

festive ski & surf

go guide

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a world of discovery



tour spotlight

what you see

- Marrakech - Koutoubia Mosque, UNESCO-listed site - Djemâa el-Fna, souks and Koutoubia Mosque
- Oukaimden - the highest ski resort in Africa
- High Atlas Mountains
- Taghazoute - small Atlantic coast, fishing village and surf Mecca

Local payment: 350 Euros

what you get

- Airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Full Board: Breakfast 7, Lunch 6, Dinner 7
- 7 nights 2 - 3 ★ hotel / chalet
- Transport in 4x4 Land Cruiser or Mini Van
- Guided tour of Marrakech
- Ski Equipment hire for two days (including jacket, trousers, boots and skis)
- Half day ski lesson on day 3
- Ski Pass for two days
- Half day Surfing lesson
- 1 half day hire of surfboard & wetsuit



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

- **Local Payment** - This will be collected by your tour leader at the welcome meeting on day 1. It is payable in Euros Cash. **€350**
- Mineral water (local brand, 500ml or 1L) **MAD15**
- Meal for 2 (entree, main, a beer, local restaurant) **MAD50-100**
- Beer (local brew Efes - 330-500ml approx) **MAD20**
- Chocolate bar (local brand) **MAD5-10**

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 are approximate).

- Marrakech - hammam **MAD75**
- Taghazoute -
 - horse trekking (half day) **MAD500**
 - horse trekking-inc lunch (full day) **MAD1000**
 - Surfing- inc coach, board & wetsuit (half day) **MAD300**

things to bring

- Rucksack and a day pack/bag for day to day items
- Towel - most hotels do not provide them
- Hat, scarf, gloves and mask/sun glasses for skiing
- Thermals and thick socks for skiing
- Camera and spare memory card/film
- Mosquito repellent
- Water bottle
- Personal first aid kit
- A high factor sun screen and lip balm.
- Swimming costume/shorts for Taghazoute
- Two spare passport photos and a photocopy of your passport





festive ski & surf: itinerary

day 1 - marrakech

Seasons greetings & welcome to Morocco!
Upon arrival at Marrakech airport there will be representative from on the go/Nomadic Expeditions to meet and transfer you to your hotel. Be sure to arrive in time for your predeparture meeting at 6:00pm. Dinner and overnight - Marrakech.

day 2 - djemaa-el-fna

Marrakech - Oukaimden - breakfast. Today we take a guided city tour and see the sights of magical Marrakech. Set within the rose-coloured walls of the medina lies a reality that is not that far removed from an exotic film set - a tangle of winding streets that open onto verdant gardens and dark alleyways that 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.

Later this afternoon we take the scenic drive to Oukaimden, our ski paradise in the High Atlas mountains! Our chalets have a variety of different size rooms, which sleep between 2 to 6 people per room. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Oukaimden

day 3 - oukaimden

Oukaimden - breakfast. It's time to hit the slopes with our experienced instructor in tow. At 3268m Oukaimden is the highest ski resort in Africa and is stunningly beautiful, take a moment to enjoy the amazing panoramic views over the High Atlas ranges.

All our equipment is provided, including skis, boots, jacket, and salopettes, so no need to buy or bring any expensive ski wear! The only essentials to bring yourself are some thick socks, a nice warm hat, scarf, gloves, perhaps some thermals or plenty of warm layers and don't forget the sunscreen! Your ski pass for two days and morning's lesson is also included.

The afternoon is free for us to practice what we've learnt and glide effortlessly down the pristine slopes (well that's the idea anyway!) Once we are all tired out we can relax and experience Apres Ski, Moroccan style! Lunch dinner and overnight - Oukaimden

day 4 - free day

Oukaimden - breakfast. Wake up, take a deep breath and see the snow glistening in the sun, before going for another hard day's skiing! Today is free for you to make the most of your included ski pass and equipment hire - ski at your own pace, or if you

prefer you can just take today to relax, enjoy the beautiful scenery and get ready for surfing action tomorrow. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Oukaimden

day 5 - taghazoute

Oukaimden - Taghazoute - breakfast. This morning we have and early start so that we can reach Taghazoute on the Atlantic coast Here we can experience a taste of traditional Moroccan lifestyles which have been well preserved in this quaint community. See locals in traditional clothes, and wooden boats on the beach painted with colourful patterns and enjoy the contrast of the white houses and their intricately patterned doors.

