



Extend your exotic tour of Morocco with a journey into the African desert, where the golden sun and expansive dunes evoke a timeless grandeur. Our 4-day desert safari, complete with 4x4 excursions and camel rides, brings you to the heart of this ancient land and gives you a truly North African experience.

## **Day 1: Marrakech – Boumalne Dades**

We will start today's adventure taking in the majestic beauty of the High Atlas Mountains through the scenic route of Tizi n'Tichka's lush oasis valleys and explore the fortified city of Kasbah Ait Ben Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage site. We will also visit one of the famous Kasbahs of Morocco, Tifoultoute, which was once protected by a powerful dynasty, although now its only guards are a sentry of large storks nesting atop the towers. We will end our day with a tour of the Moroccan MGM Film studio followed by short drive to our charming kasbah for the night.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Accommodation: A charming kasbah in Boumalne Dades

Drive time: Approximately 5.5 hours (not including stops)

## **Day 2: Boumalne Dades – Merzouga**

Today we continue our journey traveling the rugged Road of A Thousand Kasbahs, which rise up like turreted sand castles along this ancient caravan trading route. The central region is one of the most beautiful areas of the country, nestled along rich river valleys with groves of palm trees and traditional mud-brick homes, striking in contrast to the blue desert sky.

We will travel through the Dadès Valley past dramatic escarpments and plunging gorges on our way to Erfoud, the last city before civilization ends. Here we will embark on a 4x4 ride to the desert town of Merzouga in time for a 90-minute sunset camel ride to our next accommodations- a nomad tent!

The evening will be spent far from civilization on the dunes of Erg Chebbi. Stretch out on a beautiful Moroccan carpet and gaze upward at the bright expanse of stars that blanket the desert sky. Then, together with the nomads, we will enjoy hypnotizing Berber drum music, tea, and a traditional Moroccan dinner. Afterwards, you will retreat to your private Bedouin tent and experience the peaceful serenity of desert silence.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Accommodation: Overnight stay in a nomad tent in Merzouga

Drive time: 3.5 hours

## **Day 3: Merzouga – Boumalne du Dades – Todra Gorges – Tinghir**

After a traditional Berber breakfast we will ride a camel back to the edge of the dunes, and return to Erfoud in a 4x4 where we continue on our journey to Todra Gorges for lunch. After lunch we'll head to Tinghir, where we'll spend the rest of the day browsing through their souk and experiencing the desert lifestyle.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Accommodation: A relaxing hotel in Ouarzazate

Drive time: 5 hours

## **Day 4: Kalat Megounea – Skoura – Ouarzazate – Marrakech**

Our journey this morning begins with a visit to Kalat Megounea. This area is known as 'the Rose Valley', and we will tour an aromatic rose cooperative, before continuing our

adventure traveling back through the stunning High Atlas Mountains and Tizi n'Tichka's valley. Along the way, we will stop to stretch and have tea at a Berber village. Then passing through fragrant, dense pine and cedar forests, terraced farms and sienna mud-brick Berber villages, we come full circle to arrive back in Marrakech.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: A lovely 4- star riad in the medina

Drive time: Approximately 4 hours (not including stops)

## **Day 5: Transfer to Marrakech airport**

Alas, your time in Morocco is over but you'll have memories to last a lifetime!

Meals: Breakfast (depending on flight departure time)

Drive time: 15 minutes

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## **Standard trip price:**

\$2,290 – per person, single occupancy

\$1,790 – per person, double occupancy

Note: Requires 2+ people on the extension, otherwise a surcharge applies.

## **Standard price includes:**

- 4 nights accommodations: riad, kasbah, hotel, and nomad tent
- All breakfasts and three dinners
- 4x4 in and out of Merzouga
- Two camel rides in the desert
- Nomad guide in the desert
- Expert bilingual guide
- Private car
- Marrakech group airport transfer
- All taxes

## **Standard price does not include:**

- Drinks, snacks, and remaining meals
- Discretionary gratuities
- Transfer to Casablanca
- International airfare
- Travel medical insurance (required)