



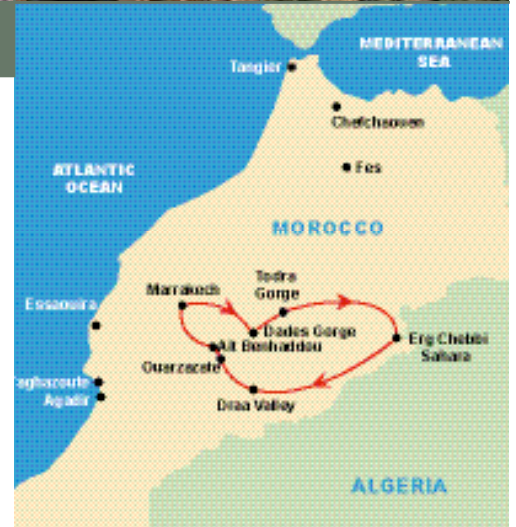
## tour spotlight

### what you see

- Marrakech - UNESCO-listed Djemaa el Fna - (medina and marketplace).
- Bahia Palace and Koutoubia Mosque
- Ouarzazate - home to Morocco's film industry
- Todra Gorge - towering 300m high canyon
- The Sahara Desert - Erg Chebbi sand dunes
- Dades Gorge - a striking valley and stream cut within the mountain range
- Ait Benhaddou - UNESCO-listed fortified kasbah city
- High Atlas Mountains and views of Mt Toubkal - North Africa's highest peak

### what you get

- 8 Breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners including Berber camp dinner
- 1 night camping, 7 nights 2 - 3 star hotels
- Arrival transfer from Marrakech airport on day 1
- Transport in 4 x 4 or mini van
- Escorted by an English speaking tour leader
- Specialist local guides at some sites
- Todra gorge walk
- Sahara camel trek
- Guided tour of Marrakech
- All entrance fees to included sights
- All road taxes and tolls



## on location

### Your guide to on the ground...

#### visa requirements

Visas are not required for British, Australian, Canadian, US and other EU nationals for a stay of up to 3 months. Please ensure your passport is valid for six months after your return date and that you get your passport stamped upon entry into Morocco. All other nationalities should contact the Moroccan embassy for details. Visas are your responsibility. Don't forget to check!

#### climate

Temperatures in Morocco are generally high, particularly during the summer months from May to September, when the sun can be fierce and temperatures are at industrial levels, so take sunscreen. In winter (October to February), it is colder, especially in the Atlas Mountains where it can drop to below freezing - so take plenty of warm clothes including jacket, long-sleeved tops, jumper, gloves and trousers.

#### time

Morocco is 0 hours ahead of GMT (daylight saving time +1 ahead of GMT)

#### money

GBP £1 = MAD13 USD \$1 = MAD8 EUR 1 = MAD11 AUD = 7.4 MAD = Moroccan Dirham, rates are subject to fluctuation. Exchange facilities are available at various bureau de changes in major towns and most banks have ATMs.

#### health requirements

It is recommended that you be vaccinated for Tetanus and Polio, if you haven't had a booster in the last ten years. Food and waterborne diseases are more common, so we recommend vaccinations for typhoid (valid 3 years) and Hepatitis A (validity varies). Please consult a physician or travel clinic for further information.

## how much

- **ENTRANCE FEES**  
Entrance fees are included in your tour.
- **TIPPING**  
A small tipping kitty will be collected from all adult tour participants to cover tips en route. (payable in local currency)  
Your guide (suggested amount) USD35-45 USD15-25
- Mineral water (local brand, 500ml or 1L) MAD15
- Meal for 2 (entree, main, local restaurant) MAD100
- Beer (local brew Efes - 330-500ml approx) MAD20
- Chocolate bar (local brand) MAD5-10

## things to bring

- A sleeping bag for the Saharan Berber camp
- Lightweight cotton garments for summer, warm clothing for winter as it can get quite cool
- Comfortable walking shoes or hiking shoes
- DEET based mosquito repellent & antihistamine cream
- 2 spare passport photos & a photocopy of your passport
- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, swim costume, torch, money belt

## top experiences

- Visit the spectacular Djemaa el Fna square
- Lose yourself in the Sahara on camel back
- Revel in laziness in beachside Essaouira
- Experience the craziness of the winding maze like alleys of Marrakech's souks (markets)
- Explore the ancient city of Fes
- Enjoy a Christmas/New Year's with a difference in amazing Morocco





# 1001 berber nights: itinerary

## day 1 - marrakech

Saturday. Upon arrival at Marrakech airport you will be met and transferred to our hotel in the centre of town. The welcome meeting at 18:00 this evening provides the opportunity to meet your guide and fellow travellers before dinner. Dinner and overnight - Marrakech.

