



## **Charlie Meggy – Tips for Hitchers**

### **It's February... so what should I be thinking about now?**

So most of you will have recently finished the January exams - I don't know about you but what a relief! The best part is at some point you all made the excellent decision of signing up to the Hitch and you have a great trip coming your way soon! At this stage here are a few things to be thinking of:

1. Log into your Hitch account and make sure you have done everything you can do using the checklist when you see when you log in. It's very clear to see what you have/haven't done on this page. The Health and Safety meeting will be organised by your Reps soon and is compulsory to attend, so make sure you keep an eye on your emails for updates on this.
2. If you are still looking for a Hitch partner or if you are two girls needing a male Hitcher to join you, get in touch with your Reps and get yourself down to some socials they will be organising. It's great just to generally get to know other people from your uni who will be hitching because it makes for excellent banter when you are keeping each other updated with texts of your progress during the Hitch!
3. Keep the fundraising up! It's a lot on top of your degree but don't see it as a chore. Don't forget you really are making a difference to people's lives. Believe me, fundraising for charity, particularly to reach a target amount, is a great addition to your CV as it shows real initiative and creativity, so try and raise as much as you can!

### **My top fundraising tip of the month**

We all know that students are infamous when it comes to cleaning - to be honest I have definitely been guilty in the past! But why not take advantage of this with your fundraising? For a couple of hours one evening go round knocking on your campus halls of residence and ask whether any students would let you clean their kitchen in return for sponsorship. The good thing about this is that despite the GUARANTEED opportunity, the expenses on your part are minimal. All it requires is effort on your part and it's a great way to meet other students and many of them will be jealous having listened to the adventure you are about to embark on!

### **Still to come...**

I'll be blogging again soon with more fundraising ideas to keep the money coming in, so be sure to check back in a few weeks. Nearer the Hitch start date I'll include some tried and tested techniques for successful hitching that will really enhance your experience! Over the two times I have hitched to Morocco I have learned a lot (sometimes the hard way) about what does and what doesn't work so well!