proration. While most of the trip cost is paid in Moroccan Dirham, the remainder of our expenses are paid in US Dollars. The overall effect is to moderate any change; thus, if the Moroccan Dirham were to rise in value, the trip cost would rise less than might be expected, and if the Moroccan Dirham were to fall, the drop in land price would also be less than might be expected.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guide(s)
- Accommodations: from welcoming lodges to 5-star and first-rate hotels
- All meals as stated
- Overland transportation to and from all guided activities
- Activities, guiding, and sightseeing as scheduled
- Full-day tours in Fez and Marrakesh with local guides
- All tips (luggage handling, hotel staff, driver and city guides, waiters, cook and his assistant during our picnic lunches, etc.) except Trip Leader and Imlil/Ouirgane hiking guide
- One glass of wine or beer with dinners. Bottled water, coffee or tea with all meals
- Entries, taxes, and fees
- Airport transfers

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare to Fez and from Marrakesh, any meals not specified after each itinerary day, airport departure taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to Trip Leader or Imlil/ Ouirgane hiking guide, additional hotel nights that may be necessary due to airline schedule changes or other factors, cost of medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance, and other expenses of a personal nature (soft drinks, laundry, etc.).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$600 90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No charge! 61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost 46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost 45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

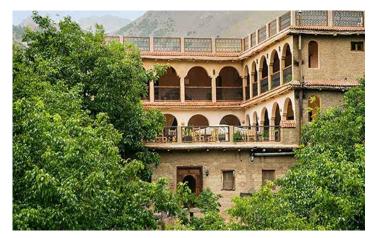
TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: <u>www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance</u>

Accommodations







LES MERINIDES

Fes, Morocco Days 1 to 2 (2 nights)

The delight of this hotel is its view over the city of Fes, which you can enjoy from the terrace bar, listening to the call to prayer echo through the city after a busy day of exploring the medina. The hotel's location makes it a serene retreat from the bustle of the city. The rooms are spacious and very comfortable, the Moroccan-style restaurant on the third floor is charming, and the swimming pool has views over the medina.

HOTEL MICHLIFEN Ifrane, Morocco Days 3 to 4 (2 nights)

This chalet-style resort in the Middle Atlas Mountains is nestled between Fes and Meknes in the small town of Ifrane, sometimes referred to as "Little Switzerland." Surrounded by oak trees, cedar forests, and lush gardens, the hotel has an indoor and outdoor pool, a fitness room, and a full-service spa with hot tub, sauna, and two separate hammams. Choose from four restaurants offering everything from fine dining and Moroccan specialties to poolside snacks and local wines from the cellar. The service here is wonderful—some guests say you might even feel like a celebrity by the time you leave!

RIAD DAR IMLIL Imlil, Morocco Days 5 to 6 (2 nights)

With incredibly friendly hosts and excellent views of Mt. Toubkal, this welcoming riad is a peaceful retreat just a short walk from Imlil village. The rooms are bright and spacious, and there is a small swimming pool and several terraces where you can relax and take in the views of the mountains and nearby Berber villages. The hotel restaurant serves international food as well as traditional Moroccan cuisine—don't miss the tagine!



LA ROSERAIE Ouirgane, Morocco Days 7 to 8 (2 nights)

The beautiful grounds and floral gardens are a much-loved feature of La Roseraie, which is just outside of Toubkal National Park. Take a late afternoon dip in the outdoor pool, a morning soak in the hot tub, or relax on the terrace enjoying the mountain views and rose-scented breezes. There's also a spa with an indoor pool and hammam, and all of the guest rooms have air-conditioning, traditional Moroccan décor, and comfortable sitting areas.



BARRIERE LE NAOURA Marrakesh, Morocco Days 9 to 10 (2 nights)

This welcoming retreat is just steps from the gates of the medina, with a tranquil garden dotted with palm trees and private terraces. Guest rooms are spacious and elegantly styled, and the friendly staff goes the distance to see that you are well taken care of. Amenities include two restaurants—one set by the outdoor pool—and a bar, fitness center, and spa.

These are our signature accommodations for this trip. Although it is highly unlikely, we may make substitutions when necessary. To see more photos and descriptions, please visit our *Hiker's Journey to Morocco* webpage and click on "Accommodations."

Extend Your Adventure!

