



# Morocco Adventure

Prepared for: Travelling Tuesdays



# Our Travel Style

Our global network of local experts deliver the types of experiences that can't be Googled. Immersive trips that enable you to explore authentic local culture in a sustainable, experience-rich way. We love the highlights, but the real magic for us happens well away from a beaten path, the real life experiences you won't find in a search engine.

## Morocco Adventure 11 days/ 10 nights

### About Your Trip

#### Start Location

Marrakech

#### Finish Location

Marrakech

#### Accommodation

Hotel 3 nights

Riad 6 nights

Desert camp 1 night

#### Rooming Requirements

Twin/Double/Single

#### Included Meals

Breakfast (10)

Lunch (1)

Dinner (4)

#### Transport

Air conditioned vehicle throughout

#### Leader/Guide

English Speaking Leader throughout

Local guide Marrakech, Ait Benhaddou, Fes, Essaouira

#### Included Activities

Per Daily itinerary

#### Entrance/Admission Fees

Where applicable with included activities

#### Airport Transfers

Arrival and departure transfers are included on a group basis

#### Support

24-hour support from our local office

#### Exclusions

- International Flights
- Any visas required
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Late check out at hotels
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Tips for leaders, guide and driver
- Expenditure of personal nature
- Personal Insurance
- Optional activities

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## Safe and responsible travel, always.

As you look to get back on the road, we continue to ensure our trips are safe for everyone. That includes our travellers, our leaders and crew and the people we visit along the way. Our health and safety policies follow recommendations from the World Health Organization and the World Travel & Tourism Council's (WTTC) Safe Travel protocols for tour operators. Before we resume trips in any destination, our itineraries undergo a comprehensive risk assessment and audit, while leaders and suppliers will complete COVID-19 health and safety training. We have also introduced specific policies around testing and vaccination for your safety.



### Who we are

For over 30 years we've been taking travellers around the globe, on small group tours with like-minded Intrepid people. Our extensive COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines ensure your wellbeing is looked after during your travels.



### Safe travels

We're with you every step of the way through our value chain - from our suppliers, to our on ground operations and leaders.



### Certified B Corp

When we became certified as the world's largest travel B Corp in 2018, it was not only our official pledge to be a responsible business, but also a promise to be the best travel company for the world.

## About your Tour Leader & Local Guide

### Local Guide & Tour Leader

On this trip you will be accompanied by one of our tour leaders. The aim of the tour leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. Your leader 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 places visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects.

In addition to your tour leader, for certain inclusions you will be accompanied by a local guide. A local guide has specialised knowledge of a site or location you are visiting. If there is a local guide provided for a particular activity, this will be listed in your day by day itinerary.

# Morocco Adventure Itinerary

**Day 1: 5th April 2025**

**Destination: Marrakech**

**Meals Included: Dinner**

Marhaba! welcome to the captivating ochre city, Marrakech, the still very much alive, and modern antique-like city. Its one-thousand-year-old walls encapsulate a fusion of lively souks, craftsmen, red sandstone humble houses, Mosques, Museums, narrow winding alleyways, gardens and the vibrant famous Jemaa el fna square. Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm. This evening, celebrate the beginning of a new adventure over dinner with your group. Nowhere is Morocco's cultural heritage more evident than in its food, and tonight, you'll try classic dishes like tagine and couscous.

## **Arrival Transfer**

- Included on a group basis

## **Included Activities**

- Marrakech – Welcome dinner

## **Accommodation**

Riad Tresor (standard room) or similar

**Day 2: 6th April 2025**

**Destination: Marrakech**

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

After breakfast, meet your local guide and set off on a morning tour of the Old Medina, through the bustling souks. Explore courtyards filled with the scent of orange blossom, and the many salons and chambers that make up Bahia Palace. This mansion was built in 1866 for a former slave who rose to power within the government. Then, step inside the ruins of El Badi Palace, the once a luxurious palace from the 16th century. Influenced by the Alhambra Palace of Spain, it took them 15 years to build it, walk among the remains which make up high mud walls -formerly as fortress-, large courtyard, Pools, orange trees and you will sense the past grandeur of this place. Stop by the Koutoubia Mosque – its famous minaret is the prototype for others of its kind around the world, including La Giralda in Seville. The rest of the day is free to maybe shop in the bazaar. You could visit the tropical gardens of the French painter Jacques Majorelle.

