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Photo Morocco

Saturday, October 21st - Friday, November 3rd, 2023



Highlights:

- Explore the exotic city of Marrakech, its markets, baths, and history
- Spend time with the locals in Berber villages, giving you many opportunities to capture the traditional life of this ancient culture

- Discover the Sahara, journeying to see the beauty of the desert and its people
- Local guides offer a connection to the local people, providing the intimate and authentic experiences that make the best photographs
- Travel to Essaouira, with its rampart-surrounded medina, fishing boats, and colors of an old seaside town
- Itinerary is optimized to see all the variety in culture and landscape that Morocco has to offer!

Description:

See all that Morocco has to offer, from the exotic spice markets of Marrakech to the endless sand dunes of the Sahara. You'll have the opportunity to capture life in this diverse country through visits with local families in the Berber villages of the Atlas Mountains, the saffron farmers of Taliouine, and the nomads of the Sahara desert. Stop in small towns as you drive from the city through the mountains, over the plateau, into the desert and out to the coast. The variety of the land and the diversity of the people offer many unique opportunities to photograph the beauty of this country and its people. Your local guides give you the chance to experience life as the locals live it. Stay in riads, kasbahs, and camps that immerse you in the richness of the cultures. Receive personal photography instruction from Reed as part of a small group. The optimized itinerary giving you so much variety of scenery, cultures, authentic experiences, and personal attention make this an adventure not to be missed!

Sign up early, as the trip is limited to 10 people.

Trip style:

Travel by private bus, allowing for stops as desired. Lodging in unique, comfortable, 4-star accommodations that showcase the local feel of the various regions. Temperature will vary, 60s during the day in the mountains (40s at night) and upper 80s during the day in the desert (also 40s at night).

Trip starts and ends in Marrakech.



Itinerary- These dates may change!

Saturday, October 21: Depart from US

Sunday, October 22: Arrive in Marrakech

Be met by your guide at the airport, drive to the city and spend the night at a riad (a traditional palace with an interior courtyard or garden) in the medina of Marrakech.

Monday, October 23: Explore Marrakech

Enjoy a guided tour with our local guide in the old medina and souk. Take in the exotic sights of the spice markets and narrow streets of this old city. Return to the riad for the night. (B)

Tuesday, October 24: Ourika Valley

Leave Marrakech and drive along the Ourika valley passing by many villages on the way. Visit potters, Medicinal herb sellers and possibly reach Setti Fatma and its waterfalls before coming

back to Kasbah Bab Ourika. Enjoy great views over the mountains of Ourika and surrounding villages. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, October 25: Toubkal National Park

We leave Ourika Valley, crossing the Tahnaout Plain and then the gorges of Moulay Brahim. Travel along the Righaya Valley to Imlil where we will take a short walking trip towards berber villages. Enjoy lunch served in an old house in Mzzik village facing the high Atlas Mountains. After lunch we head to the Kasbah Toubkal where a hammam (traditional Turkish bath) is waiting for everyone after the walk. Enjoy some drinks and views from the best roof terrace facing the Toubkal peak, at 4167m, the highest peak in North Africa. (B, L, D)

Thursday, October 26: Tichka Pass to Ait Benhaddou

Leave the Atlas Mountains by way of the Tichka Pass, separating the mountains and the desert. Visit the Telouet Kasbah, travel along the Ounila Valley with a stop in one of the picturesque villages where a family will offer us some local tea. Arrive at a kasbah in Ait Benhaddou, Morocco's most famous kasbah and a UNESCO World Heritage site. (B, L, D)

Friday, October 27: Mhamid Lghizlan

Explore Ouarzazat, or what we call Morocco Hollywood, where lots of famous America films have been made. Continue to Draa Valley and then to Mhamid Lghizlan, the "Door of the Desert". Stay in a local riad here. (B, L, D)

Saturday, October 28: Sahara Desert

Get inside the real desert of Morocco, traveling through the dunes to reach the golden sand Chegaga Dunes. Ride camels to create the iconic imagery of late afternoon shadows on the desert sand, watch the sun set and relax in your traditional (yet luxurious) bedouin tents, and enjoy traditional music performed by locals in the evening. (B, L, D)