The laid back atmosphere, beautiful beach and traditional charm of Taghazoute, has made it popular with hippies since the 60's and surfers soon discovered its world class point breaks, making it the surfing Mecca it is today. We check into our surf accommodation and spend the afternoon at leisure, head to the beach or explore Taghazoute. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Taghazoute/Agadir*

*Accommodation for days 5 and 6 will be in Taghazoute or neighbouring Agadir. All activities will take place in Taghazoute.

day 6 - taghazoute

Taghazoute - breakfast. This morning we put on our wetsuits and then head to the beach for a morning of surf coaching and riding the waves! Enjoy a free afternoon relaxing on the beach and topping up your tan, or choose from our exciting optional activities (payable locally); Perhaps continue perfecting your surfing skills with more coaching or horse trek along the beautiful Moroccan coastline! - payable locally. This evening, consider checking out the nightlife in neighbouring Agadir. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Taghazoute/Agadir*

day 7 - marrakech

Taghazoute - Marrakech - breakfast. This morning is free for you to spend at leisure or the final opportunity to try one of the optional activities. We have lunch in Taghazoute before heading back to the hustle and bustle of Marrakech, stopping en route for dinner. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Marrakech

day 8 - marrakech

Marrakech - breakfast. The tour finishes after breakfast today.

PLEASE NOTE: This expedition is run in conjunction with Nomadic Expeditions.

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 skiing or optional activities such as quad biking. Please ensure you obtain the correct level of cover. Your policy must also provide adequate cover for hospital treatment, repatriation flights home, in the event of you being too ill to continue the trip, personal accident, personal baggage and associated valuables. You must bring the policy with you as it is obligatory for joining any expedition.

cashed up

How much you spend depends largely on individual tastes and often how much you eat, drink or shop. We currently recommend an average of USD \$20 - \$30 per day on top of optional excursions. We can't specify every sundry cost however you need to allow for expenses such as drinks, snacks, postage and the odd souvenir.

Travellers Cheques can be difficult to change en route, so we recommend you have cash for convenience and bring a credit/debit card to use in the ATM's - most accept Visa, Mastercard, Electron, Cirrus and Maestro. There are ATM's at Marrakech airport, which you can use upon arrival.

The importation or exportation of Moroccan currency is prohibited but any amount of foreign currency can be bought into the country and exchanged at most banks.

luggage

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

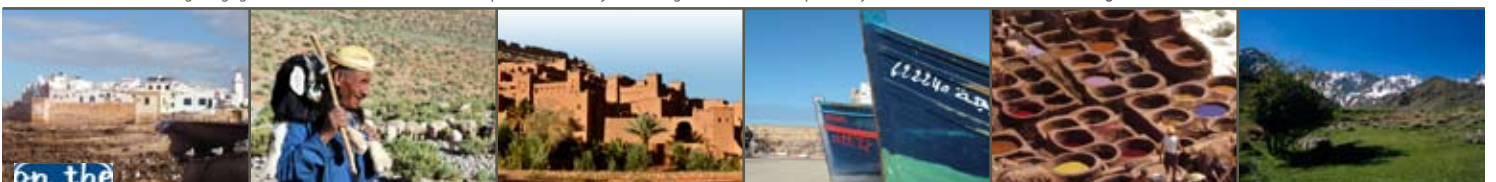
Clothing: You will need some warm layers for skiing including a thick socks, hat, gloves and scarf. We recommend you pack a thermal top and bottoms.

Check the five day weather forecast online before packing to gain an accurate idea of the temperature at each of the destinations you will be visiting.

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 \$25 - \$35 for tipping.

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