

Morocco Family Adventure

9 days | Starts/Ends: Marrakech



Take your family on a Moroccan adventure! Marvel at the sights and sounds of Djemaa el Fna in Marrakech, trek on camels into the Sahara and camp out amongst the rolling sand dunes, discover legendary Ait Benhaddou and more! With plenty of free time for fun at the swimming pool and relaxation. This tour is designed for children aged 5 and over.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Marrakech - Independently explore the busy souks UNESCO-listed medina watching craftsmen working and trading their goods
- Ouarzazate - Explore the “gateway to the Sahara” and opt to visit the film studios
- Ait Benhaddou - Visit the traditional mud brick kasbah city
- Merzouga - Enjoy free time in the traditional berber village
- High Atlas Mountains - Marvel at the awe-inspiring views from Mt Toubkal, North Africa’s highest peak
- Todra Gorge - Walk through the towering 300m high rose red canyon

- Dades Gorge - Admire the striking valley carved within the mountain range by the Dades River
- The Sahara Desert - Enjoy a leisurely camel trek through the Erg Chebbi dunes at sunset

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 5 lunches and 7 dinners inclusive of a Berber camp dinner
- 7 nights 3 star hotels and 1 night camping at a Berber desert camp in the Sahara
- Camel trek into the mesmerising Sahara Desert
- Guided tour of Ait Benhaddou
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to all included sites
- Escorted by an English speaking tour leader
- Specialist local guides at some sites
- Arrival transfer from Marrakech Airport on day 1
- All transportation and transfers in private 4x4 or mini van/touring vehicle
- All road taxes and tolls

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$50 per adult, paid in USD or local currency
- International flights and visa
- Note: Children under 12 years of age are not required to pay the *Tipping Kitty*

- Gratuity for your tour leader. We recommend USD\$25 – 35 per adult for the entire tour. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Welcome to Marrakech!

Saturday. Upon arrival at Marrakech airport you will be met and transferred to our hotel. The Welcome Meeting at 18:00 this evening provides the opportunity to meet your guide and fellow travellers before dinner.

Overnight - Marrakech (D)

Day 2 : Drive through stunning High Atlas Mountains



Marrakech – Ouarzazate. Leaving Marrakech, we drive over the stunning High Atlas Mountains on the way to Ouarzazate, where African traders once stopped on their

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journeys up to Europe. Ouarzazate is the Hollywood of North Africa and today there's an optional visit to its famous film studios which have been used for films such as The Kingdom of Heaven, Alexander the Great, The Last Temptation of Christ and The Living Daylights. **Overnight - Ouarzazate** (B, L, D)

Day 3 : Sahara camel trek & camp under the Saharan stars



Ouarzazate – Merzouga. Today we drive through the Anti Atlas ranges to cross The Draa Valley which is famous for its dates and we can stop and try some fresh ones en route. Then it's time to head towards the Sahara Desert at Merzouga, where we transfer to our camels for an incredible trek across the vast Erg Chebbi dunes for a night at our authentic Berber Camp. An experience that is guaranteed to leave a lasting impression on travellers young and old! We enjoy a relaxing evening in the desert; we can scale the giant sand dunes and watch an incredible sunset before settling down to enjoy local food and listen to Berber music. Tonight we camp under the glittering Saharan stars. **Overnight - Berber Camp - Sahara Desert** (B, D)

Day 4 : Todra Gorge



Merzouga - Todra Gorge. Leaving the desert, we continue our journey to Todra Gorge. This 1000ft gorge is hemmed in on all sides by vertical limestone cliffs and is known as

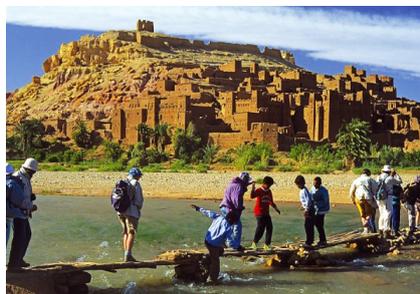
Morocco's Grand Canyon. From its plunging depths to dizzying heights, the charm of Todra lies in its changing colours as the sun slowly moves from east to west. Lunch will be at our Todra hotel and after lunch will be a free afternoon to relax by the pool, go for a swim or a stroll. **Overnight - Todra Gorge** (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Dades Gorge



