

SPAIN + MOROCCO

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ALL INCREDIBLE.*





TRIP OVERVIEW

Mountains to markets, surf to sunset, this Spain and Morocco trip has you exploring the heights and depths of this incredible part of the world. Cultural immersion and wilderness experience come together in this leadership trip designed for those looking for a true adventure. Explore the passes and peaks of Spain's most rugged mountains in Picos De Europa National Park, then travel to the golden coast of Asturias to surf the ancient shoreline. Next, continent hop to Morocco, where you'll explore the mountaineering paradise of the High Atlas Mountains and summit bid the highest mountain in Northern Africa, Mt. Toubkal. Explore vibrant and unique culture, art, textiles and spices of the Marrakesh market and expand your lens to include a culture you've never experienced. This trip is part European, part African, all incredible.



EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Backpack through the alpine spires and peaks of the Picos de Europa National Park and the High Atlas Mountains

Surf the Spanish coastlines of Llanes

Try your hand at canyoning in the Cabrales region

Summit bid of Mt. Toubkal (13,671 ft.), the highest mountain in Northern Africa

Explore the Marrakesh marketplace

DAY 1-2

Meet your team in Atlanta for a group flight to Madrid, Spain. Travel from the bustling city center to the dramatic Cantabrian Mountain Range, where you will prepare for your backpacking expedition.

DAY 3-5

Backpack through the stunning alpine terrain of Picos De Europa National Park. The trail will take you through high mountains passes, stunning lakes, and ancient Spanish countryside. You'll spend each day trekking the incredible views and valleys of the Cantabrian Mountains, and each night nestled in remote mountains huts called refugios. Spend this time getting to know your adventure team away from civilization in the rugged and beautiful mountains.

DAY 6-7

Travel to the craggy coastline and turquoise waters of Llanes in Northern Spain. Here you'll learn to surf the famed Spanish swells of the Bay of Biscay, surrounded by ancient architecture and jagged cliffs rising up from the sea. Professional guides will teach you to paddle out, read, and catch the waves. Soon you'll be on your own riding the tides of this famous surfing destination. You'll also get to harness up and explore the wet canyons of the Cabrales region.

DAY 8

Travel to Madrid to catch a flight to Morocco. Landing in Marrakesh, you and your team will dive head first into the vibrant and unique culture of Northern Africa. Travel to the High Atlas Mountains surrounding the city and spend the night in a Berber Village as you prepare for your mountaineering excursion.



**Itinerary and order of activities subject to variation.*



DAY 9-11

Begin your three day excursion in the High Atlas Mountains as you summit bid 13,671' Mt Toubkal. Towering as the highest peak in North Africa, you'll spend three days in its shadow as you steadily climb this stunning mountain. Traverse snowfields and learn to navigate a true mountaineering route. The jet black rock of the High Atlas Mountains will be your backdrop as you live in the alpine wilderness of Northern Africa.

DAY 12

Travel from the High Atlas Mountains to the bustling and enchanting Marrakesh. Spend a day exploring the marketplaces, souks and mosques of this cultural hub by foot. Then, sample local spices, sip mint tea and marvel at the colorful textiles, pottery, snake charmers, and monkeys of one the world's most exciting street markets. Stay in a traditional Moroccan-style house called a riad and spend your evening enjoying an incredible goodbye dinner of local cuisine.

DAY 13-14

Recount and relive the adventures you've had with your team as you travel back to Madrid and fly back to the United States.





“The biggest thing I took away from this trip was how awesome it is to step out of your comfort zone. Whether it be meeting new people, trying a new activity, food or climbing the tallest mountain in Northern Africa, getting out of your comfort zone is AMAZING!”

» KEELY O’SHEA, DARIEN, CT





TRIP DETAILS

LENGTH	14 Days
GRADE FOR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR	9th-10th
CHALLENGE LEVEL	Challenging
BEGINS/ENDS	Madrid, Spain (MAD) <i>Group flight details provided upon acceptance</i>
GROUP SIZE	13 Students
AVERAGE AIRFARE FROM EAST COAST	\$1,600

WHAT’S INCLUDED

- Two dynamic trip leaders
- Professionally outfitted activities
 - Trekking
 - Surfing
 - Mountaineering
- Accommodations
 - Mountain refugios
 - Riads (Moroccan hotels)
- Private ground transportation
- Internal airfare to and from Morocco
- All meals
- Photos taken during your trip

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to and from Madrid, Spain (MAD)
- Baggage fees
- Personal clothing + equipment
 - Full clothing + equipment list provided upon acceptance
- Personal spending money (\$150 recommended)
- Trip Insurance (Highly recommended)

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