

*Teresa Beall Expeditions presents*

# “Rock the Kasbah”

14 days/13 nights in Morocco

November 6-19, 2014 / \$3129 pp (dbl occ)

This is a land-only package.

Flights to Casablanca and back from Marrakech are not included!

Please call for fares from your specific gateway, or let us help you secure a ticket using your frequent flyer miles.



Morocco – An exotic place full of surprises and ancient wonders!

Aromatic mint tea in cool courtyards... sun-drenched bazaars overflowing with handmade jewelry and colorful tagines... a country full of ancient cities and a history stretching back nearly 10,000 years, now offering a delicate balance of ancient traditions and modern-day conveniences... and some of the best cuisine in the world.

Join us for an exotic magic carpet ride, won't you?

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# Snapshot Overview

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Morocco – land of minarets and marketplaces, snake charmers and street musicians, winding stone backstreets with exotic scents wafting from tall bags of spices. Morocco – where fresh blood orange juice, lemony tagines, and cool mint fill the air... where slaves became kings, rivalries built cities, and ancient cultures still mingle in the timeless traditions of crafts, music, and faith. The clangs of metal on metal ring out as craftsmen sitting in doorways pound thin copper sheets into bowls and platters. A cool breeze slides through an opening in a small wooden door, behind which a fountain-cooled courtyard is stacked high with hand-knotted rugs. Exquisitely tiled ancient buildings stand behind monuments to kings long dead and gods forever worshipped. The country is a magical mix of mountains and desert, open ranges, and cities teeming with life – a bounty of adventure from the moment you step off of the plane. This mysterious land seduces the soul and bewitches the senses. If you've seen Morocco in the movies, prepare yourself: it is much more than the barren deserts in *Lawrence of Arabia* and the café scene from *Casablanca*.

With a history stretching back nearly 10,000 years, Morocco has been crisscrossed by Roman legions, Berber caravans, and Muslim scholars. The country's great cities, Marrakech and Fez, offer a delicate balance of ancient traditions and modern conveniences. Our TBE itinerary blends Morocco's rich culture with 21st-century comforts to reveal the country's heart and soul. Experience signature moments – like a sunset camel ride, a cooking class with a Moroccan chef, wine tastings, and henna paintings. Lodging is also a delightful adventure, including an art deco hotel, romantic riads (traditional courtyard palaces), an exclusive tented camp in the middle of the Sahara desert, and charming boutique hotels. With our expert guides, we will learn the history of Morocco's ancient cities, explore ornate monuments to religious devotion, and savor some of the most diverse cuisines in the world. Morocco offers it all ... and more.

The adventure begins in **CASABLANCA**, Morocco's largest city and its chief port ... the nation's economic and commercial center. We have a compulsory one-night stop (it's where most of the international flights land) before heading to the ancient city of **FEZ**. With the Atlas Mountains as a backdrop, the city is positioned along age-old trade routes from Timbuktu. Take a dramatic historic step back to the middle ages inside the ancient medina, settled in the 8<sup>th</sup> century. The labyrinthine souks, where traditional craft techniques are still practiced, remain unchanged. Visit old tanneries and the artisans' quarter, both remnants of a bygone era. Home to one of the oldest universities in the world, **FEZ** is the intellectual capital and the most imperial of Morocco's cities. The Royal Palace and Jewish quarter of the 'New City' are also worthy of a visit. Next Stop: Across the Atlas Mountains, the biggest mountain range in North Africa and a region known for its Berber settlements, en route to the vast **SAHARA DESERT**. There, we will caravan with the camels and stay under canvas in simple nomad "Berber style" before venturing to **OAURZAZATE**. The town is chiefly inhabited by Berbers who have constructed many of the prominent Kasbahs. It is a noted filmmaking location with Morocco's biggest studios inviting many international companies to work here. *Lawrence of Arabia*, *The Living Daylights*, *The Last Temptation of Christ*, *The Mummy*, *Gladiator*, *Four Feathers*, *Kingdom of Heaven*, *Kundun*, *Legionnaire*, *Hanna*, and *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen* were shot here, as was part of the TV series *Game of Thrones*. Nearby, Ait Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is worth a visit.