## **Included Activities**

- Marrakech – Medina Guided tour
- Marrakech – Bahia Palace
- Marrakech – Badii Palace

## **Accommodation**

Riad Tresor (standard room) or similar

**Day 3: 7th April 2025**

**Destination: Ait Benhaddou**

**Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner**

Leaving Marrakech today, set off on the fabled 'Road of 1000 Kasbahs' Ait Benhaddou. Sitting on a hilltop and almost unchanged since the 11th century, this is one of Morocco's most iconic sites. If you think you recognise the place, you probably do, as the town has a long list of film and TV credits including Game of Thrones and Gladiator. Walk through the winding streets of the Old Town to the top of the hill for views across the surrounding plains. Visit to the Tawesna Teahouse – a community-run establishment that provides local women with an income to support themselves and their children. Using ingredients sourced from local cooperatives, the women prepare delicious tea

and pastries while sharing their stories with those who pop in to visit. After heading to your nearby hotel for the night, maybe sit back on the rooftop terrace and watch the sun setting over the kasbah. You will have dinner today at your accommodation.

#### **Included Activities**

- Ait Benhaddou - Leader-led ksar walk
- Ait Benhaddou - Tawesna Tea Break

#### **Accommodation**

Riad Tamdakhte (standard room) or similar

#### **Day 4: 8th April 2025**

**Destination: Sahara Desert**

**Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner**

Drive through changing scenery, from barren mountainsides to fertile valleys, on the journey to Merzouga this morning. Stop by Todra Gorge – a massive trench that rises over 250 m to form one of the most dramatic and spectacular natural sights in Morocco. Explore the towering limestone stacks on a short walk through the sheer cliffs. Then continue to your final destination, when you arrive, you'll leave your gear at your overnight camp next to a simple hotel, then ride camels into the edge of the Sahara, enjoying a spectacular sunset along the way. The dunes are stunning, especially as the evening light plays across them and sets off the colours. Tonight, you'll camp out in traditional style, with the chance to try some local cuisine while you sit around an open fire with lively music and dancing under the stars.

#### **Included Activities**

- Todra Gorge - Leader-led walk
- Merzouga – Camel ride

#### **Accommodation**

Golden Camp (standard tent) or similar

#### **Day 5: 9th April 2025**

**Destination: Midelt**

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

It's worth getting up early to catch the sunrise this morning, before the drive to the small town of Midelt. Originally built as a base for mining, this market town sits between the Atlas and Anti-Atlas Mountains at an elevation of just over 1500 m. It's a perfect spot to break up the journey to the desert and you'll head out on an easy walk through the valley to one of the local villages. Your leader will choose a route based on the group and the weather that makes the most of the views of the Atlas Mountains. Wander through plantations of apple trees on the way back to your accommodation for a relaxing evening.

#### **Included Activities**

- Midelt – Hike

#### **Accommodation**

Ksar Timnay (standard room) or similar

#### **Day 6: 10th April 2025**

**Destination: Fes**

**Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner**

Today, board your private minibus for the journey to Fes. The living museum of Fes has disputable origins, some believe its origins come from ancient Greece, others claim it comes from the Balkans. Nevertheless, the city is the best example of the medieval Arab world, and you'll soon to find out more about its past. After checking into your

Riad in the late afternoon, join your group for one of the city's signature dishes for dinner – the salty and sweet pastilla.

#### **Included Activities**

- Fes – Pastilla Dinner

#### **Accommodation**

Riad Fes Ziyat (standard room) or similar

#### **Day 7: 11th April 2025**

**Destination: Fes**

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

Today, discover the city of Fes, the spiritual and cultural heart of Morocco. Join an expert local guide and head into the Old City, known locally as Fes el Bali. Walk along the twisting streets and alleyways, passing donkeys piled high with goods, and explore the specialty sections that divide the souk. Filled with historic khans, madrassas and dye pits and stalls loaded with fruits, herbs and soups, it's not hard to imagine yourself back in the Middle Ages. Spend the day exploring the Old City, visiting Medersa el Attarine, the tanneries and the Fondouk Nejjarine – a beautifully restored 18th-century inn. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon for a free evening.

#### **Included Activities**

- Fes - Funduq al-Najjarin
- Fes - Medersa El Attarine

#### **Accommodation**

Riad Fes Ziyat (standard room) or similar

#### **Day 8: 12th April 2025**

**Destination: Marrakech**

**Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner**

Drive along the winding roads of the Atlas, bound for Marrakech – There's no rush as the scenery through the High Atlas Mountain passes is magnificent, and there will be several photo stops along the way. After checking into your hotel, Join your local guide and head to the great square of Djemaa el-Fna – Curb that food craving you are having for Marrakech food on a tasting tour. Once you step your feet into the backstreet of the medina, a chaotic food scents will cue you in on your degustation voyage, just follow your foodie insider though! Get to taste a variety of local flavorful bites as you wander off in out of sight shops sampling olives, snack on nuts, local treats, spices, traditional breads. End the day with a local dinner in the square of Jemaa el-Fna with your fellow travelers.

