

## Girlguiding Morocco Beach Clean



Duration: 7 days

The world's addiction to single-use plastic is a colossal issue destroying our oceans at an ever-increasing pace. According to current estimates, at least 8 million pieces of plastic are entering our oceans every single day. The waste in our oceans and washed up on shorelines comes from many sources; from litter mindlessly left on beaches, poorly managed landfill sites and bins, industry spills and the wrong items being flushed down the loo! Plastic is durable and takes a very long time to degrade. For marine plants and animals, it can have fatal consequences. By acting together now, we can protect the world's precious oceans from irreparable harm for future generations.

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Fly London to Marrakech; transfer to Essaouira

On arrival in to Marrakech, we transfer to our hostel in Essaouira, where we will have dinner and a trip briefing before a good night's rest! Night hostel.

Drive approx. 2.5 - 3 hours

#### Day 1 - 5: Beach Clean Project, Essaouira

Over the next few days, it is our mission to make a small but invaluable dent in tackling the plastic pollution issue on Morocco's shorelines. Just to the north and to the south of the popular tourist hot spot of Essaouira, on Morocco's Atlantic Coastline, we will find many beaches to scour and tidy-up the washed-up rubbish. Protecting the environment in this way is hugely rewarding. Night hostel.

### Day 5: Afternoon return to Marrakech

After a final morning spent on our beach cleaning project, we make the return journey to Marrakech this afternoon. Night hotel.

Drive approx. 2.5 - 3 hours

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### Day 6: Free Day Marrakech

We enjoy some free time today to explore the amazing sights of the Jma El Fnâa, the main square, and shop for souvenirs in the bustling souks for which Marrakech is renowned. We meet again in the evening for a slap-up dinner to celebrate our beach-cleaning efforts. Night hotel.

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**Day 7: Fly Marrakech to London** Transfer to the airport for our flight back to London. (Lunch not included)

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## CHALLENGE INFORMATION

### DETAILED INFORMATION

#### Trip Safety

Your safety, and that of the rest of the group, is our highest priority. Our trips are designed and planned with safety in mind. Your crew will be equipped with communication devices (eg phones, radios and/or emergency satellite phones), medical kit and other safety apparatus appropriate to the destination. Our leaders always have access to our 24-hour emergency UK back-up. They are responsible for safety on the trip, and will make any changes to the itinerary they deem necessary, should local conditions dictate. Pre-trip administration - such as medical questionnaires and travel insurance as appropriate - is all done with your safety in mind.

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#### Accommodation

We stay in a variety of hotels/lodges ranging from quite simple, friendly guesthouse-style to more international-style hotels in larger towns or cities. Standards are generally good, in great locations, but there may be a night or two where facilities are more basic, as you'd expect in very remote, untouristed or rural areas.

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#### Roomshare Arrangements

Some accommodation will be twin-share. Please tell us if you know somebody else on the trip that you would like to share with and we will try our best to accommodate your request. If you don't know anyone else in the group don't worry, we always pair you up with someone of the same gender, and a similar age where possible. We do not charge a single

supplement if you are a solo traveller in a shared room.

On some nights we are likely to sleep in more communal accommodation such as dormitories/hostels, huts, local homestays or monasteries, depending on the trip, and you may be sharing with a larger number of participants or the whole group; this type of accommodation cannot always be single-sex.

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## PREPARING FOR THE CHALLENGE

### Clothing & Kit

We plan our trips around the optimal weather conditions, but could still be exposed to bad weather at any time. It is vital you are prepared for all conditions. We provide you with a detailed packing kit-list on registration, with plenty of information, and we are always available if you need advice.

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### Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is compulsory on all of our challenges outside of the UK; we strongly suggest that you arrange insurance cover as soon as your booking with us is confirmed, or as soon as you're able to purchase some, and at least 8 months prior to travel. Should you need to cancel prior to departure, you will need insurance to cover the costs involved (registration fee and any trip costs depending on cancellation date).

We all hope never to need it, and thankfully most of the time we don't, but on those rare occasions when you do, you want it to cover you as best it can. Whilst it's a fairly boring admin task relating to your trip of a lifetime, it is really important you ensure that you have adequate cover for the type of challenge you are taking part in as well as medical emergencies, evacuation and repatriation, so make sure you're happy with the level of cover. There are lots of suppliers out there, with a wide range in levels of cover; generally speaking, you get what you pay for! Get and pay for the right level of cover and then you can go on your adventure not having to worry about the what-if's. For more details click [here](#).

Once your travel insurance is arranged, just remember to let us know the policy number and 24-hr medical emergency phone number provided by your insurers.

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### Cultural Differences

For most people, the main attraction of travelling to a different country is to see new sights and enjoy new experiences. Sometimes those new experiences can make life harder or more inconvenient than you may like, such as toilet hygiene or different food, or simply a different attitude to solving problems. This is all part of the challenge you are signing up for! We are very privileged to live in a country with a high standard of living, and travelling exposes us to different challenges – all of which help broaden our horizons. We can guarantee that coming face-to-face with experiences outside your normal 'comfort zone' will help you bond with your fellow participants and provide you with plenty of things to laugh about! A sense of humour and sense of adventure are two of the most important things to bring with you!

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Discover Adventure reserves the right to change the route or itinerary for safety reasons should local conditions dictate.

Please note: This document was downloaded on 27 Apr 2024, and the challenge is subject to change.