Our final stop is **MARRAKECH**. History speaks volumes here. The writer Paul Bowles told of its wonders, as did contemporary crooners such as Crosby, Stills, and Nash and the Rolling Stones. Marrakech is considered the market place of the world. It marks the crossroads of the ancient caravan routes, where the mountains meet the desert. The main square, Djemaa el Fna, is the heart of the city, and the souks that surround it are a tribute to this city's history as a center for trade with a plethora of shopping opportunities. Talk about retail therapy! The main square hosts an authentic traditional flea market in the daylight with merchants selling all sorts of wares. Locals meet to exchange news and gossip during the day. As the sun sets, the square takes on an entirely different vibe with snake charmers, fire-eaters, storytellers, and street musicians. Colorful characters parade around the square like a night circus. And for the foodies among us, every kind of Moroccan delicacy is cooked to order at the bustling food stalls. It's a show not to be missed.

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# Hand Selected Accommodations



## **Relais & Chateaux LE DOGE (Casablanca) – 1 night Art Deco Boutique Hotel**

9 Rue du Docteur Veyre / +212.5.22467800

[www.hotelledoge.com](http://www.hotelledoge.com)

Famed above all else for that celebrated film, Casablanca remains Morocco's commercial center more than a tourist hub. Yet, most travelers stop through "Casa" en route to the rest of Morocco. At its heart lies a splendid, if somewhat frayed, neighborhood of Art Deco buildings erected by the French. Hotel & Spa Le Doge is a part of that heritage. Originally built in the 1930s as a town house, it later became a modest apartment block. Time and

neglect had taken their toll by the mid-2000s but, after three years of thorough restoration and clever adaptation, Le Doge reopened and was promptly added to the Relais & Chateaux portfolio. Each of the 16 guest rooms and suites are named (styled and decorated) after an eclectic selection of 1930s figures, such as Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Coco Chanel, Josephine Baker, and Charlie Chaplin. Some have a terrace or balcony, and all are spacious and unfussy with high ceilings and period furnishings, roomy bathrooms and in-room modern equipment, like TV interactive/Bose station, WiFi, ipod docks, Nespresso coffee machines, mini-bar, remote control lighting to help counter any time-warp feel. Their intimate Le Veyre restaurant offers gastronomic moments with a simple yet elegant menu of French and Moroccan classics, and the included breakfast features a good mix of buffet and à la carte items. In addition, there is a small spa with a refined oriental hammam, Jacuzzi, sauna, fitness area and a massage treatment room. There is also a small wood-paneled library and bar with a fireplace, and a small rooftop hanging garden which makes for a pleasant open and quiet spot to read or snooze. (\*) Room assignment will be determined by TBE key draw – we have a combination of suites and rooms. BONUS: TBE guests receive a 20% discount on spa services.

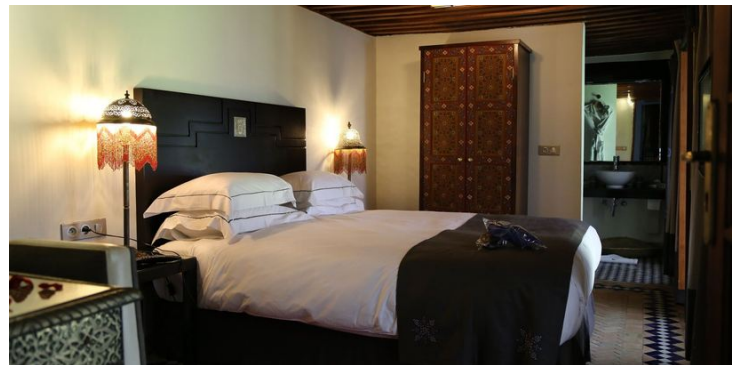
## **PALAIS AMANI (Fez) – 3 nights**

### **Luxury Moroccan Riad**

12 Derb el Miter, Qued Zhoune / +212.5.35633209

[www.palaisamani.com](http://www.palaisamani.com)

