



## 2019 Itinerary

*First group departure on September 28th.*



Discover Southern Morocco's Lost Empires

*with*

 Global Heritage Fund®



# A BRIEF LOOK

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Enjoy five days of dramatic landscapes, historic granaries, and ancient desert traditions—paired with luxurious lodgings.

Travel with Global Heritage Fund to uncover the rich heritage of southern Morocco as we join private excursions that take us from a wildlife park on the Atlantic Ocean through the Anti-Atlas Mountains to the Sahara—the cradle of Morocco’s ancient empires.

During the day, we’ll travel with regional experts through rugged mountains and amid rolling Sahara dunes, visiting archaeological sites, discovering remnants of legendary caravan routes, exploring centuries-old granaries, and meeting with local communities to learn how they are protecting their unique histories and traditions.

At night, we’ll unwind at luxurious boutique accommodations set amid spectacular landscapes—from secluded desert oases to jagged cliffs.

Join us on this educational, eye-opening, and transformational journey to experience heritage through *historic preservation beyond monuments*®.







# ITINERARY

- DAY 1

Arrival from home cities • Agadir, Morocco
- DAY 2

Agadir • Agadir Oufella • Souss-Massa National Park  
• Azrarag / Accommodations: La Maison des Arganiers
- DAY 3

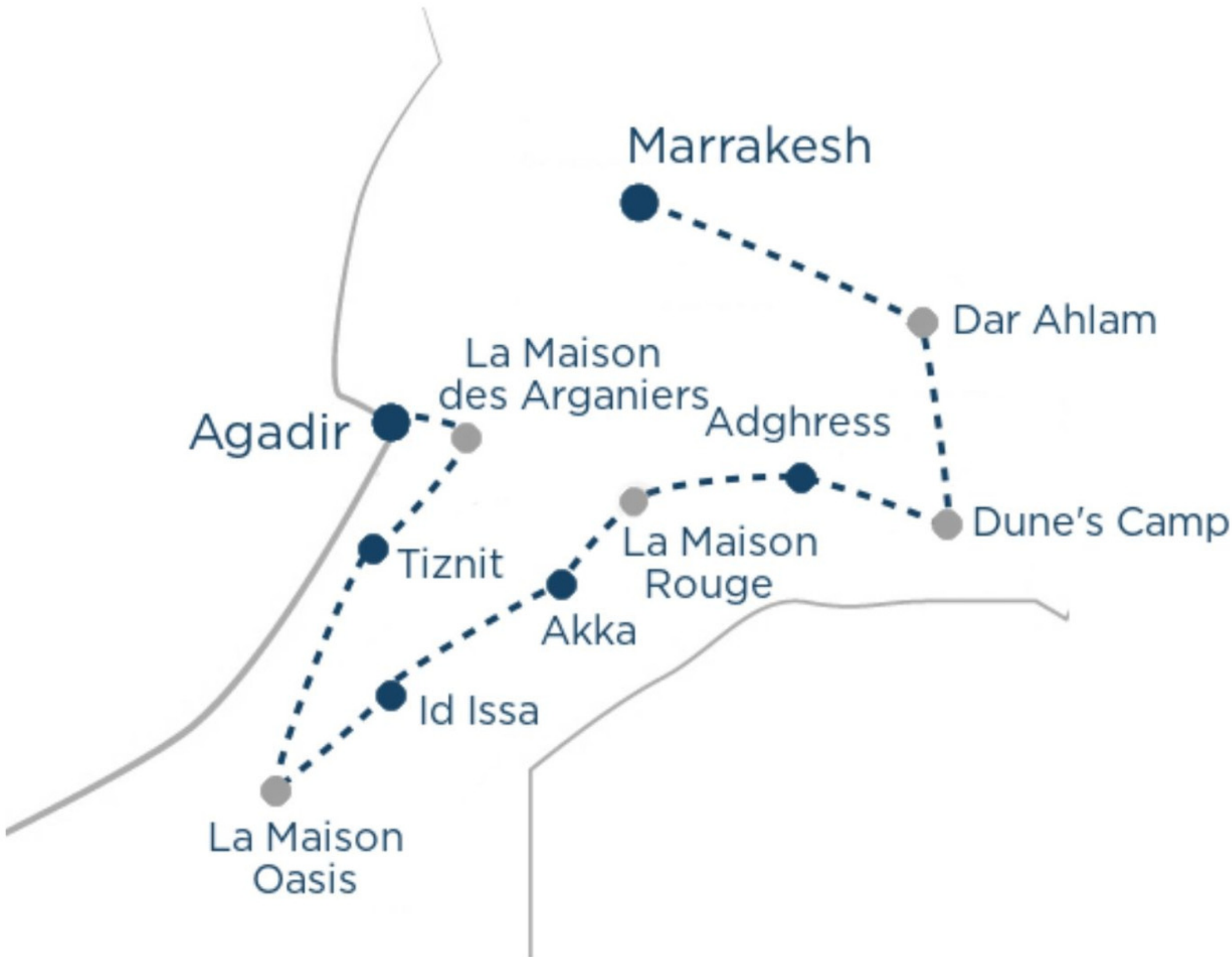
Azrarag • Tiznit • Illigh /  
Accommodations: La Maison Oasis
- DAY 4