Sunday, October 29: Chegaga Dunes

Spend the day photographing the beauty of the desert and the expansive sky of the Sahara. Experience life in nomad camps, enjoying lunch in a camp giving you the opportunity to spend time with the families in the afternoon. Return to camp to relax and have dinner. (B, L, D)

Monday, October 30: Taliouine

Leave the desert behind as you drive over the Iriki Plateau with its acacia trees to the Anti-Atlas Mountains and the region of Taliouine. Known as the land of red gold, over 3,000 families grow saffron here. Meet the locals and learn about their unique culture and lifestyle. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, October 31: Drive to Essaouira

Head to the Atlantic coast of Morocco, stopping in local villages along the way, to the city of Essaouira. This is one of the best cities in Morocco, with its old medina (walled center city), fishing boats, and narrow winding streets. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, November 1: Essaouira, Return to Marrakech

Spend the morning capturing more of this picturesque city before lunch when you'll have the opportunity to enjoy the region's fresh fish. Return to Marrakech in the late afternoon for sharing a farewell dinner and night in a riad. (B, L, D)

Thursday, November 2: Depart

Depart for the USA. (B)

Friday, November 3: Arrive in USA



Detailed Services

Included Services

- Personal photography coaching by Reed Hoffmann
- All international arrival and departure transfers in Morocco
- Hotel accommodation, based on double occupancy
- Local transport
- Meals as listed
- Some entry fees in Marrakech.

Not Included Services

- Round-trip airfare to Morocco
- Beverages or alcoholic drinks
- Personal expenses not listed
- Personal travel insurance
- Costs incurred due to unforeseen circumstances
- Services not shown or detailed in the program.
- Tips
- Water if we have to buy
- Some entry fees in Marrakech

Accommodations

Lodging is based on double occupancy in unique 4-star riads or kasbahs.

Passports: These are required.

Weather: It will be all over the board! Cold in mountains, 40 degrees at night. Hot in Sahara- up to 90 degrees.

Travel Insurance: Comprehensive travel insurance is highly recommended, as sometimes people have to cancel their trip because of unforeseen circumstances. With trip insurance, your investment is protected. Please see our refund policy below. Details in the registration packet.

Level of Difficulty: This trip is for the photographer who likes to be active and photograph a variety of subjects. Several easy, relaxed walks are part of the itinerary.

Travel Information: We suggest that you coordinate your travel with us. We'll let you know when it's time to book flights and give you advice on how to do so. If you would like to meet Reed at the destination, try to arrange a time close to his flights. These may change, as

the ones listed here are from a schedule as of this printing. We suggest that you wait to book your flight until we let you know Reed's plans, so as to coordinate the flights as much as possible. If you do land at a significantly different time there may be a small additional charge for your airport shuttle. We plan to book our airfare about 9 months in advance.

Group Size: 10 people + Reed Hoffmann

Cost: \$7,490/person. International airfare not included. \$1,500 nonrefundable deposit due to register, with final balance due by Monday, July 31, 2023. Single supplement: \$2,500

When is more information coming out? We will mail you an airfare letter approximately 9 months before the trip. A final letter with balance due will be sent 60 days prior to departure and we will call each person prior to departure. Once you register you will receive more information on packing and planning.



PPS Refund Policy

We understand that you may have registered well in advance of your trip. We appreciate that work schedules and plans may change and unforeseen emergencies do occur. Therefore, we have established the refund policy below to try to fairly accommodate such eventualities and yet maintain quality programs. Please realize that once you have registered for a course, we immediately incur expenses on your behalf. Because many people start planning longer trips a year or more in advance, it can be difficult to fill an empty spot at the last minute.

In order to receive a refund for a course, we require you to submit a written notice of cancellation. Your refund comes from your travel insurance. Be sure to choose your travel insurance carefully so you can choose what type of covid travel challenges you want to cover. If you elect not to take travel insurance there is no refund. Rev. 1/09

What Next?

For questions, email Reed Hoffmann at reed@reedhoffmann.com. If you'd like to register, contact Pack Paddle Ski, info@packpaddleski.com. You may also go online [HERE](#) to make a secure deposit via PayPal.