Inside the Blida quarter, on the outskirts of the historic ancient Medina and not far from the famous tanneries, the gold-studded cedar doors of this luxury boutique riad-style palace hint at something more beautiful on the other side. All 14 guest rooms and suites are decorated with a heavy



dose of Moroccan design and first-rate modern comforts. The original tiling and honeycomb plasterwork were painstakingly restored with traditional furnishings, but bathrooms are state-of-the-art with impeccable lighting and comprehensive technology amenities (flat-screen TV, BOSE stereo, and WiFi). The hallway is adorned with intricately worked zellige (traditional Moroccan-style glazed tiles) and a faint perfume of jasmine and orange flowers with sounds of birdsong and a spattering fountain. All of this comes from the interior courtyard garden of lemon, orange, and clementine trees, which is at the heart of this meticulously renovated palace. The critically-acclaimed gastronomy team prepares the included breakfasts as well as a wide range of exquisite Moroccan and contemporary Mediterranean dishes that can be enjoyed on the sun-splashed rooftop terrace (with 360 degree views of the ancient city and mountains beyond) or in the dining room. Two house specialties include a superb lemon mousse made with fruit from the hotel's own trees, and (my favorite) pastilla, a pastry filled with shredded pigeon, nuts, spices, and powdered sugar. There's no pool at Palais Amani, but the rooftop showers and the courtyard fountain provide emergency relief, and the spa includes a hammam with massages/treatments. (\*) Room assignment will be determined by TBE key draw – we have a combination of suites and rooms. BONUS: TBE guests receive a 20% discount on spa services.

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### **HOTEL CHERGUI (Erfoud) – 1 night**

#### **Desert Kasbah Hotel**

Crta Arfoud a Errachidia, km 5.5 / +212.5.35578170

<http://hotelchergui.com>

Set in the quiet outskirts of Erfoud, this is the best hotel en route between Fez and the Sahara Desert – a required and necessary stop off after a long drive en route to the camel safari. The hotel is built to resemble a traditional Moroccan-style Kasbah. Although simple, it has clean and comfortable guestrooms all with the basic amenities (including WiFi) as well as a restaurant and bar, swimming pool, hammam, sauna, Jacuzzi, and a beauty parlor. (\*) All rooms are the same; hotel will assign keys randomly.

### **JAIMAS MADU CAMEL SAFARI CAMP (Sahara Desert) – 1 night**

#### **Berber Nomad Tent Camp**

Erg Chebbi Sand Dunes, South of Merzouga

<http://jaimasmadu.wix.com/jaimas-madu>

Experience the magic of the Sahara Desert with an overnight stay at an authentic Berber tent camp in Erg Chebbi, a large sea of dunes formed in the desert by windblown sand.” Accommodations under canvas are very simple, but it includes a private tent and toilet per couple along with a traditional Berber dinner and next morning breakfast.



NOTE: We'll depart for the adventure after lunch by 4x4 jeep between Erfoud to Merzouga.

From there, you'll have the choice to take a camel trek to the tented camp (or you can ride in a 4x4 jeep, if you want to skip the dromedary ride). The camel trek takes about 45 minutes, while the jeep ride takes about 15-minutes. Everyone will need to pack a small overnight duffle for the camp (just a few toiletries, something to sleep in, a sweatshirt or something warm to wear at night, and a change of clothes) while the main luggage will stay stored at the Kasbah Hotel Chergui in Erfoud. For the return, we will ALL return by 4x4 jeep from the camp all the way back to Erfoud and then board the bus for our onward journey to Ouarzazate.

(\*) All tents are the same – very basic, but each with its own bed and private bathroom.

