

Morocco

Cultural Immersion

5 Days

This 5-day adrenaline shot of all things Moroccan — jellabas, carpet shops, snake charmers and mint tea; intricate souks, high mountain passes and spectacular sunsets — has everything that goes to make up an ideal destination for a first foray into the developing world. This culturally focused itinerary offers a unique insight into the landscapes and history of one of our favourite countries. With a foray into the wonders of Marrakech and the dramatic Atlas Mountains, this is the perfect journey to discover the warmth and welcome of magical Morocco.



[Learn more about our Carbon Labels](#)

Your Recommended Expedition Itinerary

- Day 1** **Arrive Marrakech** D
We fly from the UK to Marrakech, where we are met by our STC leader and transferred to our hotel. We enjoy our first taste of Morocco at our evening meal.
- Day 2** **Marrakech, Aremd, Imlil Atlas Mountains** BLD
This morning we have the opportunity to visit the souks and soak up the magic of Marrakech. We then journey into the mountains to the small mountain town of Imlil — the starting point for expeditions to Mount Toubkal and beyond — before taking a short trek to the Berber village of Aremd, set deep in the Atlas Mountains. In Aremd we enjoy a cooking lesson where we learn how to make traditional dishes that are central to Moroccan cuisine. After a lunch of local food, we go on a short hike in the surrounding area, meeting local people. Life has changed little here over the years, and our accommodation tonight is a simple village house or ‘gite’.
- Day 3** **Imlil to Tizi Mzik** BLD
After a good night’s rest, we put our walking shoes back on and begin our hike to the pass of Tizi Mzik (2,489m). This is a picturesque hike where we are treated to superb views of the valleys, Atlas Mountains and high passes. After taking this in, we descend back to Imlil for a well-deserved rest.
- Day 4** **Camel riding in Agafay** BLD
Following breakfast in Imlil, we board the buses and make our way to Agafay. This is a rocky desert near Marrakech, known for its stunning landscapes, camel rides, and impressive sunsets. In the afternoon we mount our camels and go for a peaceful camel ride through the Agafay desert. On our final night in Morocco we camp under the stars and enjoy a farewell dinner.
- Days 5** **Marrakech - UK** B
This morning we make our way back to Marrakech to make the most of our final day in Morocco before our international flight home.



Look what's included:

- International flights
- All accommodation, transportation and activities
- All food as described above
- Local, bi-lingual, first-aid qualified STC leader
- Parent and student trip launch presentation
- Pre-travel information sessions
- ATOL financial protection
- Group first aid kit and prescription meds pack
- BS8848 safety management and risk assessments
- Detailed pre-departure information and kit lists
- Comprehensive teacher travel packs
- Permanent operations team in your destination
- 24-hour UK operational support whilst overseas
- Donations to two carbon & conservation charities
- Free Fairtrade t-shirt for every participant and teacher
- Free travel guide book to your destination on request

What's not included:

- Transport to airport in UK
- Drinks (advice will be given on purification of water)
- Visas or tourist cards if required
- Any required inoculations
- Emergency Medical & Repatriation Insurance
- Personal spending money
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters (ask for guidance)
- Airport departure taxes paid locally
- Personal effects and cancellation insurance



A word about Responsible Tourism

On our expeditions and educational journeys, we strive to connect teachers and students with the people they meet, nurture the cultures they experience and protect the beautiful environments they are lucky enough to explore.

Many companies talk the talk, few truly walk the walk. We are far from perfect, but we are leading the way in sustainability in the school travel sector. In 2018 we were the first UK travel company to become **Travelife Certified** – a verified sustainability certificate formally recognised by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council.

This is our passion, and we'd love to tell you more about it in due course. In the meantime, for more information on some of the steps we take as a company to make our operations more sustainable, please visit:

<https://www.thestc.co.uk/travel/what-do-we-do/>

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Physical Rating for this trip: Grade 2



Some low level physical activities included in your trip, including walking on uneven terrain, maybe a morning/afternoon trek of two to four hours. That said, no physical preparation is required to make the most of the tour. High humidity and temperatures can occur at certain times of the year.

Cultural Rating for this trip: Grade 3



Students should expect some culture shock. You'll be exposed to signs of poverty. The food will be quite different to home and English, whilst still spoken, will be less prevalent. Respecting the local culture will make it easier to fit in and get the most out of your trip. We're likely to visit remoter locations on this tour where access to western style services may be sporadic. Often on trips of this grading there are parts of the itinerary which are more remote, interspersed with sections which are more 'comfortable'.