La Maison Oasis • Agadir Id Issa and Aguellouy  
granaries • Tamdoult • Akka • Aojou /  
Accommodations: La Maison Rouge
- DAY 5

Aojou • Tiskmoudine, Isserghine, and Adghress  
granaries • Lake Iriki / Accommodations:  
The Dune’s Camp
- DAY 6

Option 1: Transfer from Lake Iriki to Casablanca or  
Marrakesh for return flights to home cities.

Option 2: Spend an extra night(s) at the Dar Ahlam  
kasbah outside of Skoura, north of Lake Iriki.



*Note: Participants are  
welcome to spend  
additional days in  
Agadir prior to the start  
of the trip, or extra days  
in Marrakesh at the  
conclusion of the trip.  
Inquire for details.*



# DAY 1

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## Discover Agadir, gateway to southern Morocco's remarkable heritage.

Arriving in the coastal city of **Agadir**, begin to get a taste of the astounding diversity of cultures found here that meld so beautifully the two worlds of Europe and Africa.

Take a little time to explore Agadir, whose name comes from the Berber word, *agadir n irir* ("the fortified granary"). Today this city is a major seaside resort crisscrossed by modern boulevards. Spend a restorative first night at the *Sofitel Resort Agadir* before the start of our unique and exciting journey, which includes daily excursions led by regional experts and meetings with communities working to protect Morocco's long-ignored granaries that form a tradition going back more than a thousand years.

*If you'd like to have more time to enjoy Agadir's sun-soaked beaches and vibrant local culture or try out nearby surf spots, plan to arrive a few days early. Inquire for details.*







## DAY 2

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### Visit Agadir's hilltop ruin and a wildlife park.

Join regional architectural experts at the ruins of the **Agadir Oufella**, built in the 16th century on a hilltop high above the city. In the 17th century, the massive kasbah served as a fortress. Soak up the sweeping views of the entire city as we stand in front of a towering wall, restored after an earthquake in 1960 left the kasbah—and the city—in ruins.

Travel an hour south of Agadir for a private tour in the 83,000-acre **Souss-Massa National Park**, a stunning reserve of coastal cliffs, steppes, and wetlands, and home to northern bald ibis colonies, spoonbills, and marbled ducks; the park also oversees breeding programs for the oryx, addax, and gazelle.

Then head back north to the secluded hillside village of **Azrarag** northeast of Agadir, where we experience authentic Berber life, staying overnight at *La Maison des Arganiers*, a lovingly converted stone house with woven timber ceilings.





# DAY 3

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## Dig up traces of the past at the edge of the Sahara.

This morning, head south to the walled medina town of **Tiznit**, awash in traditional Berber architecture. An imperial city founded by Sultan Moulay Hassan in 1882 to control Saharan trade, today it's renowned as the country's modern-day silver handicrafts capital and one of the best places to find locally made Berber jewelry.

Next travel to the ancient village of **Illigh**, former capital of the "Kingdom of Tazeroualt," in the nearby Anti-Atlas Mountains. On a special guided excursion, visit parts of the sultan's palace, fortifications, and historical monuments in the *mellah* (or Jewish quarter).