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**KSAR IGHNDA (Ouarzazate) – 2 nights**

**Traditional Riad**

Ksar-ighnda, Dr. Asfalou Amerzane

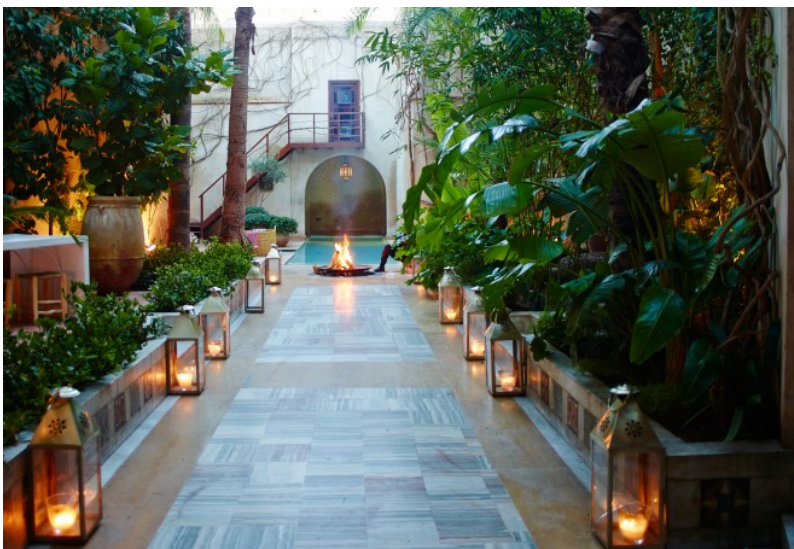
+212.5.24887644

[www.ksar.ighnda.net](http://www.ksar.ighnda.net)

South of the Atlas Mountains, on the edge of the desert and just a few miles from Ouarzazate (the sun-kissed stretch of dusty desert broken up by sand-colored kasbahs and palm-fringed fortified villages), stands the Ksar Ighnda hotel. The hotel – only two minutes from the UNESCO World Heritage site Ait Benhaddou – is constructed on the grounds of an ancient olive farm, but the only original olive trees remain in the garden near the pool.



Guestrooms are spacious and combine traditional features, such as date-palm ceilings, tadelakt walls and modern Moroccan furnishings along with full bath, air conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, DVD/CD player, and minibar. Guests can also enjoy a traditional hammam experience, complete with a black soap scrub and invigorating massage. Also available is a spa, pool, and Jacuzzi as well as a restaurant and bar that serves an impressive selection of cocktails, malts, cognacs, and cigars. (\*) Room assignment will be determined by TBE key draw – we have five suites, 3 superior rooms and 4 standard rooms. BONUS: TBE guests receive a 20% discount on spa services.



**EL FENN (Marrakech) – 5 nights**

**Luxury Artesian Riad**

Derb Moullay Abdullah Ben Hezzian, Bab El Ksour

Medina, Marrakech / +212 524 44 1210

[www.riadelfenn.com](http://www.riadelfenn.com).

Dripping with good taste, this Moorish hideaway offers a luxury retreat with great rooftop views and an exclusive vibe. Vanessa Branson (sister of the British entrepreneur) has created this riad “adventure” with a jewel-colored mishmash of patterns and textures, which will undoubtedly bring out your artistic side (bring a sketchbook so you're ready when inspiration strikes). Located inside the medina (Western Mouasine area), it's a short walk to the bustling main square, Djemma el Fna; however the

fortress 1 meter thick walls shuts out all sounds. The unassuming derb doorway of this labyrinthine, 22-roomed property leads onto three serene and shaded open-air courtyards, marble fountains, rose-filled basins, and antique carved wooden doors. Guestrooms are all uniquely decorated – most have open floor plans and some have fireplaces, but all have lovely beds with Egyptian cotton linens, giant custom-built baths with powerful showers, and Moroccan slippers (babouches) to wear. The traditional riad boasts a spa and hammam, three pools (two Carrara marble-lined pools are surrounded by day-beds and a fire-pit, and the plunge pool on the roof has a Berber-tented sitting area and sweeping views of the Atlas Mountains and the Koutoubia mosque), roof terraces, hanging gardens, sundecks, a screening “cinema” room, and a WiFi'd library. They also have painting kits (oils and watercolors), and yoga mats. This is the place for creatives to stay. The artworks on display are by Bridget Riley, Antony Gormley, Frances Upritchard, Fiona Rae and so on. El Fenn also has its own tortoises, chameleon and iguana. (\*) Room assignment will be determined by TBE key draw – we have the exclusive four-room Riad Vanessa; two family suites each with 2 bedrooms/2 baths; four junior suites each with 1 bedroom/1 bath; one Colonnade room; and the luxurious Imperial Suite. BONUS: TBE guests receive a 20% discount on spa services.

