



MOROCCAN EXPEDITION



YOUR EXPERIENCE

The GRRC has once again partnered with XPED Global to facilitate this once in a lifetime adventure. XPED Global are experts in overland adventures and will provide on the ground support in this epic expedition.

ON YOUR TERMS

Adventure by day, luxury by night. Just because you're out in the wild, it doesn't mean you need to rough it or take unnecessary risks. You've earned this adventure – you deserve to do it with the experts, in comfort, safety and style.

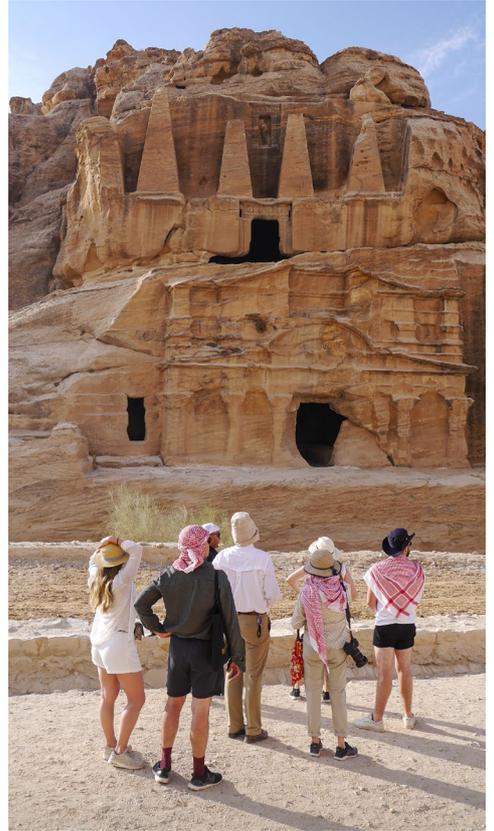
OUT IN THE WILD

These are not trips for the fainthearted. You will experience unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime journeys that are more than a change of scenery; they're a change of outlook.

IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Some trips are about kicking back and being the passenger. The GRRC & XPED put you at the heart of the action; in charge of your experience. Bring your best and make the most of it.





