

Marrakech & Beyond 8 Days



Experience Morocco - a magical and exotic land, on this captivating 8 day tour. Lap up atmospheric Marrakech and its colourful medina. Witness striking Todra Gorge, camp in the Sahara and explore amazing Ait Benhaddou - the legendary fortified kasbah.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Marrakech / Ends in: Marrakech
- Departs: Saturdays - year round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 7, Lunch: 5, Dinner: 6
- Hotel Rating: 2 - 3 star
- Tour Guide: Yes

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

Saturday. Welcome to Morocco! A country steeped in history and culture. Arrival transfer from Marrakech airport to our hotel. Be sure to arrive in time for our welcome meeting at 18:00. The rest of the day is free, if time permits explore the rambling souk, local sights and Djemaa el Fna (the main square). Overnight - [Marrakech](#)

Day 2: Gorge du Dades

Marrakech - Dades Gorge. Leaving Marrakech we drive through the Dades Gorge, an awe-inspiring valley which extends from the High Atlas to the Jebel Sarhro range in the south.

The Atlas Mountains span some 2,090km covering vast regions of Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. The mountain chain comprise of a series of parallel ranges running west to east including the Anti-Atlas, High Atlas and Middle Atlas. With an average elevation of 3350 metres, the Atlas claims the highest peak of North Africa. The Berbers (original inhabitants of North Africa) built many impressive kasbahs on the mountain steep and in the valley gorges for defence purposes. En route to Dades Gorge we pass many of these medieval kasbahs and stop at one of the highest vantage points to enjoy a cup of sweet minted tea and take in panoramic views of the impressive snow capped mountain vista. Overnight - [Gorge du Dades](#)

Day 3: Todra Gorge

Dades Gorge - Todra Gorge. The morning is spent at Dades Gorge where you can choose to partake in a leisurely walk/hike through the simple local villages and foothills of the gorge or spend the morning at leisure.

After a hearty lunch we drive onward to Todra Gorge. The gorge is one of the most dramatic sights to be seen anywhere in Morocco. Created millions of years ago, the striking gorge snakes its way through the rugged mountain range. The final 600 m of the Todra gorge are spectacular as the canyon narrows to a flat stony track as little as 10m wide in places with sheer and smooth rock walls up to 160m high on each side.

It's an easy walk through the rosy red gorge and often we have the opportunity to partake in an afternoon session of rock climbing or (in summer) horse riding (book/pay locally). With such spectacular scenery, ever changing colours of the rock face and the hubbub of locals passing through herding camels or selling their wares, it's the perfect place to stop a while. Late this afternoon we visit the village co-operative where hundreds of hand made Berber rugs, kilims and carpets are displayed and offered for sale. Overnight - [Todra Gorge](#)



Day 4:

Todra Gorge - Erg Chebbi sand dunes. Crossing Jebel Sarhro, we enjoy lunch and a swim before travelling down to Erg Chebbi sand dunes, the start point of the mighty Sahara Desert. The Erg Chebbi dunes located near the remote frontier town of Merzouga are renowned for their incredible height and size. In parts the vast sand pile reaches skyward to heights of 150 metres!

The desert winds ensure this astonishing landscape is forever changing and no two days offer the same panorama. Mounting our subservient camels, they relaxedly glide across the desert sands as we happily photograph and take in the breathtaking scenery. Arriving at our simple Berber camp, we enjoy dinner and a night under the Saharan stars. Overnight - Berber Camp



Day 5: Ouarzazate

Erg Chebbi - Ouarzazate. After a stunning sunrise and a tranquil and ambient ride back to our frontier post (camel HQ) there is time to freshen up before driving to the verdant Draa valley. Besides the natural, historical and architectural wonders that the Draa Valley offers, there are also small villages along the valley where time seems to stand still, so little is the effect of modernity on them. Here, women are fully and always veiled while washing their clothes on the riverbanks and the watchful men seem distant, unaccustomed to foreign visitors. These people, besides speaking Arabic also speak their own dialect of the Berber vernacular, called

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Tashelhiyt.

