

Atlas & Atlantic Coast

10 days | Starts/Ends: Marrakech



Experience the madness of Marrakech, visit the beautiful Cascades D'Ouzoud and take the road less travelled up into the High Atlas Mountains for a taste of the real Morocco. Top it off with some coastal relaxation in Essaouira.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Marrakech - UNESCO-listed Place Djemaa el Fna, souks and Koutoubia Mosque
- Cascades D'Ouzoud - beautiful waterfalls
- High Atlas Mountains
- Valley of Ait Bougamez
- Views of Jebel Mgoun and the southern peaks of the High Atlas
- Sidi Moussa - ancient granary and fortification
- Lake of Bin Ouidane
- Essaouira and Atlantic coast

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- 9 nights Superior (4 star) hotels and riads (Standard and Deluxe hotel options are also available)

Note: Deluxe hotels and riads are not available in Ait Bougamez

- Marrakech Airport arrival and departure transfer
- Guided tour of Marrakech
- Services of a licensed English speaking tour guide at all included sites
- Driver, all transfers and transportation in a private modern air-conditioned tourism vehicle
- All road taxes and tolls
- Entrance fees to all included sightseeing

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Gratuity for your tour guide/driver. Budget USD\$2 - 3 per person per day. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture

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Day 1 : Marrakech

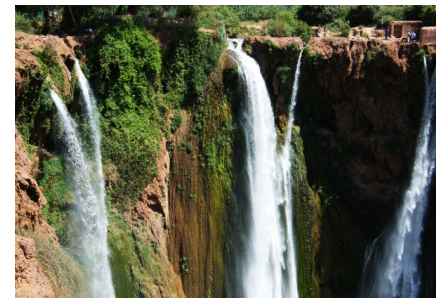
Arrival in Marrakech airport where you will be met by the On the Go guide and transferred to your centrally located hotel or riad. The remainder of the day and evening are free to explore the vibrant Djemaa el Fna square. Full of colour, spicy aromas and traders, it is best seen in the evening when overflowing with people, acrobats, fortune tellers, snake charmers and much more!

Overnight - Marrakech

Day 2 : Bahia Palace & the old medina

This morning enjoy a guided city tour, taking in all the highlights of Marrakech including the Koutoubia mosque and Bahia palace. Spend the afternoon at leisure, perhaps visit to the beautiful Jardins de Majorelle or wander around the souks. **Overnight - Marrakech (B)**

Day 3 : Cascades D'Ouzoud



Marrakech - Ait Bougamez. An early morning departure takes you off into the High Atlas along the route for Fes. After a short drive we turn off south and arrive at the glorious waterfall of the Cascades D'Ouzoud for lunch.

After taking some time to rest and enjoy our magnificent surroundings its time to hit the twisty mountain road past Azilal and reach the heart of the High Atlas – the valley of Ait Bougamez.

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Ait Bougmez is a hidden gem, a valley close to Ighil Mgoun, the highest summit in Morocco apart from the

Toubkal range. The area is popular for trekking, as there is a long, easy trek from the Tessaout Sources/ Tarkeddid plateau, which is reached from the Ait Bougmez valley. Exploring the valley is easily done on foot and it can be preferable to driving, as so many places still have poor roads. The centre of the region is the village of Tabant, and from here, in less than an hours walk, several small villages can be explored - Imelghas, Iskatafene, Ikhf-n-Ighir, Agouti, Ait Imi Iqballioun, Ifrane, and Arous. Three hours walk away is the village of Taghoulit. With incredibly striking scenery and off the beaten track location, Ait Bougmez is still unspoilt. Here you'll spend the next three nights in a Kasbah, exploring the beautiful surrounding area. **Overnight - Ait Bougmez (B, L, D)**

Day 4 : High Atlas



Today you can take a mule ride to the Dinosaur tracks at the head of the valley, the route winding through the fields of grain and the apple and almond orchards. After a picnic in the hills, return to the Kasbah via different route, stopping for a cup of tea in a berber house. **Overnight - Ait Bougmez (B, L, D)**

Day 5 : Sidi Moussa

If you're feeling energetic, a walk up to the pass of Tizi ait Imi is well rewarded with views of Jbel Mgoun and the southern peaks of the High Atlas, otherwise its possible to take a walk around the village, maybe see the feltmakers and carpet makers at work and have a picnic at the side of a stream watching the farmers in the fields. In the afternoon take a walk up to the World heritage site of Sidi

Moussa - an ancient granary and fortification. **Overnight - Ait Bougmez (B, L, D)**

Day 6 : Lake Bin Ouidane



Ait Bougmez - Marrakech. Descending from the mountains today, take the route past the lake of Bin Ouidane, where many richer Moroccans go for water sports, and then descend a sheer road down to the Orange farms of Beni mellal. Taking the road back to Marrakech. Spend the evening at leisure, perhaps wander around the souks, or enjoy a meal in one of the roof top restaurants overlooking Djemaa el Fna. **Overnight - Marrakech (B)**

Day 7 : Essaouira



Marrakech - Essaouira. This morning journey Essaouira, about 2.5 hrs away from Marrakech. Essaouira is a quiet seaside town with a long beach, an interesting little medina with souks and a grand harbour and fortifications. It's the perfect place to relax either on the beach or in a cafe on the square, or just watching the fishing boats coming in and out of the harbour.

Essaouira has avoided becoming a tourist trap and maintains the original charm which made it a firm favourite with many legendary stars, including Jimi Hendrix, Bob Marley and Orson Welles who filmed Othello in Essaouira. **Overnight - Essaouira (B)**

Day 8 : Discover the Atlantic - beachside



Enjoy a lazy day at leisure in Essaouira. Perhaps take a camel ride along the beach, try a spot of wind surfing or simply laze about and soak up the sun. If you fancy some retail therapy there are plenty of souks, a jewellery quarter and some good art galleries. Tonight why not try one of the many tasty restaurants in the medina, where seafood is the speciality **Overnight - Essaouira (B)**

Day 9 : Marrakech - your own way

Essaouira - Marrakech. After a morning in Essaouira, you'll be transferred to Marrakech. On the way back its possible to stop at an Argan oil co-operative to see how the argan nuts from all the forests around Essaouira are converted into oils and soaps. Arrive back in time for some last minute souvenir shopping. **Overnight - Marrakech (B)**

Day 10 : Marrakech

Hotel check out and included onward departure transfer to the airport.(B)

PRICES / DATES INFO

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.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
23 May	USD 2,195	USD 2,745

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