



TRAVEL ITINERARY

3 Days Desert Tour From Marrakech to fez

3 Days / 2 Nights

Marrakech

Private Tour

From 1 traveller

TOUR ROUTE

Marrakech → Ait Benhaddou → Boumalne Dades → Tinghir → Merzouga → Errachidia → Ifrane → Fes

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TRIP OVERVIEW

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Join us on our 3-day desert tour from Marrakech to Fez and immerse yourself in the captivating beauty of Morocco. If you dream of breathtaking sand dunes, ancient kasbahs and starry desert skies, this 3-day journey from Marrakech to Fez is made for you. Let us guide you through our favourite desert landscapes and experience the magic of Morocco on our private Marrakech-to-Fez desert tour.

DURATION

3 Days / 2 Nights

DEPARTURE

Marrakech

TYPE

Private tour

GROUP SIZE

From 1 traveller

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish, French

DEPARTURES

Daily

HIGHLIGHTS

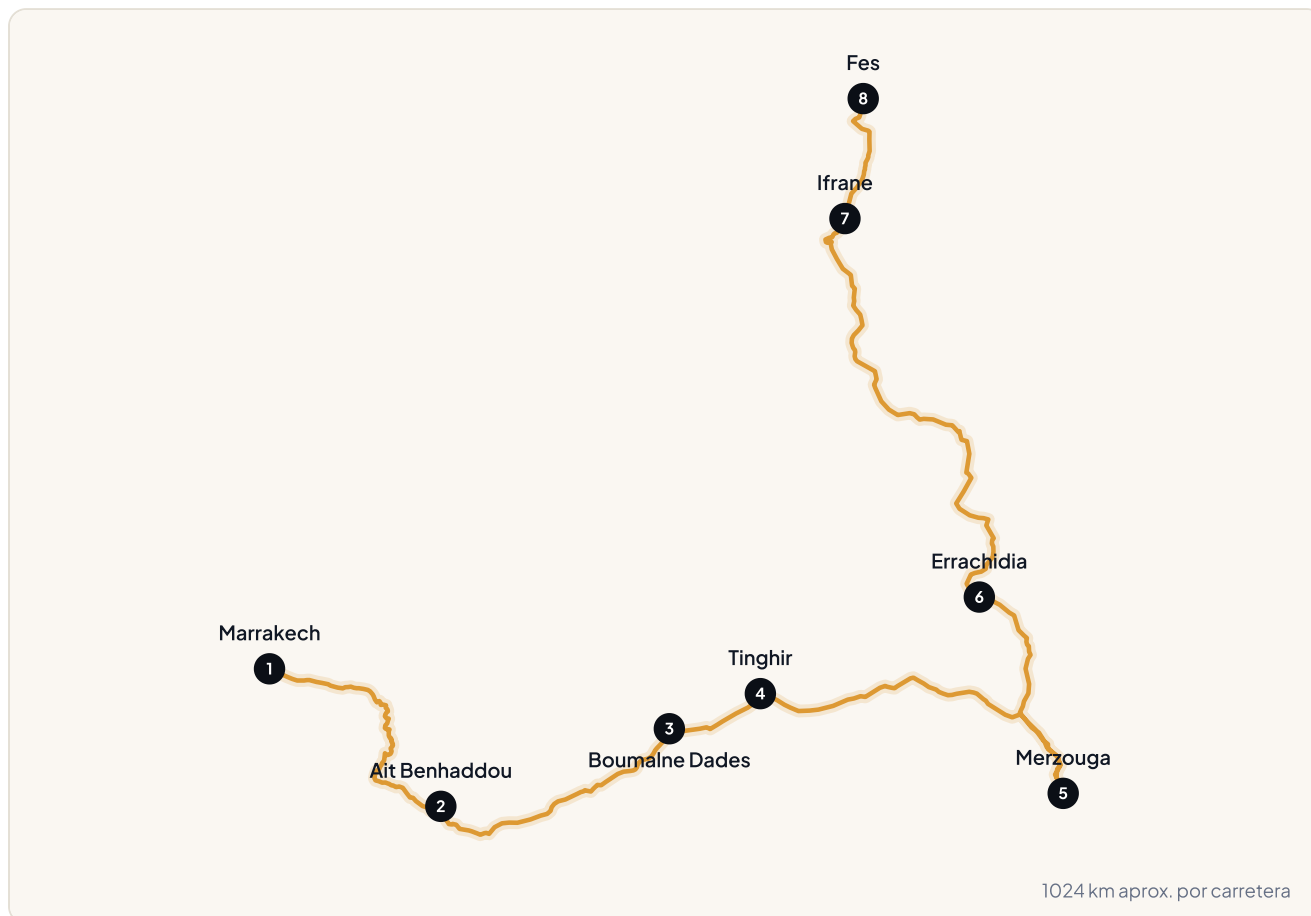
Highlights

- ✓ Cross the High Atlas Mountains via the Tizi n'Tichka pass.
- ✓ Explore the Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ✓ Marvel at the Dades Gorges, the Tinghir Oasis and the Todgha Canyon.
- ✓ Enjoy a sunset camel ride in Merzouga.
- ✓ Followed by a night at a desert camp under the stars.
- ✓ Enjoy a traditional Berber dinner and live music at your luxury camp.
- ✓ Meet Barbary macaques in the cedar forests near Ifrane, on the way to Fes.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day-by-day itinerary

**DAY
1**

Marrakech → Ait Ben Haddou → Dades Canyons

Your 3-day desert tour from Marrakech to Fes begins with an early pick-up at your hotel or riad in Marrakech. You drive through the High Atlas Mountains, crossing the striking Tizi n'Tichka pass (2,260 m), with panoramic views over rugged landscapes.

Your first major stop is the Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou, a World Heritage Site and one of Morocco's most iconic places. This old fortified village has appeared in films such as *Gladiator* and *Game of Thrones*. You will have time to explore its lanes and learn about its rich history.

