

Between Sky and Desert

Yoga & Trek Retreat in the Sahara – Morocco

General Terms and Conditions (GTC)

1. Organization of the Stay

The retreat “Between Sky and Desert” is organized by **Joie du Désert**, a local agency registered under number 3120836, located in Douar Aarib, M’hamid El Ghizlane, Zagora 47402, Morocco.

The yoga sessions are led by **Issen Szulczynska**, a certified yoga instructor (SIRET 833 244 353 00029), participating as a guest teacher.

2. Description of the Stay

This retreat offers a 7-day immersion in the Moroccan Sahara desert, combining daily hikes (around 3 hours) and yoga sessions (about 2 hours).

The practices are adapted to all levels, and no prior experience is required.

Supervision:

- Yoga teacher: Issen Szulczynska
- Local team from Joie du Désert: nomadic guides, cooks, camel drivers
- 1 guide for 3 to 15 participants
- Languages spoken: French and English

Accommodation:

- 2 nights in a riad or hotel in Marrakech or Ouarzazate
- 4 nights in tents (or under the stars) in the desert
- Shared rooms and tents (2 to 4 people)
- Single room supplement: €30/night (mandatory if you are alone without the possibility of sharing)

Meals:

- Local cuisine: breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Snacks, dried fruits, and tea breaks included
- Vegetarian, gluten-free, or lactose-free diets available upon prior request

Note:

In the desert, there are no showers or fixed toilets.

Participants will have reasonable access to water and are encouraged to adopt eco-friendly hygiene practices (wet wipes, washcloths, etc.).

3. What's Included in the Price

- 2 nights in a riad or hotel in Marrakech or Ouarzazate
- Round-trip transfers by private minibus between Marrakech/Ouarzazate and M’Hamid El Ghizlane
- All meals during the retreat (except dinners on Day 1 and Day 6)

- Accommodation in bivouac (shared tents)
 - Camels for luggage transport
 - Support by the nomadic team
 - Yoga and meditation sessions led by Issen
 - E-book preparation guide
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4. **Not Included in the Price**

- International flights (round-trip to Marrakech or Ouarzazate)
 - Taxis between airport and accommodation (Day 1 and Day 7)
 - Dinners on Day 1 and Day 6
 - Tips for the local team
 - Personal expenses and souvenirs
 - Sleeping bag for bivouac
 - Single room supplement upon request
 - Personal travel insurance (mandatory)
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5. **Registration and Payment**

Registrations are made via the Billetweb link, with a deposit required at the time of booking and the balance due no later than the first day of the retreat.
The registration becomes effective upon receipt of the booking confirmation.

6. **Cancellation Policy**

Cancellation by the participant:

- More than 31 days before departure: Full refund of the deposit
- Less than 30 days before departure: Deposit non-refundable

Cancellation by the organizer:

- In case of cancellation by Joie du Désert or Issen Szulczynska, all amounts paid will be fully refunded.
- Flight, transfer, or other personal expenses will not be reimbursed.

Force Majeure:

In the event of circumstances beyond the control of the organizers (natural disasters, strikes, pandemics, political instability, etc.), the retreat may be postponed or canceled without additional compensation.

7. **Insurance**

Insurance is not included in the price of the stay.
Each participant must have:

- Travel insurance covering cancellation, lost luggage, and unforeseen incidents
- International health insurance covering medical care abroad

- Liability insurance covering any bodily injury or property damage caused to others
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8. Responsibilities

Joie du Désert and Issen Szulczynska are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and respectful environment.

However, participating in a trek and physical activities like yoga involves personal responsibility.

Each participant acknowledges that:

- They are fit to engage in the physical activities offered;
 - They participate at their own risk;
 - They will not hold the organizer or the instructor responsible for any accidents, injuries, loss, theft, or damage during the stay;
 - They agree to follow the safety instructions given by the guides.
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9. Force Majeure and Exceptional Conditions

In the event of unpredictable circumstances (weather conditions, itinerary changes, transport delays, road closures, etc.), the program may be adjusted to ensure the safety and continuity of the stay.

These changes will not result in any refund, as long as they are justified by the group's safety or logistical constraints.

10. Personal Data

The data collected (name, surname, email, etc.) is used solely for managing the retreat. It will never be shared with third parties without consent.

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), you can request access, correction, or deletion of your data at any time.

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12. Contacts

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13. **Disclaimer**

By confirming your registration, you acknowledge and accept that:

- Participation in the retreat involves physical activities and living in a natural environment;
- The organizer and the instructor cannot be held liable for accidents, injuries, loss, theft, death, or force majeure events;
- Each participant must have valid personal insurance covering the duration of the retreat.

☞ Confirming your reservation via Billetweb constitutes full acceptance of these General Terms and Conditions.

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