

OUR ITINERARY



DAY 1: MARRAKECH

Pick up at the airport in Marrakech. Drop the luggage off at the riad, Freshen up, and rest. Go out and visit Marrakech on your own. Dinner and accommodation in a riad/hotel inside the Medina.

DAY 2: MARRAKECH

Your private English-speaking guide will uncover Marrakech and its treasures for you. He will pick you up at 9 AM at your riad. It is inspired to start with the Bahia Palace and nearby, the ruins of the Badi'a, guarded by the storks. Next door, the imposing marble columns of the golden dynasty, the Saadis, adorn the mausoleums. The small yet very richly decorated Douiria is a fine example of crafts and architecture from two centuries ago. Across the souks, the Medersa Ben Youssef Koranic school will awe you with its intricate stucco engravings as well as the Almoravid Qubba, the oldest still-standing structure in the city. Accommodation as per the previous night. Dinner on your own, and we will be there to recommend the best places.



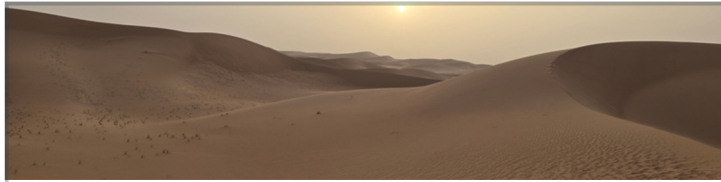


DAY 3: MARRAKECH - TELOUET-AIT BENHADDOU - AGDZ (5-hour drive)

Take on the High Atlas mountains and cross them at 2200 meters high. Shortly after the pass, take the off-road and reach Pasha's ruined palace and the salt mines of Telouet. Follow the dramatic canyon of Ounila while on the other side of the canyon, the troglodyte grottos can be glimpsed in the distance. Stop and wander around the UNESCO World Heritage Site Ait Ben Haddou citadel. Right after leaving Ait Ben Haddou behind, the road skirts through desolate arid landscapes. Soon after, the road climbs, twists, and turns its way up into the bare dark brown mountains, before breaking through the scarp at the pass of Tizi n'Tiniffit and descending onto the lush palm-grove of Agdz. Right after the pass, you catch a first glimpse of the valley and the oases, the green swath of palms snaking up into the haze, bordered by the Kasbahs, adobe guardians rising as if from the earth, where the green gives way to the desert. There is no road sign, but somehow you become aware you have entered a different land, Le Grand Sud. We will stop at Tamnougalt and roam through the eerie kasbah before crossing over the palm grove and stopping to see a small, untouched community of Harratin, likely descendants of traded slaves. Dinner and accommodation in a Hotel at the heart of the Draa Valley.

DAY 4 : ZAGORA - TAMEGROUTE - M'HAMID - ERG CHIGAGA (4-hour drive).

After breakfast, discover the nearby village of Amezrou and its Jewish heritage - the old adobe synagogue and the silver jewelry craft. Further on, the stoves of Tamegroute cast the emerald glaze so easily identified on mosque tiles, dishes, and pots across Morocco. The nearby Nassiriya library holds a 10th-century-old gold-engraved Koran and various treaties on astronomy, medicine, and Arab poetry, among other gems. Before leaving the tarmac behind and taking on the Sahara, we recommend visiting a traditional ksour and having lunch with a local family. From Mhamid, across various types of desert, you will reach the dunes of Erg Chigaga, the last bit by camel. Dinner and accommodation in private basic or luxury tents with an ensuite shower and toilets.



DAY 5: ERG CHIGAGA- FOUM ZGUID (3-hour drive)

Wake up to admire the sunrise and stroll around the dunes. Will take you on a Jeep tour to see the nomads and enjoy a cup of tea with them. Later on, you will take on the Hamada (rocky desert) and cross the dry lake Iriki. Pry out fossils and later join the tarmac again at Fom Zguid. Have a tasty lunch by the pool at Bab Rimal or opt for a simple picnic at the oasis right before arriving at Fom Zguid. Dinner and accommodation in a beautiful hotel.