## day 2 - ouarzazate

Marrakech - Ouarzazate - breakfast. Leaving Marrakech, we drive over the stunning High Atlas mountains on the way to Ouarzazate, which used to be the crossing point for African traders heading to the northern cities in Morocco, or travelling up into Europe. Ouarzazate is now the film capital of Morocco and we have the opportunity to visit the famous film studios which have been used for films such as Kingdom of Heaven, Alexander the Great, The Last Temptation of Christ and The Living Daylights. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Ouarzazate

## day 3 - todra gorge

Ouarzazate - Todra Gorge - breakfast. We continue our journey this morning, driving on to the stunning Todra Gorge, a narrow rose red canyon with towering 300m high walls. Discover the charm of Todra today as you witness it's ever changing colours on a light walk. There is the opportunity to partake in an afternoon session of rock climbing or (in summer) horse riding (book/pay locally). Alternatively, you could choose just to relax by the pool and soak up the atmosphere. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Todra Gorge.

## day 4 - camel trek and camp

Todra Gorge - Erg Chebbi - breakfast. Crossing the Jebel Sarhro, we head down to Erg Chebbi sand dunes this morning, which signify the commencement of the mighty Sahara Desert. Transferring to trusty camels, we trek sedately across the vast rolling sand dunes of the Sahara to our remote Berber camp - an experience that is guaranteed to leave a lasting impression on travellers young and old! Enjoy a relaxing afternoon and evening in the desert; scale the towering dunes and watch a breathtaking sunset, before listening to Berber music and enjoying some tasty local food. Camp out tonight under the glittering Saharan stars. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Berber camp.

**Please note:** Although blankets are provided at the campsite we strongly recommend that you bring your own sleeping bags for hygiene and also for warmth. A sleeping bag is essential between the months of November and April when temperatures at night plummet.

## day 5 - dades gorge

Erg Chebbi - Dades Gorge - breakfast. Sadly we depart the Sahara this morning, trekking back on our camels to the frontier point (camel HQ). We stop off at a hotel in Merzouga, to wash away the desert sand with a shower and a chance to cool off in the pool before lunch. Feeling refreshed, we travel to the beautiful Dades Gorge this afternoon, a stunning valley which extends from the High Atlas to the Jebel Sarhro range in the south, with a picturesque river meandering through the middle and kasbahs dotted on the ranges. Admire the views along the serpentine roads, stopping at several scenic spots en route for photo opportunities and perhaps a cup of mint tea as we head to our hotel. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Dades Gorge

## day 6 - ait benhaddou

Dades Gorge - Ait Benhaddou - breakfast. This morning we head to legendary Ait Benhaddou, a 'fortified city', situated along the former caravan route between the Sahara and Marrakech. Granted UNESCO World Heritage listing, the site had been the setting for many films including Lawrence of Arabia and Gladiator. Enjoy a guided tour of this remarkable site, exploring the ancient winding alleys, towers and kasbahs - a handful of which remain inhabited today. Explore the winding alleys and admire the wonderful views overlooking a fertile river valley and the surrounding Atlas mountains. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Ait Benhaddou

## day 7 - djemaa el fna

Ait Benhaddou - Marrakech - breakfast. We enjoy some free time again this morning at the hotel near Ait Benhaddou, before heading on our way for an incredible journey over the Atlas mountains. Arriving late afternoon in Marrakech. This evening consider heading for dinner at one of the restaurants overlooking Djemaa el Fna, the exuberant market place which literally springs to life in the evenings. Filled with spicy aromas, exotic music, market stalls, snake charmers, magicians, storytellers and more, it is undoubtedly the liveliest and most captivating attraction in Morocco! Overnight - Marrakech.

## day 8 - marrakech

Breakfast. This morning we take a guided tour around the city, exploring the winding streets and bustling souks, visiting Bahia Palace and the beautiful Koutoubia Mosque - the landmark of Marrakech, which towers over the ancient medina. The afternoon is free for a spot of souvenir shopping in the souks, or a final opportunity to soak up the sunshine by the pool. Overnight - Marrakech.

## day 9 - marrakech

Sunday. Marrakech - breakfast. Our Moroccan adventure finishes after breakfast, goodbyes and farewells to new found friends.

**Please Note** - Travellers who have booked prior to 05 January 2011 are required to pay a local payment of 255Euro. The tip kitty as featured on page 1 will not be collected as the amount is included in your local payment.

This expedition is run in conjunction with Nomadic Expeditions.

## Useful information travel insurance

All our passengers must be fully insured for travel in Morocco. Be aware that travel insurance will not usually cover you as standard, for the optional activities such as rock climbing and quad biking. If you are planning to do any of these adventure sports please ensure you obtain the correct level of cover. Your insurance must provide adequate cover for hospital treatment, repatriation flights home, in the event of you being too ill to continue the expedition, trip cancellation for personal reasons, personal accident, personal baggage and associated valuables. You will need to bring the policy with you, as it is obligatory for joining any expedition.

## tipping

Tipping is an entirely personal gesture and we do not collect a tipping kitty, but do recommend that you tip your guide/driver for a job well done. We suggest you budget approximately USD \$15 - \$25 for tipping.

## luggage

We recommend you pack all your gear in a rucksack/backpack for this type of trip. Bring also a daypack, to keep personal items such as your wallet, camera, water bottle and valuables to hand.

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## optional activities

We make sure that you have free time whilst touring, in order to relax and enjoy the sights independently. If you prefer to stay active, here are some optional activities, that are available to book locally (prices can vary).

Marrakech - Hammam (starting from)	MAD150
Marrakech - Hot Air Ballooning	MAD2000

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