

Atlas & Atlantic Coast

10 days | Starts/Ends: Marrakech



PRIVATE TOUR: Experience vibrant Marrakech, visit the beautiful Cascades D'Ouzoud waterfalls, see Lake Bin Ouidane, explore Sidi Moussa and Ait Bougamez and take the road less travelled up into the High Atlas Mountains for a taste of real Morocco. Top it all off with a relaxing break in coastal Essaouira.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Marrakech - UNESCO-listed Place Djemaa el Fna, souks and Koutoubia Mosque
- Cascades D'Ouzoud - Beautiful waterfalls
- The Atlas Mountains - Admire the natural beauty of the mountains
- Valley of Ait Bougamez
- Views of Jebel Mgoun and the southern peaks of the High Atlas
- Sidi Moussa - Ancient granary and fortification
- Witness Lake of Bin Ouidane
- Enjoy leisurely time in Essaouira and the Atlantic Coast

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- 6 nights SUPERIOR hotels and riads, and 3 nights Mountain Retreat. STANDARD

and DELUXE hotel options are also available upon request. Accommodation rating – See Trip Notes for details. Note: Deluxe hotels and riads are not available in Ait Bougamez

- Visiting - Marrakech, Cascades D'Ouzoud, Ait Bougamez, Sidi Moussa and Essaouira
- Entrance fees to all included sightseeing
- 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
- An airport arrival transfer day 1 and a departure transfer day 10 (Marrakech Airport)
- All road taxes and tolls

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - An entirely personal gesture

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ITINERARY

Day 1 : Marrakech

Arrival in Marrakech Airport, where you will be met by our On The Go representative and transferred to your centrally located hotel or riad. The remainder of the day and evening are free to independently explore the vibrant Djemaa el Fna Square. Full of colour,

spicy aromas and traders, it's 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 we 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 & Ait Bougamez



Marrakech - Ait Bougamez. An early morning departure takes us into the High Atlas Mountains 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 it's back

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onto the scenic mountain road past Azilal and onward to reach the heart of the High Atlas – the valley of Ait Bougamez.

Ait Bougamez 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 and easy trek from the Tessaout Sources/ Tarkeddid Plateau, which is reached from the Ait Bougamez 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 hour's 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 Bougamez is still unspoilt. Here, you'll spend the next three nights in a Kasbah, exploring the beautiful surrounding area.

Overnight - Ait Bougamez (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Scenic walk & picnic in the hills



Today, we can take a mule ride to the dinosaur tracks at the head of the valley, the route winds through fields of grain and the apple and almond orchards. After a picnic in the hills, we return to the Kasbah via a different route, stopping for a cup of tea in a Berber house.

Overnight - Ait Bougamez (B, L, D)

Day 5 : World Heritage Site of 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 it's possible to take a

walk around the village, maybe see the felt makers 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 Bougamez (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Lake Bin Ouidane



Ait Bougamez - Marrakech. Descending from the mountains today, we take the route past the lake of Bin Ouidane, where many wealthier Moroccan's go for water sports. We then descend down to the Orange farms of Beni Mellal and take 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 : Coastal Essaouira



Marrakech - Essaouira. This morning we journey Essaouira, about 2.5 hours drive 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, 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 Marrakech, in time for some last minute souvenir shopping. **Overnight - Marrakech (B)**

Day 10 : Farewell

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

Should you wish to further explore Marrakech or any of Morocco's other cities or sights, please enquire so we can arrange the perfect holiday for you.

For information about visas, top travel tips and much more, take a look through our travel guide.

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HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Dellarosa Hotel Suites & Spa

Just a short walk from the medina, Dellarosa Hotel Suites & Spa tastefully blends modern architecture with Moroccan authenticity. Guest rooms are tastefully decorated with comfortable beds and excellent en suite facilities. The hotel also has a restaurant Organza serving up a delicious array of Moroccan and International dishes as well as a bar for a tasty beverage or two. Those looking for some pampering should head to the onsite spa and wellness centre.



Dar Itrane

Bougamez Kasbah Dar Itrane is spectacularly situated on top of a hill with views all around. This property is locally rated as a 3.5 star hotel. It is an eco-lodge built in the traditional way, and is perfect for relaxing or as a base between hikes in the nearby mountains. Connect with the local culture as you engage with the local Berber people that live around and work within the accommodation. Both full board and half board options are available. Dar Itrane is located at the foot of M'Goun in the beautiful village of Imelghas.



Hotel Cote Ocean Mogador

Perfectly located on the beach of Essaouira, with wonderful sea views. This hotel is just a 10 minute walk from the Othello Garden and offers a private beach area, onsite restaurant, sun terrace, outdoor swimming pool and a bar. Car rental and bike hire is available for those that would like to get out and explore this picturesque area. The rooms feature air conditioning, Wi-Fi, TV and a private bathroom. Sea view rooms are available, please enquire.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room, based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The 'Solo Room' price is applicable when a single room is required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply.

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
26 Feb	USD 2,195	USD 2,775

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