#### **Included Activities**

- Marrakech – Food tasting tour

#### **Accommodation**

Stars Hotel & Spa (standard room) or similar

#### **Special information**

Your travel time today will be approximately 8 hours.

#### **Day 9: 13th April 2025**

**Destination: Essaouira**

**Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch**

Today, hit the road for a journey to the South Atlantic coast towards the fishing town Essaouira. A beautiful laid-back seaside city, with white-washed medieval looking houses, snug tiny wood workshops, art galleries, mosques, souks and restaurants. With your local guide, step inside the medina, and get drawn by the salty beach air infused with a

compelling woody scent, everything is packed and within a walking distance. Navigate through the sandstone walkways and pick up on a haywire of Gnawa music. Make your way to Skala, a 15th century citadel with a turret, Portuguese based architecture, built to protect the town from the crushing Atlantic waves. For lunch, do as locals do and head to the fishing port and bargain for variety of today`s catch. Once you succeed to get a good deal, follow your guide to a nearby restaurant to get it grilled, surey that will be the freshest local fish meal you will ever taste. The rest of the day is free to explore at your leisure.

#### **Included Activities**

- Essaouira – Medina walking tour
- Essaouira – Seafood Market Lunch

#### **Accommodation**

Hotel Miramar (standard room) or similar

#### **Special information**

Your travel time today will be approximately 3 hours.

#### **Day 10: 14th April 2025**

**Destination: Marrakech**

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

After breakfast, have a free morning further to discover before heading back to the Ochre city. As you arrive in Marrakech, Head to the charming “Jardins Majorelle “, a stunning garden spot intrigue curiosity toward unique colors and hundreds of exotic plants. Stroll softly in the garden, pass by various flora, sit by the pool, and appreciate the peaceful surrounding. Carry on visiting the Berber Museum inside and discover a huge exhibition of Berber artifacts.

#### **Included Activities**

- Marrakech – Majorelle Garden

#### **Accommodation**

Stars Hotel & Spa (standard room) or similar

#### **Special information**

Your travel time today will be approximately 3 hours.

#### **Day 11: 15th April 2025**

**Destination: Marrakech**

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

Your trip ends today after breakfast and you`re free to leave at any time after check-out. If you`d like to extend your stay in Morocco, just speak to your booking agent ahead of time to organise additional accommodation.

#### **Departure Transfer**

- Included on a group basis



# Important Information

## Problems and emergency contact information

While we always endeavour to provide the best possible holiday experience, due to the nature of travel and the areas we visit sometimes things can and do go wrong. Should any issue occur while you are on your trip, it is imperative that you discuss this with your group leader or local representative straight away so that they can do their best to rectify the problem and save any potential negative impact on the rest of your trip.

We recognise that there may be times when your group leader or local representative may not be able to resolve a situation to your satisfaction - if this is the case, please ask the group leader or local representative to speak to their direct manager.

You may also choose to provide details in your online feedback, which we ask you to complete within 30 days of the end of your trip. Please do be aware that it is very difficult for us to provide any practical help after the trip is completed, so informing us while still travelling will give us the opportunity to resolve the issue in real-time.

For general contact details please use the following page: <https://www.intrepidtravel.com/contact-us>

In case of a genuine crisis or emergency, you can reach our local office on the numbers below:

Intrepid's Local Operator: +212 661 922 693

## Passports, visas and entry requirements

### PASSPORT

You'll need a valid passport to travel internationally and most countries require your passport to have a minimum of 6 months validity, so remember to check the expiry date.

We need your passport information to get everything ready for your trip so it's important that the information on your booking matches your passport exactly. Please take care to provide the correct details. We recommend carrying a copy of the photo page of your passport while travelling and leaving a copy at home with family or friends.

### VISAS & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Many countries require a visa and obtaining the correct visa for your trip and any countries you may transit through is your responsibility. We recommend you check your visa requirements as soon as you have booked your trip. This will ensure you have time to prepare your documents and for your visa application to be processed. You can check the entry requirements for your nationality on your government's foreign travel advisories, consular websites or on our page here: <http://www.intrepidtravel.com/visa-entry-requirements>

## Medical and health information

### GENERAL HEALTH

All travellers need to be in good physical health in order to participate fully on this trip. For the safety and wellbeing of yourself and others, if you are unwell prior to travelling, please stay at home and contact us to make alternative arrangements.

When selecting your trip please make sure you have read through the itinerary carefully and assess your ability to manage and enjoy our style of travel. Please note that if in the assessment of our group leader or local representative a traveller is unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group, we reserve the right to exclude them from all or part of a trip without refund.



You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information or for any necessary vaccinations before departure. We recommend that you carry a first aid kit as well as any personal medical requirements in their original packaging as they may not easily be obtained while travelling. If you are carrying medication, ensure you check your government's foreign travel advice for any local restrictions or requirements.

