

THE ROAD OF THE 1000 KASBAHS AND THE NOMADS OF THE DESERT

The magical Kasbahs of the High Atlas and its Berber habitants are the entry to the genuine life of the Nomads. We pass from highest snow-capped peaks crossing fruitful palm groves to the mythical dunes of the Sahara. Douars, Ksars and Kasbahs line up on our way through the Amazigh land of Southern Morocco. Visiting Marrakech, the former imperial city with its busy souks in the Medina, will be the termination of this travel.

DURATION 2 weeks

1. Day - MARRAKECH

1 hours

Arrival at the airport – we bring you to a wonderful eco-lodge off site Marrakech to make your start of the journey as smooth and comfortable as possible. Enjoy the farm with field crops and a swimming pool near to Ourika Valley. <http://quaryati.com/>

2. Day - TELOUET

3 ½ hours

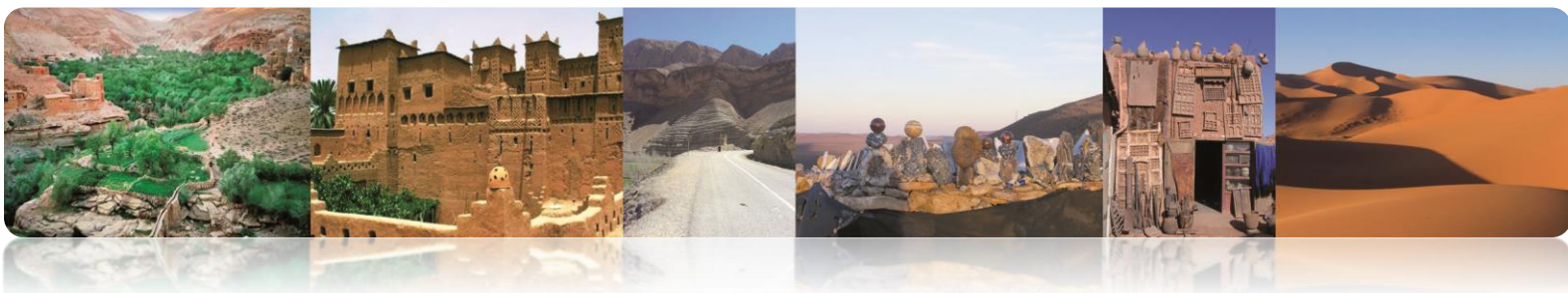
After a relaxing breakfast we head to the High Atlas crossing the Tich'n Tizka but then taking the small road to Telouet. It was a former domicile of the Glaoui Royal family with an old Kasbah to visit. We will stay over-night in an authentic Auberge of the mountain habitants and experience their cultural music and dances. Our mountain guide leading us through the mountains on a half-day hike.

<https://www.auberges-maroc.com/ouarzazate/auberge-camping-tasqa-telouet-s281.html>

3. Day - AIT BENHADDOU - SKOURA

3 hours

Next morning we go on travelling to Ait Benhaddou, another former Glaoui Kasbah. For sure we will enter the old Kasbah, even it is nowadays a touristic spot. Lunch we pass Ouarzazate and a lake with quiet places for meditation or just enjoying the nature. Overnight stay in a Kasbah hotel at Skoura and its palmeraie. <http://www.sawadi.ma/en/>



4. + 5. Day - KELAA M'GOUNA - BOUTAGHRAR - DADES VALLEY

3 ½ hours

Entering the Rose Valley our new day starts. We are following the road until Boutaghrar and then our path turns to an off-road piste. High up in the mountain we visit a group of native Berber living up there in caves like in other times. Hospitality is a major sign of respect and therefore we are invited for a glass of tea and an interchange of traditions.

Later we drive on through the valley of the river Dades, a wonderful play of nature with amazing stone formations, where a short hike along the river with picnic is on program. Overnight stay in an extraordinary and beautiful Kasbah hotel at Dades Valley.

<http://www.chezpierre.org>

6. Day - MSEMIR - AGOUDAL - TODRA GORGE

3 ½ hours

Following the road until the end of Dades Valley with its miraculous views we pass Mesemrir, already off-road, to Agoudal up in the High Atlas. We will find stalactite caves, sources of purest water and friendly habitants, the Berber where we stop for a bite to eat. Later heading further to the Todra Gorge we enjoy the wonderful landscape having dinner between the cliffs. Over-night stay in a Kasbah hotel at the gorge.

<http://www.darayour.com/anqlais/acceuil.php>

7. Day - TNERHIR - ERFOUD - MERZOUGA - ERG CHEBBI

3 hours

Following the road to the South we arrive in the afternoon – after having a picnic somewhere – in the dunes of Merzouga, Erg Chebbi. Here we have time to relax and enjoy the calm of the desert. We hike with dromedaries in the dunes and stay overnight in a luxury camp.

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

8. + 9. Day - TAFRAOUTE SIDI ALI - M'HAMID

3 ½ hours / 5 hours

These two days we spend off-road on the piste. Passing through the hamada we reach for our first over-night stay at Tafraoute, a small village laying on top of a small hill in the rocket desert. We visit Berber nomads living in the stone desert hamada.

