

CARAVAN IN THE DRAA VALLEY DESERT

A trek out of time, at the rhythm of camels, through an infinite variety of landscapes – large and small sand dunes; flat-topped and craggy-peaked mountains whose colours change according to the light and the place; lush, verdant oases and palm groves, where Saharan travellers have rested on their journeys since time immemorial. You will marvel at the colourful weekly souk and sip mint tea in mud-bricked villages lost among the sands. Prices vary for these customised treks, according to the number of days and number of participants. Here is a sample programme and please contact us for a personalised quote and further information.

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN MARRAKECH

Arrival at Marrakech airport and transfer to the hotel.

DAY 2: MARRAKECH / OUARZAZATE / IMI NTAKKAT

After breakfast, we set off to the Draa valley crossing the Tizi-n-Tichka (2260m) and the Tizi-n-Tinifit (1660m) passes. The road then descends through landscapes of savage beauty to Agdz, meet with our team in the campsite for the night.

DAY 3: IMI NTAKKAT / NESRATE (5H WALK)

We continue our hike through villages lost among the sand dunes and the stony trails, to our next stop: the Nesrate dunes. We have dinner and spend the night in tents under the starry sky of the great Moroccan South.

DAY 4: NESRATE / TIDRI (4H30 WALK)

After breakfast, we set off again and our route takes us through gardens running alongside the wadi to a village which is home to the Zaouia (sanctuary) of Sidi Salah. In the afternoon, we follow the wadi to our campsite at Tidri.

DAY 5: TIDRI / BONO (5H WALK)

We continue along the Draa harmada, with its small sand dunes topped by tamarisk trees. A world of sand; the spirit wanders from dune to dune. Here, we are among the most mysterious dunes of our trip, and we carry on, up, down and around the dunes, until we finally reach Bono. We camp here, a calm and silent place at the foot of the largest dune of our trek.

DAY 6: BONO / OULED DRISS (4H WALK)

This final stage of our journey sees a succession of varied landscapes, from sand dunes to palm groves, leading to the Ksar of Oulad Driss, a miracle of lush vegetation and coolness in this arid environment. Here the visitor always receives a warm welcome and we too benefit from the relaxed atmosphere of the oasis. We spend the night at a “traditional” camp site.

DAY 7: OULED DRISS / ZAGORA / OUARZAZATE / MARRAKECH

After breakfast, we say goodbye to our camel drivers and return to our vehicle. Drive back to Marrakech . Dinner and overnight stay at hotel or Riad

DAY 8: DEPARTURE

Breakfast and transfer to Marrakech airport for departure according to scheduled flight time.