#### **DRINKING WATER:**

As a rule, we recommend you don't drink tap water in Morocco, even in hotels, as it contains much higher levels of different minerals than the water you may have at home. For local people, this is not a problem as their bodies are used to this and can cope, but for visitors drinking the tap water can result in illness. Generally, this isn't serious, an upset stomach being the only symptom, but it's enough to spoil a day or two of your holiday. Bottled water is widely available and your leader can recommend safe alternatives when available. Water consumption should be about two to three litres a day. Rehydration salts, motion sickness tablets, and diarrhoea blockers are recommended for you to pack in your personal first aid kit.

#### **ASTHMA:**

For some travellers, the desert sand and dust can bring on bouts of asthma. If you suffer from asthma even occasionally, we recommend you bring your medication as it cannot be administered by your group leader and may not be readily available while you are travelling. A light scarf or face mask can also be helpful for all travellers.

#### **HENNA TATTOOS:**

Henna tattoos are commonplace in Morocco. You should be aware that some henna tattoos contain the chemical para-phenylenediamine (PPD), which can cause a painful allergic reaction, including swelling and an itchy rash in some people.

#### **Food and dietary requirements**

Moroccan food is, generally speaking, excellent though not particularly varied. Breakfasts usually consist of bread and jam with coffee or tea. Meals eaten out are reasonably priced - kebab and bread cost only about MAD 30. In main towns, it is possible to find very good French and Moroccan restaurants where a meal and French wine will cost anything from MAD 220 upwards. Generally, dinner is likely to cost between MAD 80-120 depending on what you drink - so an estimate for food would be about MAD 150-200 a day. Soft drinks are available at very reasonable prices, but generally speaking, alcohol is not widely available in Morocco due for cultural and religious reasons. Still, in some hotels and restaurants, you will be able to purchase beer, wine and spirits, but you will pay foreign prices or more for imported alcohol. Please be aware of local laws, beliefs and traditions, and be very sensitive and respectful while consuming alcohol. Your leader can help recommend restaurants each evening. Vegetarians can be catered for but there is a fairly limited choice of vegetarian couscous and tajine or omelets. This is particularly the case in rural parts of this itinerary. Please note that if you have any special dietary requirements you should inform us prior to the trip. Vegans and those on gluten-free diets may find this region very challenging and may need to supplement meals with their own supplies from supermarkets and markets. Wherever possible we will cater for dietary needs for any included meals, but there may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own.

#### **Accommodation**

We've sourced our accommodation very carefully and picked the best possible hotels in line with the Intrepid style of travel, but please note that service and accommodation in Morocco may be different from standards you are used to at home.

#### **TWIN SHARE / MULTI SHARE BASIS**

Accommodation on this trip is on a twin/multi-share basis. We pair up solo travellers with another traveller of the same gender as per the gender marker on each of their passports. Please note there may be times where facilities will be shared rather than ensuite (even if you paid for single room supplement) and rare occasions when you share a room with passengers travelling on different Intrepid trips than your own.

#### **HEATING**

Some of our guesthouses/hotels are unable to supply heating as this would be a major financial and environmental strain. It's also a case of energy supply and timing provisions, which is limited in some places. Please be prepared for

cold showers, which are a pleasure for most of the year. Air-conditioning systems (if available) don't always function.

### **CHECK-IN TIME**

Throughout the trip, we request that our hotels prepare rooms in time for our arrival, especially if we're arriving prior to normal check-in time. However, this isn't always possible which means we won't be able to check-in immediately on arrival at some hotels. Instead, we can store our luggage and explore our new destination.

### **PRE/POST TRIP ACCOMMODATION**

If you've purchased pre-trip or post-trip accommodation (if available), you may be required to change rooms from your trip accommodation for these extra nights.

### **Transport**

There are some long travel days and some rough travelling in areas away from the main tourist routes. High passes, windy roads, and rough surfaces make for some challenging travel experiences. On some long travel days, we depart early in the morning to ensure we optimise our time at our next destination. If you experience travel sickness we recommend you consider medication to help ease the discomfort. The best part about all of these long drives is the spectacular views and fun stops en route such as mountain passes, kasbahs, palmeries, sand dunes, goats up trees, etc.

We also use public transport on some of our trips around Morocco. Be it a train or a public bus, remember that the best part of it is the possibility to interact with local people traveling along with you.

### **Money matters**

#### **SPENDING MONEY**

When it comes to spending money on the trip, every traveller is a little different. You know your spending habits better than we do, so please budget an appropriate amount for things like optional meals, drinks, shopping, optional activities, and laundry. Make sure you have read the itinerary and inclusions thoroughly so you know what is included in the trip price and what you may need to pay for while travelling.

