

Christmas in Morocco 8 days



Make your way to magical Morocco this Christmas, a short hop from Europe but worlds apart. An exotic land of spices, ancient Kasbahs, rolling Saharan sands, verdant valleys and bustling souks.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Marrakech / Ends in: Marrakech
- Departs: 23 December 2012
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 7, Lunch: 4, Dinner: 5
- Hotel Rating: 3 - 4 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

23rd Dec 2012. Welcome to Morocco! Arrival transfer from Marrakech airport to our hotel located in the heart of the old city. This evening (at 19:00) our welcome meeting takes place, where you'll meet your tour leader and fellow travellers and afterward, maybe go for a drink at a bar. Overnight - [Marrakech](#)

Day 2: Gorge du Dades

Marrakech - Dades Gorge. Leaving Marrakech, we drive through the Dades Gorge, an awesome valley which extends from the High Atlas to the Jebel Sarhro range in the south. Berbers built many kasbahs in the vicinity of gorges for defence purposes. These many kasbahs, combined with their stunning setting, make this a beautiful region through which to travel. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Overnight - [Gorge du Dades](#)

Day 3: Xmas Dinner at Todra Gorge

Dades Gorge - Todra Gorge. Merry Christmas! The morning is spent at Dades Gorge where you can choose to trek or relax. After lunch we visit to a traditional Berber home where the semi nomadic family have set up a co-operative for the trade of carpets, kilms and handicrafts for all the rural communities across the Atlas. The remainder of the afternoon is spent taking in the remarkable and sheer brilliance of Todra Gorge, opt to go rock climbing (book and pay locally) or just relax and enjoy the day with a great Xmas dinner in the beautiful surroundings. Overnight - [Todra Gorge](#)



Day 4: Camel trek into the Sahara

Todra Gorge - Erg Chebbi sand dunes. Crossing the Jebel Sarhro, we head down to Erg Chebbi sand dunes, which signify the start of the mighty Sahara Desert. 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 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 a simple dinner and a night

under the Saharan stars. Remember to wrap up warm as it can get a little chilly once the sun sets! Overnight - Berber Camp



Day 5: The picturesque Draa Valley

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, along the route of 1000 Kasbahs.

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. We continue on to Ouarzazate, which African traders once used on their journeys up to Europe. It has also been used as a film set, for Alexander the Great, The Last Temptation of Christ and The Living Daylights. Overnight - [Ouarzazate](#)

Day 6: Ait Benhaddou

Ouarzazate - Ait Benhaddou - Marrakech. In the morning either visit the film studio that produced Lawrence of Arabia or opt to go Quad Biking (book and pay locally) before driving onward to the legendary Ait Benhaddou.

Ait Benhaddou - a 'fortified city' situated along the former caravan route between the Sahara and Marrakech, boasts some beautiful examples of ancient kasbahs. Only a handful of which remain inhabited. Granted UNESCO World Heritage listing, this incredible site had been the setting for many films including Gladiator. Overnight - [Marrakech](#)

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Day 7: Djemaa el Fna & the medieval medina

This morning we tour magical Marrakech, an exotic pink city of snake charmers, steamy hammams, bustling souks and hidden palaces. The focal point and highlight of the city is the Koutoubia mosque and Djemaa el Fna - the central square, which is an extraordinary market place full of colour, music, spicy aromas and traders. Best seen in the evening when the square is overflowing with food stalls, dancers, acrobats, fortune tellers, musicians and henna artists.

This afternoon and evening is free for you to explore independently, soak up the incredible atmosphere and test your bartering skills in the souks. Perhaps pamper yourself with a steamy hammam! Overnight - [Marrakech](#)



Day 8: Marrakech

30th Dec 2012. Our Moroccan adventure concludes after breakfast. Happy travels! If you would like to extend your trip and spend New Year's Eve in Marrakech, take a look at our Rock the Kasbah tour.

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 (ancient medina, souks and market place)
- Bahia Palace - 19th Century palatial residence of the grand vizier Sidi Moussa & Koutoubia Mosque.
- High Atlas Mountains and views of Mt Toubkal - North Africa's highest peak
- Dades Gorge - valley of the roses
- Todra Gorge - towering red canyon
- Merzouga - Berber village and start point for our camel trek into the great Sahara
- Erg Chebbi sand dunes - beginning of the Sahara
- Ouarzazate - home to Morocco's film industry. Opt for a visit.
- Ait Benhaddou - UNESCO-listed fortified kasbah city

What's Included

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners including a traditional Berber meal in the Sahara
- 6 nights 3 - 4 star hotel accommodation 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 an English speaking tour leader
- Specialist local guides at some sites
- All transportation and transfers in private mini van/touring vehicle
- All road taxes and tolls
- No local payment, only minimal cost of entrance fees and tip kitty upon arrival

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: \$20-30 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$20-30 USD

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,329

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, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus

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avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

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Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
23 DEC - 30 DEC	USD \$1,329	USD \$369

POSTCARDS:

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

The tour was excellent. Aziz, our guide, was marvellous - very helpful, mature, adaptable, knowledgeable and really a pleasure to talk to. Omar - the driver was great and demonstrated good knowledge of the roads. We enjoyed the whole tour.

[Naama Gelber , Jan 2012](#)

Fantastic warm guide - Aziz. Good info imparted at good intervals along the trip. Laid back attitude and friendly to everyone. Aziz really knows how to lead a group as well as letting the group members explore independently at some points. Thank you and Happy New Year!

[Frances Edwards , Jan 2012](#)

Amazing, friendly team always there to help! Good response, they really did a superb job. FANTASTICO!

[Rolando Cardenas, Feb 2010](#)

Fantastic hospitality and really enjoyed travelling with the group and fantastic tour guides, esp Brahmin. The sand dunes and the staff were my favourite things. Thank you very much!

[Tsuyoshi Kihara, Jan 2010](#)

The tour guides were very good! Friendly and helpful. I would recommend this trip. Thanks for a great holiday!

[Astrid Dugue, Jan 2010](#)

Great tour, trekking into the Sahara was an unforgettable experience. The guides were great, really made us feel looked after and nothing was too much trouble. A fantastic Xmas experience!

[Hatem Keshk, Jan 2010](#)

I very much enjoyed the berber camp - spending the night in the open air. The camp was well set up, clean and relaxing. Wathing sunrise from the top od the big dune next to the berber camp was definitely the highlight. Aziz was a great guide with good sense of humour.

[Andres Brady, Jan 2010](#)