

Migration of the Berbers

11 days | Starts/Ends: Marrakech



Come to Morocco and take the road less travelled on our unique bi-annual Migration of the Berbers trek, where you will accompany a traditional nomadic family on their fascinating bi-annual migration with their livestock from the high to the low Atlas Mountains.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Marrakech – UNESCO-listed Place Djemaa el Fna, souks and the Koutoubia Mosque
- Cascades D'Ouzoud – Morocco's most spectacular waterfalls
- High Atlas Mountain Ranges, steep passes, waterfalls, Berber villages and valleys
- Breathtaking panoramic views over the High Atlas mountains and the valleys below
- Dades Gorge - valley and stream
- Ouarzazate - opt to visit the film studio
- Ait Benhaddou –UNESCO-listed fortified Kasbah city
- 5 days trekking with a local Berber family

What's Included

- Arrival transfer from Marrakech airport on day 1

- Full Board - 10 Breakfasts, 8 lunches and 9 dinners
- Services of a driver and an English speaking tour leader
- 7 nights Berber camping, 3 nights 2-3 star hotel in Marrakech
- All transportation and transfers in private 4x4 or mini van/touring vehicle
- Whilst trekking – services of a guide, cook & mules or camels to carry rucksacks
- Guided by a Nomadic Berber family
- All road taxes and tolls
- All entrance fees included

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$65pp, paid in USD or local currency
- Gratuity for your tour guide. Budget approx USD\$2 - 3 per person per day. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture
- International flights and visa

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Marrakech

Welcome to Morocco! Arrive Marrakech airport and transfer to our hotel. Be sure to arrive in time for the welcome meeting at 18:00. **Overnight - Marrakech (D)**

Day 2 : Cascades D'Ouzoud



Marrakech – Tamada. This morning we travel by minivan/4x4 to see the magnificent Cascades D'Ouzoud. The three tiered waterfall, drops an impressive 110 metres into the river below, where there is a small foot bridge at its base and it's possible to follow one of the many trails along the river or paddle in the small pools. After lunch in Azilal we continue on to the nomad's camp in Tamada, to meet the Berber family with their sheep, goats and mules, that we will be travelling with for the next 7 days of their bi-annual migration from the High Atlas to the lower Dades Valley. **Overnight - Tamada Camp (B, L, D)**

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Days 3-8 : The Nomadic Migration



Tamada – Central High Atlas – Dades Valley. On the morning of day 3 we begin our nomadic adventure! Leaving Tamada we trek for 4 to 5 hours a day, the pace and distance covered each day will be dependent on the movement of the herd of livestock and the route is not set in stone. The pastoral nomadic Berbers have been making this journey all their lives and have an excellent knowledge of the area and the best routes to take dependent upon the conditions.

The beauty of this experience is that we do not follow a rigid itinerary. Our journey starts in the majestic High Atlas, which is the highest mountain range in North Africa, with several peaks over 4000 metres and breathtaking scenery. We will trek through rugged terrain, crossing steep passes with spectacular panoramic views and passing Berber villages tucked away in picturesque valleys. Camping each night in rustic Berber tents, we'll have time to relax and enjoy our amazing surroundings, whilst a cook prepares tasty traditional Moroccan food for us. We will continue our gradual daily descent towards the Dades Valley, until we reach Ait Youl in the beautiful Dades Gorge on day 8, where we'll camp for the final night. This signals the end of our incredible trek and the Berber family will settle in the lower valleys for the winter, where they are not exposed to the freezing temperatures of the High Atlas. **Overnight - Berber Camps** (B:6, L:6, D:6)

Day 9 : Ait Benhaddou



Dades Valley – Ouarzazate - Ait Benhaddou - Marrakech. Bidding farewell to the Berber family, we head back to Marrakech today stopping en route at Ouarzazate, which African traders once used as a resting point, on their journey up to Europe. Ouarzazate has been used as a setting for several films including, Alexander the Great, The Last Temptation of Christ and The Living Daylights.

Our second stop is at the remarkable Ait Benhaddou, a 'fortified city', situated along the former caravan route, between the Sahara and Marrakech. Ait Benhaddou is one of the best preserved ancient Kasbahs in the Atlas region. Granted UNESCO World Heritage listing, some Kasbahs date back to the 16th Century and the site had been the setting for many famous films including Lawrence of Arabia and Gladiator. Enjoy the comfort of a bed tonight as we return to the riad in Marrakech for some well earned rest and relaxation. **Overnight - Marrakech** (B, L, D)

Day 10 : Marrakech



Enjoy a free day exploring incredible Marrakech. Set within the rose-coloured walls of the medina is 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 above the bustling square is the beautiful Koutoubia Mosque. **Overnight - Marrakech** (B)

Day 11 : Marrakech

The trip concludes after breakfast. (B)

HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

El Andalous Hotel & Spa

Just 10 minutes from the airport, the El Andalous Hotel and Spa offers a welcome respite from the hubub of the city. Evoking the golden age of Arab-Andalusian culture; exotic and romantically rich. Guest rooms are well furnished with excellent en suite facilities as well as private balconies. The hotel pool is great place to relax by and enjoy a tasty beverage or two. The medina is just a 20 minute walk from here or a cab can get you there in a few minutes!



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. 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/

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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, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
18 May	USD 1,695	USD 1,835
21 Sep	USD 1,695	USD 1,835

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
23 May	USD 1,695	USD 1,835
19 Sep	USD 1,695	USD 1,835

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