#### **MOROCCO:**

The currency of Morocco is the dirham (MAD). ATMs are widely available in all major towns and cities. Credit cards are useful for large purchases such as carpets or ceramics from large stores, but generally they are not widely accepted. Please ensure you only use banks, licensed money exchangers, or hotels. We also suggest you keep your receipts. Do not change money with street touts as this is illegal. Changing money is easy and you will find banks and exchange bureaus in large cities, but they often only accept USD, EUR and GBP. In the desert and Atlas Mountains opportunities to withdraw or exchange money are limited.

#### **BUDGET**

Please budget for additional meals and expenses while on your trip. We suggest EUR 325.00 for meals not included on this trip. Our suggestion is based on past traveller feedback but you may choose to spend more or less.

#### **TIPPING**

Tipping can be an appropriate way to recognise great service when travelling. While it may not be customary in your home country, it is an entrenched feature of the tourism industry across many of our destinations and is greatly appreciated by the people who take care of you during your travels.

#### **OPTIONAL TIPPING KITTY**

On Day 1 of your trip, your group leader or local representative may discuss with you the idea of operating a group tipping kitty, whereby everybody contributes an equal amount and your group leader or local representative distributes tips for local guides, hotel staff and other services included on your trip. This excludes drivers and restaurant tips for meals not included in your itinerary. The group leader or local representative will keep a running record of all monies spent which can be checked at any time, and any funds remaining at the end of the tour will be returned to group members. We have found that this is easiest way to avoid the hassles of needing small change and knowing when and what is an appropriate amount to tip. Participation in this kitty is at your own discretion, and you are welcome to manage your own tipping separately if you prefer.

Optional tipping kitty for this trip: MAD550 per person.

### **YOUR GROUP LEADER OR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE**

You may consider tipping your group leader or local representative for outstanding service throughout your trip. The amount is entirely a personal preference however as a guideline 4-7 USD or EUR per person (in a currency relevant to your destination), per day can be used. Of course, you are free to tip more or less as you see fit, depending on your perception of service quality and the length and involvement of your group leader or local representative on your trip.

### **CONTINGENCY FUNDS**

We try to plan for every eventuality, but there are still some things beyond our control. We reserve the right to change an itinerary after departure due to local circumstances or a Force Majeure Event. In such emergency circumstances, the additional cost of any necessary itinerary alterations will be covered by you. Please note we are not responsible for any incidental expenses that may be incurred as a result of the change of itineraries including but not limited to visas, vaccinations or non-refundable flights. Make sure you have access to an extra US\$500 for emergencies (e.g. severe weather, natural disasters, civil unrest) or other events that result in unavoidable changes to the itinerary (e.g. transport strikes or cancellations, airport closures). Sometimes these things necessitate last-minute changes to enable our trips to continue to run, and as a result, there may be some extra costs involved. The recommended amount is listed in USD for the reliability of universal travellers, however, local currency may be needed once in the country to cover these costs.

### **Packing**

What you need to bring will vary according to the trip style you have chosen, the countries you are visiting and when you are travelling. Generally speaking, we recommend you pack as lightly as possible and make sure that you are able to carry and lift your own luggage and walk with it for short distances or up or down a flight of stairs. Our travellers usually find the smaller their luggage is, the more they enjoy the trip not having to worry about carrying heavy bags! Aim to keep your main luggage under 15kg.

Many travellers carry their luggage in a compact smaller suitcase or backpack with wheels. We recommend your bag has carry straps or handles so it is easy to lift and carry for the times you are unable to wheel it (ie. on rough surfaces or up steps).

If you are taking overnight trains, or primarily using public transport then the smaller your luggage the easier it will be to store under or above bunks. Large suitcases may not be able to be taken on board. A lockable bag or small padlock for your bag will be useful especially when travelling on public transportation as well.

You'll also need a day pack/bag to carry water, camera, swimming suit, waterproof pouch/bag for phone, hiking shoes and jacket etc. when you're exploring during the day.

Below we have listed the essentials for this trip:

<https://www.intrepidtravel.com/packing-list>

### **WATER BOTTLE**

Please bring your own water bottle to refill along the way. Although it can be difficult to avoid bottled water when travelling, please use the water dispensers which are provided on some of our vehicles and at some of our accommodation. Your group leader or local representative will advise whether tap water is safe to drink in your destination, and if it is, you can simply refill it with tap water. When unable to avoid bottled water, it is better to buy the largest available and distribute it into your smaller bottle for the day. If you are walking or trekking as part of your trip you will need to carry at least 2L of water with you.

### **DRONES IN MOROCCO**

Please note that drones are not permitted to enter or be used in Morocco, neither for personal nor professional/commercial use.