To help you make the most of your adventure, we've created several exciting trip extensions. For detailed information, including full itineraries and complete pricing, please visit our webpage and click on "Extend Your Trip": www.wildernesstravel.com/trip/morocco-atlas-fes-marrakesh-hiking-tour/

CHEFCHAOUEN EXTENSION

Explore atmospheric Chefchaouen, an incredibly picturesque blue-walled city. Inside its ancient gated medina, nearly every building is whitewashed or painted some shade of azure, contrasting with the terracotta rooftops and red-walled casbah. Leather and textile workshops line the city's twisting cobblestone streets, and the souks are filled with colorful wares. The Berbers who live in the surrounding villages are also known for their ironwork and textiles. *4 days. From \$1595.*

ESSAOUIRA EXTENSION

Discover tiny Essaouira, an 18th century gem set on the Atlantic coast. With its ancient ramparts above the sea, Essaouira has a decidedly medieval atmosphere. The extension will begin and end in Marrakesh. *3 days. From \$1195.*





Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements.

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Fes, Morocco

Suggested Airport: Fes Sais International Airport (FEZ) Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, by 5:00 pm

Meeting Place: A complimentary transfer is provided from the Fes airport to Les Merinides for all trip members, no matter when you arrive. A Wilderness Travel representative will meet you at the airport and will be holding a Wilderness Travel sign. Please note that check-in at the hotel begins at 1:00 pm. To guarantee early-check in you will need to book a hotel room the night before. If you have booked extra services for early arrival through WT, a confirmation of services for your extra hotel nights will be sent with your final documents.

DEPARTURE

Marrakesh, Morocco

Suggested Airport: Marrakesh Menara Airport (RAK) Suggested Date & Time: Day 11, anytime

A complimentary transfer is provided to the airport for departing flights from Marrakesh for all trip members. Please note that the hotel check-out time is 12:00 pm. If you have requested extra services for early arrival or late departure, a confirmation for your transfer and extra hotel nights will be sent with your Final Documents.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Morocco. Airlines with the most convenient schedules for this trip include:

Delta Airlines (<u>www.delta.com</u>) Air France (<u>www.airfrance.com</u>) Air Canada (<u>www.aircanada.com</u>) Tap Air Portugal (<u>www.flytap.com</u>) Royal Air Maroc (<u>www.royalairmaroc.com</u>) Easy Jet (<u>www.easyjet.com</u>) Easy Jet is a British airline offering cheap fares from Europe to Morocco (Milan, Madrid, and Paris to/from Casablanca and Marrakesh).

There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found at <u>www.exitotravel.com</u>.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are

confirmed on the trip. Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS

We are happy to arrange additional hotel nights for you at the group hotels in Fes or Marrakesh. Please see the Extra Hotel Services Request Form included in your Welcome Packet to book these reservations.

Trip Leaders

Wilderness Travel Trip Leaders have a passion and a joy for creating an unforgettable journey. We are extremely proud of them and the incredible travel experiences they make possible. For more information about our Trip Leaders, including client comments about them and which specific trips they will be leading, please visit our webpage and click on "Trip Leaders."



BOUBKER BOUTKHOUM

Born and raised in a Berber village in the Atlas Mountains, Boubker developed a passion for trekking and leading groups in the mountains. After studying economics at Marrakech University, he completed mountain guide training in 2008 and received his certificate. Since then, he has led many groups, continually sharpening his leadership skills and enjoying his chosen profession. Boubker loves sharing his local knowledge with clients and showing the remote and exceptional sites of his native country.



LHOUCINE BENSGHIR

Lhoucine was born and raised in the Middle Atlas Mountains. From childhood, his dream career was to be a tour leader and after graduating from Sultan Moulay Slimante University with a degree in English Literature, he became a certified guide. As a Moroccan Berber who knows both the Arab and Oriental cultures and the traditional nomadic way of life, he feels he's an ambassador to his country. Having lived a somewhat nomadic lifestyle himself throughout his life, he is happy traveling around his country introducing guests to Morocco's cultural wonders, from the Tuareg nomads who wander the desert to the photogenic "blue" city of Chefchaouen

Trip Details

TRIP LEVEL

What the Trip Is Like

The trip is 3+, Moderate, according to our trip grading system. It combines city explorations on foot with five days of moderate hiking, 3.5 to 6.5 hours each day, in mountain environments. Our hikes take place in altitudes of 5,000 to 7,000 feet. The trails are mostly mule track and wellworn paths from village use, but there are some short, steep sections. When we have a trailside lunch, it will usually be picnic style, with fresh salads, cheese, bread, and other items prepared by our cook, and served in a dining tent with a simple table and chairs.

