

Morocco - 12 Day Trip

Morocco The Tafilalet Desert & Jebel Sahro

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Itinerary:

Day 1

Fly Royal Air Maroc via Casablanca into Ouarzazate Southern Morocco. Transfer the short distance from the airport in our 4x4 vehicles to our Hotel - 1 night Hotel Mercure (B/B)

Day 2

Possible dawn shoot from our Hotel over the Kasbah of Taourirt in Ouarzazate. After breakfast make the journey south, crossing the Tizi'nTiniffit Pass. The Pass offers us wonderful views of the Jebel Sahro Mountain range. Continue our drive down the Draa Valley, to Amezrou – a small village close to Zagora. We spend one night as guests of Anotine Bouillion, a French Anthropologist who has now made his home here. 1 night in the small Maison d'ote Dar Raha (H/B) (shared facilities)

Day 3

Time spent exploring the village and surrounding region. We leave Amezrou and head eastwards across the Tafilalet Desert. We have two days travelling on desert pistes. Journeying through the Tizi'nTafilalet our route once formed part of the trade routes across the Sahara, before the caravans would head north across the Atlas to Marrakech and beyond. 1 night in a small Auberge near Lac Maider (H/B) (shared facilities)

Day 4

Our journey continues eastwards on piste through Remlia and Ouzina to Merzouga. There are a small number of nomadic families still living in this region – We continue onwards to the small town of Merzouga, and spend 1 night in a small Hotel (H/B). Merzouga is located at the southwestern end of Erg Chebbi – the largest sandsea in Morocco.

Day 5

This morning we visit the small village of Khemliya to the south. A small community whose roots are from the Sudan. They welcome visitors with their music and traditional dances. After lunch – we embark on our 2 day Camel Trek into Erg Chebbi – 1st night BIVOUAC

(H/B)

(The camel ride is about 2 hours each day)

Day 6

Sunrise and morning shots in the dunes, then after lunch continue

eastwards on our camel trek to our second small camp on the eastern side of Erg Chebbi – 2nd night BIVOUAC (H/B)

Day 7

After sunrise and breakfast we head out on foot, the short distance to the Hamada (black stony desert to the East). Here we rendezvous with vehicles our 4x4 vehicles and return to the town of Merzouga. After freshening up back at the small Hotel, we'll take lunch and then leave Erg Chebbi behind. We head north to the town of Rissani and then westwards to the small village of N'kob, on the south side of the Jebel Sahro Mountains. 1st night Hotel Kasbah Imdoukal (H/B)

Day 8

Dawn shots from the Terrace of our hotel, wonderful views of the village below and the mountains to our north. Today we drive up into the Jebel Sahro Mountains on mountain piste. This fascinating range of desert mountains, forming part of the Anti Atlas is a wondrous mixture of granite and conglomerate ridges and boulders. The route takes us through small villages to the region of Bab'n'Ali. Take our time exploring this region on foot. Return to N'kob for sunset over the mountains and our 2nd night at Hotel Kasbah Imdoukal (H/B)

Day 9

Head westwards through the small town of Agdz and re-trace our route back across the Tiz'n'Tiniffit Pass. Pass through Ouarzazate and onto Ait Benhaddou. This fortified village once commanded the trade routes that came up from the Sahara to cross the Atlas Mountains. The silks and spices would have been taken on to Marrakech and further north to the other imperial cities. We will arrive by mid-late afternoon for sunset shots of the Kasbah. – 1 night Kasbah Hotel Ait Benhaddou (H/B)

Day 10

After early morning shots and breakfast we make our way across the Tiz'n'Ticka Pass. We drop down over the pass and wind our way into the valleys beyond and onto Marrakech, this jewel at the foot of the Atlas Mountains. We aim to arrive mid-afternoon time to catch the late afternoon light. 1st night Riad/Hotel (B/B)

Day 11

A full day to enjoy this vibrant and delightful city. Once the capital, it still bears witness today to the past splendour of its fascinating history. A chance to explore the Medersa, minarets, palaces and gardens, and soak up the infinite variety of aromas and scents. Enjoy the uniqueness of the Jemaa El Fna, and experience the delights of the markets and souks. – 2nd night Riad/Hotel (B/B)

Day 12

Depart for home

N.B. Flights

Royal Air Maroc fly daily from London, via Casablanca and into Ouarzazate.

They operate daily flights out of Marrakech back to London.

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