Along the route of 1000 Kasbahs, we continue on to Ouarzazate, (pronounced as wazza-zat). Sitting at an altitude of 1160 metres in the middle of a barren plateau, Ouarzazate lies at the cross roads of all routes going north, south, east, and west. Its geographical position has made it a key trading post in both ancient and modern times. Capital of a large province, the towns' northern limits run along the southern aspect of the High Atlas and its southern boundary disappears back into the ever present and mysterious Saharan Desert. Today, the area is still essentially populated by Berber people, who were constructors of the numerous fortified kasbahs and dwellings for which the region is famous. After hotel check in, consider a late afternoon swim. Overnight - [Ouarzazate](#)



Day 6: Ait Benhaddou

Ouarzazate - Ait Benhaddou - Marrakech. This morning you can opt to go quad bike riding or visit the film studio that produced Lawrence of Arabia, Alexander the Great, The Last Temptation of Christ and The Living Daylights.

Arriving at nearby fortified city of Ait Benhaddou - built for defence purposes high on a hill with a bubbling steam within its shadows, the stunningly well preserved medieval city is a true highlight of our tour. Famously used as a backdrop in the film 'Gladiator', its beauty is unequal to any other fortified village in south Morocco. Overnight - [Marrakech](#)



Day 7:

This morning we enjoy a guided tour of old Marrakech. Set within the rose-coloured walls of the medina and a tangle of winding streets lead to bustling souks, the focal point is the central square, the Djemaa el Fna, an extraordinary gathering and market place. Full of colour, spicy aromas and traders it is best seen in the evening when overflowing with food stalls, dancers, acrobats, fortune tellers, musicians and henna artists. Towering over all this is the Koutoubia mosque, the tallest building in the city and a reminder of the importance of Islam to the lives of the city's residents.

Spend the afternoon at leisure, pamper yourself at the local hammam or further explore the city your own way. Overnight - [Marrakech](#)



Day 8: Marrakech

Saturday. Breakfast. Spend the morning relaxing or picking up a few last minute souvenirs. Our tour concludes upon hotel check out at 12 noon.

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 - UNESCO-listed Place Djemaa el Fna, (medina, souks and market place)
- Bahia Palace - 19th Century palatial residence of the grand vizier Sidi Moussa
- High Atlas Mountains and views of Mt Toubkal - North Africa's highest peak
- Dades Gorge - imposing valley & stream cut within the mountain range
- Erg Chebbi sand dunes - reaching some 250m high

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- Merzouga - Berber village and start point for our camel trek into the great Sahara
- Todra Gorge - towering red canyon
- Ouarzazate - opt to visit the film studio
- Ait Benhaddou - UNESCO-listed fortified kasbah city

What's Included

- Full board – 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners including Berber camp dinner
- 6 nights 2 - 3 star hotel and 1 night camping - Berber desert camp in the Sahara
- Arrival transfer from Marrakech airport on day 1
- Todra Gorge walk
- Camel trek into the great Sahara
- Guided tour of Marrakech
- Escorted by and English speaking tour leader
- Specialist local guides at some sites
- All transportation and transfers in private 4x4 or mini van/touring vehicle
- Entrance fees to all included sites
- All road taxes and tolls

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Note: On some road journeys, the tour leader may not be in your particular vehicle
- Entrance Fees: included
- Tipping Kitty: \$36 - 40 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Mount Toubkal - 4 day bolt-on - USD \$499

Trek to the summit of Mount Toubkal in Morocco, the highest mountain in North Africa, on our 4 day Mount Toubkal bolt-on. Transfer from Marrakech to the High Atlas Mountains and enjoy a challenging 3 day trek across rugged terrain, surrounded by beautiful mountain vistas. On day 2 reach the lofty summit of Mt Toubkal (4168m) where you will be rewarded by stunning panoramic views of Morocco!