Todra Gorge – Dades Gorge. There's free time to explore the gorge again this morning before we enjoy lunch at a very traditional Berber cooperative for Berber carpets, which is owned by local people. We will learn how the Berbers make their carpets, you will have chance to try your bargaining skills if you are interested in buying one. After lunch we will leave the impressive Todra Gorge and make the short journey to Gorge du Dades in the Dades valley. We drive along the Road of 1000 Kasbahs, a green and fertile valley by the Dades River that flows through it giving life to a huge variety of colourful fruit, walnut trees and extraordinary red rock formations. At Dades Gorge there's time to wander and admire the views along the serpentine roads. **Overnight - Dades Gorge** (B, L, D)

Day 6 : UNESCO World Heritage - Ait Benhaddou



Dades Gorge – Ait Benhaddou. This morning we travel through The Roses Valley (which is famous for its roses), en route 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. **Overnight - Ait Benhaddou** (B, L, D)

Day 7 : Famous Djemaa el Fna Square



Ait Benhaddou - Marrakech. Today we drive back to Marrakech, crossing the rugged High Atlas Mountains and enjoying the wonderful views en route. There's time to freshen up at our hotel before heading out for dinner tonight in the famous square of Djemaa el Fna, an 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** (B, L, D)

Day 8 : Marrakech city tour



This morning you can enjoy an optional guided tour of Marrakech with a local payment of 100 Dirhams per person, alternatively you can explore the city yourself or relax by the pool. Marrakech has some amazing

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places to explore, the winding streets and bustling souks, visiting Bahia Palace, the Jewish Quarter and the beautiful Koutoubia Mosque - the landmark of Marrakech, which towers over the ancient Medina. **Overnight - Marrakech (B)**

Day 9 : Farewell...

Sunday. Our Moroccan adventure finishes after breakfast, goodbyes and farewells to new found friends.(B)

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.

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!



Les Jardins

A fairly new hotel in Ouarzazate, the Hotel Les Jardins is in the traditional style of a Moroccan kasbah, with spacious rooms. The hotel is set in exquisitely manicured gardens, which provide guests with a much needed breath of fresh air. The experience is complete with a pool and restaurant, where visitors can while away the hours in the warm, starry evenings. The hotel is on the

outskirts of Ouarzazate and has numerous restaurants and shops nearby.



Kasbah Amazir

Nestled in a small oasis surrounded by palm trees, the traditional-style Kasbah Amazir is the perfect haven for those looking to relax. Guestrooms feature Berber carpets and bamboo furniture, with some also offering a private terrace. Enjoy a dip in the swimming pool or take a stroll in the gardens. For those looking to fill their holiday with a spot of adrenaline, hikes and climbs can be arranged nearby. After a long day you can enjoy a drink and traditional Moroccan dishes in the on-site restaurant.



Dar Essyaha

La Rose Du Sable

La Rose Du Sable is a Kasbah-style property located within minutes of the fortified town of Air Benhaddou. Each traditionally decorated guestroom is ensuite and boasts spectacular views of the surrounding landscape. Guests can relax by the pool or on the Berber lounge terrace, while enjoying delicious local specialties such as tagine and couscous.



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 when there are 2 persons sharing a room. We offer a discounted price for children aged 5 - 11 years of age at time of travel, which is listed at the bottom of this page. Morocco is a family friendly destination and this trip is designed for families. Bring the whole family - grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins and experience together everything this amazing country has to offer. As long as you're travelling with a child aged 5 - 18, you're a family in our eyes.

PRICES / DATES 2020

| Date | Twin Share | Single |
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| 23 May | CAD 1,545 | CAD 1,865 |
| 18 Jul | CAD 1,545 | CAD 1,865 |
| 08 Aug | CAD 1,545 | CAD 1,865 |
| 15 Aug | CAD 1,545 | CAD 1,865 |
| 22 Aug | CAD 1,545 | CAD 1,865 |
| 29 Aug | CAD 1,545 | CAD 1,865 |
| 17 Oct | CAD 1,545 | CAD 1,865 |
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