

Morocco

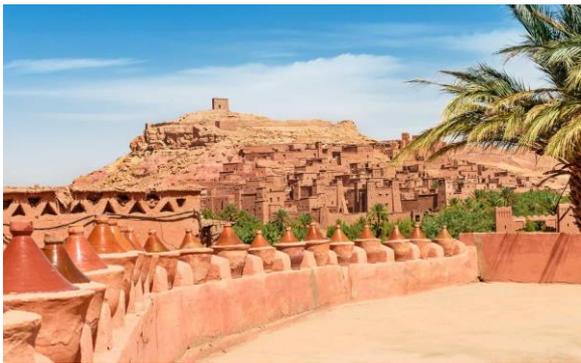
08 Nights / 09 Days

Day 01 Marrakech

Arrive at Marrakech, meet & greet, hotel transfer.

Overnight Marrakech.

Day 02 Marrakech – Tizi n’Tichka – Ouarzazate



Ouarzazate

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, your private tour will take you to **Ouarzazate**.

After lunch, choose either an optional tour of the film studios, famous for *Gladiator*, *The Last Temptation of Christ* and *The Living Daylights*, quad biking or exploring the area.

Hotel transfer, overnight Ouarzazate.

Day 03 Ouarzazate – Merzouga (Erg Chebbi)

Hotel breakfast, feel the excitement in the air as you are led towards the mighty **Sahara Dunes**, driving through a part of the **Draa Valley** famous for dates. Continue passing N’kob and Tazarine. Stop for lunch.

After your break, continue to journey towards the great sand dunes of Erg Chebbi in Merzouga.

Overnight Merzouga.



Draa Valley

Day 04 Merzouga

We recommend a hearty meal before your tour of the area, as there will be much to see and do.



Dayet Srji Salt Lake

Visit and learn about the Gnawa people, originally slaves brought from Sudan, experience their wonderful music and lifestyle. Nearby you can check out **Dayet Srji Salt Lake** where ducks, flamingos and other species of birds all reside, during the spring migration.

For those interested in trinkets and shopping, head to the **Nomad Wire House** where many Berber handicrafts are priced lower in comparison to the big cities.

In the afternoon you will mount a camel with our assistance and teaching, your guide will lead you to explore the **Sand Sea of Merzouga**. End the day with a pristine sunset over the golden dunes, hotel transfer.

Overnight Merzouga.

Day 05 Merzouga – Todra Gorge

After breakfast leave the desert and stop along the way to visit ancient irrigation wells. See how they created an intricate network of underground canals running from the Atlas to the Sahara, more than 300km dating back to the 14th Century.

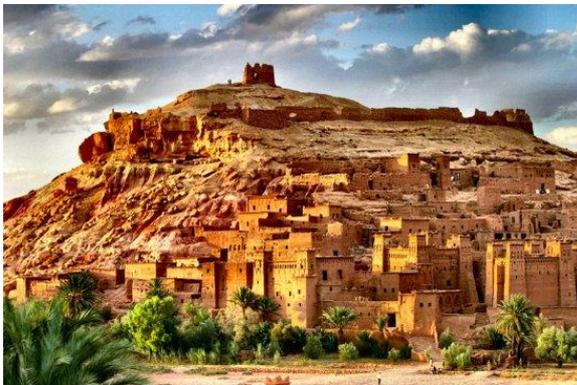
Move on to the stunning **Todra Gorge** with an optional lunch at the hotel, set amongst the Palmeries and hemmed in by toweringly high cliffs. Explore the gorge after lunch.



Todra Gorge

Hotel transfer, overnight Todra Gorge.

Day 06 Todra Gorge – Dades valley – Ait Benhaddou



Ait Benhaddou

Departure from Todra in the morning as you journey to **Ait Benhaddou**. On the road, also known as the *Road of a Thousand Kasbahs*, stop at **Kasbah Amridil**. Explore one of the best Kasbah examples in Morocco, once featured on the Moroccan 50 Dirham bank note.

Arrive at Ait Benhaddou, a *UNESCO World Heritage Site*, for lunch. Take a guided tour of Ait Benhaddou in the afternoon, a traditional pre-Saharan habitat of an earthen walled dwelling fortified by surrounding walls and guarded by four corner towers.

In the evening enjoy dinner and soak up the atmosphere of this inspiring place.

Overnight Ait Benhaddou.

Day 07 Ait Benhaddou – Marrakech

Drive back to Marrakech, crossing the **High Atlas Mountains** and enjoying magnificent views.

Hotel transfer, check-in and relax, rest of the day is allocated as free time for your own leisure.

Overnight Marrakech.



High Atlas Mountains

Day 08 Marrakech



Saadian Tombs

Have your morning meal in the comfort of your Moroccan Riad prior to beginning your tour of the city. Your guide will ensure that the most important places of historical and cultural interest are covered starting with the **Saadian Tombs**. Discovered in 1917 and restored by the Beaux-arts service. The mausoleum contains about sixty members of the *Saadi Dynasty* that originated from the valley of the *Draa River*. We recommend checking out the room containing the grave of the sultan's grandson, the stele is in finely worked cedar and stucco work, while the amazing monuments are made of Italian Carrara marble.

See **Bahia Palace**, built in the late 19th century by those who attempted to make it the greatest palace of its time. Walk around the set of tranquil gardens with rooms opening onto large courtyards.

Once you are ready to continue, you shall be escorted to **Ben Youssef Koranic School**. Learn the incredible history of the district that was restored and given new life from this building. The inscription near the entrance translates to '*I was built for science and prayer by the prince of believer, the descendant of the seal of the prophets Abdellah, the glorious creatures. Pray for him, I you who crossed my door, so that its expectations are the highest carried out*'.

Enjoy your afternoon meal near the square before heading to **Majorelle Gardens**. This twelve acre botanical garden is very serene and a great place to walk around, designed by the expatriate French artist *Jacques Majorelle* in the 1920s and 30s during the colonial period when Morocco was a protectorate of France.



Majorelle Gardens

Your final point of interest is **Koutoubia Mosque**, the largest mosque in Marrakech. Standing tall in the southwest medina quarter this structure is ornamented with curved windows, a band of ceramic inlay, pointed merlons and decorative arches. Enjoy perusing the large plaza with gardens, the area is floodlit at night.

After your dinner you will be led to the square where magicians, story-tellers, tooth-pullers, food sellers and other interesting local characters are all around, a great way to end your final evening.

Overnight Marrakech.

Day 09 Marrakech

Airport transfer for your onward journey.

Package Information

Package Includes:

08 nights' accommodation in double / twin share standard rooms

Daily breakfast

05 Dinners

01 lunch on Day 04 of the tour

Arrival and departure airport / hotel transfers

Private vehicle with driver, fuel and road taxes

English speaking guide throughout the tour

Sightseeing as mentioned in the program

Entry fees to the mentioned monuments

Guided city tour of Marrakech

Guided tour of Ait Benhaddou

Camel Trek at the Dunes of Merzouga

Package does not include:

Airfare, airport taxes, visa services, travel insurance

Spending of a personal nature (eg: laundry, telephone, extra meals etc.)

Anything else not mentioned under package includes