Spend tonight at the edge of the Sahara at *La Maison Oasis*, a collection of unique rammed-earth houses near an old caravan town on the historic Timbuktu caravan route. Enjoy cushioned daybeds shaded by dromedary-hair tent covers handmade by a local women's cooperative.







## DAY 4

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Explore ancient granaries, a medieval city,  
and a major caravan stop.

Visit the **Agadir Id Issa and Aguellouy granaries**, set among the high desert spires and sheer, imposing rock faces of Morocco's Anti-Atlas Mountains. Both granaries have been fully restored, with Global Heritage Fund working in concert with local communities and our partners.

Next, head to the site of the historic medieval city of **Tamdoult**, once a flourishing center on the Trans-Sahara trade route. Then stop at **Akka**, once a major Jewish settlement and main caravan port linking sub-Saharan Africa and northern Morocco. Today, this town of red clay houses is the administrative center and gateway to the oasis villages that dot the landscapes to the north.

Tonight, soak up the unparalleled desert scenery at *La Maison Rouge*, a Saharan-style stone-clad house overlooking a vermillion-stained canyon in the village of Aojou.





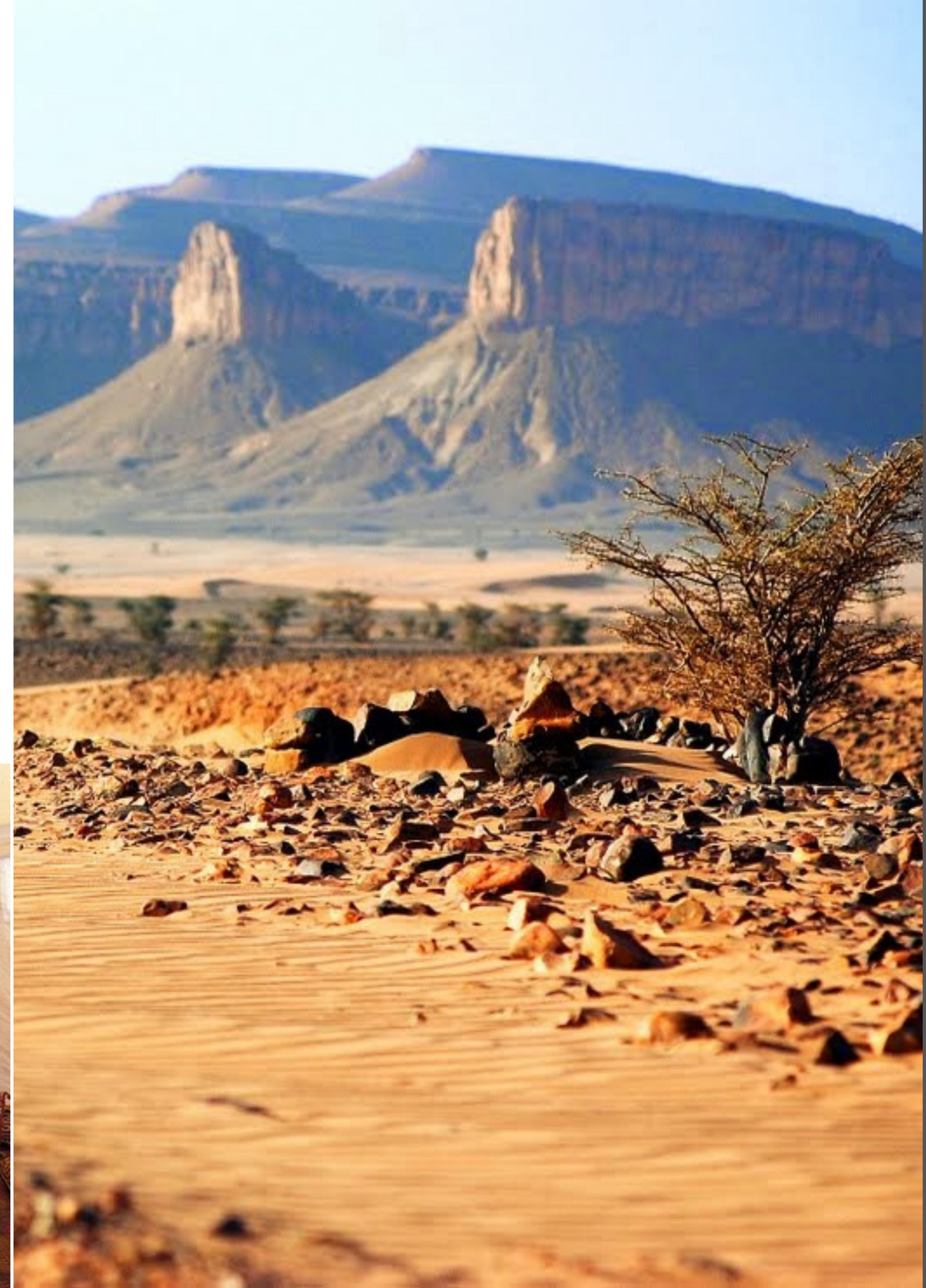
## DAY 5

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Spend tonight at a luxury tented camp after a day visiting granaries.

Today we enjoy special trips to three magnificent granaries, all Global Heritage Fund projects: the **Tiskmoudine and Isserghine granaries** were two of the largest collective granaries in the 16th century. The third granary we visit today is the **Adghress granary**; its namesake village was founded during the Almoravid dynasty (1062-1150 CE) and predates Marrakesh. While here, we'll visit a women's cooperative and hear how local craftswomen are taking an active part in protecting Morocco's unique historic sites.