## **Climate and seasonal information**

### **WEATHER IN MOROCCO**

As a desert country, Morocco can have extreme weather. Winter (November to March) can be very cold, particularly in the mountains and the desert, with overnight temperatures dropping to 5 degrees Celsius or below. Even in summer the desert gets cold at night. It is recommended to bring a sleeping bag, thermals, a scarf, gloves and a warm jacket for travel in winter. Please be prepared for cold showers.

Summer (May to September) can be very hot everywhere, which means that it can be quite uncomfortable for those not used to the heat. It's important to use sun protection and drink plenty of water.

Some of our guesthouses/hotels are unable to supply heating or air conditioning as this would be a major financial and environmental strain. It is also a case of energy supply and timing provisions, which are limited in some places.

### **Group Leader**

All group trips are accompanied by one of our group leader or local representative. The aim of the group leader or local representative is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. Intrepid endeavours to provide the services of an experienced group leader or local representative however, due to the seasonality of travel, rare situations may arise where your group leader or local representative is new to a particular region or training other group leader or local representative.

Your group leader or local representative 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 places visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious, and social aspects. At Intrepid we aim to support local guides who have specialised knowledge of the regions we visit. If you are interested in delving deeper into the local culture at a specific site or location then your group leader or local representative can recommend a local guide service in most of the main destinations of your trip.

### **Safety**

Most national governments provide regularly updated foreign travel advice on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure and ensure that your travel insurance covers you for all destinations and activities on your trip. Please refer to our website's safety page for links to major travel advisories and updates on safety issues affecting our trips here: <https://www.intrepidtravel.com/travel-alerts>

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe-keeping of your passport, flight tickets, cash and other valuable items. Leave your jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of our hotels have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Your group leader or local representative will accompany you on all included activities, however, during your trip you'll have some free time to pursue your own interests or relax and take it easy. While your group leader or local representative will assist you with the available options in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your Intrepid itinerary, and Intrepid makes 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. Please also note that your group leader or local representative has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it's deemed necessary due to safety concerns.

Intrepid's operational safety policies can be viewed on our website at the link below. We recommend that you take a moment to read through this information before travelling, and would appreciate any feedback on how safety is being managed on our trips.

<https://www.intrepidtravel.com/safety-guidelines>

## **Community guidelines**

Intrepid won't tolerate any kind of violence, harassment (whether physical, verbal or sexual), or disrespect toward fellow travellers, our teams or local communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of everyone on the trip, decisions made by your group leader are final.

Romantic relationships between travellers and group leader or local representative are not permitted while on trip.

Any behaviour that prevents your leader from continuing the itinerary as planned, breaks local laws or opposes any of these guidelines may result in Intrepid denying your booking or removing you from the trip.

If something concerns you during your travels, please speak to your group leader immediately. Alternatively, you can contact us on the emergency contact number detailed in the Problems and Emergency Contact Information section of this Essential Trip Information.

## **Travelling on a group trip**

As you travel on a group trip you will be exposed to all the pleasures and maybe some of the frustrations of travelling in a group. Your fellow travellers will probably come from all corners of the world and likely a range of age groups too. We ask you to be understanding of the various needs and preferences of your group - patience with your fellow travellers is sometimes required for the benefit of everyone's travel experience. Remember too that you have responsibilities to the group. If you are requested to be at a place at a certain time, ensure that you don't keep the rest of the group waiting. We have found time and time again that the very best trips we operate are those where the dynamics within the group work well - this takes just a little effort on your part. Due to privacy reasons, we are unable to provide you with contact details and any personal information about your fellow travellers booked on your trip prior to departure.

## **SOLO TRAVELLERS**

The beauty of our style of travel is that it caters to travellers who are travelling solo and who want to meet and share experiences with like-minded people.

On our trips rooming is organised on a twin-share basis. We pair up solo travellers with another traveller of the same gender as per the gender marker on each of their passports.

As a responsible tour operator, we strive to create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone. In the case that your gender identity differs from what is indicated on your passport, please contact us so that we can discuss rooming options with you.

We also have an optional single supplement available on most trips for travellers who prefer to have their own room. Please note that this only applies to accommodation during the tour. Pre-trip and post-trip accommodation booked through us will be on a single room basis.

On a small selection of itineraries some accommodations are booked on an open gender, multi-share basis (for example on a felucca in Egypt or an overnight train in Vietnam). In those instances it will clearly be stated in our Essential Trip Information prior to booking and travelling.

## **Travel insurance**

Travel insurance is compulsory on all our trips for those travelling internationally. We require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency repatriation. If you are travelling within your home country or region please confirm before travel that you are entitled to access the public medical system easily should an accident occur. We strongly recommend all travellers have a policy that also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage or personal effects. For international trips, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance and the insurance company's 24-hour emergency contact number has been sighted by your group leader or local representative.

