**Objectives-Expectations-Style – Morocco Global Adventure**

**Trip Objectives**

* Have fun together and get back to the trailhead safely
* Complete the full itinerary to the extent that everyone can do so safely
* Experience and enjoy the unique scenery, culture and history of this amazing place
* Expand our community of Mountaineers friends who enjoy this type of trip and travel

**Trip Expectations**

* We are the face of the Mountaineers and the USA in other countries, so participants will be aware and always behave with respect for local customs and norms of the places we visit. We will strive to be role models of courtesy, kindness and leave no trace behavior regardless of how others might behave around us.
* Participants must be in shape to move at a moderate but steady pace (1.5 mph up, 2.5 mph down) over long days (up to 10 miles and up to 4100’ gain) without lots of extended breaks.
* Participants must have had experience in the past 5 years completing multiple challenging hiking days in succession successfully without injury or having to skip days for exhaustion.
* Participants must be confident moving on steep scree and boulder terrain, some off-trail sections and occasional water crossings.
* We will get on the trail early each day so as to have the most flexibility for adjusting our pace and avoiding the worst of the heat. Participants will strive to be ready to go at the agreed-upon departure time.
* We will get everyone to our next lodging safely even if it means we don’t complete the intended route. The leader will get input from the group whenever possible but will retain the final decision where safety is in question.
* We will stay together on the trail and support each other.
  + *Fastest people may need to moderate their pace*
  + *We will allow blocks of time to explore and photograph the amazing scenery and historical sites; but once we start hiking, people who might otherwise take extended stops for photography or nature may need to shorten their stops*
  + *We will not split the group (though short hikes out of camp where you can still see and be seen from camp are OK with our local guide’s and Mountaineers leader’s approval)*
* Each person will treat each other person with respect and caring, and seek to moderate behaviors that irritate others. We will invest in building caring, trusting relationships with each other, actively contributing to a cohesive interdependent group.
* Each participant will take responsibility to get familiar with each day’s route and exit points have the navigation tools and ability to get to the day’s endpoint from any spot on the loop if they get separated.
* Participants will proactively communicate any concerns, illness/injury or other issues to the leader before they become serious, and will take responsibility for their self-care.

**Trip Style**

* We will be flexible to accept cultural norms around us in a different country and behave in a respectful way. The leader seeks to expose group members to the new culture, especially encouraging the sampling of a range of authentic local foods (where it can be done without allergic reactions).
* We will respect one another’s need for solitude on occasion while also actively seeking to get to know each other and enjoy each other’s company. The leader enjoys both active conversations and periods of quiet on the trail and at camp.
* The leader seeks to maintain a positive attitude and expects other group members to do the same, avoiding getting into a habit of regular negative comments/complaining or general grumpiness while with the group. We’ll be open and honest with each other about our needs and issues while being flexible, kind, respectful and supportive.
  + *At the same time, the leader expects group members to proactively bring forward to her any concerns or issues with trip arrangements or another person in the group or support staff in a private one-on-one way before those difficulties cause a serious issue or destroys their enjoyment of the trip.*
* The leader tends to get up before sunrise and go to bed right after dinner, without organized social activities. She is totally supportive of others staying up and socializing later as long as they are ready for the planned (usually early) start time in the morning.
* We’ll keep moving at a steady pace through the day, and strive to complete the planned daily routes, but will also be flexible to adjust based on trail conditions and everyone’s needs.