Travel Safety & Other Expedition Training

Preparing students and teachers for their upcoming adventure is an opportunity to teach important life skills and a vital part of our overall approach to safety management. Please ask for your quote for the training schedule specific to your expedition. Topics covered will include:

Responsible Tourism workshop

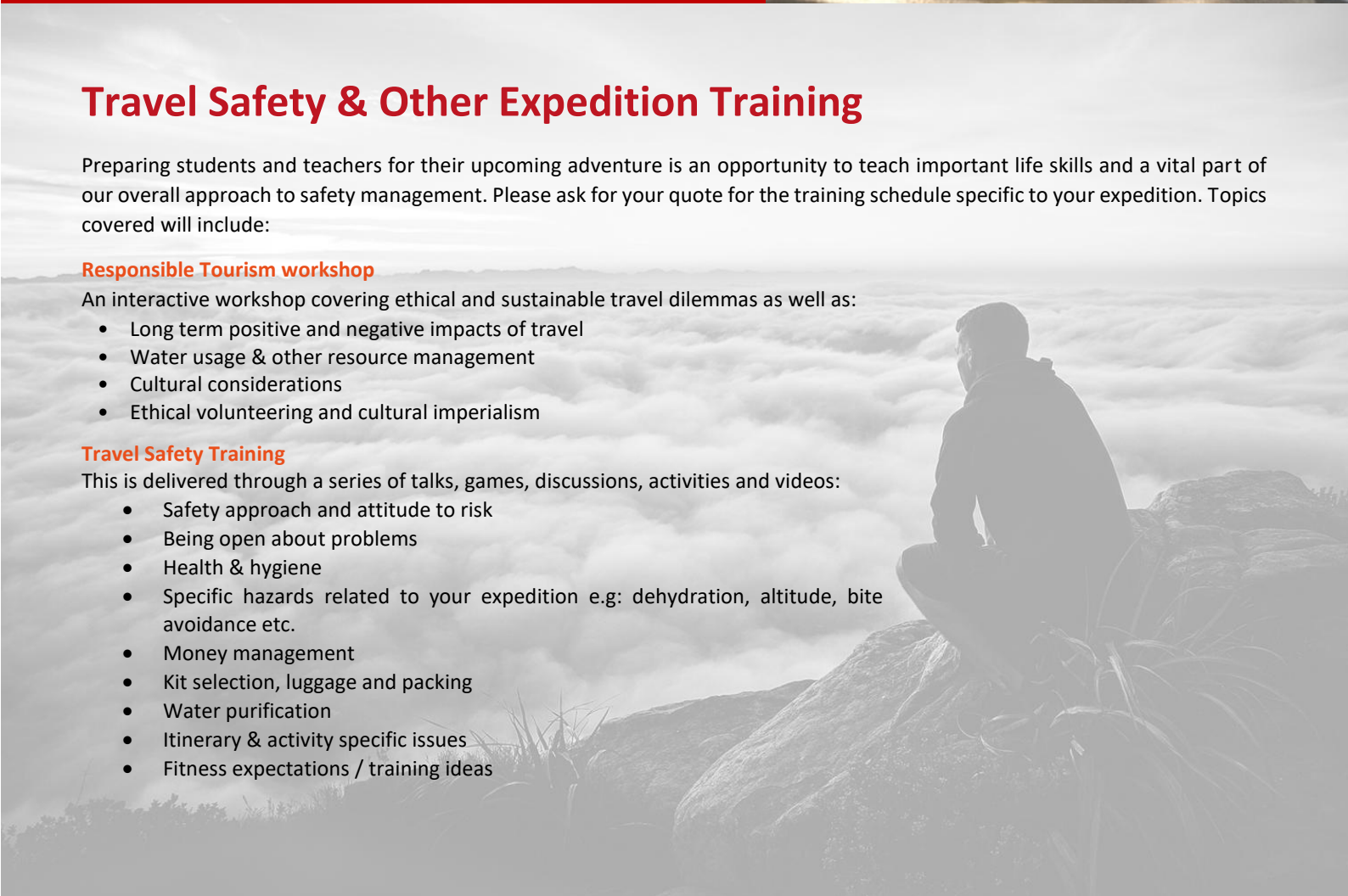
An interactive workshop covering ethical and sustainable travel dilemmas as well as:

- Long term positive and negative impacts of travel
- Water usage & other resource management
- Cultural considerations
- Ethical volunteering and cultural imperialism

Travel Safety Training

This is delivered through a series of talks, games, discussions, activities and videos:

- Safety approach and attitude to risk
- Being open about problems
- Health & hygiene
- Specific hazards related to your expedition e.g: dehydration, altitude, bite avoidance etc.
- Money management
- Kit selection, luggage and packing
- Water purification
- Itinerary & activity specific issues
- Fitness expectations / training ideas





A journey of 1,000 miles...

Starts with a single step... Contact us now to start your expedition journey

1 Ask for your personalised quote & further information

If this itinerary doesn't quite scratch your expedition itch then let us tailor-make one for you. Our wealth of experience and expert in-country contacts means we can design an adventure that's just right for you and your students. Contact us for more information and a detailed quote.

2 Ask for risk assessments and marketing materials

We can provide initial risk and threat assessments to help you with your expedition approval process. Ask for posters and your Pre-Booking Information Pack too.

3 Arrange an expedition launch evening

This is a chance for students and parents to hear more about the expedition with a comprehensive information evening covering the itinerary, safety management, the build-up to the trip and lots more. There is also plenty of opportunity for questions.



The home of the modern, innovative school expedition, where a sustainable, ethical approach guarantees unique experiences and a life enhancing adventure.

"I am being completely serious when I say that I won't ever run a school trip without you guys. I trust you and your team completely - and the in-country staff that you carefully cultivate and train are a cut above the rest."

Teacher feedback, King's High Warwick

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