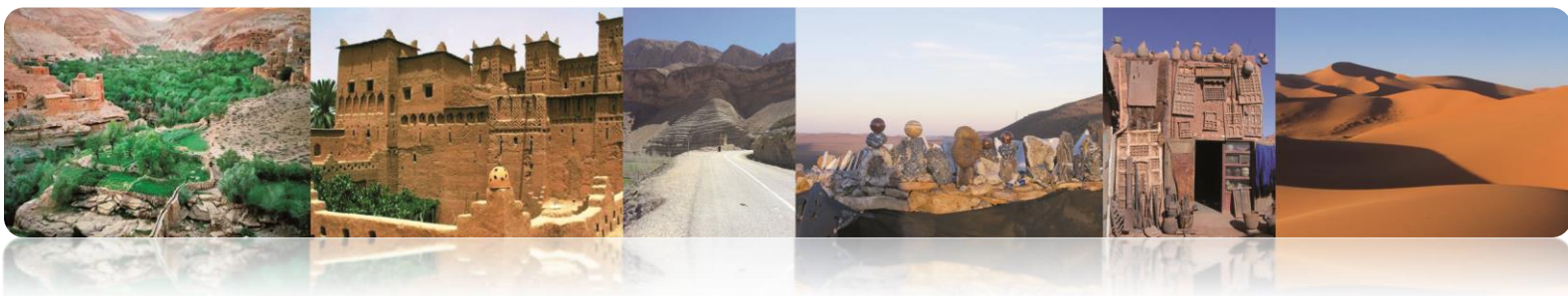
<http://www.riadnomad.com/>

Our next day we reach M'hamid in the afternoon. The dunes of Erg Chegaga are famous for its vastness, the dunes of Erg Chebbi for their beauty! In M'hamid we can relax, enjoy a pool and spend our night in a charming Kasbah hotel. <http://www.chezlepacha.com/>

10. + 11. Day - DRÂA VALLEY - TIMIDERTE - AGDZ

3 hours

The way back to Marrakech leads us through the valley of Drâa, a river lined by large palm oasis where the Berber habitants grow their fields with dates and other field crops to live an



independent life. We can visit their farms and small villages and take part at their daily life. The old Kasbahs of the palmeraie are renewed with craftsmen of the region and we can participate in this craftwork. Two overnight stays in genuine and renewed Kasbah hotel.

<http://www.casbahdesarts.com>

12. - 14. Day - MARRAKECH

5 hours

Today we head back to Marrakech crossing again the High Atlas. The last days we spend in Marrakech, the vibrant, oriental city. Sightseeing of the Koutoubia mosque, the Saadian Tombs and the Majorelle Gardens are on program. Highlight is 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 overnight stays in an authentic, charming Riad in the Medina. <http://www.riadlesammonites.com/>

15. DAY - FLIGHT BACK HOME FROM MARRAKECH

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

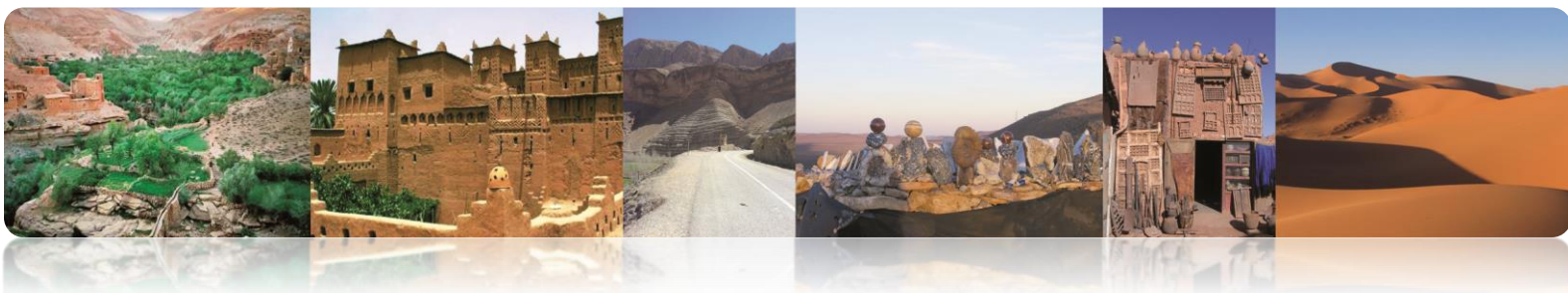
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Per person in double or twin room – with 2 pax	14.150 MAD
Per person in double or twin room – with 4 pax	10.700 MAD

Benefits

- Transfer Airport - Hotel - Airport
- 10x overnight stay in ***hotels with half-board in a double/twin room
- 3x overnight stay in ***hotels bed & breakfast
- Camel trekking in the desert and overnight stay in a camp with half-board
- 11 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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We want to join the following journey:

<i>Tour title</i> THE ROAD OF THE 1000 KASBAHS AND THE NOMADS OF THE DESERT

<i>Intended start date of journey</i>

<i>Destination Airport</i> Marrakech
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<i>Intended end date of journey</i>

<i>Departure Airport</i> Marrakech
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Subscriber 1/ Invoice recipient

<i>First Name / Family Name</i>

<i>Date of birth</i>

Subscriber 2

<i>First Name / Family Name</i>

<i>Date of birth</i>

Invoice address

<i>Street / House number</i>

<i>Postcode / City</i>

<i>Phone / Mobile</i>

<i>eMail</i>

Double-room

Single room

Half Twin
((only available with a fitting partner))

<i>Place / Date</i>

<i>Signature</i>

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.