If you have credit card insurance your group leader or local representative will require details of the participating insurer/underwriter, the level of coverage, policy number, and emergency contact number rather than the bank's name and your credit card details. Please contact your bank for these details prior to arriving in-country.

For travellers who reside within the European Union, Switzerland or USA the requirement to purchase travel insurance cannot be compulsory. However the purchase of travel insurance is still highly recommended, and travellers from these regions who decline travel insurance when travelling outside of their home region must sign a Travel Insurance Waiver Form at the Group Meeting, recognizing personal responsibility for emergency medical and repatriation costs should they arise.

For assistance with travel insurance or other services, please visit the link below:

<https://www.intrepidtravel.com/booking-resources/our-services>

### **Responsible travel**

Our Responsible Travel Policy outlines our commitment to preserving the environment, supporting local communities, protecting the vulnerable, and giving back to the places we travel. All our trip group leaders or local representatives, suppliers, and staff are trained on these principles and are core to us delivering sustainable, experience-rich travel.

Explore the different parts of our Responsible Travel Policy by visiting:

<https://www.intrepidtravel.com/responsible-travel>

Morocco can be considered a liberal Muslim country as many Moroccan women do not wear headscarves. However, Morocco is very conservative when compared with standards you may be accustomed to at home and you should dress accordingly. As a general guideline, shoulders, chest and knees should be covered at all times. Wearing shorts (men and women), low-cut tops, and showing midriff is not recommended as it will restrict your entry into buildings of a religious nature and family homes and is considered disrespectful. Long, light-coloured and lightweight shirts, trousers, and skirts are respectful, keep you cool and protect you from the sun.

In Morocco, we have built strong links with local communities, craftspeople, animal hospitals, artists, and people with disabilities – all of whom rely on the assistance of donations and products purchased by our travellers and other visitors. We offer Intrepid travellers an opportunity to interact with locals, value their activities and crafts and help sustain their livelihoods.

On our trips to Morocco, you'll have the opportunity to meet plenty of local people. Depending on which trip you choose, you may enjoy a meal in a local family's house in Ait Benhaddou, spend a night in a family guesthouse in the High Atlas Mountains or in the pilgrimage village of Moulay Idriss, or share a camp with a nomadic family in Dades Gorge. These experiences will give you a better understanding of the way of life for a rural Moroccan family. We please ask you to be mindful when bringing gifts to the children of the communities. While it's always wonderful to see the joy on their faces, we please ask you to avoid sugary treats, for health concerns and overall wellbeing of the kids. Many children in these communities have limited access to dental care. Excessive sugar can lead to dental problems, which can be quite painful and difficult to treat. Nutritious snacks or useful items like school supplies can be more beneficial and still bring a lot of joy.

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Wherever possible, we contract local Moroccan suppliers and assist them in improving the quality of their services. By booking this trip, you'll be helping us support service providers, small businesses, and guesthouse owners in communities throughout Morocco.

We use local guides with extensive experience, knowledge of cultural traditions, and the ability to interpret the cultural heritage of the people in the places we visit.

### **The Intrepid Foundation**

We created our not-for-profit, the Intrepid Foundation because you – our travellers – told us you wanted to make an even greater impact in the communities you visit.

The Foundation works by teaming up with partners around the world so that together we can deliver greater positive impact at scale. Partners are identified by our local staff who live and work in our destinations. They harness their powerful community connections to determine the issues that matter most and select local partners who can deliver real solutions.

Since 2002, the Intrepid Foundation has raised more than \$14million dollars and supported more than 160 communities worldwide. Now, with over 40 partners all over the world, your donations are helping to restore forests in Kenya, empower women in Honduras and promote elephant welfare in Laos, to name just a few.

For more information about the Intrepid Foundation, please ask your group leader or local representative or visit our website: <http://www.theintrepidfoundation.org/>

This trip supports Education for All, who provide an opportunity for girls in remote areas of Morocco to access education and prepare for successful careers. Donations help girls in the High Atlas Mountains through secondary school, bringing a generation of women out of the cycle of illiteracy, poverty and early marriage. Intrepid will double your impact by dollar-matching post-trip donations made to The Intrepid Foundation. To find out more or make a donation, visit: <http://www.theintrepidfoundation.org/t/education-for-all>



# Package Price

All costs are per person in [currency] based on indicated number of passengers travelling together as one movement. No arrangements are being held at this point and the costing is subject to availability at time of booking. In order to proceed, a deposit of [currency][deposit.amount] per person is required and the remaining balance will need to be supplied at 56 days prior to departure.