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# Tentative Schedule

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Wednesday	Nov 5	Depart the USA (or optional pre-night in Casablanca)
Thursday	Nov 6	Arrive Casablanca, Morocco Transfer: Casablanca airport to hotel upon arrival (30-minute drive) TBE Welcome Party Overnight in Casablanca
Friday	Nov 7	Transfer: Casablanca to Fez (3+ hour drive) Optional Activities/Tours/Experiences: TBA Overnight in Fez
Saturday	Nov 8	TBE Guided Visit through Old Fez and Souks Activities/Tours/Experiences: Under construction Overnight in Fez
Sunday	Nov 9	Full day at leisure Optional Activities/Tours/Experiences: TBA Overnight in Fez
Monday	Nov 10	Transfer: Fez to Erfoud (it's a long, 7+ hour drive over the Atlas Mountains) Overnight in Erfoud
Tuesday	Nov 11	Transfer: Erfoud to Merzouga (less than an hour drive) Camel Trek (or 4x4 Jeep) to the Sahara "Erg Chebbi" Desert (15/45 minutes) Dinner and Overnight in Berber tents
Wednesday	Nov 12	Camel Trek (or 4x4 Jeep ride) from camp back to Merzouga (15/45 minutes) Transfer: Merzouga to Erfoud (less than hour drive) then to Ouarzazate (5+ hour drive) Overnight in Ouarzazate
Thursday	Nov 13	TBE Guided Visit to UNESCO Ksar Ait Benhaddu Activities/Tours/Experiences: Under construction Overnight in Ouarzazate
Friday	Nov 14	Transfer: Ouarzazate to Marrakech (3+ hour drive) Activities/Tours/Experiences: Under construction Lunch and Overnight in Marrakech
Saturday	Nov 15	TBE Guided Visit through the Old Souks, Jewish Quarter, and Jemaa El Fna Activities/Tours/Experiences: Under construction Overnight in Marrakech
Sunday	Nov 16	TBE Amazing Race Activities/Tours/Experiences: Under construction Overnight in Marrakech
Monday	Nov 17	TBE Moroccan Cooking Class or Les Bains Hammam: TBA Optional TBE Grab Bag Overnight in Marrakech
Tuesday	Nov 18	Full day at leisure Optional Activities/Tours/Experiences: TBA Overnight in Marrakech
Wednesday	Nov 19	Transfer: Marrakech hotel to airport (30-minute drive) Depart Marrakech

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# Exclusions, Inclusions, and Fine Print

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## INCLUSIONS

- 14 days (13 nights' accommodations), as indicated in the itinerary – \$3129 pp
- Ground transfers between airports and hotels as well as throughout the itinerary, as indicated
- Daily breakfasts throughout
- Sunset Dinner in the Sahara Desert
- Lunch in Marrakech
- Scheduled visits to local markets, historic sites, and places of interest, as indicated
- TBE impromptu cocktails and spontaneous surprises
- Optional tour experiences (details/prices forthcoming)
- All taxes and service fees

## EXCLUSIONS

- International R/T flight between USA and Morocco
- Optional pre-night in Casablanca (\$130 pp/ dbl occ)
- Optional TBE Grab Bag (TBA)
- Optional TBE tour experiences (TBA)
- Any meals or beverages of any kind, unless otherwise stated
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and hotel porters
- Personal expenditures, i.e. laundry, telephone bills, room charges, in-room movies, souvenirs, etcetera.
- Optional Travel Insurance (RECOMMENDED) – Group Lite Plan includes (trip cancellation, trip interruption/delay, lost baggage/delay, emergency accident/medical (50K), evacuation/repatriation (250K), accidental death (25K), 24-hour travel assistance services. Premiums determined by trip cost.