Day 3: 3.5 hours hiking Day 4: 5.5 hours hiking Day 5: 1 hour hiking Day 6: 6.5 hours hiking Day 7: 6 hours hiking Day 8: 3.5 hours hiking

Each participant should be in good health, since most days on the trip include hiking on paths that are a mix of dirt and rocky terrain; the trails are occasionally steep but not exposed. Being in good physical condition is important for your enjoyment of the trip. The best way to get accustomed to walking and being on your feet throughout the day is by incorporating exercise into your schedule leading up to your departure. We recommend walking, hiking, and engaging in physical activities; stair-climbing machines are excellent preparation for walking uphill.

WEATHER

Morocco has climatic variations but the weather is largely moderate, with a cooling influence from the Mediterranean and Atlantic. The average temperature is 62°-73°F on the west coast and 50°-80°F in the interior. In the mountains, peaks are snow-capped most of the year but it can be hot during the daytime. In the south, the weather is hot and dry throughout the year, and temperatures can drop dramatically at night.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Africa Manager or email us at africa@ wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us on this or a similar trip.

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MEN'S T-SHIRT



WOMEN'S T-SHIRT



PATAGONIA SYNCHILLA FLEECE VEST PLUS INSULATED CAMELBAK WATER BOTTLE



PATAGONIA R1 PULLOVER

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Here's how it works:

YOUR FIRST TRIP

As a first-time traveler, you receive a lightweight Wilderness Travel T-shirt and set of durable WT Luggage Tags. On subsequent trips, we're happy to send you a new WT T-shirt and set of Luggage Tags by request.

YOUR SECOND TRIP

A top quality Wilderness Travel insulated stainless steel water bottle by CamelBak and a cozy Wilderness Travel fleece vest by Patagonia (\$130 value).

YOUR THIRD TRIP

A versatile Wilderness Travel R-1 pullover by Patagonia (\$140 value).

YOUR FOURTH TRIP

Discounts on the cost of your trip begin! You receive a 4% discount on the tour cost.

FIVE AND MORE TRIPS

You receive a 5% discount on the base trip cost. On your sixth trip, you receive a 6% discount, and so on up to your 10th trip. The maximum discount is 10%, with a ceiling of \$500.

Note: Due to special pricing considerations, Toucan Club discounts do not apply to our Private Journeys or Special Events. However, your participation on these trips does count toward your Toucan discount on future departures of Wilderness Travel's regular adventures.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Toucan Club travel discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount, unless otherwise specified. Discounts are deducted from the base trip cost and shown on the final invoice. The base trip cost is the main land/tier cost and does not include single supplement fees, extensions, internal airfare, or other additional charges. Bonus gifts (T-shirts, luggage tags, vests, water bottles, and pullovers) will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to trip departure. Terms and conditions of Toucan Club bonuses are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of Wilderness Travel, Inc.

Travel Notes



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Best Travel Specialists in the World: Conde Nast Traveler, 2024, 4-time winner World's Best Tour Operators: Travel + Leisure, 11-time winner Best Wildlife, Hiking & Walking Trips: AFAR Magazine, 3 years in a row Best Adventure Travel Companies: USA Today Trip of the Year: Outside Magazine, 9-time winner 50 Tours of a Lifetime: National Geographic Traveler, 9 years in a row Best Adventure Travel Companies: National Geographic Adventure, 3-time winner

Please be advised that California has established a Travel Consumer Restitution Fund under the California Seller of Travel Law that took effect January 1, 1996. This fund is designed to protect consumers from unscrupulous practices by discount airfare ticket sellers or air charter operators. Unfortunately, this law does not cover non-California residents and, even in the case of California residents, it does not cover any foreign travel where the foreign "providers of transportation or travel services" are not in compliance with the Sellers of Travel Law (compliance being defined as registered as a Seller of Travel in California and a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Fund). Thus none of Wilderness Travel's tours qualify and we are required by law to advise each client that they are not covered by the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. California law requires sellers of travel to maintain a trust account or bond. This business has a trust account. California Seller of Travel #100769640

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