Pricing <u>per person</u> (twin share basis)	Price	Passengers	Subtotal
Morocco Adventure Based on a group of X travelling together	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Additional Services	Price Per product
Single Supplement Single Supplement is compulsory for all single rooms	\$0.00
Additional Arrival Transfers 1-3 people per vehicle	\$0.00
Additional Departure Transfers 1-3 people per vehicle	\$0.00
Additional Pre-Night Accommodations - Single	\$0.00
Additional Pre-Night Accommodations - Double	\$0.00
Additional Post-Night Accommodations - Single	\$0.00
Additional Post-Night Accommodations - Double	\$0.00

Please note this pricing is valid for 14 days after the date on this document. All services are subject to availability.

# Travel Insurance

## Australia Residents:

For Australian residents we have partnered with [nib](#) to provide you with a travel insurance policy that includes Covid-19 cover. Please contact your Tailor-Made consultant for a quote.

# How to Book

If you are happy with the quotation and itinerary please advise your names as per passport and your dates of birth for all travellers. Once we have this information we can send you an invoice. The next step is to pay a per person deposit. This allows us to go off and confirm the arrangements. Please note we require at least 1 week to confirm all tour services. Once the tour has been confirmed final payment will be due no later than 56 days prior to travel. We can only hold arrangements for a group once we have received deposit.

We would love you to travel with us so let us know if there is anything we need to change about this quote or if you have any questions. We will do our best to help!

Thank you,  
[Consultant.Name]  
Intrepid Travel Tailor-Made

## Special Conditions

**INSERT SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REMOVE IF NOT APPLICABLE.**

### Final Balance

- Final balance payment is required 56 days prior to travel.

### Cancellation by the traveller

- Cancellation prior to 56 days; we will hold the deposit amount as a credit.
- Cancellation between 55 - 31 days prior to departure will incur a loss of deposit
- Cancellation 30 days or inside prior to travel will incur 100% cancellation fees
- No shows will be treated as a cancellation and will incur 100% cancellation fees.

### Cancellation by Intrepid

- Cancellation is in line with those detailed in the standard Intrepid booking conditions in clause 8.

## Payment Options

### Credit Card:

Please contact the office to make a credit card payment.

### Direct Deposit (AUD) in to our bank account:

Citibank, N.A. (Sydney Branch)

Account Name: Intrepid Travel Pty Ltd Trip Funds

BSB No. 242 000

Account No. 235712075

Important: Please enter your surname and quote number [Booking reference] as your reference.

# Booking Conditions

By booking this Intrepid Travel Tailor-Made Adventure, you agree to the Intrepid Standard Booking Conditions <https://www.intrepidtravel.com/au/booking-intrepid/booking-conditions> and any deviations specified below that apply to your Tailor-Made booking as set out below.

If you are making a booking on behalf of a group, you must ensure each traveller has read and agrees to our Booking Conditions before making the booking.

- You must provide a travellers' name list and details including name as per passport, passport number and expiration date, nationality, DOB, gender, rooming requirements, dietary requirements, medical concerns at least 60 days prior to departure of the trip.
- All rates are per person, based on indicated numbers travelling together as one movement. Any changes to the group size at any time before or after confirmation of services will require the trip to be repriced.
- The details set out in your proposal are a quotation only. The pricing and itinerary are subject to availability of accommodation, transport, leaders, and other suppliers at time of booking. We reserve the right to amend and requote itinerary if such suppliers are not available.
- By making your payment, you are agreeing to the most recent itinerary and price quote. All revisions will be subject to requote and additional approval.
- A contract will exist when we accept your deposit.
- If we, or a third-party operator, is required to make amendments to your original proposal, subsequent pricing may become applicable to your booking.
- Any changes to the itinerary made by you AFTER services have been confirmed will require a revised quote and may be subject to an additional charge (as levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines). No additional changes are permitted within 30 days prior to departure.
- Hotels listed in the quote are indicative only and are subject to change. If the hotel listed in the quote is unavailable, we will confirm an alternative hotel of similar standard.
- If complimentary transfers are included, (on a group basis) they are only applicable if going to accommodation booked through us. Please advise flight arrival details (flight number and arrival time) at least 30 days prior to departure if you wish to have this transfer provided. There is no guarantee we can arrange this transfer if we receive these details within 30 days of departure.
- Some Tailor-Made tours, such as our Tailor-Made Australia trips, may have cancellation terms that deviate from those set out in the Intrepid Standard Booking Conditions. Your Tailor-Made consultant will advise you of the cancellation conditions that apply to your booking prior to you paying your deposit.
- You acknowledge that you are choosing to travel at a time where you may be exposed to the COVID-19 virus. We will take all reasonable steps to ensure your safety and may require you to follow additional safety protocols before and during your trip. Depending on the most recent health information available to us, we may require you to comply with mandatory health policies, including the need for proof of vaccination or medical tests. More information can be found on our Covid-19 Customer Information page [here](#). Please note that these policy requirements are subject to change following advice from relevant authorities.