We spend tonight at *The Dune's Camp*, a luxury tented camp near Lake Iriki, an ancient dried lake bed surrounded by rippling sand dunes. Encircled by the honey-hued bluffs, the tents are inviting retreats embellished with African reed mats, Berber cushions, and vintage camp decor.







## DAY 6

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### Option 1: Stay overnight at a exquisitely restored kasbah.

Traveling north from Iriki, spend the day and overnight at *Dar Ahlam*, a 200-year-old rammed-earth kasbah at the edge of the Sahara desert that's been restored to a luxury-level oasis hideaway, surrounded by palm groves and almond trees. Overlooking the Anti-Atlas mountain range, the kasbah features a palm tree-shaded swimming pool, *hammam* (steam room), and massage room.

*Note: Take advantage of a special Global Heritage Fund guest discount of 10%. Subject to availability. Inquire for details.*





# DAY 6

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## Option 2: Transfer to Casablanca or Marrakesh for flights home.

Depart from Iriki by ground transportation to Marrakesh (included)  
or fly directly to Marrakesh or Casablanca from Iriki  
(airfare not included).

*Note: Want to spend a few extra days in Marrakesh? A special  
discount of 25% at the palatial Aman Resort Amanjena is available  
to Global Heritage Fund travelers. Inquire for details.*





# WHAT'S INCLUDED

Five days, four nights of elegant travel and exclusive excursions.

## DAYS 1 - 5

- All ground transportation from Agadir
- Air-conditioned four-wheel-drive vehicle with driver
- Dedicated butler
- All excursions, guided tours and activities listed in itinerary
- All meals, snacks, and beverages (bottled water, soft drinks, wines, and alcoholic beverages), except for some à la carte wines and champagne
- Four nights of accommodations at the following: La Maison des Arganiers, La Maison Oasis, La Maison Rouge, and The Dune's Camp

## DAY 6

- Transportation from The Dune's Camp, Ikiri, to Dar Ahlam kasbah or local airport
- Ground transportation from Iriki to Marrakesh

