

# Star Gazing in the Sahara 9 Days



A treat for all star gazers. Visit Morocco's largest observatory in Marrakech, spend a night at the Hotel Saharan Sky - home to Morocco's first private observatory and camel trek into the Sahara for a night under a blanket of stars! Couple this with some of the Morocco's great hits, from the bustling souks of Marrakech to the ancient fortified Kasbah of Ait Benhaddou and you've got a Moroccan tour that is guaranteed to leave you star struck!

## TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Marrakech / Ends in: Marrakech
- Departs: Any day of the year
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:8, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 0
- Hotel Rating: 3, 4 or 5 star (specific to your itinerary)
- Tour Guide: Yes - for included sightseeing

## ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

## TOUR MAP:



## QUICK WEB LINKS

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## Day 1: Marrakech

Welcome to Morocco! Upon arrival at Marrakech airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the upmarket Hivernage area close to the old city centre. Spend the rest of the evening at your own leisure. Overnight - [Marrakech](#)

## Day 2:

In the morning enjoy a guided tour of the souks and palaces of old Marrakech. Within the rose-coloured walls of the medieval medina discover a tangle of intertwining narrow passageways, colourful local shops, and the famous central square Djemaa el Fna. Towering above this extraordinary marketplace – full of colour, spicy aromas and traders – is the Koutoubia mosque, the tallest building in the city and an important religious monument. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the city at your own pace and in the evening head to the Marrakech Observatory, where you will get your first glimpse of the North African night sky through a telescope. Overnight - [Marrakech](#)

## Day 3: Ait Benhaddou

Marrakech – Ait Benhaddou. Depart early in the morning and drive over the mountain passes of the High Atlas to the ancient fortified Kasbah of Ait Benhaddou, stopping off at the Palace of Glaoui en route. In the afternoon explore Ait Benhaddou – an incredible UNESCO Listed site that has served as the backdrop for many a blockbuster film, such as Laurence of Arabia and Gladiator. Overnight - [Ait Benhaddou](#)



## Day 4: Zagora

Ait Benhaddou – Zagora. Today travel through the verdant Draa Valley, passing by ruined kasbahs, small villages and palm plantations along the way, to the modern town of Zagora. Here visit potteries – where you can watch craftsmen at work and purchase a souvenir or two – and if time allows explore the Koranic Museum, which contains fascinating ancient copies of the Koran.

Your hotel for the night is Hotel Saharan Sky which is home to

Morocco's first private observatory, boasting a rich inventory of astronomical equipment. Whether you have experience handling telescopes or are new to star gazing, staff will be at hand to guide you through the solar system. Enjoy an incredible evening of star gazing. Overnight - [Hotel Saharan Sky - Zagora](#)

## Days 5 - 6:

Zagora – Sahara. Following hotel check-out embark on a camel ride into the nearby dunes where we will spend the night in the desert. Our camp is based at the south end of the dunes giving us a better view of the night sky, where you can star gaze to your heart's content. This camp is a wonderful place to witness incredible astrological events such as meteor showers.

On the morning of day 6 leave the camp behind and enjoy another camel ride across the dunes before returning to Hotel Saharan Sky for the night. Overnight - Sahara (1), Hotel Saharan Sky - Zagora (1)



## Day 7:

Sahara – Zagora. In the morning head back through the Draa Valley to the saffron fields at the base of the High Atlas Mountains. Continue weaving up the mountain to the incredible Tizi n Test Pass, where you can visit the 12th century Tinmel Mosque – one of the few mosques in Morocco open to tourists. Later take a walk to a lake and take in the spectacular views. Spend the night in the centre of the High Atlas Mountains and the Toubkal National Park. Overnight - [High Atlas](#)

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## Day 8: Marrakech

High Atlas – Marrakech. Today head back to the capital city passing by the Plateau du Kik – a beautiful spot surrounded by vast green fields and rocky outcrops where you can snap a photo or two. Upon arrival in Marrakech enjoy free time for some last minute sightseeing and shopping. Overnight - [Marrakech](#)

## Day 9: Marrakech

Today your time in Morocco comes to an end. Transfer to the airport for departure.

### WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

### Trip Highlights

- Marrakech - guided tour of souks and palaces of the old city, including Djemaa el Fna
- Marrakech Observatory - see the stars of the North African night sky through a telescope
- Ait Benhaddou - UNESCO Listed ancient fortified kasbah and backdrop of many a blockbuster film
- Zagora - small town with pottery workshops and an interesting Koranic Museum
- Sahara Desert Camp - spend the night in the Sahara for a night under the stars
- Hotel Saharan Sky - marvel at the stars at the private observatory at this hotel, outfitted with an impressive collection of astrological equipment
- High Atlas Mountains - visit the 12th century Tinmel Mosque – one of the few mosques in Morocco open to tourists

### What's Included

- 8 breakfasts
- 8 nights 3, 4 or 5 star hotel (specific to your itinerary, 1 night camping in the Sahara Desert)
- Guided sighting in Marrakech, Ait Benhaddou, Zagora, Sahara, and High Atlas Mountains
- Return transfers from Marrakech Airport to hotel on arrival and departure day
- Camel trek into the Sahara
- Services of an English speaking guide
- Transportation and transfers in private vehicle
- Visit to Marrakech Observatory and Observatory in Hotel Sahara Sky
- All road taxes and tolls

### What's Not Included

- Entrance fees (unless stated)
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide - an entirely personal gesture

### PRICES AND DATES: from 0

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply. Prices are indicative and will vary depending on your chosen hotels, room availability as well as time of travel. Please bear this in mind if comparing prices as we always aim to deliver exceptional value. Please note that discounts will apply if there are more 4 or more people in your travelling party, since fixed costs like transportation and guiding are shared across the group.

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
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