

Marrakech & Beyond

8 Days | Starts/Ends: Marrakech



Experience Morocco through the expertise and passion of your local guide on this captivating 8 day group tour. From Marrakech, marvel at the beauty of Todra gorge, bed down for the night in the Sahara desert, explore medieval Ait Benhaddou and so much more. After a day of seeing the sites enjoy the comfort and amenities of your hotels, each carefully hand-selected by us for their convenience and facilities, and many meals included.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Marrakech - Explore this famous city independently or join an optional guided tour to see the Bahia Palace, Koutoubia Mosque and Djemaa el Fna
- Ouarzazate - Spend some time in the Hollywood of Morocco and opt to visit the famous film studios here or go quad biking
- Sahara Desert - Ride camels into the desert, admire the Erg Chebbi dunes and spend a night at our traditional Berber camp

- Todra Gorge - Soak up the views of this 1,000-foot gorge, which changes colour as the sun moves across the sky
- Ait Benhaddou - Visit this UNESCO-listed fortified kasbah, one of the most famous in Morocco, which has starred in many blockbuster films
- High Atlas Mountains - Take in some of the world's most dramatic scenery as you cross the mountains en route to Marrakech

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 6 dinners inclusive of a Berber camp dinner
- 6 nights 3 star hotels and 1 night camping at a Berber desert camp in the Sahara
- Camel trek into the Sahara Desert
- 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

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$50pp, paid in USD or local currency
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour leader. We recommend you allow USD\$2-3 per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Marrakech



Welcome to Morocco! Upon arrival at Marrakech International Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Why not relax by the pool before the pre-departure meeting at 18.00 where you will meet your fellow travellers.

Overnight - Marrakech (D)

Day 2 : Ouarzazate

After breakfast we head south to the film capital of North Africa - Ouarzazate. After a local lunch we have the chance to take an optional tour

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of the film studios – famous for many blockbusters including Gladiators, The Last Temptation of Christ and James Bond's – The Living Daylights! We can also opt to go quad biking and further explore the town. **Overnight – Ouarzazate** (B, D)

Day 3 : Into the Sahara



This morning we take a stunning drive towards Erg Chebbi. Later we stop for a relaxing swim and a spot of lunch before continuing to Merzouga and transferring to our camels for a trek into the Sahara. We spend the night at our traditional Berber Camp. We enjoy local food, music and an amazing night out under the Saharan stars. **Overnight – Erg Chebbi** (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Todra Gorge



After a tasty breakfast in the Sahara we climb back on board our trusty camels and head out of the Sahara. Once out of the sand we get back on the road, stopping to explore ancient irrigation wells run which have been created from an intricate network of underground canals, dating back to the 14th century they run for more than 300km all the way from the Atlas mountains to the Sahara. We arrive into Todra Gorge this afternoon, where we will enjoy lunch at our hotel. This

1000ft gorge is hemmed in on all sides by vertical limestone cliffs and is also called Morocco's Grand Canyon.

Later this afternoon we'll have the opportunity to explore the the gorge or even take part in some optional Rock Climbing. We'll then continue to Tizgui, this beautiful old village is home to a local carpet cooperative, where you'll be able to see how traditional Berber rugs are made. **Overnight – Todra Gorge** (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Ait Benhaddou



Enjoy a leisurely morning before we depart Todra for Ait Benhaddou. Making our way through the stunning landscape along the route that is often labeled 'the road of a thousand Kasbahs' we will first stop at Kasbah Amridil. This is one the best preserved Kasbahs in Morocco and at one time featured on the 50 Dirham note.

Arriving at the UNESCO world heritage site of Ait Benhaddou this afternoon we enjoy lunch before taking a guided tour of the Ksar. This traditional pre saharan habitat is a a maze of tightly packed houses offering defence from the outside with adding reinforcement coming from the 4 large corner towers. This evening we will enjoy dinner together, soaking in the atmosphere and enchantment of this incredible place. **Overnight – Ait Benhaddou** (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Crossing the High Atlas Mountains

This morning we traverse the towering High Atlas Mountains en route to

Marrakech. Arriving into Marrakech this afternoon you can enjoy an optional guided tour of Marrakech payable locally, alternatively you can explore the city yourself or relax by the pool. Marrakech has some amazing 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.

This evening is free for you to explore the lively hustle and bustle of Djemaa El Fna square or simply relax at the hotel. **Overnight – Marrakech** (B)

Day 7 : Marrakech



Early this morning there is the option to start the day with an awe-inspiring hot air balloon ride. Alternatively you can have a relaxing morning before enjoying some free time to further explore Marrakech.

This evening we come together as a group for a sumptuous group meal in the exciting and exotic Djemaa El Fna square. **Overnight – Marrakech** (B, D)

Day 8 : Marrakech

Our tour ends after breakfast with check out at the hotel. (B)

ACCOMMODATION

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

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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.



Desert Camp

Camping out in the Sahara Desert is an incredible experience, enabling you to sit on top of a dune to watch the setting sun, sit around a camp fire for

dinner and lie back and see the stars. No alcohol.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 4 persons. 'Twin Share' prices are per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. 'Single Room' prices are applicable to solo travellers wanting the privacy of a single room. ROOM SHARE OPTION: If you are a solo traveller and happy to share of room then you can pay the 'Twin Share' price and we will pair you up with another solo traveller of the same gender.

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
05 Nov	ZAR 13,900	ZAR 17,215
22 Dec	ZAR 14,900	ZAR 19,020

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21 Jan	ZAR 13,900	ZAR 17,215
18 Feb	ZAR 13,900	ZAR 17,215
18 Mar	ZAR 14,900	ZAR 19,020
01 Apr	ZAR 14,900	ZAR 19,020
13 May	ZAR 13,900	ZAR 17,215
10 Jun	ZAR 13,900	ZAR 17,215
08 Jul	ZAR 14,900	ZAR 19,020
05 Aug	ZAR 14,900	ZAR 19,020
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