

FAQs

Sahara



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2nd - 7th March 2028 (challenge balance due 9th December 2027)

Option A - Minimum Sponsorship
Registration Fee £175 + Min Sponsorship £2200

Option B - Self-Funding
Registration Fee £175 + Self-Funding £1100

How old do I need to be?

18 years on or before the day of travel. 14 – 17 year olds can take part if they are accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Please note, this must be one-on-one. One parent or guardian cannot accompany two 14 – 17 year olds.

How fit do I need to be?

You do need to have a reasonable level of fitness in order to take part, but you do not need to be 'super fit' or a professional athlete! We suggest you slowly build up your fitness levels on the build up to your challenge.

How much support do I receive leading up to the challenge?

This is what separates Global Adventure Challenges from other challenge event companies. With their dedicated Customer Care Team you are in great hands from the moment you register. They keep in contact with you through regular emails and letters, and are always on the phone or email to answer any queries you have.

How do I raise money for the challenge?

You can use a variety of methods! You can set up a JustGiving page, use Facebook fundraising, good old pen and paper (we can provide you with a sponsorship form), or a combination of the above. Whatever works best for you!

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What about Travel Insurance?

For international events, it is compulsory that you are adequately insured to take part in your Global Adventure Challenge.

Can I book my own flights?

Yes. Please contact Global Adventure Challenges and they can supply you with a ground only cost. Please ensure that you contact them to confirm your challenge has recruited the minimum number of participants to proceed before purchasing your flight. They are not liable for any money lost, if you are booking your own flights.

What happens if I can't raise the minimum sponsorship under Payment Option A?

First of all, don't panic! You are required to send a certain amount of sponsorship to Forget Me Not by a certain date before the challenge takes place. Forget Me Not will be aware if it looks like you are not going to reach this target.

One option will be to make up any shortfall yourself. Another will be to transfer to a future challenge to give you more time to fundraise - the cost to transfer to a future challenge date is £60 + VAT plus any difference in registration fee. Let us or Global Adventure Challenges know as soon as possible - they have many tried and tested methods that can help you succeed!

Can I extend my stay in the country once the challenge has finished?

Yes you can, but you would need to amend your booking from our flights inclusive package either before or after you have registered to the ground only package.

Can I transfer my place to another person?

It may be possible to transfer your place to another person. Any transfer request must be made at least 7 days before the departure of your challenge. There are administration costs associated with a transfer and suppliers may also charge additional fees. All costs associated with a transfer must be paid in full before it can be confirmed or granted.

Will I have a mobile phone signal and/or WiFi on my challenge?

Mobile phone signal and Wi-Fi are readily available in major towns but due to the type of terrain in the areas we trek, cycle and sled through mobile telephone signals can be patchy and will decrease significantly, obviously this varies with the terrain. Please don't rely on being able to use your mobile phone as coverage may be poor to non-existent for significant parts of your challenge.



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How long does the trek last?

6 Day Itinerary

Day 1

We depart the UK on our flight to Morocco. We arrive and are transferred to our hotel in Ouarzazate.

Day 2

Transfer to M'hamid, the gateway to the Sahara via the Draa Valley. After lunch, we trek to Bougharn Dunes. Trekking distance - approx. 4 - 8km / 2 - 3 hours

Day 3

Follow the ever changing landscape and trek to foot of Chigaga Dunes. Trekking distance - approx. 14 - 18km / 6 - 7 hours

Day 4

Climb the Chigaga Dunes and witness the sunrise over the Sahara – trust us – this will move you! Chigaga Dunes to Erg Aghoual. Trekking distance - approx. 14 - 18km/7 - 8hrs

Day 5

Trek to Sidi Ab Nbi and then transfer to Ouarzazate. Tonight we hold our celebratory dinner 'Moroccan style'! Trekking distance - approx. 4km/ 2hrs

Day 6

Transfer to airport for flight to UK.



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What's included?

BEFORE YOUR CHALLENGE

- Your own personalised account hub that houses all your challenge support information to ensure you are fully prepared for your challenge
- Discount vouchers with affiliate partners such as Nomad Travel
- Support documents to aid your preparation including but not limited to further information about your challenge, detailed challenge itinerary, kit lists, training plan/schedule, fundraising advice
- A dedicated Customer Care team supports each participant from registration and is always on hand to answer queries
- Financial Protection
- Risk Management including but not limited to challenge specific risk assessments, emergency management plans and medical screening

DURING THE CHALLENGE

- Return flights from a London airport to Marrakech
- All transfers per the itinerary including to and from the in-country airport
- 5 nights accommodation – 2 nights hotel accommodation, twin share with private bathroom, 3 nights camping, twin share tents. Hotels will have a local category rating of 3 stars.
- All meals including celebratory dinner from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 6
- A fantastic in-country support team made of porters, cooks, Local English-speaking guide/s (Global Adventure Challenges have been working alongside our in-country ground team for more than 10 years)
- Global Adventure Challenges leader from the UK
- Drinking water whilst trekking
- Comprehensive first aid/medical kits
- Tents and other camping equipment
- Challenge Medal
- GAC 24 hour emergency on call team

What's not included

- Personal trekking kit (trekking boots, poles, etc)
- Personal travel insurance
- Alcoholic drinks
- Tips and gratuities
- Sleeping bag
- Lunch on day 1, lunch & dinner on day 6

Please note that for bespoke challenges, inclusions and exclusions may differ.