After a traditional lunch at a local restaurant, you continue to Ouarzazate, known as "the Hollywood of Morocco". Here you can choose to visit the Atlas Film Studios, where many international films were shot.

The journey then takes you through the Valley of Roses (especially lovely in spring, when the roses are in bloom) before reaching the striking Dades Canyons, famous for their rock formations. You spend the night in a comfortable hotel or riad, enjoying a hot dinner and unwinding in the calm of the valley.

 **Accommodation:** Night in Dades — Riad Gabsi or similar

DAY
2

Dades Canyons → Todra Gorges → Merzouga Desert

After breakfast you head for the Todra Gorges, one of Morocco's most spectacular canyons, with cliffs rising up to 300 metres. It is a perfect spot for a short walk or simply to take in the scenery.

Next you pass through the lush Tinghir Oasis, where palm groves and traditional Berber villages form a peaceful contrast with the arid landscapes. There is a lunch stop in a nearby village before continuing on towards the Sahara.

As you approach Merzouga, the golden dunes of Erg Chebbi appear on the horizon, marking the start of your desert adventure. Here you join a camel caravan for a sunset ride across the dunes. This calm passage over soft sand is an unforgettable experience, with striking views as the sun goes down.

On reaching your luxury desert camp you are welcomed with mint tea and shown to your private tent, with comfortable beds and an en-suite bathroom. The evening continues with a delicious Moroccan dinner, followed by live Berber music around a fire. When night falls, the star-filled Saharan sky is the perfect setting for stargazing before you sleep in the heart of the desert.

 **Accommodation:** Night in Merzouga — Tawada Camp or similar

DAY
3

Merzouga → Ziz Valley → Ifrane → Fes

To make the most of this day we suggest rising early to enjoy the serene sunrise from your desert camp. After breakfast at the camp you can choose to return to Merzouga by camel or by 4×4.

Back in Merzouga, you meet your driver/guide and begin a scenic journey towards Fez. The route takes you through the spectacular Ziz Valley and then across the Middle Atlas mountains. There you stop at the Cedar Forest, where you can watch Barbary macaques in their natural habitat.

