



## THE ATLANTIC COAST AND THE ROUTE D'ARGAN – THE SOUSS BERBER

On this journey along the Atlantic coast of Morocco we trace the Argan heritage of the Berbers on the Route d'Argan and let ourselves be inspired by the beauty of the landscape. The coast invites us to swim in all its variety, we do barbecues, listen to the waves and enjoy sunsets ... Fishermen pull their nets on the boat, the white sand dunes of Plage Blanche glide on the shoreline into the sea ... In the oasis of Tighmert we have the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the culture of the Saharai, to get to know their agriculture and their medicinal herbs and to learn how they shape their everyday life in their Kasbahs. Here we also experience a day in the dunes of the desert far away from tourist paths. Rock engravings of our ancestors show us the landscape of a few thousand years ago.

**DURATION**                      2 weeks

### 1. - 3. Day - MARRAKECH

Arrival at the airport – we bring you to your wonderful Riad in the Medina where you stay for three nights. Marrakech is the city of oriental magic: Sightseeing of the Koutoubia mosque, the Saadian Tombs and the Majorelle Gardens. Highlight will be the Medina with its colorful daily life and the market place „Djema el Fna“, where bargainers, storytellers, water-sellers and snake charmers get together. Three over-night stays in an authentic, charming Riad in the Medina. <http://www.riadlesammonites.com/>

### 4. + 5. Day - ESSAOUIRA

3 hours

Trip to Essaouira, formerly known as the famous trade centre „Mogador“, which now is a fishing port and sea side resort. We can stroll through the wonderful old Medina, visit the Portuguese fort and wonder through the harbor where freshly caught fish invites to eat. Overnight-stay in a traditional and beautiful Riad. <http://www.riadzahia.com/>



## 6. + 7. Day - TAFRAOUTE

5 hours

Our journey continues through the unique landscape of the Anti-Atlas with its valleys where goats climb on the argan trees. In the afternoon we reach Tafraoute and the Ammeln Valley, known for its almond blossom in spring. Here we stay for two nights and visit the Maison Traditionnelle to understand the traditional way of life of the Berbers in this region and to hike for a day through the Ammeln Valley in a beautiful landscape. If it is not possible to walk, we will make a trip to the nearby plateau of Ait Mansour with its magnificent views and the beautiful village in a gorge. Overnight at a charming Kasbah hotel in Tafraoute.

<http://www.elmalara.com/>

## 8. Day - AMTOUDI

3 hours

The next day we dive deeper into the region and the lives of its inhabitants. We cross a beautiful gorge at Ighmir and continue to Amtoudi where we stay overnight with a Berber family. This place offers the opportunity to hike through the river canyon to a natural swimming pool and climb an old agadir of the Portuguese conqueror, perched on a hill nearby. There is always a fresh and cool breeze in this region because we are here in a river valley.

## 9. - 11. Day - GUELMIM - TIGHMERT

3 hours

Before leaving we visit the engravings of our ancestors from ancient times in this region. After our discoveries we continue via Guelmim to the Oasis Tighmert. In the following days we get to know the life in the oasis Tighmert near Guelmim and the desert of the area: there are hot springs in which we can swim and the locals teach us the cultivation of their medicinal plants and crops. We learn more about the traditional life of the Saharawi and spend a day in the dunes of the desert. Overnight at a traditional Kasbah hotel in Tighmert.

<https://www.villa-boujouf.com/>

## 12. Day - PLAGES BLANCHES - ASSAKA

3 hours

Today we embark on another off-road trip towards the sea - we discover the Plages Blanches, one of the most beautiful unspoiled beaches in Morocco: we visit the fishermen who live there and enjoy a delicious barbecue on the beach. In the afternoon we reach the small guesthouse Le Rayon Vert, where we will have dinner and spend the night.

<http://assakaoued.wixsite.com/lerayonvert>



### 13. Day - LEGHZIRA - MIRLEFT

3 hours

On the way to Mirleft we stop at Leghzira, another of Morocco's beautiful beaches: bizarre sandstone arches eroded by the sea frame lonely bays. Local fishermen often spend whole nights at high tide on the rocks for fishing. The sea view at sunset remains unforgettable .... Overnight in a hotel with swimming pool in Mirleft. <http://www.untheaboutdumonde.com/>

### 14. DAY - AGADIR

Via Tiznit we continue along the coast and arrive at midday in Agadir, where we will spend our last night in an exceptional eco lodge on a hill behind the city. Here we enjoy delicious food in beautiful nature, a pool invites to relax and a trip to the beach life to Agadir or for shopping in the souks is also possible.

Overnight stay in a special Kasbah hotel <http://www.atlaskasbah.com/>

### 15. DAY - FLIGHT BACK HOME FROM AGADIR

Transfer back to the Airport – It is time to say good-bye to our hosts and take our flights back home.

#### Price

Per person in double or twin room – with 2 pax	16.500 MAD
Per person in double or twin room – with 4 pax	12.500 MAD

#### Benefits

- Transfer Airport - Hotel - Airport
- 4x overnight stay in \*\*\*hotel with full-board in a double/twin room
- 5x overnight stay in \*\*\*hotels with half-board
- 5x overnight stay in \*\*\*hotels bed & breakfast
- 12 days driving in a comfortable, air-conditioned off-road vehicle, petrol included
- Care by a driver familiar with place – and the desert
- City guide in Marrakech

Short-term program changes reserved



## Travel registration

by fax to  
or by mail to

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service@ethnotours.com

We want to join the following journey:

*Tour title*

**THE ATLANTIC COAST AND THE ROUTE D'ARGAN – THE SOUSS BERBER**

*Intended start date of journey*

*Destination Airport*

**Marrakech**

*Intended end date of journey*

*Departure Airport*

**Agadir**

### Subscriber 1/ Invoice recipient

*First Name / Family Name*

*Date of birth*

### Subscriber 2

*First Name / Family Name*

*Date of birth*

### Invoice address

*Street / House number*

*Postcode / City*

*Phone / Mobile*

*eMail*

**Double-room**

**Single room**

**Half Twin**

*((only available with a fitting partner))*

*Place / Date*

*Signature*

The passport must be valid minimum 6 more months at the intended date of return! Program changes are subject to modifications and amendments of our partners. As recently as receiving the travel confirmation together with the bankruptcy insurance policy, please pay in advance 30% of the travel fee.