DAY 6 : FOUM ZGUID - TAZENAKHT - TAROUDANT (3-hour drive)

Leave the hotel after breakfast. Take the route west and soon reach the village of Tazenakht, very famous for its huge selection of Berber rugs, and it's the destination of different merchants who sell rugs in other Moroccan cities. The next village will be Taliouine, also known as the Capital of Saffron in Morocco. Reach Taroudant in the afternoon. Dinner and accommodation in a beautiful hotel.

DAY 7 : TAROUDANT - MASSA PARK - MIRLEFT (5-hour drive).

After breakfast, have a caleche ride around the city walls and/ or browse the souks for the best Argan oil or honey in Morocco. Or arrive rather early in Mirleft to make the best out of your time there. You don't have to plan anything ahead, but rather decide on the day. Leave Taroudant and head to the Atlantic coast. Stop at the Souss Massa National Park to explore the coastal wilderness and fantastic bird-watching opportunities. Lunch in the village of Massa or a picnic at the park. Reach Mirleft early afternoon, drop your luggage off, and rest to then go out and take a walk on the beach of Imi N Targa and enjoy the most amazing sunset. dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Mirleft.

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DAY 8 : MIRLEFT- LEGZIRA - SIDI IFNI - MIRLEFT

Leave Mirleft after breakfast. The picturesque road from Mirleft to Legzira and then further to Sidi Ifni goes through the mountains, then crosses the wide valleys. Legzira is only 10 km south of Mirleft on the rocky coast. It is famous for its huge red-orange colored arches carved by the ocean in coastal cliffs. The place is still not particularly known to the general public, but well-known among surfers and paragliders. Picnic at the beach or a café. Sidi Ifni is a little coastal town with an interesting history and eclectic Moorish Art Deco architecture. It was the last Moroccan city surrendered by Spain in 1969. It was called Santa Cruz de la Mar Pequeña and was kept under Spanish control even after Moroccan independence in 1956. Spain resisted a series of Moroccan attacks to take the territory in the Ifni War of 1957–58. It eventually ended in 1969. There is no special tourist infrastructure here, but you can walk in the old Spanish Town. Dinner at a restaurant of your choice. Accommodations as per the previous night.

DAY 9 : MIRLEFT - TIZNIT - AGADIR - ESSAOUIRA (5-hour drive)

After breakfast, leave Mirleft and stop to see the city of Tiznit, famous for all the silver work. Drive for another hour to reach Agadir and take a nice walk along the bay. Follow that with a tasty seafood lunch. Later, drive along the Atlantic coast all the way to Essaouira and admire the goats up in the trees as you approach the wind city. Dinner and accommodation in a riad in the Medina

DAY 10 : ESSAOUIRA

Wake up early and discover the stunning architecture, the art galleries, the thuya work craftsmen, and enjoy the overall relaxed ambiance of the medina. We can arrange for some wine tasting with a delicious lunch at a local winery, or we can trade wine for cheese and go cheese tasting and have some lunch on site too. Accommodation as per the previous night. Dinner on your own

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DAY 11: ESSAOUIRA - MARRAKECH (2h30 drive).

After breakfast, we will depart from Essaouira and head to Marrakech, arriving before noon. Upon arrival, you will visit the Majorelle Gardens, a serene botanical oasis designed by the French painter Jacques Majorelle and later restored by Yves Saint Laurent. Next, explore the YSL Museum, which showcases the designer's legacy and contributions to fashion, followed by a visit to the Berber Museum, offering insight into the rich cultural heritage of Morocco's indigenous Berber people.

The afternoon will be free for you to explore Marrakech at your own pace—whether revisiting sites, indulging in some last-minute shopping, or simply soaking in the vibrant atmosphere of the Medina. In the evening, enjoy dinner and accommodation at a traditional riad in the heart of the Medina.

DAY 12: MARRAKECH - transfer to the airport.

Have a last-minute stroll through the souks or do some shopping. Depending on your flight schedule, your driver will drop you off at the airport two hours before the flight.