## THE FINE PRINT

- **PRICE** – Tour price is based on double occupancy (24 minimum and 28 maximum). Price is guaranteed, but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of TBE, e.g. suppliers increase the costs, euro/dollar exchange rate fluctuates dramatically, we'll adjust price accordingly. Airfares are subject to change until ticketed. If the number of travelers falls lower than 24, price will be adjusted accordingly or tour will be canceled.
- **DEPOSIT/PAYMENT POLICY** – **Deposit due at the time of confirmation. Final Payment due September 1, 2014. No credit cards – please make checks payable to Teresa Beall Expeditions.**
- **CANCELLATION & REFUNDS** – For cancellation more than 90 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of \$750 pp tour cost will apply. For cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure, a 100% cancellation fee of the tour cost will apply. No refunds paid for unused services such as transfers, sightseeing, meals, hotel accommodation, entrance fees, and others that are listed in the tour program.
- **LAND ARRANGEMENTS** – We reserve the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, Teresa Beall Expeditions will do their best to maintain tour content. We reserve the right to change the hotel listed for another of similar quality.
- **RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY** – Whereas Teresa Beall Expeditions operates the program only as an agent of the aircraft, hotel, bus operators, local sight-seeing contractors and others who provide actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these tours. The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of the tours and/or passenger. Teresa Beall Expeditions reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that the purchaser fails to pay any fees due for services, including cancellation fees as listed in "Cancellations & Refunds." The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven.

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# Confirmation and Registration Form

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**PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY** – Passenger has read the above exclusions, inclusions, and fine print (terms and conditions) and agrees to each of them, and hereby warrants that he/she fully understands each of them. Specifically the passenger understands that should he/she cancel the trip for any reason, he/she will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the “Cancellations & Refunds” section in the Fine Print details above.

**PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION** – Your passport must be valid for at least six months with at least two empty pages.

**ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY** – This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by both Teresa Beall Expeditions and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** – Travel insurance is not included in the tour price, but is highly recommended for your own protection. It is the passenger's responsibility to verify whether his/her local health insurance provides coverage while out of the USA. Please contact your insurance carrier for details. Teresa Beall Expeditions highly recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance, which covers health, luggage and trip cancellation. A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined.

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**PASSPORT SPELLING (Pax #1):** First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSPORT SPELLING (Pax #2):** First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Traveling with \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_ Passport number \_\_\_\_\_ Valid until \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (relationship) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**BED STYLE REQUEST (requested, but not guaranteed)**    \_\_\_ One Bed (Queen/King)    \_\_\_ Two Beds (Two Twins/Doubles)

**PRE-DEPARTURE PARK AND FLY**    \_\_\_ El Rancho Inn SFO [www.elranchoinn.com](http://www.elranchoinn.com)    \_\_\_ Hacienda LAX [www.haciendahotel.com](http://www.haciendahotel.com)

**PRE-NIGHT STAY IN CASABLANCA HOTEL**

@ \$130 pp /night (dbl occ) and includes all taxes, service fees, and daily breakfasts for two    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No

**OPTIONAL TBE GRAB BAG (TBA) @ \$\_\_\_\_\_ pp**    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No

**OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE:**    \_\_\_ \$159 pp (up to \$3499 coverage)    \_\_\_ \$169 pp (up to \$3999 coverage)

(Highly Recommended)    \_\_\_ \$179 pp (up to \$4499 coverage)    \_\_\_ \$189 pp (up to \$4999 coverage)

(\* ) If declined, you're fully responsible for fees associated due to cancellation/medical necessities/lost baggage/delayed flights, etc.

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I hereby sign and agree to the terms and conditions attached to this form:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT – To confirm, please sign this form and return it with a check deposit for \$1000 pp, made payable to Teresa Beall Expeditions.**

**SEND THIS FORM AND CHECK TO: TERESA BEALL EXPEDITIONS @ 2724 Pillsbury Road, Chico, California 95973**

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