You also have time for a break in Ifrane, known as the “Switzerland of Morocco” for its Alpine-style architecture. You reach Fez in the late afternoon, and your 3-day desert tour from Marrakech to Fez ends with the transfer to your hotel or riad.

Please note: the hotels listed are mid-range. If you would like to upgrade to a luxury option, just get in touch. Rates may vary in high season and according to the accommodation you choose.

SERVICES

Included & not included

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- ✓ **Transport:** all ground transport in a private air-conditioned vehicle throughout the tour
- ✓ **Professional guide/driver:** a Spanish-speaking driver or tour guide throughout the route
- ✓ **Accommodation:** 2 nights as described in the itinerary

KEY EXPERIENCES AND ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Visit to Ait Ben Haddou (UNESCO World Heritage)
- ✓ Visit to Ouarzazate and its film studios
- ✓ Scenic stops at the Tizi n'Tichka pass
- ✓ Dades Valley and the Todra Gorges
- ✓ **Camel ride:** one camel per person to reach the camp
- ✓ Camp experience with dinner and Berber music/entertainment
- ✓ Visit to the Azrou cedar forest (with Barbary macaques)
- ✓ The town of Ifrane
- ✓ **Final transfer:** drop-off at the end of the tour in Fez (airport or accommodation in the city)

Not included

- ✗ Lunches and drinks
- ✗ Optional site entrance fees
- ✗ Tips for guides and drivers

PRICE AND CONDITIONS

Price and conditions

Important: Bear in mind that this 3-day tour is a suggested itinerary. If it doesn't match what you're looking for, don't hesitate to [contact us](#). We'll organize a different itinerary based on your preferences and the length of your trip. We offer customized tours and trips all around Morocco.

The price varies depending on the number of people: the more people join the tour, the lower the price per person. Since transportation has a fixed cost, it's shared among the travelers. The price also depends on the quality of the accommodation. [Contact us](#) for the exact price.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Practical information

Does this tour end in Fes instead of returning to Marrakech?

Yes, it is a point-to-point route: it starts in Marrakech and ends in Fes. It is perfect if you want to fly from Fes or carry on to Chefchaouen and the north.

Are 3 days enough to travel from Marrakech to Fes through the desert?

It is a brisk pace with several hours of driving a day, but very well used: Ait Ben Haddou, the gorges, a night in Erg Chebbi and arrival in Fes. Ideal if you are short on time.

Which day has the most driving on this short route?

The first day (Marrakech–Merzouga over the High Atlas) is the longest. The third day is also a travel day, crossing the Ziz Valley and Ifrane to Fes.

Can we watch the sunrise over the dunes before leaving for Fes?

Yes. We recommend getting up early at the camp to climb a dune and watch the sunrise; then we have breakfast and set off for Fes.

Is sandboarding or are other activities offered on the dunes?

Yes, sandboarding is optional in Erg Chebbi, as are quad bikes and 4×4 rides. They can be booked on the spot; we let you know the prices.

Can this route be done the other way round, from Fes to Marrakech?

Yes, the same route works from Fes to Marrakech. We adjust the pick-up and hotels to your starting city.

PERSONALISED QUOTE

Would you like to take this trip?

A private departure, built around your dates. Groups of 4 or more pay less per person.

1

Tell us about your trip

Fill in the form or message us on WhatsApp. Tell us what interests you and these details, which are what we need to prepare the best proposal for you:

- How many of you are travelling.
- Exact dates (if your flights are booked) or the month you prefer.
- How many days you want to travel.
- Accommodation category: standard, superior or luxury.

2

Receive your tailor-made proposal

Within 24 hours we send you a day-by-day itinerary and the final price in a complete PDF. We adjust it together until it is exactly right.

3

Confirm your trip

Confirmed with a 30% deposit by PayPal, telling us the room and bed type you prefer (double or twin). You receive a formal confirmation and we start arranging everything.

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