

# IRF WORKSHOP / ASSESSMENT



If you are a river guide that's been guiding for a few years and would like to gain an international qualification, then this is the course for you. Over the period of five days, we will assess you and your skill set in all the key elements of guiding so that you can walk away with one or more qualifications.

Since 1998 Guides and rafting operators around the world have been joining the "IRF" (International Rafting Federation) and promoting the standards of the "GTE" (Guide training and Education) program which are now recognized in 53 countries around the world.

"Come and join the family"

**Dates:** 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

**Location:** Cathedral town, High Atlas Mountains. Morocco

**River:** Ahansel, class 3-4

## Assessments for:

- GTE
- Guide
- Trip Leader
- Safety kayaker

## Instructors:

Zach Basset has been guiding for the past 11 years, covering all areas of the rafting industry. He has guided in many countries and simply enjoys passing on his knowledge to other river enthusiasts.

Alex Aitken is the owner of River Gurus and is also IRF and has a wealthy international experience in all areas of Guiding and operational procedures.

We have put together this course to give you the student the opportunity to gain one or more international qualifications on some fun white water in the high Atlas mountains of Morocco.

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### Pre Requisites:

- Valid first aid and CPR certificate. Note: we do not except certificates that are older than three years.
- A log book of experience, preferably signed by a trip leader or operations manager.

### Cost of the course:

**CHF 800 per person, Just the course or CHF 1200 with food and lodging.**

- **Important:** we need a minimum of 4 students and a maximum of 12 students.

### Included in the costs:

- All tuition.
- All river equipment, rafts, paddles, first aid, rescue gear, pumps etc.
- All river transport.

### What's not included in the cost of the course:

- IRF certification fees and Membership. (See Below)
- Personal protective equipment. "PPE" (helmet, PFD, wetsuit/dry suit, shoes)
- Personal rescue equipment. "PRE" (Carabiners, pulleys, prussic, flip line, knife, whistle)
- Personal medical insurance.
- Travel to and from the course location.
- Food and lodging. (see below)

### Certification fees:

Upon completion of your IRF instructor workshop, you will need to pay the IRF administration fee for the award directly to your instructor. These fees are separate from the tuition costs of your course. The admin fees are paid directly by your instructor to the SRF /IRF. These fees go towards the running and up keep of the IRF GTE award system.

- Raft guide level 3 or 4, = \$40usd
- Trip Leader level 3 or 4, = \$70usd
- Safety Kayaker level 3 or 4, =\$40usd

Where a candidate receives multiple awards the highest award is charged plus \$15usd.

**Example:** Raft guide level 3 + safety kayakers level 4 = \$55usd

*“By having international standards recognized, Guides are hired by the best adventure travel company’s worldwide and are able to offer the highest quality and most comprehensive itineraries in the industry today.”*

## Food and Lodging:

For any international students coming for the course we can provide you with a night in a hotel in Marrakech, all your food while on the course, a few nights in a gite in Cathedral where we operate the course and transport to and from Marrakech to Cathedral.

International students. **chf 395 per person, included in the chf 1200**

Note: if you arrive into Marrakech you would need to arrive on the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> would be a travel day from Marrakech to Cathedral and we would return you to Marrakech on the 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## Course Overview:

Day	Date	River	Trips	Activity
1	19th March	Class room		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course starts at 5pm.</li> <li>• Student introductions.</li> <li>• Course admin.</li> <li>• Explanations of IRF and assessments.</li> <li>• Explanation of food and lodging.</li> <li>• Equipment check.</li> </ul>
2	20th March	Ahansel river. Cathedral to Tiloguite	X2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome talks, safety talks, paddle talks.</li> <li>• Raft manoeuvring and guiding skills.</li> <li>• Crew management.</li> <li>• Flotilla management.</li> <li>• Written exam.</li> </ul>
3	21st March	Ahansel River, Cathedral to Tiloguite	X1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IRF rescue drills.</li> <li>• Throw bag test.</li> <li>• Flip drill test.</li> <li>• Swimming test.</li> <li>• Mechanical advantage test.</li> </ul>
4	22nd March	Ahansel river, Cathedral to Rock the Kasbar Rapid.	X1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety kayak talks.</li> <li>• Safety kayak positioning.</li> <li>• Swimmer rescues.</li> <li>• Equipment rescues.</li> </ul>
5	23rd March	Ahansel River, Rock the Kasbar rapid to The lake Bin Ouidane	X1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip leader scenarios and assessments.</li> <li>• Debriefs.</li> </ul>



### **Course overview explanation:**

The IRF workshop is a very intense course in which you the student can gain a lot of great information from highly experienced instructors.

Each day we will run a couple of trips from Cathedral to Tiloguite, a nice class 3 section of river, 14km long. Days four and five we raft 120km from Cathedral to the lake Bin Ouidane so we get to navigate on some continuous class 4 white water for around 60km. In the evening time we will have lectures.

You as a student need to "show off" your skills both on and off the water to the best of your abilities to gain the qualification that you desire.

### **Inscription closure:**

We will be closing the inscriptions for the workshop on the 1<sup>ST</sup> March 2023 and at this point any participant will receive a detailed program of the course, where you will be able to see what lectures you will be giving so that you have time to prepare for them.

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### **More Information and Reservations:**

Please feel free to contact us at any time between 9am and 6pm Monday to Saturday and we will be happy to reply any questions.

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