

MOROCCO 2013

END OF YEAR IN DESERT III SOLIDARY TRIP TO THE MOROCCAN DESERT 2013 December 28th to 2014 January 4th



390 €



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III SOLIDARY TRIP TO THE MOROCCAN DESERT

December 28th 2013, to January 4th 2014

Dates: from 2013 December 28th to 2014 January 4th.

Age: Older than 18 years old.

Nº of participants: 25 people (Minimal group for the accomplishment of the trip).

Booking Dates: from November 1th until all seats are covered.

Booking/ Payment: Make the request of registration form to info@vientonortesur.org. In the form, we detailed payment information and the obligatory documentation to attach.

Price: 390 Euros.

What's included?

- Guidance and monitoring during your stay (English and French spoken).
- All the information you need for the trip.
- Transport from departure point (Almería's port).
- Accommodation and meals.
- Certificate of participation.

What is not included?

- Accommodation in cabin: additional € 15 each way (shared cabins, 4 beds)
- Travel insurance: additional 12 €

Our organization has no commercial or profit purposes, which allows us to keep costs affordable, and our aim to offer maximum transparency in all our efforts.

DESTINATION

Merzouga is a small berber village, safe and quiet, located in southeastern Morocco. It is the most famous for Erg Chebbi desert. The Erg Chebbi desert is the most accessible and therefore the best known of Moroccan sandy desert. Sand dunes has the typical orange color of Saharan sand.

It is in the Ziz Valley, where the river, from the Atlas Mountains, is swallowed by the desert sands. In the rainy season are formed gaps where birds abound, as the pink flamingo.

MAIN TRIP PURPOSES

- Provision of material necessities (sunglasses, powdered milk, school supplies, clothing, shoes). The material is intended to nomadic families settled in the area.
- Provision of medicines and first aid equipment to the Hospital of Hassi Labiad "Ciudad de Murcia, Augustine Quinza Lleo". This center has only one nurse and health lacks basic material.
- **OPTIONAL, BASED UPON AVAILABILITY:** Living during the entire stay in nomadic families homes settled in the area. The houses are located near the hostel. Participants who choose this option will help with domestic work assigned by the host family. The money intended for accommodation will be delivered to the host family. Days with scheduled activities: participants will choose if they join the group or not. Those who are interested, must pass a screening process.
Currently we are working at this point, so it will be in early April when we will know the final number of seats for this option.
- We will do several cultural visits around the region (villages, souks, public showers).
- We will do Henna, food and massages activities.

- We will do different lectures for better understanding of the social, religious and cultural area context.

NOTE: All proposed activities are voluntary.

ACCOMMODATION

The hostel is located near dunes (shared rooms and haimas). The price includes full board. The rooms and haimas allocation will be made depending on participants age and physical condition. The Haimas are perfectly equipped to ensure participants relaxation.

MATERIAL

Summer clothes, winter clothes, sun protection, sunglasses, trekking shoes and a good sleeping bag.

SCHEDULE

Saturday 28th December *: **DEPARTURE**: Meeting point (**22:00h**): Almería port, at the main door of the Nador, Melilla terminal. Boat's departure: 23:30 h.

Sunday 29th *: 8:00h Arrival at Melilla port, where we will be picked up by the bus and we'll be taken Merzouga (*accommodation + dinner*).

Monday 30th: Morning: lecture about the function that the Association develops. Free time for first contact with the environment. Afternoon: lecture about responsible tourism. Organization and inventory of donations. Henna activities (*Full board*).

Tuesday 31th: Departure by 4x4 (*) up to the school where we will give out the donation. We will have tea with nomadic families. ***At sunset time we will enter the oasis by camel, we'll spend the night in haimas. We'll enjoy the fire and drum music.*** (*Full board*).

Wednesday 1th: Return to Merzouga by camel. Visit Rissani, where we will visit the centenary souk and public baths (Hamman). (*Full board*).

Thursday 2th: Visit Todra's gorges. We will do a 4 hour trekking (Difficulty: Medium -High). In the evening we will return to Merzouga. After dinner: Massage activities. (*Full board*).

Friday 3th *: Free day to walk among dunes. Return direction Melilla: 18:00h. (*We'll leave the rooms. We'll have breakfast and meal at the hostel and have dinner during the travel*).

Saturday 4th *: Arrival in morning to Melilla. Boat's departure: 13:30h. Arrival to Almería: 20:30 h.

(*) Note 1: On the 28th, 29th and 4th food expenses are borne by the participants, with the exception of the 28th dinner. The cost of the 4x4 is not included in the price (10 euros / person), the payment will be done directly to the 4x4 owners.

Note 2: We aren't a travel agency. We are an Association that proposes VOLUNTARY activities.