

JOIN GLOBAL FUND FOR WOMEN

FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY



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In a global climate where women's basic human rights are under attack across countries and continents, it is more important than ever to learn from one another, strengthen the bonds between our movements, and cement global solidarity. The long history of feminist activism in Morocco—set against the backdrop of an extraordinary landscape rich with art, culture, and history—makes this country an ideal place to begin, or continue, a learning journey.

Join us for a unique trip where we will gain inspiration and insight from amazing women leaders fighting to ensure equality, sustainability, and justice in their communities and around the world.



Through carefully selected visits to Global Fund for Women grantee partners, we will meet women who are:

- **FIGHTING FOR WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' RIGHTS:**

Women around the world are facing threats to their fundamental rights from rising religious fundamentalism and conservative social policies. Grassroots groups from Rabat to the rural Atlas Mountains are fighting back on many fronts: from working to end child marriage and harmful traditional practices to fully recognizing the indigenous matriarchal Amazigh culture, and fighting to preserve Soulaliyate women's land-use rights against patriarchal land inheritance and land privatization.

- **CHANGING LAWS AND POLICIES:**

In the early 2000s, Moroccan activists implemented a successful campaign to reform the Moudawana (Moroccan Family Law). Their long-term, coordinated strategy has become a model for the Middle East/North Africa region.

- **SHAPING THE FUTURE:**

Women activists are working tirelessly to defend our freedoms and rights on issues from inheritance and personhood, to preserving indigenous cultures and preventing violence against women. They stand up under threat from those who wish not only to deny those rights, but also to deny their very right to speak out. Their courage is extraordinary and inspiring; their work crucial for advancing, protecting, and respecting human rights.

Throughout your journey, you will have opportunities to reflect with peer travelers, grantee partners, and Global Fund for Women staff and leadership to envision a better future for all women and girls globally. Local guides and translators will facilitate a smooth journey and provide insight into the day-to-day lives of the people we meet.

WOMEN IN MOROCCO:

- Named the African Capital of Culture 2020, Morocco has, over the centuries, woven its storied history and ties to Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and the wider Middle East into whole cloth. Its mixed Arab and Berber population forms a strong, but increasingly youthful, national identity, taking the best of its traditions and weaving the pattern anew. The women's movement emerged from this rich bed of cultural, religious, and societal influences.

- The women's movement played a pivotal role in winning many rights for Moroccan women and girls. In 1958, newly-independent Morocco adopted the Moudawana, a traditional code of family law that legitimized practices like polygamy and forced marriage, and contributed to the subjection of Moroccan women. Led by women's organizations, a reformist movement took shape and, through actions such as the 1992 One Million Signatures petition, made progress towards gender equality in family law and elsewhere. These culminated in the Moudawana Reform of 2004 and were enshrined in the 2011 Moroccan constitution. These groups continue to fight for local implementation and community social change.

- Women and the women's movement have had to struggle with an oppressive rise in religious conservatism and moral standard in terms of sexuality, family, work, society, and other contexts.



Trip Highlights

- Visit Rabat, Marrakesh, and the Atlas Mountains.
- Meet Global Fund for Women partner organizations working on the front lines for women's rights in their communities and the region.
- Discover the country's history through tours of historical and UNESCO World Heritage sites, conversations with local leaders, and the deep knowledge of Global Fund for Women's staff and network.
- Experience Morocco's rich culture through a traditional cooking class, shopping in traditional souks, live entertainment and street theater, incredible art and architecture, and beautiful lodgings and spas.



Tentative Itinerary

DAY ONE

ARRIVE IN RABAT

Fly into Rabat or Casablanca with private transfer to hotel.

Enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers and Global Fund for Women experts to provide context for your journey.

Overnight in Rabat

DAY TWO

In the morning, visit Global Fund for Women partners.

Spend your afternoon taking in a city tour highlighting Rabat's cultural influences and the superbly-preserved relics of its Moorish past as well as the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art.

Overnight in Rabat

DAY THREE

Visit Global Fund for Women local partners in the morning.

Transfer to Marrakesh and relax with an optional visit to a hammam.

Overnight Marrakesh

DAY FOUR

Pearl of the South, Jewel of the South, The Red City - just a few of the nicknames Marrakesh has acquired over the years. Dive deep into Moroccan culture with a cooking class and lunch followed by an afternoon of site seeing, shopping in Souks, a visit to the Koutoubia mosque, and more.

Overnight Marrakesh



DAY FIVE

Depart Marrakesh for Ouarzazate in the Atlas Mountains.

Along the way, visit with Global Fund for Women partners - indigenous Moroccan Amazigh women and learn about traditional Moroccan lives and culture.

Ramadan begins at sundown

Overnight in Ouarzazate

DAY SIX

Ouarzazate, Atlas Mountains

In the morning, visit Global Fund for Women programs and partners.

In the afternoon, explore Ouarzazate, Morocco's little hollywood including Ait Ben Haddou.

Overnight in Ouarzazate

DAY SEVEN

Ouarzazate, Atlas Mountains

In the morning, have a closing meeting to reflect on your learnings and experience.

Those who wish to leave this evening will transfer to Marrakesh. Those who wish to depart via Casablanca will fly out the following morning onward for your international departure.



COSTS

Costs estimated at \$5,500-\$6,500/person.

Includes: shared or single room, meals, in-country ground transport, activities, and gratuity.

Not included: flights, personal purchases, or travel insurance.

Based on 10 participants attending



REGISTER

Space is limited and financial commitment will be required upon registration.

Please complete our [Registration Form](#) at your convenience. This allows us to easily record your vital travel information.



MORE INFO

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