

# Morocco EXPLORED tours

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## Sample Itineraries Marrakech 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.

This tour departs from your Marrakech hotel and you'll soon experience the amazing landscapes of the High Atlas mountains, then transport further to Ait Benhaddou world heritage site, road of the kasbahs, Dades valley, and Todra gorge. In the sands of the Erg Chebbi camel trek into the camp. Climb the dunes and watch the moon rise before retiring to your bed in the nomad tent. Or take your mattress and sleep outside under the desert stars. Tour options can also end in Essaouira or other destinations.

Tours can also 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.

MOROCCO EXPLORED TOURS

## MARRAKECH 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. Three days is a quick tour that involves one very long driving day!

#### Day 1 Tinehir

Your driver will meet you at your Marrakech riad or hotel, depart and transport over the High Atlas mountains Tichka pass. Stop and enjoy impressive landscapes and breaks for coffee and fresh-squeezed orange juice. This afternoon is spent visiting World Heritage Site of Ait Benhaddou, a village of ancient Berber kasbahs. This site has been used as a backdrop for many films and was one of the most important fortress strongholds on the old Salt Road when caravans brought slaves, gold, ivory and salt from Saharan Africa to Marrakech and beyond. Pass through Ouarzazate and many Berber villages sprinkling the Skoura oasis and the Valley of the Rose, famous for soft Persian rose oil. In the desert barren hillsides are clustered with kasbahs (fortified dwellings that house many families and their livestock). Stay in historic kasbah with dinner by the pool. Includes dinner and breakfast.

#### Day 2 Sahara Camel Trek Camp

After breakfast and a short drive take a walk through the massive fault dividing the High Atlas mountains. Sheer rock walls rise in Todra gorge to 300 m in the narrowest part. Back in the car you'll drive to Morocco's sand sea called the Erg Chebbi. You can stop to

visit the fossil sites along the way. After lunch in Rissani 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 3 Marrakech**

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. The remainder of the day is spent driving back to Marrakech. This is a long driving day of 10 to 12 hours including stops. Stop in Ouarzazate for lunch and visit the Glaoui kasbah Taouirt. Then cross the High Atlas once more, down the Tichka pass at sunset. Arrive in Marrakech this evening. You will need to book your own hotel for this night or we can book one for you.

## **4 DAYS ITINERARY**

Available year-round.

What a difference one day makes. You can enjoy off road visiting 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.

### **Day 1 Tinehir**

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### **Day 3 Ait Benhaddou**

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, before going to Ait Benhaddou via the route of 1000 kasbahs and Dades valley. Drive the winding roads into Dades valley. Along the way you'll visit the Tamnalt hills. Turn off road (weather permitting), through mountain valleys and visit any nomads in the area, then

head for Skoura. Villages sprinkle the palm tree oasis and the valley of the kasbahs until Ouarzazate, then continue on to Ait Benhaddou World Heritage site. Spend the night in an auberge with views of the kasbahs. Includes dinner and breakfast.

#### **Day 4 Marrakech**

This morning you can take time to 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 countless adventure films. In its prime it was one of the most powerful fortress strongholds on the Salt Road for the camel caravans that were plagued by thieves and raiders in the High Atlas. You'll follow the old Salt Road camel caravan route to visit the Glaoui kasbah at Telouet. This kasbah has an amazing story that is intrinsically linked to the formation of Morocco as a country. This once beautiful kasbah now stands crumbling to ruins because no one wants to remember "the vulture" who lived here until the 1950's. After lunch descend the High Atlas mountain Tichka pass to Marrakech. Arrive in Marrakech at your riad. You will need to book a hotel in Marrakech for 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 any necessary changes to keep you happy on tour.