Taghazoute Surfing - 4 day bolt-on - USD \$499

Extend your stay and ride the waves in laid back Taghazoute, on Morocco's stunning Atlantic coast. Taghazoute has been popular with hippies since the 60's and surfers soon discovered its world class point breaks, making it the surfing Mecca it is today. Enjoy active surfing sessions in the day time and relaxing evenings at the

surf camp.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,259

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
02 JUN - 09 JUN	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
16 JUN - 23 JUN	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
30 JUN - 07 JUL	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
14 JUL - 21 JUL	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
28 JUL - 04 AUG	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
04 AUG - 11 AUG	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
11 AUG - 18 AUG	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
18 AUG - 25 AUG	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
25 AUG - 01 SEP	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
08 SEP - 15 SEP	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
22 SEP - 29 SEP	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
06 OCT - 13 OCT	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
13 OCT - 20 OCT	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
20 OCT - 27 OCT	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
27 OCT - 03 NOV	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
10 NOV - 17 NOV	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
24 NOV - 01 DEC	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
08 DEC - 15 DEC	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
23 DEC - 30 DEC	USD \$1,259	USD \$229

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
05 JAN - 12 JAN	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
19 JAN - 26 JAN	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
02 FEB - 09 FEB	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
09 FEB - 16 FEB	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
16 FEB - 23 FEB	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
02 MAR - 09 MAR	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
09 MAR - 16 MAR	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
23 MAR - 30 MAR	USD \$1,259	USD \$229

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30 MAR - 06 APR	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
06 APR - 13 APR	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
13 APR - 20 APR	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
20 APR - 27 APR	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
27 APR - 04 MAY	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
04 MAY - 11 MAY	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
11 MAY - 18 MAY	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
18 MAY - 25 MAY	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
25 MAY - 01 JUN	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
01 JUN - 08 JUN	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
15 JUN - 22 JUN	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
29 JUN - 06 JUL	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
13 JUL - 20 JUL	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
20 JUL - 27 JUL	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
27 JUL - 03 AUG	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
03 AUG - 10 AUG	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
10 AUG - 17 AUG	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
17 AUG - 24 AUG	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
24 AUG - 31 AUG	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
31 AUG - 07 SEP	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
14 SEP - 21 SEP	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
21 SEP - 28 SEP	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
28 SEP - 05 OCT	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
05 OCT - 12 OCT	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
12 OCT - 19 OCT	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
19 OCT - 26 OCT	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
26 OCT - 02 NOV	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
09 NOV - 16 NOV	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
23 NOV - 30 NOV	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
07 DEC - 14 DEC	USD \$1,259	USD \$229
23 DEC - 30 DEC	USD \$1,259	USD \$229

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

Hi Mark, I felt I should tell you what a fantastic time we had in Morocco !! The landscape is so beautiful and the people very warm Our trip to the desert on the camels was truly a unique experience I must tell you it was more than we expected Thanks for all your help and a special thanks to Nomadic and Brahim for making our vacation

so memorable.

[Sarah Gowell, Apr 2012](#)

A wonderful tour! The dynamic of the group was excellent. I will definitely book with On The Go again. Thank you!

[Lucia Smith, Jul 2011](#)

Our tour guide Brahim was excellent and we gained a wonderful understanding of the culture, language etc during the trip. He also had a marvelous sense of humour. Highly recommended!

[Sharon Leith, Jul 2011](#)

Mustapha was brilliant guide,very enthusiastic and very entertaining. I had a great time. Highly recommended.

[Jennifer , May 2011](#)

We had a fantastic time on the tour. Our tour guide and driver were helpful and lots of fun. Great holiday.

[Melanie, May 2011](#)

had a great trip! Really enjoyed it+exceeded expectations. Guide was really good, friendly, funny, chatty, knowledgeable +always helpful.Thank you Mustapha. He made us all feel comfortable and welcome and is a real asset to the company.

[Hayley , May 2011](#)

Hi Ryan, Just wanted to thank you for an awesome trip! We had a great tour guide and like minded group which made a fab holiday!! Already looking at the next trip which I think will be South America. Might have to book in some time with you to talk through some options.

[Hannah Preen, May 2011](#)

Ibrahim was an excellent guide and ensured we had as much information as possible in a limited amount of time.

[Ann+Chris Thomas, Feb 2011](#)