THE KITTY
ACCOMMODATION AND ACTIVITIES

Trip: Marrakech↔Dakar (MKR-DKR & DKR-MKR)
Duration: 21 nights
Kitty Price: Approximately €640 (subject to change)

What is 'the kitty'?

Each passenger pays the kitty on day 1 of the trip, and it is separate from the trip price you paid to Overlanding West Africa. **Please note the kitty must be paid in cash.**

The kitty is managed by both the crew and the passengers, and is used to pay for:

- The **accommodation** (either camping* or a twin/double/triple/dormitory room in a hotel/hostel)
- **Most** breakfasts and dinners, **whilst camping only**
- Packed lunches when deemed necessary, **whilst camping only**
- Any group activities listed as **included** (see below)

** When camping, the kitty price is based upon tents with single occupancy. We ask that everyone bring their own tent as we think this makes for the best possible camping experience. For those not wishing to travel with a tent, we have tents available for rent at a surcharge of £20 GBP per week, which is capped at £160 GBP for multiple trip bookings. Please enquire when booking.*

The kitty is flexible and allows you to see exactly how your money is being spent. Though the crew directly manage the kitty, the expense sheets will always be open to inspection by everybody. This ensures the whole process remains transparent and you can see how your money is being spent.

The kitty price detailed above is an estimated figure. We will inform you if there is any change in the price closer to departure. Please be aware that the total kitty price might increase during the trip due to unforeseen price increases on the ground and/or itinerary changes, etc. Of course, if there is money left over at the end of the trip, then you will receive a refund!

The kitty will be collected by the crew when you arrive - usually on the first day at the joining meeting. **The kitty must be paid in cash**, and we ask that *at least* 50% of the total is paid in Euros. We can accept the remaining 50% of the kitty price in American Dollars. This is because the West African CFA is pegged to the Euro at a fixed exchange rate, and trying to change any currency other than Euros or US Dollars can be time-consuming and problematic. **All notes should be as new as possible and free from tears, writing or damage. US$50 & US$100 bills are preferred as they attract better rates.**

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Please note that if you are on a combination trip made up of more than one single trip, your kitty will be collected in stages at the start of each individual trip.

What's included?

Accommodation

An **approximate** breakdown of the accommodation on this trip is as follows:

- 10 nights in a hostel or hotel (in a twin/double/triple/dormitory room)
- All other nights mixed between camping at campsites (with basic facilities such as toilets and showers), and bush camping (no facilities at all).

The longest stretch without access to any facilities *should be* no more than 3 nights in a row.

Our itinerary includes 2 nights in Dakar and 1 night in Marrakech, regardless of which direction you travel. Please take this into account when organising your pre- and post-trip accommodation and the things you may want to see in these places.

There are several options on this trip to **upgrade** from camping to rooms along the way. Please note that when rooms are available, they are of a varying standard, and you will need to pay the difference between the price of camping and the room.

Meals

Most breakfasts and dinners **whilst camping** are included in the kitty. **Packed lunches** are provided **when deemed necessary** and **only whilst camping**; otherwise you will be free to purchase your own lunch. Occasionally we might decide to put a dinner on hold whilst camping if there are good options for eating out.

When staying in hotels/guesthouses, **breakfast is provided when it's included in the room price**. Lunches and dinners are not provided when we stay in hotels.

Activities

Included in the kitty price

- Guided 2-day, 1-night 4x4 trip from Atar, Mauritania including: Chinguetti UNESCO World Heritage site and the Eye of Africa
- Entrance fee to **Terjit Oasis**

Important: *All activities are subject to availability and local conditions.*

Optional activities NOT included in the kitty price

- The sites of Dakar, such as Goree Island and/or the African Renaissance Monument
- Various museum entrance fees in Dakar
- Boat trips to spot wildlife in the Langue de Barbarie National Park, Senegal
- Kite surfing or quad bike trips on the Dakhla peninsula, Western Sahara
- Guided city tours and entrance fees to sites in Marrakech, Morocco

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Approximately €200 should be more than sufficient to cover these optional extra activities.

How much spending money should I bring?

In many places we visit, the tourist industry is in its infancy, and there isn't a great deal to spend your money on. However, we try to make our trips flexible to allow people to do what they want to do rather than making it too restrictive, so there will be opportunities for optional excursions/trips at most places we stop at along the way.

Based upon passenger feedback, we suggest that €10 - €20 a day should be sufficient as an approximate 'spending money in addition to kitty' amount. Obviously personal spending varies a lot depending on the individual, based upon how much you want to eat in restaurants, drink alcohol, buy souvenirs, upgrade to rooms, use the internet, etc. It's always better to over-budget than under-budget!

You may well spend more than this figure when we are in the towns/cities, but remember, there will be parts of the trip where we are quite remote. At such times there will be hardly anything to spend your money on, so you will find it balances out accordingly.

It is best to bring a variety of payment options. **You should not solely rely upon ATM's**. Paying with a credit/debit card is also very unreliable. We advise you to bring a VISA card if you do want to withdraw cash, as Cirrus/Maestro/MasterCard/American Express are often totally useless in the region.

As a general guide, you should bring plenty of cash, predominantly in Euros, but also some US Dollars. **All notes should be as new as possible, with no writing/tears/damage to them. Larger bills (50s and 100s) attract the best rates.**

If you have any questions about the kitty for this trip, please send us an email at **info@overlandingwestafrica.com**