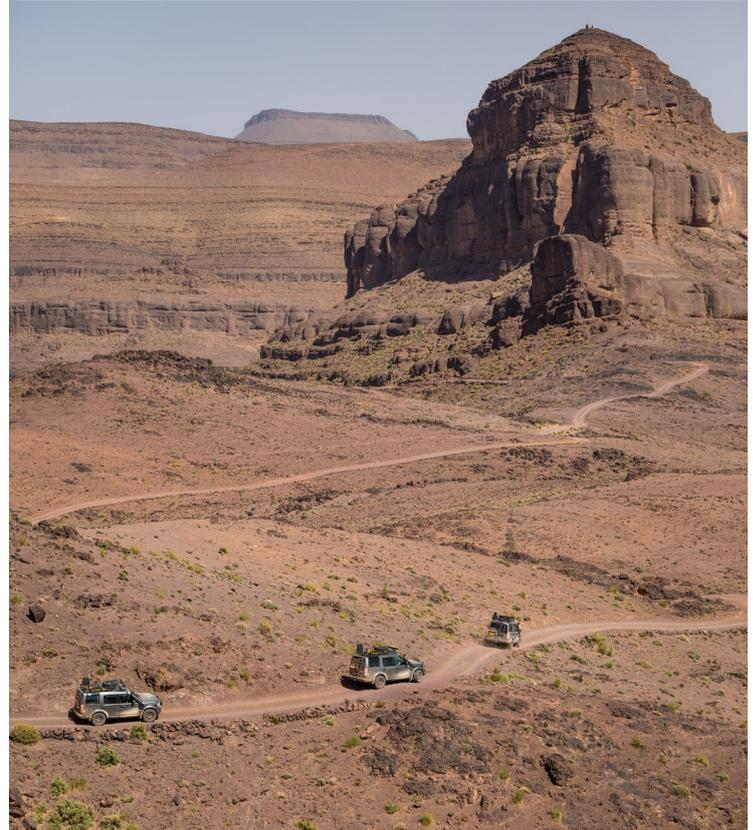
MOROCCO – ATLAS AND THE DUNES

INTRODUCTION

See the wonders of Morocco from a unique perspective. This overland expedition takes you from bustling Marrakech, through the Rose Valley, and across the High Atlas on tracks and trails that are both exciting and remote from the usual tourist haunts. See monumental views and meet local people that rarely see a tourist. The villages and towns you encounter will provide an insight into the real Morocco.

From the Atlas, we enter the stunning Jebel Sahro before we descend into the Sahara where you will enjoy dune driving, camel trekking and spending a night under the desert sky. From here, it's across the eerie salt flat, heading for Ouarzazate.

The final leg of your journey takes you on a scenic road back to Marrakech. You will kick the sand out of your shoes and enjoy the luxurious surroundings of your hotel before a cocktail reception and fine dining to celebrate your expedition accomplishment.





After all the adventure by day, you can expect to relax, unwind and share stories with your fellow explorers in a variety of luxurious and authentic Moroccan accommodation. Palatial hotels, authentic private Kasbahs and a luxury desert camp await. Our on the ground team will travel ahead to ensure your next destination is prepared and waiting with your favourite sundowner.





DAY 1: ARRIVE MARRAKECH

Welcome to Morocco! You will be whisked through Menara airport immigration, using Fast Track, and greeted by one of the GRRC team and chauffeured to the Fairmont Royal Palm, just 20 minutes drive away.

Your day is then at leisure. You can choose from an array of the wonderful hotel and resort facilities including golf, tennis, gym and spa or just relax by the pool with magnificent views over to the Atlas.

Guests will be welcomed for early evening cocktails by their GRRC hosts and the Xped Global team will introduce themselves and give an overview of the week's programme, prior to an informal dinner at the hotel.

ACCOMMODATION

Fairmont Royal Palm



DAY 2: ATLAS MOUNTAINS

After breakfast, Emile Waite-Taylor, Expedition Director of Xped Global, will share the first day's programme which will be followed by a familiarization with your personal expedition vehicle by the Xped drive team.

Once you are familiar with the car and convoy rules, you will get behind the wheel and embark on your expedition to the nearby Agafay Desert where you will take lunch in a quaint remote kasbah.

As you drive further into the desert, you will become accustomed to your car and begin to enjoy the views as the scenery changes as you approach the Atlas Mountains.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Widiane Suites & Spa



DAY 3: ROSE MOUNTAIN AND REMOTE VILLAGES

Today is about the natural beauty of the High Atlas. You take a route that few people know exists and you encounter scented pine forests, the apple orchards of the Aït Bouguemaze valley, bustling remote Berber villages such as Tabant, incredible views of the snow-clad summit of Jebel Mgoun, lone shepherds, the hazel groves of Ameskar Valley and, finally, the delights of the Rose Valley.

Along the way, you will stop regularly to absorb the views. Tailgate coffees, refreshment breaks and pop-up toilets are provided for your convenience.

A picnic lunch will be taken against the backdrop of the Atlas Mountains. After a day that defines overland adventure, you arrive at a remote, charming Kasbah to be greeted by your host with your favourite sundowner – on the terrace overlooking the Mgoun stream.

ACCOMMODATION

Traditional Kasbah



DAY 4: THE JEBEL SAHRO – CASTLES AND CANYONS

Visit the town of Kalaat M'Gouna with the opportunity to buy authentic rose products for which the valley is famed. Later, weave back out into the wilds of the rugged Jebel Sahro Massif.

Passing patchwork gardens, you reach the ancient ruins of aksar. Beyond the castle reach is a spectacular canyon top where a banquet is laid out on the mountainside. Jaw dropping vistas across the eroded buttes of Jebel Sahro combine for a unique dining experience.