*Cost per person, based on double occupancy: \$6,495*

*Cost per person, based on single occupancy: \$7,995*

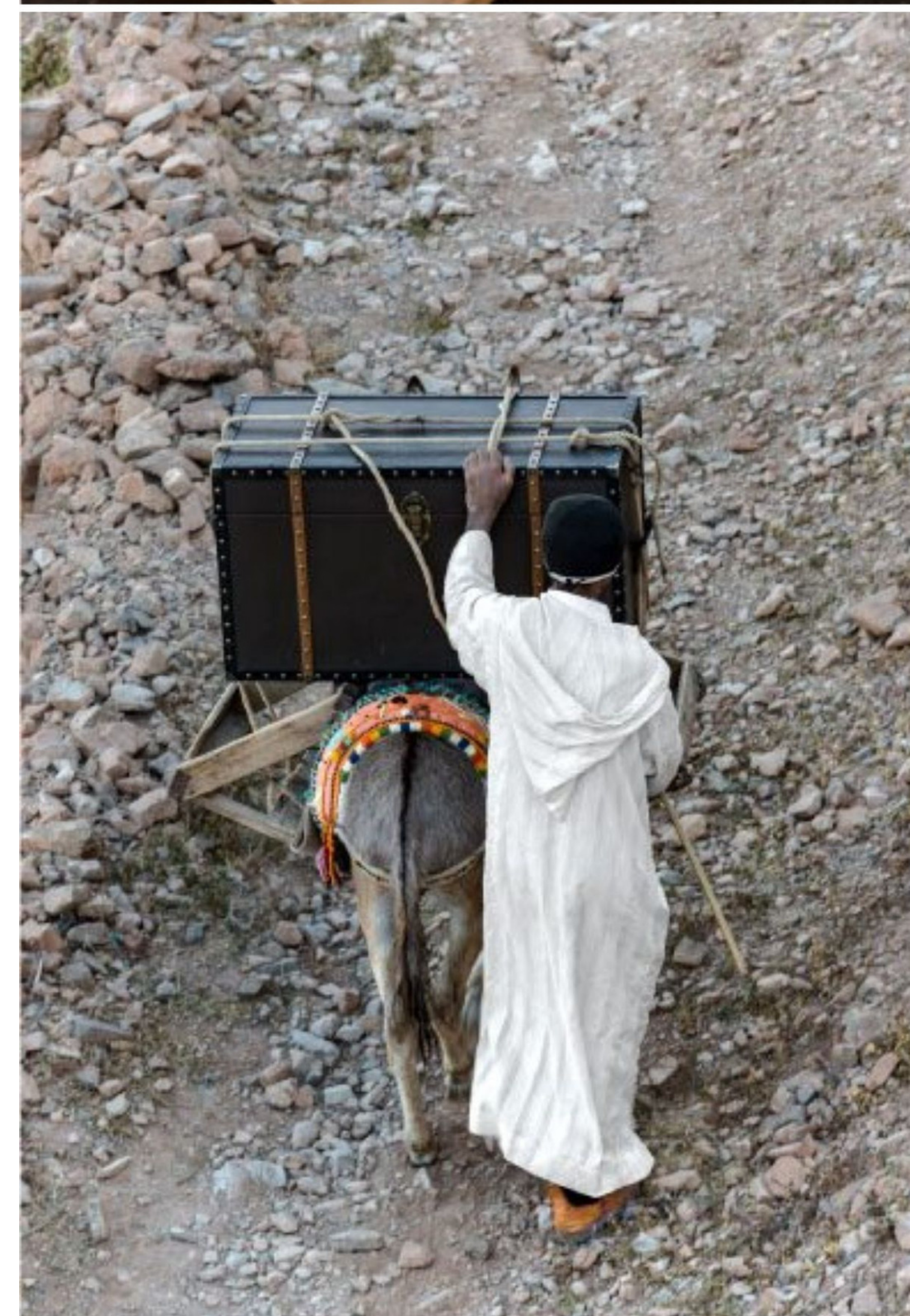
## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

International flights and optional internal flights from The Dune's Camp to Casablanca or Marrakesh

Agadir airport transfer and your stay at Sofitel Resort Agadir, and optional nights at Dar Ahlam and Aman Resort in Marrakesh

## RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Space is highly limited due to the small number of accommodations available at our boutique lodgings, so book your reservation (or ask for further information) as soon as you can at [travel@globalheritagefund.org](mailto:travel@globalheritagefund.org).







Global Heritage Fund empowers communities through historic preservation beyond monuments®. Since 2002, GHF has helped local communities to save 28 sites in 19 countries with over 100 partner organizations. Using our Preservation by Design® methodology of community-based planning, conservation science, and strategic partnerships, GHF has invested over \$30 million and secured \$25 million in co-funding to ensure sustainable preservation and responsible development.

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