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Dear Parents/Carers

**Year 10/Year 12 Geography Department visit to Morocco 2019**

I am writing to invite GCSE Geography students on an exciting and unique visit to Morocco at the beginning of the 2019 Easter holidays. It is an amazing destination that will provide your daughter with inspiration and experiences that will stay with them for life.

We have worked hard to ensure that this visit is as cost efficient as possible and below is the price that we have been quoted.

It is anticipated that the cost will be approximately **£799.00**, which includes return UK coach transfers from Enfield County School to the London Airport, return flights from London to Marrakesh, **6 days hotel and Kasbah** accommodation including breakfast, lunch and evening meals whilst in the resort, and a range of guided excursions (see overleaf for the included itinerary). Please note that the price will only be confirmed once deposits have been sent to the tour operator to secure flights and accommodation.

If your daughter would like to participate in this visit a deposit of **£150.00**, **please make your payment on Parentpay to secure a place** under the visit Morocco 2019. Please only make a deposit payment if you are happy for your daughter to attend the visit as **this deposit is non-refundable and you will be liable for the full cost of flights booked in the event of students withdrawing from the visit. Please be advised that payment will act as your consent for your daughter to attend the visit.** Once an initial deposit has been paid, a letter will be sent out with a breakdown of future payment dates.

The aim of this visit is to allow students to gain experience and confidence in a new environment and the tour has been tailor-made for our students.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jamie-Lee Lynch  
Head of Geography

## SUGGESTED ITINERARY



### **Day One:** *Water Resource Management*

Your coach will meet you at school and transfer you to the airport for your flight to Morocco. Arrive Morocco. The first destination is Marrakech. This city is vibrant, colourful and fascinating. The Medina (the Old Town), inside the old city walls, is a fascinating area of narrow streets and traditional buildings (e.g. the riads). To wander through the souks, to look, touch (and perhaps even being brave enough to haggle and buy!)

will be a fun experience. At night, the Jemaa el Fna Square is the place to spend some time, watching dancers, snake charmers, drummers and all manner of street theatre. Whilst in Marrakech, students will study "Water Resource Management" with an arranged talk and guided tour.

Whilst in Marrakech, it is possible to also visit the Water Museum; this visit would be at an additional supplement price and would also be subject to flight times/Time permitting in your programme. Your itinerary is based on Full board accommodation with first meal included meal lunch and final included meal lunch.

Overnight at Hotel Oudaya - dinner at Charly's Cabana (Lunch / Dinner)

### **Day Two:** *Plate Tectonics and Natural Hazards. 340 km.*

Breakfast in the hotel.

The second day will take you over the High Atlas Mountains, to the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass at a height of 2,260m. This fold mountain range is startling in its scale and awesome in its grandeur. Visit Kasbah Ait benhaddou World Heritage site. Lunch at Oasis Restaurant. Visit Kasbah Taourirt ancient residence of the pacha Lglaoui in the south. travel along the Dadès Valley and to Tinghir. This is an arid, almost desert landscape with plains, nomadic farmers (herding sheep and goats) and oasis where water from rivers and wells allows date palmeriaes to thrive.

Overnight in Kasbah Lamrani (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)



### **Day Three:** *Water and food scarcity together with life on the margins / Day in the life of a nomad. 175 km.*



Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit the Todra Gorge, a 300m high and 10m wide water-cut canyon - the result of the action of the Dadès River through red-stained limestone. Then head to Merzouga Today students will be on the edge of the Sahara Desert, passing sand dunes, artesian wells and nomadic pastoralists (this time herding camels). Students will be staying overnight at the very edge of the Sahara. Here they will see Erg Chebbi, an enormous 35 square mile classic "sand sea". The sand dunes are 100's of metres high. This is the Sahara as everyone imagines it

to be.  
2 hour camel ride into the desert. Picnic lunch provided whilst with Berbers.  
Overnight at Dar el Janoub Hotel (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

**Day Four:** *Managing landscapes.* 260 km  
 Breakfast in the hotel.  
 Today students will skirt the Sahara, through desert landscapes and acacia Savannah. They will return via Risani, Nkoub, Alnif and Agdez. Stop at the local market in Rissani. Lunch in La Gazelle restaurant. Visit henna fields in Draa valley (these are the best examples to study how water is irrigated and preserved in the arid area of the Draa Valley) Visit Kasbah and village of Tamnougalt. Dinner and overnight at Kasbah Itrane (Breakfast- Lunch - Dinner)



**Day Five:** *Managing landscapes, water scarcity and life on the margins* 250 km.  
 Breakfast at the hotel.  
 Return to Marrakech, via Tizi n Tichka. Refreshment stop in Taddert. Arrive to Marrakech and lunch at local restaurant. Whilst here you can also visit Agdal gardens or menara gardens, these two sites also are the best examples to show students how Moroccans in Marrakesh manage water for irrigation, for handcraft artisans and at home.  
 Check-in to hotel and afternoon to explore more about Marrakech medina. If you want to visit the Water Museum, this can be added at a supplement (time permitting)..  
 Dinner and Overnight at Hotel Oudaya (Breakfast- Lunch -Dinner)

**Day Six:**  
 Breakfast at the hotel.  
 Departure transfer to Marrakech airport. Arrive in UK. Meet your coach and transfer back to school after an incredible and eye opening adventure in a desert land.  
 (Breakfast / Lunch)

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/morocco>

Please be reminded that it is your responsibility to ensure that your child is in possession of up-to-date travel documents (Visa/Passport etc.)

**\*\*\* Please note that this is your itinerary \*\*\***

**The following is included in your tour price:** 6 day coach services, as per above programme. 6 day guide services / 5 nights accommodation - 1st night Hotel Oudaya in Marrakech / 2nd night Kasbah Lamrani / 3rd night Dar el Janoub Hotel / 4th night Kasbah Itrane / 5th night Hotel Oudaya in Marrakech. / Full board – First meal and last meal Lunch / Water during meals / Excursions, as per above programme.

**The following is NOT included in your tour price:** Drinks other than included water