On the move again, continuing along the twisting mountain track down to a river bed, you emerge from the Sahro Massif for a short drive to the outskirts of N'kob and the comforts of your kasbah for the night.

ACCOMMODATION

Traditional Kasbah





DAY 5: SAHARA – THE DUNES AND THE DESERT NIGHT

Heading for the desert, as the dunes approach in the distance, you will stop for lunch in Zagora in the Draa Valley, before heading south to a magical private desert camp.

Once at the camp, you will have the opportunity for a camel ride, sand trek, or take a sand driving experience. As the day draws in, enjoy your sundowner in your private space above the lee of a dune to watch the amazing sunset over the desert.

Alfresco dining, under the stars, is an extravagant event with a delicious barbecue and traditional dishes. Later, make the most of the desert night in the candle-lit camp and relax by the fire. Tonight is an expedition highlight, with an en-suite luxury Berberstyle tent. If you wish, we can set-up a bed outside, and you can mesmerize yourself with the clarity of the sky and the stars.

ACCOMMODATION

Luxury private desert camp – double or twin en-suite room



DAY 6: OUARZAZATE TRADITION – CARPETS AND CUISINE

After breakfast in the camp, you leave the dunes and cross the vast, eerie salt flat in the Iriqui National Park. This is an extraordinary experience, even for the most experienced traveller.

After days travelling off-road through the wilderness, it is time to follow the Moroccan desert highway along the fringes of the Sahara heading for Taznakht. This mountain town is rarely visited by tourists but is a centre for local weavers and northern carpet dealers. You can take the opportunity to shop for a hand-woven carpet or rug, without the pressures, hard-sale or elevated prices found in the tourist souks of Marrakech and Fes.

After lunch, there is a short drive over the beautiful mountains to Ouarzazate to the peace and tranquility of a stunning 100 year old Riad. Cocktails before a sumptuous dinner will be served on the terrace of this charming oasis.

ACCOMMODATION

Dar Ahlam



DAY 7: MARRAKECH

Your epic expedition is nearing its conclusion as you drive towards Marrakech, passing the UNESCO world heritage site of Ait Ben Haddou and its photogenic Kasbahs. There is a chance to walk around the town with our guide and see its highlights and lesser known gems. Leaving the town, you pass the kasbah of Telouet (made famous in Gavin Maxwell's book: Lords of the High Atlas). This route along the traditional caravan trail is a superb finale back up into the High Atlas, over the Tizi n Tichka pass and a sinuous descent back to Marrakech.

You will arrive at your luxury hotel by mid afternoon and enjoy a well-earned rest before a visit to the renowned Jemaa el-Fna Square and walk with our guides through the labyrinthine souks where vendors sell leatherwork, spices, ceramics, fabric and jewellery. We offer a selection of tours through the Medina, so whether you want to shop, see the cultural highlights or visit the myriad of rooftop bars, there is a tour for you.

Dinner will be taken in the courtyard of a beautiful Marrakech restaurant.

ACCOMMODATION

Fairmont Royal Palm



DAY 8: DEPART MARRAKECH

After a leisurely breakfast, you will be driven by executive minibus to meet your guide for a private tour of the Yves St Laurent Gardens before returning to your hotel for lunch.

You will be transferred to the airport for your departure and accompanied by your GRRC host who will safely ensure you are fast-tracked through immigration.



PRICE AND INCLUSIONS

PRICE INCLUDES

- All accommodation
- All meals, refreshments and wine
- Use of your very own Toyota Land Cruiser
- Support from an expedition drive team and GRRC hosts
- Expert driving instruction
- Entertainment
- Airport transfers
- Private photos to download every evening
- Full medical support
- Military grade security

XPED PRICE EXCLUDES

- Flights
- Extras e.g. spa treatments

PRICE PER PERSON

£7,000

*Price per person based on two people sharing a vehicle and accommodation







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