



Sample Itineraries Fez to Marrakech

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Hello,

thank you for your interest in our desert tours. This is Salah Chabaoui from Morocco Explored here to help. When you know your travel dates we can pin down your tour with a price. All tours are custom made and can start any day. We can add or reduce the number of days to match your budget.

Depart from your Fez hotel and cross the Middle Atlas mountains going to Ifrane, Midelt, the Ziz gorges, and camel trek to the Sahara Erg Chebbi desert camp. Visit fossil sites, Todra gorge, Tinehir, Dades valley, Skoura, Ait Benhaddou world heritage kasbah site, Telouet, and salt mines. Cross the Tichka pass down to finish the tour in Marrakech.

Tours can also start from Marrakech and go to Fez, or be extended to end in other destinations.

There will be driving time in the desert region (between 3-5 hours a day) including stops along the way. On travel days you'll be out of the vehicle walking the sites, and you may stop to visit regional markets, drive off road, walk in the Todra gorge and much more. Many places do not allow vehicles to enter. You can discuss with your driver what's possible each day. There's a lot to see!

We use small hotels and riads that are of interest because of location, good food, and unique traditional architecture.

We explain a lot more about how this all works in our TRAVEL GUIDE sent with each booking. Please don't hesitate if you have any questions.

FEZ TO MARRAKECH DESERT TOURS

Options to upgrade to 4* hotels and luxury desert camp.

HOW TO BOOK THIS TOUR

What's Included

- all taxes
- private transport and fuel
- driver/guide
- overnight camel trek to the Erg Chebbi camp
- camel guides
- hotel nights in Ait Benhaddou World Heritage site, or Dades Valley, or Todra gorge
- ensuite private rooms
- breakfast and dinner (vegetarians welcome)

4 days or longer may have:

- swimming stops April to September
- extended walks
- exploration of oasis palmery, museums, and visit nomads for tea
- markets and medinas
- exploring off road routes (seasonal)

What's Not Included

- lunches - you can eat anytime, anywhere while on the road
- tips
- personal purchases
- alcoholic beverages

3 DAYS ITINERARY

3 days may not be available due to winter weather delays in the High Atlas mountain passes. All 4 days and longer can depart any day of the year.

Day 1 Sahara Camel Trek Camp

Your driver will meet you at your riad or hotel and take you to the vehicle, depart and transport over the Middle Atlas mountains through the cedar forests of Ifrane, Midelt, the Ziz gorges and Er Rachidia towards Sahara until the Erg Chebbi dunes appear on the horizon. Your destination is the desert camp beyond the town of Merzouga, far from the many hotels lining the dunes. Have tea or a drink by the pool in the desert inn before meeting your camel guides to ride to the camp. Dinner is served (vegetarians welcome) under the evening stars. Climb the dunes and watch the moon rise before retiring to your bed in your tent. Today includes breakfast and dinner.

Day 2 Tinehir

Take a walk on the dunes at sunrise before returning to your camp for breakfast and a shower. Ride the camels back to the desert inn where your driver will be waiting. Along the way to Tinehir you can visit the fossil workshops for a closer look at Sahara's wonderful variety of ancient life. Stop to hunt for fossils in the rocks, explore any local markets at your leisure, and visit a small museum about Berber life in an ancient mud

village. Rissani has a lively thrice weekly souk selling many goods, animals and spices brought in from the surrounding villages and it's fun to explore and people watch. Before arriving in Tinehir you can visit the Todra gorge, then after a short drive back to town, settle into your room in the historic kasbah. Includes dinner and breakfast.

Day 3 Marrakech

This morning continue toward Marrakech. In the Dades valley stop at the Monkey fingers rock formations. Your next destination is Ouarzazate and Ait Benhaddou. Along the way you'll pass through many Berber villages, green riverside oasis and barren hillsides clustered with kasbahs (fortified dwellings that house many families and their livestock). Villages sprinkle the Skoura oasis and the Valley of the Rose, famous for producing elegant Persian rose oil. Pass through Ouarzazate where you can visit the Kasbah Taourite. Next you'll explore around the World Heritage Site of Ait Benhaddou. The village of clustered Berber kasbahs has been used as a backdrop for more than 20 films and was one of the most important fortress strongholds on the old Salt Road where caravans brought slaves, gold, ivory and salt from Saharan Africa to Marrakech and beyond. Descend the High Atlas mountains Tichka pass to Marrakech, with time to stop and enjoy impressive landscapes, and coffee and fresh-squeezed orange juice. You will need to book a hotel in Marrakech this night.

4 DAYS ITINERARY

Available year-round.

With an extra day on tour you can off road to visit nomads and Berber villages, take a walk in in Todra gorge or Dades valley, arrive early in Erg Chebbi to enjoy swimming and explore the desert. Options to upgrade to 4* hotels and luxury desert camp.

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Day 3 Ait Benhaddou

This morning you can wander with a local Berber guide (optional) through the Todra palmeries, villages, gardens, and kasbahs for a close look at traditional Berber ways of

life. Onwards into the Dades valley you'll stop at the Monkey fingers rock formations. Your next destination is Ait Benhaddou. Along the way you'll drive off road, (weather permitting) across the mountains to the remote village of Boutaghrach, and visit nomads any in the area. Pass through many Berber villages, and green riverside oasis and barren red hillsides clustered with kasbahs (fortified dwellings that house many families and their livestock). Villages sprinkle the Skoura oasis and the Valley of the Rose, famous for producing elegant Persian rose oil - until Ouarzazate - and continue on to Ait Benhaddou World Heritage site kasbahs. You're welcome to visit the Atlas film studios in Ouarzazate as well. Spend the night in a small hotel with views of Ait Benhaddou. Includes dinner and breakfast.

Day 4 Marrakech

This morning at your leisure, you can explore the World Heritage Site of Ait Benhaddou before the crowds from Marrakech arrive. The village of clustered Berber Kasbahs has been used as a backdrop for more than 20 films and was one of the most important fortress strongholds on the old Salt Road where caravans brought slaves, gold, ivory and salt from Saharan Africa to Marrakech and beyond. Back in the car you'll follow the old Salt Road camel caravan route to Telouet to visit the old Glaoui kasbah. This once beautiful palace now stands crumbling to ruins because no one wants to remember "the vulture" sultan who lived here until the 1950's. After lunch descend the High Atlas mountains Tichka pass (2260m) to Marrakech, with time to stop and enjoy impressive landscapes over coffee and fresh-squeezed orange juice. Arrive in Marrakech at your riad or hotel. You will need to book a hotel in Marrakech this night.

A FINAL WORD ABOUT OUR TOURS

Please know that Morocco is still developing; things change, roads are winding and rough, activities and things stop running or change, and weather can send the best laid plans out the door. We will do our best to provide what is planned and offer alternatives but please take into consideration the nature of the journey that you are embarking on and understand that a certain degree of flexibility is necessary. If you have a problem please inform us immediately and we will do our best to make the necessary changes to keep you happy on tour.