



TRAVEL ITINERARY

4 Days Desert Tour From Fes to Marrakech

4 Days / 3 Nights

Marrakech

Private Tour

From 1 traveller

TOUR ROUTE

Fes → Ifrane → Azrou → Errachidia → Erfoud → Merzouga → Rissani → Tinghir → Boumalne Dades → Ouarzazate → Ait Benhaddou → Marrakech

TRIP OVERVIEW

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Enjoy a 4-day tour from Fez to Marrakech across the breathtaking dunes of the Sahara. This journey takes you through spectacular landscapes, from the cedar forests and the Ziz Valley to the ancient kasbahs of Ouarzazate and Ait Ben Haddou.

Experience the magic of the Merzouga desert with a sunset camel ride and an unforgettable night at a camp under the stars, before crossing the High Atlas to Marrakech.

DURATION 4 Days / 3 Nights	DEPARTURE Marrakech	TYPE Private tour
GROUP SIZE From 1 traveller	LANGUAGES English, Spanish, French	DEPARTURES Daily

HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights

- ✓ Watch Barbary macaques in the cedar forests near Ifrane, where these curious primates live in the wild.
- ✓ Enjoy an authentic camel experience at sunset, crossing the golden dunes of Erg Chebbi as the sun paints the Sahara in shades of red and gold.
- ✓ Enjoy traditional Berber music around a campfire at the desert camp, with mint tea and the rhythm of drums under a starry sky.
- ✓ Spend a magical night at a luxury camp, sleeping in a tent with every comfort, surrounded by the silence and vastness of the desert.
- ✓ Explore the historic Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the setting for famous films such as Gladiator and Game of Thrones.
- ✓ Cross the High Atlas Mountains via the Tizi n'Tichka pass (2,260 m), enjoying spectacular panoramic views and scenery that changes from green valleys to arid mountains.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

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DAY
1

Fes – Ifrane – Cedar Forest – Ziz Valley – Erfoud – Merzouga

Departure from Fez heading south, crossing the heart of Morocco. The route begins in Ifrane, known as “Moroccan Switzerland” for its alpine architecture. We continue to the Cedar Forest, home of the emblematic Barbary macaques, where we stop to watch them in their natural habitat.

We cross the impressive Ziz Valley, a palm oasis that contrasts with the mountains, until we reach Erfoud, famous for its fossils. Finally we arrive in Merzouga, the gateway to the Erg Chebbi dunes, where we spend the night.



Accommodation: Night in Merzouga — Dar Hassan or similar

DAY
2

Full Exploration of the Merzouga Desert

We spend the day immersing ourselves in the magic of the Sahara Desert. We explore the area around Merzouga, including nearby villages such as Khamlia, known for its Gnawa music, and visit local nomads to learn about their way of life.

In the late afternoon comes the highlight: a sunset camel trek, riding gently into the heart of the golden dunes. We spend the night at a desert camp, enjoying a traditional dinner, music and an unforgettable starry sky.

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

DAY
3

Merzouga → Rissani → Todra Gorge → Dades Valley

After watching the sunrise over the dunes we ride the camels back to the accommodation to freshen up and have breakfast. We set off for Rissani, a historic town with a lively souk and the cradle of the Alaouite dynasty.

We continue to the imposing Todra Gorge, a canyon of vertical walls perfect for a walk and for marvelling at nature. Finally we reach the Dades Valley, known for the rock formations called “Monkey Fingers”, where we spend the night in a hotel with spectacular views.

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

DAY
4

Dades Valley → Ouarzazate → Ait Ben Haddou → High Atlas → Marrakech

We start the day travelling the “Route of a Thousand Kasbahs” towards Ouarzazate, gateway to the desert and film-making centre. We visit the fortress of Ait Ben Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and setting for famous films such as Gladiator.

We cross the High Atlas over the Tizi n'Tichka pass, enjoying mountain landscapes and Berber villages. In the afternoon we descend to the vibrant city of Marrakech, where our journey ends.

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

Included

- ✓ Pick-up in Fes
- ✓ Private transport in a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle throughout the route
- ✓ Spanish-speaking driver / companion during transfers
- ✓ Breakfast every day
- ✓ 3 nights in selected hotels / riads
- ✓ 1 night at a desert camp in Merzouga

DINNERS INCLUDED ONLY IN

- ✓ **Day 1:** Dinner at hotel in Merzouga
- ✓ **Day 2:** Dinner at the desert camp
- ✓ **Day 3:** Dinner at hotel in Dades valley

DESERT EXPERIENCE

- ✓ Sunset camel ride to the camp
- ✓ A 4x4 alternative is available for those who prefer it
- ✓ 4x4 route through the Erg Chebbi dunes with visits nearby (Khamlia, nomads, oasis)
- ✓ Departure transfer to Marrakech Airport or your riad

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 4-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 cross from Fes to Marrakech via the desert?

Yes, it is a point-to-point route that starts in Fes and ends in Marrakech, passing through Merzouga, the gorges and the High Atlas.

Will we see Ait Ben Haddou and the film studios of Ouarzazate?

Yes, we visit the ksar of Ait Ben Haddou (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and pass through Ouarzazate, the capital of Moroccan cinema.

Is it a good plan if I arrive in Fes and leave from Marrakech?

Perfect. You use the transfer between the two cities to experience the desert, without retracing your steps or returning to your starting point.

How physically demanding is this tour?

It is easy: travel is by vehicle and there are only gentle walks (Todra Gorge, kasbahs). Suitable for anyone with normal mobility.

How many people fit in the private vehicle?

We use cars for small groups and minivans for larger ones; tell us how many of you there are and we will assign the right vehicle with room for luggage.

At what altitude do you cross the High Atlas, and does the altitude affect you?

The Tizi n'Tichka pass is crossed at about 2,260 m. The altitude does not usually cause discomfort; we make stops and the climb is gradual.

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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