



MOROCCO

November 11th - 20th 2023

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AT A GLANCE

DURATION: 10 days

LEVEL: P2 and above

BEGINS IN: Marrakesh, Morocco

ENDS IN: Marrakesh, Morocco

AIRPORT: Marrakesh, Morocco (RAK)

TRIP DATES: November 11th - 20th 2023 (Travel days November 10th and 21st)

TRIP COSTS: \$4200

PILOT TO GUIDE RATIO 3:1

TRIP INCLUDES: professional paragliding guides, transportation to launch and retrieval, breakfast and dinner on flying days, hotel accommodations as indicated, airport transfers, **hotel in Marrakech on the 10th and 20th.**

DOES NOT INCLUDE: airfare, gratuities, items of a personal nature



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TRAVEL TO MOROCCO

From the Atlantic coast to the Atlas mountains and the Sahara Desert the mesmerizing landscapes of Morocco are unique as each tapestry in the Marrakech markets

Morocco's culture is a vibrant blend of Arab, Berber, and European influences. The country is known for its colorful markets, known as souks, where locals and visitors can immerse themselves in the sights, sounds, and scents of Moroccan craftsmanship and cuisine.

The warmth and hospitality of the Moroccan people, along with their rich tapestry of traditions, make it a captivating destination for paragliders seeking an enchanting cultural experience.

We will use inland sites, such as Aguer gour, Tizi n' Test and Ait Ourir for thermal and XC flying, and various sites along the Atlantic coast for soaring.

ITINERARY

Travel day November 10th

Arriving in Marrakech we will spend the first day exploring the city and getting settled in. We will provide a local guide for anyone who desires to explore the city. That evening at our hotel we will have a flight briefing to go over general safety for the trip and to discuss each area we will be flying in.



Flying Day(s)

We will use a variety of sites as mentioned previously. Having the opportunity to soar costal bluffs, dunes and to thermal in the flats and the mountains will offer both a dynamic feel to the trip. It will also allow for pilots to work on different skill sets. But the goal is to thermal fly as much as possible.

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Weather Days/Cultural Days

In the event of a non flyable day we will provide a cultural experience such as carpet weaving, bread making, a camel excursion and explore as much of Morocco as we can.

THE FLYING



The Atlantic coast of southern Morocco is ideal for taking advantage of the northwest sea breeze.

As you take off you'll soar above the picturesque valleys, steep cliffs, and snow-capped peaks of the Atlas Mountains. The panoramic views are awe-inspiring, offering a unique perspective of the rugged mountain terrain and traditional Berber villages.

Aguergour is 35 km south-west of Marrakesh and is the premier flying site in Morocco. We will spend the majority of our trip flying here and trying for the many xc options. The site faces north-west and looks out over the plains, with a high plateau behind launch. XC routes extend in all directions,

We will also visit the south facing Tezi n'Test on the south side of the Atlas mountains.



ACCOMMODATION



Once we arrive in Marrakech we will stay in the central part of the city, offering the opportunity to explore as much as possible before departing to the country side. A local guide will be provided if desired.

Our stays during the flying portion of our trip will be simple, but clean and comfortable. Local stays in guest houses are fairly common outside the city of Marrakech.

Riads are traditional Moroccan houses converted into guesthouses, often featuring beautiful interior courtyards and intricate tilework. These riads provide an authentic and intimate experience, with personalized service and a glimpse into local architecture and design.



TRIP DETAILS

Currency

The currency used in Morocco is the dirham (MAD). ATM's will be available in and around Marrakesh, but you will want some cash on hand during the trip for incidentals and souvenirs.

Transportation

Transportation is covered to and from the airport, to launch, retrieves, between flying sites and any additional transport for cultural excursions.

Religion

Most of Moroccans consider themselves Muslim. The Islam in Morocco is generally easy going compared to the rest of the Muslim world. However we need to respect it no matter how "easy going" it may be.

Weather

With average daytime temperatures ranging from 61°F to 75°F. The evenings can be colder, with temperatures dropping to around 46°F to 54°F.

Plan for soaring in shorts and T-shirts to being bundled up if cloud base hits 10,000 ft or more.

Communcation

All pilots are required to bring a 2M Radio

Most cell carrier networks will work in the country and charge around \$10 per day. Please check with your cell phone provider for the exact rates. Alternatively, you can choose to get a local SIM card if you prefer.



WHY CONVERGENCE PARAGLIDING

Everything comes together with Convergence. Flying, travel, culture, safety, learning, and logistics. With over 14 years in the adventure travel industry designing and tailoring itineraries, our owner and founder ensures that each trip is crafted to suit your needs as a pilot and as a traveler.

We are driven by service and providing life-changing flying experiences. Our entire staff genuinely cares and is motivated by a love of travel, paragliding and providing superlative guest service.

Marty DeVietti

Marty was on the USA Paragliding Team in 2013. He has 30+ years of flying and teaching experience. Safety, observational skills and fun are just a few of the things Marty loves to share when guiding.



Chris Garcia

Owner and Founder, Chris is dedicated to bringing the best out of pilots. From initial training to their first 100km flight.



Logan Walters

2023 X Alps Competitor and an aviator of many machines. Logan has an intimate relationship with the sky. He brings passion and analytical explanations to any question asked by his students



Chris Lorimer

Chris' extensive background in an alpine environment gives way to an observational eye that is critical in the sky. An accomplished XC and adventure pilot, Chris is always looking to share his adventures and knowledge with hungry pilots.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Tour Reservation: Early reservations are recommended as space is limited per tour. While it may be possible to join a trip on short notice, we recommend that you sign up at least four to six months in advance.

Payment: A \$1000 deposit is required to secure your place. Deposits are non-refundable **UNLESS** a suitable replacement is found for your space. Final payment of \$3200 is due no later than September 1st.

Cancellation: Deposits are non-refundable **UNLESS** a suitable replacement is found for your space. Any cancellation **before** the 1st of September will result in a full refund, less the deposit amount. Cancellations after the 1st of September but before the 30th will result in a 50% refund of the total trip cost. Cancellations after the 30th of September will receive no refund.

It is at the sole discretion of Convergence Paragliding to determine what/who constitutes a suitable replacement.

Insurance: We strongly recommend that you protect yourself and your equipment through the purchase of a short-term travelers' insurance policy, covering baggage, accident/life and trip cancellation. Baggage is carried entirely at owner's risk, and Convergence Paragliding accepts no responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, or delayed property. Convergence Paragliding assumes no liability regarding provisions of medical care. Participants should realize that hospital facilities for serious problems may be remote and evacuation prolonged and expensive. Participants are urged to check their medical coverage to be sure it is adequate. Participants are responsible for researching the terms of their insurance coverage.

We recommend giving this article a read when determining which insurance to go for:

<https://www.cloudbasemayhem.com/unscrambling-insurance-are-you-covered/>

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